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## UNREST PREVAILS THROUGHOUT AUSTRIA

### RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA SPREADS ON EAST FRONT--RUSSIA REPUDIATES LOANS

#### AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS TO BE SHOT BY WHOLE COMPANIES

**DRASTIC ACTION TAKEN BY AUSTRIAN HIGH COMMAND TO PREVENT SPREADING OF RUSSIAN PROPAGANDA--DISAFFECTION GROWING AMONG GERMANS--LABOR TROUBLES IN AUSTRIA**

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Orders for the shooting of whole companies of Austrian soldiers imposed by courts martial have been confirmed by the Austrian High Command and have been sent to the regimental commanders for action. The soldiers were charged with active sympathy for the Russian Socialists, and with aiding the spread of their propaganda, according to reliable information received here today. The news shows that the disaffection is spreading among the German troops facing the Russian lines. The German government is making strenuous efforts to stop the spread of the Russian propaganda and sympathy with Russian beliefs.

#### Agitation in Germany.

London, Jan. 19.—The political situation in Germany and the relations with Russia continue to be agitated in the German press, although there appears to have been no fresh developments of any significance.

#### Strikes in Austria.

London, January 19.—Serious strikes accompanied by rioting have taken place in Vienna and other cities throughout Austria, according to the News Agency telegrams to Zurich and other points in Switzerland. The trouble is due to the prolongation of the peace negotiations at Brest-Litovsk, the continuation of the reduced bread rations, which are now only one half of the former allotment, together with the severe measures against the peace meetings of the workers.

#### AUSTRALIA SELLS FIFTY MILLION POUNDS OF JAM

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—Advices have been received here that the minister of trade and customs for Australia has completed a contract for the sale of 50,000,000 pounds of surplus Australian jam to the Imperial Government. Of this amount, 12,000,000 pounds will be shipped to Great Britain and 38,000,000 pounds to the United States. This huge contract, which will practically absorb the whole of the Australian surplus of the coming season's soft fruits, involves approximately \$5,500,000. The transaction is being financed by the British government.

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#### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. Thomas McMeekin desires to convey to the electors of Prince Rupert his hearty thanks for their votes in the municipal election.

#### WESTHOLME

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#### MR. ASQUITH PREPARES FOR RECONSTRUCTION

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 19.—Former Premier Asquith is preparing by speech and pamphlet for the reconstruction of the Liberal party after the war with a progressive programme based upon the experience gained in the present world convulsion, but holding to the main planks of free speech, free thought and free trade. He continues to follow the policy he had outlined for himself since the accession of Lloyd George and his government, of doing nothing to embarrass those at the head of affairs.

#### WANT CANADA ON PROPER WAR BASIS

Brandon, Jan. 17.—Three of the most important resolutions ever brought before any convention here, covering unification of railways, the placing of farm implements and machinery on the free list as a war measure, and the mobilization of all male labor as a means of overcoming in some measure the shortage of farm help and lessening the widespread difference between the wages paid to men at home and men in the trenches, were passed with only one dissentient voice by a crowded meeting of ratepayers, live stock men and citizens generally, held under the auspices of the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association and the Live Stock Association, last night.

In the belief that the time has come for the complete mobilization of the man power of the Dominion, a resolution was adopted recommending the closing of all non-essential businesses, and the drafting of men for farm work who are not engaged in essential occupations; the immediate registration of all available men with a view to placing them in positions where they may render the most effective service to the nation; the forcing of a maximum wage for competent men and a minimum wage for boys and inexperienced men; the immediate registration of all those engaged in the production of foodstuffs, with a view to bringing together employer and employee; and that for the protection of both employer and employee their relations should be under the supervision of some competent authority appointed by the Government.

#### CALIFORNIA WILL TAKE MEXICANS BUT NO CHINESE

San Francisco, Jan. 16.—Hopes entertained by California farmers and fruit growers that they might be allowed to import Chinese labor temporarily to aid in harvesting the 1918 crops were blighted late yesterday when Dean Thomas Hunt of the College of Agriculture of the University of California stated definitely that he had been informed the Government would not permit such a practice. The assertion was made at a conference of growers and farmers with Federal and state agencies under the auspices of the State Council of Defence. A resolution proposing a substitute plan of having the \$500 head tax imposed upon immigrant Mexicans reduced was adopted.

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#### HUNS BLOODILY REPULSED ON LOWER PIAVE

**Austro-Germans Fail to Shake the Italian Hold of Strategic Positions—Very Heavy Losses.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

Rome, Jan. 19.—Desperate and prolonged attempts of the Austro-German forces to throw back the Italian armies from their dearly-bought positions on Monday on the lower Piave have failed utterly. The enemy was repulsed with very heavy losses. The fighting was of a particularly bloody nature, and the battle ground was strewn with corpses as the enemy withdrew. They were unable to carry out their usual practice of removing their dead upon their retreat, to conceal their losses. Five hundred rifles, several machine guns, and a large quantity of other war material was left on the battlefield. One hundred and fifty prisoners were also taken. This repulse has broken the pressure upon the lower Piave sector nearest to Venice.

#### PETROGRAD IS NOW UNDER MARTIAL LAW

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Petrograd was declared to be under martial law today by the Bolshevik Safety Commission. All attempts at a revolt are to be vigorously suppressed, their decree declared. Under martial law, three persons together constitute a crowd, and as such can be dispersed.

#### A NEW REASON FOR GOVERNMENT CONTROL

(Special to The Daily News.)

Washington, Jan. 19.—A delegation from the workers in the meat packing plants of Chicago has called upon President Wilson and urged the government to take over the meat packing industry, because of the large number of aliens among their fellow employees.

#### DRASTIC TREATMENT OF LOOTERS IN HALIFAX

An Exchange telegram despatched from New York to London appeared in the British newspapers last month, which read as follows: "New York, Dec. 13.—At Halifax, a looter was shot, and his body was strapped up on a post, placarded, 'This was a looter.' It is rumored that others have been treated similarly."

#### THE POLICE COURT

The case which was adjourned on Wednesday at the police court by Magistrate Carss was again brought up this morning, but as one of the accused failed to appear, it was again adjourned until Monday. This was the case of the boys who were charged with breaking into the Hub Pool Room, and into Spurr's Market. A warrant was issued for the arrest of the missing boy.

#### COAL

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#### UKRANIA HOPES FOR ITS ANCIENT FREEDOM

(By a Ukrainian.)

As a direct outcome of the revolution in Russia, one of the oldest democracies in Europe, that of the Ukraina, has once more regained its ancient freedom. From the earliest days of which there is any record, the Ukrainians, that people inhabiting the southern provinces of what was till lately the Russian Empire and Galicia, in Austria, were a self-governing community, with a free electoral system of government. Their Hetman was appointed from year to year by the majority vote of the people, and already, of all Russia, the Ukrainian "Rada" constitutes the strongest of the many governments taking the place of the rule of the late Czar.

Since Christianity was introduced about the year 1,000 this democracy has had a very checkered career. Assailed from the south by the Turks, from the east by the Tartars, and on the west by the Poles, their country at different periods was overrun. And their final enemy was found in the Muscovites from the north. Notwithstanding all their enemies, their prowess on the field of battle was sufficient to make them respected, and in the periods of peace high attainments in the arts of civilization were gained.

The country was a rich one, and the skill of its people and their learning in these middle ages was notable. In 1654, a treaty was made with the Muscovites to the north, for the unity of the two peoples, but Ukraina was to retain her autonomy, but bit by bit, since that time, it has been flched away. This treaty was an offensive one. The gradual restriction of their liberties made the Ukrainians revolt against the usurpation of all authority by Peter the Great. Their last Hetman at this time was Mazeppa, made famous by Byron's poem. Sweden was to come to the aid of the Ukrainians, but before their assistance arrived, the battle of Poltava had been fought and lost, and from thenceforth, this free people became the slaves of the Muscovites.

For these last two hundred and fifty years, the Ukrainians have been in bondage. Their scholars and men of letters have consistently been banished to Siberia, or to the other fortress prisons for which Russia was famous. Even as far back as twelve years ago, there was not a single school nor one solitary newspaper published in the language of the country. The policy of their bureaucratic governors was to keep the people ignorant, so that they would be the more submissive.

The spirit of freedom broke out in revolt from time to time, but was as promptly crushed, until the great days of the revolution, when the power of the Czar was once and for all thrown off. The great University of Lemberg is a standing monument to the qualities of this people who have been oppressed for so long.

Today they number about forty millions, speak the same language and have the same national aspirations as had their fathers for self government. As the outcome of the war, this people, who really represent the brains and the wealth of what was Russia, will be in the van of the European democracies.

#### CARD OF THANKS

Mr. George Hill wishes to thank the electors for their support in electing him as Police Commissioner.

#### LLOYD GEORGE HEARTENS LABOR DELEGATES

**No Democracy Will Survive Unless People are Prepared to Die For It—Plain Talk By Premier.**

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, January 19.—Premier Lloyd George addressing the Labor delegates today said that no man standing on the watchtower could deny the urgency of the need for raising more men. The Premier said that no democracy has ever long survived the failure of its adherents to be ready to die for it. He affirmed that both he and President Wilson, without previous consultation, had laid down substantially the same programme in their demands for the termination of the war.

"Our channel ports are not far from the fighting line," continued the Premier, "and unless we are prepared to stand up to the people who are dominating Germany, Great Britain and the British Democracy, French Democracy, and the democracy of Europe will be at the mercy of the most cruel military autocracy the world has ever seen."

#### HUNS MAXIMUM OUTPUT OF SUBMARINES IS REACHED

London, January 17.—Reuter's Agency learns in well-informed quarters with respect to the German submarine warfare that we know with certainty the enemy's minimum losses, and are at the same time aware of his maximum output. It is believed that the latter has been reached, and since the monthly losses of German submarines are by now approaching their monthly outputs it would seem that with the increasing means at the disposal of the allies for beating these pests any German programme of operations cannot exceed what has already been in force. While the situation calls for the exercise of the greatest economy of food on our part, it is justifiable to express the belief that the menace has reached its worst stage—taking it as a whole, and not judging by the returns of any one week—as an effective force. There is every reason to believe that the operations of the German submarines should in the near future not only be held but gradually repressed.

#### BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(Special to The Daily News.)

New York, Jan. 19.—The British steamship City of Boston has been sunk by a German submarine. No details have yet been received.

#### Thank You!

I sincerely thank the ladies and gentlemen who accorded me their support in the contest for Police Commissioner

J. G. STEEN.

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