

JAPS TO HELP COSSACK CHIEF

Allies Have Decided on Intervention to Save Siberia From Enemy.

TO FIGHT BOLSHEVIKI

ALLIED TROOPS WILL APPEAR AT EARLY DATE.

The Situation in Siberia is Very Grave—A General Committee Formed at Harbin And Will Work Under Three Departments.

Harbin, Feb. 26.—The Japanese according to reliable authority, intend to take action in Siberia at an early date, and there are evidences that the Japanese have long been preparing to carry out this move.

The situation in Siberia is considered extremely grave, owing to the inability of the Cossack General Semonoff, head of the anti-Bolshevik movement in that vast territory, to secure allied support, for which he has appealed to the Japanese.

General Semonoff's movement is now officially recognized, and a general committee has been formed at Harbin, which will act as a general staff, divided into three departments—financial, military and administrative.

The Russian consul, M. Popoff, has been appointed chairman of the committee.

Two thousand Germans have been armed and are drilling at Irkutsk, capital of the government of Irkutsk in eastern Siberia, and, according to an official report received from a foreign consul, the Germans are making all preparations to bring much larger forces there.

FORTY-FOUR ARE RESCUED

FROM THE STEAMER FLORIZEL, WHICH WENT ASHORE

Seventeen Passengers and Twenty-seven of Crew Taken Off by Other Ship—Gallant Rescue Work.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 26.—Boat crews from the Newfoundland steamer Prospero, leaving the breakers which are battling to pieces the wreck of the Red Cross liner Florizel on the ledge north of Cape Race, yesterday took off 44 survivors, all that were left alive of the ship's company of 135.

Captain William J. Martin of the Florizel, and Major Michael Sullivan of the Newfoundland Forestry Battalion, who was on his way to rejoin his command in Scotland, were among those rescued.

The rescue was performed with great gallantry. The Florizel was impaled on a rock, surrounded by half-submerged ledges, and lay three shiplengths, or 300 feet, from shore. Between her half-submerged hull and the cliffs which jut from the water's edge to a height of three or four hundred feet, with no beach to speak of at high tide, the water is white, with an almost unbroken swirl of breakers, making it impossible to send out a lifeboat. A detachment of naval gunners from this city managed to shoot a line aboard the steamer last night, but those on board were powerless to make it fast, as the forepart of the steamer was continually buffeted by huge seas, the aftermath of yesterday's blizzard.

In the fore-castle, into which the breakers smashed their way, and in the fore-rigging, the 44 survivors huddled helplessly. Outside the ring of surf lay a fleet of rescue steamers, including the Prospero, which had been sent by the Government to the scene with special life-saving apparatus. By virtue of this equipment the Prospero's crew claimed the honor of running the breakers and picking off the hapless survivors.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS.

British. A hostile attempt during the night to raid one of the out posts south of the Arras-Cambrai road was driven off by rifle fire. Elsewhere nothing to report.

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HUMBERT IS CHARGED WITH TAKING HUN CASH

New York Report Says Sum of \$170,000 Held For Him There.

New York, Feb. 26.—Further disclosures in the investigation conducted here into the activities in America of Bolo Pasha, under sentence of death in France for treason, were made public to-day, indicating that Charles Humbert, the French Senator, who was arrested subsequently to Bolo Pasha's conviction in Paris, had German money amounting to \$170,000 on deposit in this country.

This money was placed with J. P. Morgan and Company here on instructions of Bolo Pasha, who, according to the evidence, had it transferred from his own account in the Royal Bank of Canada to Senator Humbert's account with the Morgan firm.

AN APPEAL TO GERMANS. American Suffragist Sent to Switzerland for Propaganda.

The Hague, Feb. 26.—The Frankfurter Zeitung learns from Switzerland that the well-known American suffragist, Mrs. Norman Whitehouse, has been sent to Switzerland to appeal to the German Socialists and suffragists from there. The paper says Mrs. Whitehouse was a guest at the American Embassy in the winter of 1914, and attended the daily Socialist and suffragist meetings. The paper says Mr. Gerard claims that these acquaintances will be most useful in order to reach the ear of the German women, but the paper adds, "the lady may reach the German women's ears, but hardly their hearts, and the Socialists will also like her to understand that they cannot be reached by Wilsonian propaganda."

TO HAVE BIG CAMPAIGN. With Regard To Nationalization of the Grand Trunk.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The Ontario Hydro-Electric Association is arranging for a big campaign throughout Ontario to push the policy of nationalization and electrification of the Grand Trunk and the development of more water powers. Mayor Church, president of the Association said today: "We must show the Dominion Government we are earnest on this question. We want the Drayton-Ackworth report acted on."

EDMONTON HOTELS BURNS.

One Hundred and Ten Guests Escaped. Edmonton, Feb. 26.—New Maryland Hotel, formerly the Empire, was destroyed by fire on Sunday; 100 guests escaped safely down the firemen's ladders and the hotel fire escapes. The Drake garage adjoining and 100 autos were burned. The total loss was \$250,000, and insurance \$98,000.

FINE EQUIPMENT.

Canadians Have Best Machine Gunners in France To-day.

London, Feb. 26.—A man in London from the front says the Canadians now have the best machine gunners in France. The force itself is a model of discipline and effectiveness of which the Dominion may well be proud.

SUNK BY SUBMARINE.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, Feb. 26.—The British freight steamer Philadelphia, 5,000 tons, owned by the Leyland line, was sunk by a submarine on Feb. 21, while on the way to England with a big cargo.

KINGSTON'S BILL PASSED.

Hon. I. B. Lucas Named as Chairman of Committee. Toronto, Feb. 26.—The Private Bills Committee of the Legislature met this morning and elected I. B. Lucas as chairman. Several bills were put through without amendment.

Dentals The Favorite.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—The Dentals hockey team, Allan cup holders, are 7 to 5 the favorites in their games against Kitchener for the senior O. H.A. championship here to-night. Box will not play, but all the other members of the team are in good shape.

Given Seven Years.

London, Ont., Feb. 26.—George Mueller, engineer, a burglar, who broke jail while awaiting sentence on conviction and was later captured in Kitchener, was to-day sentenced to seven years in penitentiary.

Captured Kolonkowitz.

Berlin, Feb. 26.—General Linsenger's forces operating in Volhynia have captured the town of Kolonkowitz after a battle, the German general staff announced to-day.

Sir Henry Blake died on Saturday at his residence in Ireland. He was in turn from 1827 to 1907 Governor of Newfoundland, Jamaica, Hong Kong and Ceylon. He was born seventy-eight years ago. Toronto will seek power to tax churches as a war measure and add \$700,000 to revenue.

FRENCHMEN QUITTING THEIR HOMES DURING BOMBARDMENT



Inhabitants of the village of Rheims in war ridden France quitting their houses during a recent bombardment. Only the most necessary articles are taken, such as bedding and cooking utensils, then the small families deprived of their homes by the Huns must look around for some probably uncomfortable accommodations until the Boches are repulsed by the sons of France.

ANOTHER RAIDER REACHES PORT

The Wolf Slips into Pola in Adriatic After Successful Voyage.

HARASSED MANY VESSELS

AND IS GIVEN CREDIT FOR DESTROYING ELEVEN.

In the Indian and Pacific Oceans—Carried 400 Prisoners—A Second Auxiliary Cruiser Was Sunk By Her Crews.

New York, Feb. 26.—Another German raider, the Wolf, has arrived in port after harassing Entente merchant vessels in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans. The total number of vessels destroyed by the Wolf has not been disclosed, but a loss of eleven—seven British, three American and one Japanese in the Indian and Pacific oceans, is assumed by the British Admiralty to be due to her activities.

Unable to break the British cordon around the North Sea, the Wolf slipped into the Adriatic. She brought four hundred prisoners and a valuable cargo taken from her prizes. A second auxiliary cruiser which the Wolf equipped, was sunk by her crew which was captured by a British warship last February.

HOARDING POTATOES RESULTS IN WASTE

Much Stock Has Been Frozen in the Vicinity of Kingston.

Renew Council will petition the Food Controller to fix a price for potatoes and force hoarders to give them up. Result: some large stocks are held in the county for high prices. The result has been that many have been frozen. This state of affairs the Council thinks, is serious and disastrous, and calls for intervention by the food authorities, exists about Kingston and already much waste has resulted from frost.

MARONED C.N.S. EMPLOYEES

Rescued From the Don Valley, Toronto, After Twelve Hours.

Toronto, Feb. 26.—Twenty employees of the Canadian Northern, marooned for twelve hours by floods in the Don Valley in the heart of this city, were rescued in boats at noon to-day, very much chilled but otherwise unharmed. Thousands of dollars damage was caused to the C.N.R., the C.P.R. and other properties by water. Word comes from many other centres of Ontario, particularly Guelph, of heavy damage caused by the high winds last night.

\$10,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIP.

Memorial to Late Lieut. Oliver Offered to McGill.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—Mrs. Frank Oliver, Edmonton, Alta., has offered \$10,000 or more to establish an annual scholarship of a value of \$500, in memory of the late Lieut. Allen Oliver, M.C., killed at the Somme.

CANADA STEAMSHIP LINE HAD A GOOD SEASON

Net Revenue Was Slightly Lower Than in the Previous Year.

Montreal, Feb. 26.—The annual statement of Canada Steamship Lines, shows that while there was a large increase in the gross revenue of the company there was also a large gain in expenses, with the result that the net shows a slight decrease compared with the previous year.

After the deduction of bond and debenture interest and all other charges, there was a profit for the year of \$2,178,401. This compares with \$2,391,027 the previous year, making a decrease of \$212,626.

The surplus account shows that after adding the balance from last year and allowing for the \$2,417,166 paid on account of current and deferred preferred there was a surplus of \$2,374,754, an increase of \$547,411.

The president, James Carruthers, in his report to the shareholders, says that the tonnage of the company was much greater than last year, despite the losses that had occurred, and that the future could only be considered a promising field for development and expansion on the high seas.

In speaking of dividends, Mr. Carruthers stated that the deferred dividends on the preferred shares of the company had been paid, and it has been decided to resume them quarterly. Altogether, the situation of the company could be summed up as highly satisfactory.

NO AUSTRIAN TROOPS ARE TAKING PART

The Military Action Against Russia Is By Germany Alone.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—The Austrian Premier, Dr. von Sydlar, addressing the Lower House at Vienna Friday, declared again: "Austria-Hungary is not participating in the military action which Germany is at present taking against Russia. There has been no advance of Austro-Hungarian troops into Ukraine, with which we are at peace."

"With regard to Rumania, an armistice exists between Austria-Hungary and that country. Peace negotiations will begin within the next few days."

The Premier's statement was received with applause from all parts of the House.

WAR TIDINGS.

The Bolshevik news agency at Petrograd says that thirty thousand German soldiers refused to attack the Russians in the new campaign.

British casualties reported for the week ending Monday are 3,571, the lowest for several months.

RAIDED GERMAN TOWNS.

Several Allied Excursions Last Week—Damage Admitted.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—German papers received here announce several Allied raids on German towns last week. Bombs were dropped at Wehlan Monday, there being three victims of the explosion. There was slight damage done. The town of Pirmasens, Bavaria, was bombed Wednesday noon. Several persons were wounded and some damage was done to houses. Raiders visited Mannheim Wednesday night and some damage was done to houses. A child was killed and a woman and a child were injured there, the newspaper says.

Another British Victory. (Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Feb. 26.—British forces operating along the Euphrates river in Mesopotamia have occupied Khamb Buraat, meeting with little resistance from the Turks, the War Office announces. They are now a hundred miles from Bagdad.

RUSSIA IN STATE OF UTTER CHAOS

Industrial Production Sunk to Five Per Cent. of Normal.

LYNCHINGS OCCUR DAILY

COUNTRY WILL NOT RECOVER FOR YEARS.

Clerks As Diplomats—Only Two Railway Engines in Petrograd—One has Ten Mile Speed.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—The state of chaos in Russia is described by a eye-witness in the Tages Zeitung. Passengers on trains have been frozen to death owing to the lack of glass in the car windows. When the German and Austrian delegations left Petrograd they had not eaten bread for days. There are only two locomotives in Petrograd, one of which is capable of only ten miles an hour. Repairs formerly costing 30,000 roubles now cost 500,000 roubles. The riveting of a boiler costs 70,000 roubles, which says the correspondent, is not surprising, as the riveter gets 40 roubles for a day's work of three or four hours.

There are half a million unemployed in Petrograd, and the industrial production of the country has sunk to five per cent. of the normal. In some of the districts, most of the blast furnaces have been extinguished. Sugar production has been reduced from one hundred million pounds (a pound is about 3 1/2 pounds) to forty million pounds, and next year will reach ten million.

The chief of the Finance Ministry is a college student. The Fifth army chief is a former actor. The chief of telegraphs is a clerk. The Government's representative of the financial commission at Brest-Litovsk was a clerk, who says the writer, "had not the faintest notion of the simplest exchange problems." The commander of the noted Pavloff regiment is a woman.

A Dutch resident of Petrograd, in a long letter published in The Hague Nieuwe Courant, says that lynching occurs daily. After detailing seizures at the capital and many extravaganzas, he concludes: "Russia is so completely disorganized that it will be years before she recovers."

BEST JERSEY IN CANADA.

Bona Clapbell, Two-year-old, Wins Year's Performance Test.

Brantford, Feb. 26.—With a record of 10,156 pounds of milk and 524 pounds of butter fat, Bona Clapbell, owned by E. Dunnett, Scotland, has been awarded the prize for the best two-year old heifer in Canada, under the Jersey Cattle Club, judged by a year's performance test.

Daily Paper Sold. Niagara Falls, Feb. 26.—Niagara Falls has only one daily newspaper now. Yesterday the Evening Review announced that it had purchased the Daily Record, and would merge it with the Review, as the conditions made it impossible for two papers to make a living. The Review was started as a daily newspaper by F. H. Leslie in 1914, and the Daily Record had been running some years prior to that.

A Magnificent Record.

London, Feb. 26.—The Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan has sent the Lord Mayor of London £795 from the school children of the province for Belgian relief, making a total of \$14,100 from that source.

BOGUS ELK ORGANIZER DUPES LARGE NUMBER

Started Supposed Lodges in Brockville, Cornwall And In Ottawa Valley.

Brockville, Feb. 25.—A year ago this month a well-qualified and suave-tongued man arrived at Brockville. He gave his name as A. L. Altmann, and he readily made friends. The business that he was supposed to represent was that of Grand Organizer of the Canadian branch of the Order of Elks. So plausible was his manner and so apparently correct little difficulty in enlisting the fraternal spirit of some 35 people. They paid him \$10 each, and he produced a charter and exemplified what the unsuspecting members considered degree work. He left here, going to Cornwall, where he succeeded in starting another supposed lodge, with a membership of fifty, and a subscription of \$500 was paid over to him. Later he worked the same game in the Ottawa Valley. He then disappeared as mysteriously as he had come, and it turned out that he was manipulating a confidence game. Local members have been notified that his credentials are bogus.

THE WAR IS ENTERING THE DECISIVE PHASE

Way to Hasten Durable Peace Is For the Allies to Maintain Closer Union.

Rome, Feb. 26.—A vote of confidence in the Government carried Saturday in the Chamber of Deputies 340 to 44.

Referring to Russia's collapse Baron Sommariva, the Foreign Minister, said that fortunately the United States takes the place of the defaulting power in the allies' line and that where formerly America had sent money and munitions to Russia, these would now be furnished to the remaining allies and would be a determining factor in the successful termination of the war.

The Minister pointed out that the war was entering a critical and decisive phase. He said that all the allies desired peace, but that the best way to hasten a worthy and durable peace, that would not mean blame and disaster, was for the allies to maintain a closer union.

REVOLUTION PREDICTED IN GERMAN EMPIRE

Dr. Cohn Makes Assertion in Reichstag, Evoking Profound Uproar.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—A revolution in Germany was predicted by Dr. Cohn, independent Socialist deputy, in an address to the Reichstag on Friday. The Volke Zeitung of Cologne, says Dr. Cohn's address, made during the debate on the peace treaty with Ukraine, threw the Reichstag into an uproar.

"It is not correct to say that the people of Russia's Baltic provinces are longing for German rule," he declared.

"The treaty with Ukraine is not the first step toward general peace. I see the day coming when revolution will reach Germany, and the people will take the fate of their rulers into their own hands. King Ferdinand and the Socialists cheered the speaker. From other parts of the house came shouts of "traitor."

A FEW DAYS' GRACE.

Given to Rumania To Accept German Peace Terms.

London, Feb. 26.—Informal peace negotiations with Rumania were begun Saturday at Castle Buttea, near Bucharest, according to advices reaching diplomatic circles at The Hague, as transmitted in an exchange Telegram despatch from that point. The terms of the Central powers are said to include territorial acquisitions for Bulgaria and economic preferences for Germany and Austria.

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GERMAN SHIP CAPTURED.

Copenhagen, Feb. 26.—A Trondjem despatch received here states that the German steamer Dusseldorf, en route from Tromsoe to Stettin, has been captured by a British auxiliary cruiser.

WAR BULLETINS.

Japanese troops will join forces with the Cossacks and fight Germany in Siberia.

The Germans have occupied Revel and Pskov, about 150 miles south-west of Petrograd.

Von Hertling announced Reichstag that Russia had accepted German's peace conditions.

Teston aeroplanes shelled Venies on Saturday night, causing many casualties.

Chancellor Von Hertling has announced that Germany intends to give self-government to the Provinces of Lithuania and Courland.

PREPARE GERMANS FOR SACRIFICES

"A Most Monstrous, Terrible Thing is Awaiting This Continent."

HUN WAR PROPAGANDIST

HAVE HUNGLED JOB AND OVER-COOKED THE PUDDING.

Entente Troops and Civilians On West Front Are Chuckling—The Germans Are Gradually Acquiring a Cold Sweat.

London, Feb. 25.—There is every indication that the German War Office has given word to the news papers to begin a campaign to prepare the public for the fresh sacrifices the German people will be forced to make when the offensive starts in the west, the Central News correspondent at Amsterdam reports. Both the military critics and the war correspondents are joining in this verbal battery work.

"A most monstrous, terrible thing is awaiting this continent," says the Vossische Zeitung, "Never in history will the memory of this February be effaced."

In the Tageblatt, the military expert of that newspaper, Lieut-General Baron Armand von Ardenne says that from the meeting of the German and Austrian Emperors with the military advisers at headquarters it may be concluded that the pause in the fighting will soon end.

Hun Propaganda Failure.

With the British Armies in the Field, Feb. 26.—German war party propagandists have bungled the job and over-cooked the pudding. Careful study of the situation on the west front reveals the most stupendous propaganda drive the Prussians have ever attempted and or the biggest stakes, is a total failure.

Despite the utilization of every method to create a state of terror among troops and civilians, to increase the tension and prolong the nerve strain before the offensive, their methods have resulted in a fiasco. Troops and civilians are chuckling over the "hohebochen."

The British staff expects the Germans will put up a stiff fight, but receive a drubbing. Indications are that the Germans themselves are gradually acquiring a cold sweat.

WEBER AND FIELDS JOIN.

Reunion of Old Team for Musical Comedy Production.

New York, Feb. 26.—Formal announcement was made yesterday that Job Weber and Lew Fields are about to join hands once more in a musical production, in which they will be seen, together in New York in April. Their new vehicle, it is declared, will differ from their previous offerings in that it will be less of a burlesque nature and more in a farcical vein.

HUN GOES TO PRISON.

For Refusing to Fight With U. S. Against Kaiser.

New York, Feb. 26.—Capt. David A. Henkes, Sixteenth Infantry, U. S. A., has been sentenced to dismissal from the service and confinement at hard labor for twenty-five years by a general court-martial held at Governor's Island.

Henkes, who is of German descent, endeavored to resign his commission, saying that he did not care to fight against relatives and friends.