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#### REVOLUTION BREAKS OUT IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

REVOLUTIONISTS HAVE ORGANIZED A PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO SEIZE ALL GOVERNMENTAL POWERS--BREAK UP AT LAST OF THE POLYGLOT EMPIRE FORESHADOWED

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 25.—A revolution has broken out in Vienna, according to information received today from Berne, Switzerland. The revolutionaries are attempting to seize all governmental powers in the Dual monarchy, and have already organized a provisional government, the dispatch adds. Little information is being allowed to cross the borders of Austria, if the authorities can prevent it, and the censorship is extremely strict. Information of the revolt was also received by the Bolshevik government at Petrograd from the Austro-Hungarian soldiers on the eastern front.

It is considered here that the final break up of Austria-Hungary is at hand. Although no direct information is received, news comes through underground channels that the majority of the troops in the Austrian armies, with the exception of those coming from the Austrian provinces proper, are ripe for revolt, and will join with their civilian leaders. Hungary, Bohemia, and Galicia have been agitating for independence for many years, and it is considered that the present upheaval will afford them an opportunity to follow in the footsteps of the Russians.

This will so hamper the efforts of the German High Command that it is considered improbable that they will be able to conduct any real offensive.

#### Germany in Same Plight.

Copenhagen, January 25.—"The German government is playing with fire; Germany's situation is but little different from Austria's" is the warning conveyed to the German authorities by Philip Scheidmann, the leader of the majority of the German Socialists. This bold speech was made before the main committee of the Reichstag, and it is reported in full in the Socialists' organ, the Vorwarts, received here today.

#### WORKMAN FALLS OFF SHED AT THE WHARF

A serious accident befell one of the workmen who were repairing the roof of one of the sheds at the Grand Trunk wharf this morning. Mr. John Duggan, one of Prince Rupert's old timers, was at work on the steep roof reshingling part of it, when he slipped his hold and fell to the ground. He appeared to be very badly smashed up and the full extent of his injuries could not be ascertained until he had been taken to the hospital, whither he was rushed at all speed. On enquiry, it was found that in addition to a very severe shaking, he sustained a double compound fracture of the leg. The condition of the patient is as good as can be expected.

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#### THE BRITISH LABOR CONFERENCE SITTING

(Special to The Daily News.)

Nottingham, England, Jan. 25.—Mr. Arthur Henderson, former member of the British War Cabinet, announced to the British Labor Conference here today that he had received a letter from Premier Lloyd George stating that the views of the labor executive had been carefully considered, but that in consequence of the urgency of the problem and on the advice of the military experts, it was impossible to comply with the request of the executive, and that the government would proceed with the "Man power" Bill. The request of the labor executive was that the government suspend consideration of the "Man power" Bill by the House of Commons, until after the labor conference here, so that the members of the Labor party in the House would be able to participate in the debate upon the measure. The Labor convention here today granted powerful support to the government by rejecting by a vote of 1,885,000 to 722,000 the resolution demanding that the Labor party members in the coalition government withdraw from it at once.

#### NATIONALIZATION OF COLD STORAGE URGED

Ottawa, Jan. 22.—Recommendations contained in a report by one of the committees were considered when the farm labor and greater production conference resumed its session in the Chateau Laurier here today.

The committee, of which T. H. Auld, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, of Saskatchewan, was chairman, made a number of suggestions, some of which evoked considerable discussion.

The conference, however, decided to recommend the nationalization of the cold storage plants as they would involve little difficulty in their operation. It also recommended that adequate cold storage plants be erected at the seaboard to handle food for export.

#### Farm Conscription.

The committee in its report recommended that men in the first class under the Military Service Act who were exempted by the medical boards for some slight disability should be drafted for work on the farms. This suggestion met with the approval of the conference.

C. F. Bailey suggested the institution of a recruiting campaign somewhat similar to the campaigns for the recruits for the C. E. F. to secure the services of boys between the ages of sixteen and twenty for farm work.

#### A NEW LEAGUE OF WHIST PLAYERS

Last evening, representatives from the Sons of Canada, the Sons of England, the Scandinavian Society, the K. of P., and the I. O. O. F. met together to arrange for a whist league. The league was formally constituted, and the rules and regulations prepared and approved, and the officers of the league elected for the season. Mr. John Dybbavn was elected chairman, Mr. S. M. Newton as vice, and Mr. Fred Wermig as secretary-treasurer. These gentlemen, with Messrs. Ralph Walker and G. W. Johnstone will constitute the management committee.

Any of the societies may enter as many teams as they see fit, each team to consist of six players.

#### AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES RETIRE IN NORTH ITALY

Hope of Penetrating Mountainous Country to Venetian Plains Is Abandoned—Lines Moved Back.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Headquarters of Italian Army in Northern Italy, Jan. 25.—The enemy has evacuated the territory on the northern mountain front behind Monte Tomba, extending from the river Piave westward. Their defence lines have been moved back to Monte Spinonica. This retirement is considered of particular importance, as showing that the enemy has given up his effort to force the passage to the Venetian plains by way of Monte Tomba and the west bank of the Piave.

Since the snowfall, the Austro-German command have had considerable trouble with their transport, and on many occasions, supplies for the front line have been held up. There is only one single line of communication winding through the mountain passes, and until the roads are passable again it is not considered likely that the enemy will again attempt any offensive in this region.

#### THE NEW FIRST LORD OF THE ADMIRALTY

It is curious that Sir Rosslyn Wemyss, the new First Lord, should be in the same Royal line as the late Brigadier-General Fitz-Clarence, to whom is now generally given the credit (if it may be allowed to one man) of having saved the situation at the First Battle of Ypres. Both trace their descent from William IV.'s association with the actress, Mrs. Jordan, the one through the eldest son George, after wards created Earl of Munster, and the other through the daughter Augusta, who married a son of the Marquis of Ailsa. So it happens that King George and Sir Rosslyn Wemyss are both great-great-grandsons of George III.

#### HOME-RULE FOR IRELAND

(Special to The Daily News.)

London, Jan. 25.—The telegraphic Dublin correspondent states that a report from Washington, to the effect that the United States is prepared to lend Ireland \$100,000,000 to obtain the fullest measure of Home Rule, and that American capitalists are ready to invest a like sum in Ireland for development work if the question is settled, is prominently displayed in the Irish newspapers and has caused the greatest interest.

#### THE BY-ELECTIONS

(Special to The Daily News.)

Vancouver, Jan. 25.—The returns of the by-elections held yesterday are as follows: For Vancouver, Mrs. Ralph Smith, 10,220; Drinnan, 5,705; Young, 540. For Newcastle, Hawthornthwaite elected by a majority of 450. For Similkameen, McKenzie elected by 222 majority.

For Alberni, In doubt. Conservative leading.

#### RETAIL CLERKS

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#### ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES LAST NIGHT ON WHARF

The "Prince Rupert" carried another capacity load last evening as she pulled out from the wharf, only on this occasion, instead of the majority of the passengers being tourists from the eastern provinces, the majority last night were "kenned faces" in Prince Rupert. There was quite a number of regular passengers, and a large contingent of recruits being called up to report at military headquarters. Everyone travelling seemed to have some friends ashore, and before twelve o'clock movement on the wharf in front of the vessel was a matter of difficulty.

This difficulty increased, too, as the minutes went by, and still another recruit would come along. In addition to the boys from town, there were about twenty more from the cold storage and a large number from Granby.

The excitement and the fun grew more intense around midnight, and when the big boat pulled out, the departing boys were greeted with cheers, and cheers and cheers. The rail of the boat was lined with merry and bright faces on their way to help to get the Kaiser's goat, and they returned the parting salutations lustily.

#### GREAT GROWTH OF B. C. LUMBER TRADE

Lumber production in the coast district of British Columbia during the year 1917 has been more than 800,000,000 feet. This is a considerable improvement over 1916 and not much below the best previous record.

The quality of the lumber produced in British Columbia is too well known, in this province as well as in many parts of the world, to require any eulogy; but the conditions of production and marketing may profitably be considered. During 1911 and 1912 the boom led to the building of too many mills and the result now is that an over-production of lumber has to be taken care of. The natural markets lie on the other side of the Pacific. The distance to Europe militates against any large trade there under existing conditions.

Ships are, of course, essential to the lumber trade. A local fleet is a good thing; but if shipping conditions are not right this will not provide a supply of ships here because the ships go where suitable cargoes offer.

First, however, it is necessary to make sure that there is a ready means of getting the lumber across the Pacific; otherwise the education of the foreign market will only benefit the United States exporter. Lack of ships has already caused a falling off of some ten per cent in the foreign lumber trade of this province.

One solution would be the establishment of a preferential tariff in Australia. This was under consideration some years ago.

Some system of co-operation among the mills here would also be of benefit. It would enable cargoes to be made up promptly and at regular intervals and would centralize the marketing of lumber.

At the present time the chief local trouble is the labor shortage. Authorities in Vancouver predict a scarcity of logs in the spring, owing to the difficulty of getting experienced men in the woods. The situation is not good in the mills either and it is becoming more and more apparent that the ultimate solution will be the temporary importation of labor.—Ex.

#### BOLSHEVIKI NOW LEARN THE GERMAN TERMS

Must Give up Courland and Baltic Provinces Within a Week Under Threat of More Fighting.

(Special to The Daily News.)

Petrograd, Jan. 25.—The Bolshevik government have now learned the real aims and objects of the German Government with regard to the formula of "No annexations." The ultimatum of the German delegation to the Brest-Litovsk conference with the Russian representatives is that Russia must give up all Courland and the other Baltic provinces to Germany within a week, without the self determination of the population. The alternative is the resumption of military operations, and the occupation of Reval by German troops. The peace conference has been adjourned until February 3rd to permit the Russians to consider the German terms.

The Baltic provinces consist of Kovno, Courland, Esthonia and Livonia, and the city of Reval lies a bare two hundred miles from St. Petersburg. The Bolshevik government have conducted the negotiations with the Germans on an equality, and not as a beaten nation, and it is not considered likely that they will agree to the proposals of the Germans in this respect. Military preparations are under way, and the Bolsheviks may contest the threatened German advance, should their threat be carried out.

#### BONAR LAW ASKED TO CONSCRIPT WEALTH

London, Jan. 23.—Conscription of wealth is a matter of expediency, says Rt. Hon. Andrew Bonar Law Chancellor of the Exchequer in reply to a memorandum from a committee of the British trades unions demanding conscription of wealth. The memorandum urged him "immediately to conscript the wealth of the nation."

The Chancellor declared that the cost of the war should be borne by wealth which is in existence when the war ends, so as not to overburden future industry. The Government already is acting on the principle laid down by the trades unions in that it goes where it can get money when it is needed.

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