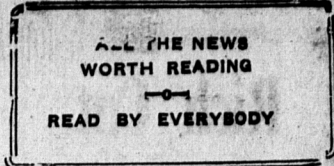


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BRITISH FLEET ON WAR FOOTING

IN VIEW OF POSSIBLE REFUSAL OF GERMANS TO SIGN PEACE TREATY

ALL READY FOR WAR

Stores and Ammunition Taken Aboard and Fleet Ready To Sail

(Special To The Guardian.)
EDINBURGH, June 20.—The British fleet is under orders, in view of the possibility of the Germans not signing the peace terms. All leave has been stopped and stores of ammunition have been taken aboard and the fleet is ready to proceed to sea on the shortest notice. The fleet, indeed is again on a war footing.

Ready to Blockade Baltic Ports.

COPENHAGEN, June 20.—Two British cruisers and nine destroyers today arrived at Copenhagen, and many more men of war are expected. They are intended for blockading the Baltic ports if Germany refuses to sign the peace treaty.

Serious Loss To Bolsheviks

(Special To The Guardian.)
LONDON, June 20.—The reported loss of the important Donetz Coal Basin by the Bolsheviks is viewed in London as a heavy blow to the maintenance of the Soviet government. The Bolsheviks depended on the coal from the Donetz region to effect improvements on the railways and to operate factories.

St. Pierre Remains Colony of France

(Special To The Guardian.)
ST. PIERRE, June 20.—Recent government expenditures in this colony of France are regarded here as virtually disposing of the suggestion that the island is to be ceded to Great Britain and added to the Newfoundland dominion. It is announced that several million francs will be spent in the development of St. Pierre the centre of France's fishing industry in the western Atlantic. A contract has been placed with a New York company for the construction of a large refrigerating plant here, and the work has already begun. A powerful wireless station is also being installed by the government.

First Aerial Band Concert in U.S.

(Special To The Guardian.)
CAMP DIX, N. J., June 20.—The distinction of being the first army band to attempt an aerial concert went to the musicians of Colonel Simond's Fiftieth Infantry, the permanent garrison of Camp Dix today, when through arrangement with army aviators recruiting here for the air service. The first numbers were rendered in a novel program that will continue through the next two weeks.

CARRY LOBSTERS BY AIRPLANE

BRUSSELS, June 19.—Regular transportation of merchandise by aeroplane between Brussels and Paris, established by companies in the two cities, has already resulted in some unusual cargoes being carried. For instance, a consignment of nearly five hundred pounds of live lobsters, brought by one of the aeroplanes of the system, arrived at the airport near here yesterday afternoon. The crustaceans were in excellent condition.

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EMBARGO ON WESTERN CATTLE

OWING TO THE STRIKE AT WINNIPEG ON CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

(Special To The Guardian.)

WINNIPEG, June 20.—Announcement was made this morning that owing to conditions here as a result of the strike an embargo has been placed on all cattle shipments from western points by the Canadian National Railways.

U.S. and Australian Trade Increasing

(Special To The Guardian.)

NEW YORK, June 20.—Henry Y. Braddon, Commissioner for Australia in the United States, announced tonight that he would leave America soon, but that the commission created as a war post was perpetuated and that his successor would be Mark Sheldon, a prominent man of Sydney. Determination to continue the commission, Mr. Braddon said, was reached as a result of the increase in trade between the two countries since the post was established last October.

Change in Treaty of Canadian Plenipotentiaries

(Special To The Guardian.)

PARIS, June 20.—The amended text of the draft of the peace treaty with Germany shows a change in the Canadian plenipotentiaries. In the original document they were named as Sir Robert Borden, the Prime Minister, and Sir George Foster, the Minister of Trade and Commerce. In the amended text they are given as Sir George Foster and Charles J. Doherty, the Minister of Justice.

German Government Resigns.

BERLIN, June 20.—It is learned from an excellent quarter that three ministers in the Cabinet, namely, Erzberger, Berli and Wissell, are unconditionally for signing the peace treaty. The attitude of Scheidemann, Giesberts and Bauer continues vacillating, while the other seven members of the cabinet are for abrupt rejection. If Erzberger should succeed in snatching the leadership he would at least carry Giesberts and Bauer and probably also Scheidemann, and possibly one or other of the ministers opposing the signature.

Soldiers Returning

Corporal Peter A. Hughes received word yesterday that the following soldiers who came out on the S. S. Aquitania for the Island will arrive here tonight.

- R. H. McDonald, Summerside.
- W. J. McDonald, Souris.
- J. McDonald, Souris.
- H. J. Sutherland, Souris.
- P. D. Morrisey, East Baltic.
- C. Porrier, Nail Pond.
- F. Bryant, Ellerslie.
- K. J. R. McLaughlin, Head Hillsboro.
- J. C. MacMillan, Charlottetown.
- H. H. Jewell, Hartsville.
- J. W. Milton, Murray Harbor.
- M. J. Foley, Souris.
- M. M. Murphy.

Strike Leaders Released on Bail

(Special To The Guardian.)

WINNIPEG, June 20.—Wm. Ivens, R. B. Russell, Ald. Heaps and Ald. Queen, who early Tuesday morning were arrested with others on a charge of seditious libel and taken to Stony Mountain Penitentiary to await trial, were released tonight on bail of \$2,000 each. It is stated that they have given an undertaking not to take any further part in the present general strike.

At an important conference of government authorities this afternoon it was decided to place the arrested English-speaking leaders of the strike upon civil trial in the local court. In the event of their conviction on charges of seditious libel their deportation will be urged on the Minister of Immigration, Hon. J. A. Calder, and left to his decision. It was originally intended solely to have a board of inquiry under the Immigration Act to deal with the cases. The new course of action applies only to the English-speaking men, such as Ivens, Russell, Queen and Heaps.

GERMAN COMPETITION AGAIN IN EVIDENCE

GERMAN TENDER FOR DUTCH CONTRACT 20 POUNDS LOWER THAN BRITISH

(Special To The Guardian.)

LONDON, June 20.—Evidencing the recrudescence of German competition engineering in Holland has been accepted by a German firm at twenty pounds sterling per ton below the leading British company's offer. The Times refers to the mysterious lowest German tender which is actually below the price of raw material delivered by British rolling mills.

Italian Ministry Has Resigned

(Special To The Guardian.)

ROME, June 20.—The Italian government resigned this evening, following an adverse vote against it in the Chamber of Deputies. Premier Orlando in announcing his resignation and that of the cabinet, said King Victor Emmanuel had reserved decision as to acceptance. The Chamber of Deputies had by a vote of 259 to 78 rejected Premier Orlando's motion in favor of discussing the question of confidence which related to the foreign policy of the government in secret session.

Providential Rain Saved Kedgewick from Total Ruin

CAMPBELLTON, June 16.—Word reaching here tonight was to the effect that about fifteen homes and three mills were destroyed at Kedgewick, (N. B.), fifty miles west of Campbellton, on the C. N. R. during Saturday afternoon that an intense rain was falling and showed signs of extinguishing the fire.

For some time forest fires had been raging in that vicinity, but it was not until Saturday morning that farmers in the outlying districts of Kedgewick became alarmed by the fire's rapid approach, the wind sweeping it in that direction. Villages turned out in large numbers and battled with the flames for hours. Home after home was devoured and the flames were on a fair way to encircle the village when the rain took up the task of checking their progress.

Kedgewick is one of the new settlements on the railway near the Upsalquich river on a small brook situated virtually in the heart of the Restigouche woods west of Campbellton. The nearest place in Anderson, another new settlement which is about ten miles away and it is reached only by the railway from the outside world.

There were several lumber mills at Kedgewick as well as a number of stores and about one hundred houses. The Richards Lumber Company mill as well as two mills owned by the Poulay company, fifteen houses and a large territory of lumber lands were destroyed.

Fredericton, June 16.—The information concerning the fire is not extensive but as far as is known at the department of lands and mines office the fire did not originate in the woods and timber lands were not damaged. The country along the line of the railway is considered particularly dangerous as far as fires are concerned as it is heavily wooded and for the greater part of it there is no other means of egress or ingress but the railway.

THE WEATHER, TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, June 21.—Northwest winds fair and warm.
The tide will be high this evening at 4.18, tomorrow at 5.40 and Monday at 6.56; it will be high tomorrow morning at 4.50, Monday at 5.41 and Tuesday at 6.55.
Sun sets this evening, tomorrow and Monday at 8.03; it rises tomorrow morning, Monday and Tuesday at 4.36.
Full moon, Friday, June 13, at 11.28 a.m.
Sun sets this evening, tomorrow and Monday at 8.03; it rises tomorrow morning, Monday and Tuesday at 4.36.
Last quarter moon Saturday, June 21, at 12.33 a.m.

Governor General Visits Valleyfield

(Special to the Guardian.)
VALLEYFIELD, Que., June 20.—The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire and their party were given a civil reception here yesterday afternoon and the Governor General of Canada promised to give a prize to the Valleyfield college. The party visited several plants and public institutions and the Duke unveiled a bronze tablet in honor of the soldiers from Valleyfield who died in overseas service. The party left at 5.30. His Excellency on his way to Bale Des Chaleurs while the Duchess and her daughters left for Ottawa.

SIR GEORGE FOSTER ARRIVES IN HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., June 20.—Sir George Foster, Minister of Trade and Commerce, who gave up his work at the Peace Conference because of the serious illness of Lady Foster, arrived on the Aquitania today. The minister was the first passenger to land and was immediately rushed to the Ocean Limited, awaiting his arrival. He left for Ottawa at 7.40.

Winnipeg Strike To be Called Off

(Special to the Guardian.)

WINNIPEG, June 20.—The strike will be called off tomorrow, if not today. This was the definite declaration of a man who was closely in touch with the conferences that took place yesterday between Government and civil officials and the strike committee. No explanation was volunteered as to why he had come to this conclusion.

To Fly from Halifax to St. John

(Special to the Guardian.)

HALIFAX, June 20.—Lieut. Stuart Graham who expects to leave with Curtis flying boat No. 1878, for Lake Temiscouata on Saturday, made a trial flight last evening, reaching an altitude of 5,000 feet. Graham plans to hop off at daybreak on Saturday and will fly to St. John, thence along the St. John river to Temiscouata, making the direct flight in eight hours. He will bring the two planes back to Halifax in October.

Nominations For Coming Election

PRINCE COUNTY

FIRST DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. Sir Charles Dalton and Dr. E. J. Keir. Liberals—

SECOND DISTRICT. No nominations.

THIRD DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. A. E. Arsenault and Dr. James W. Keir, Malpeque; Liberals, A. E. McLean, Jeremiah Blanchard.

FOURTH DISTRICT. Conservatives, J. H. Myers, John Warren; Liberals, J. H. Bell, W. M. Lea.

FIFTH DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. J. A. McNeill, Thomas Linkletter; Liberals, J. J. McNally and Creel McArthur.

QUEENS COUNTY

FIRST DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. Murdoch Kennedy, A. J. McNevin; Liberals, Cyrus W. Crosby, John S. Cousins.

SECOND DISTRICT. Conservatives, L. L. Jenkins, Chester McLure; Liberals, G. E. Hughes, B. W. LePage.

THIRD DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. Leonard Wood, John J. McDonald; Liberals, David McDonald, Peter Brodie.

FOURTH DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. J. S. Martin, Shaw McMillan; Liberals, J. C. Irving, Fred J. Nash.

FIFTH DISTRICT. Conservatives, James Paton, P. S. Brown; Liberals, C. G. Duffy, E. T. Higgs.

KINGS COUNTY

FIRST DISTRICT. Conservatives, Dr. A. A. McDonald, Harry D. McLean; Liberals, H. H. Acorn, D. C. McDonald.

SECOND DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. H. D. McEwen, Dr. R. J. McDonald; Liberals, R. N. Cox, J. P. McIntyre.

THIRD DISTRICT. Conservatives, A. A. McDonald, James Duncan.

FOURTH DISTRICT. Conservatives, Hon. M. McKinnon, M. C. McGowan; Liberals, W. G. Sutherland, G. A. Sharp.

GERMANS FALSE REPORT ON FRENCH PRISONERS

314,000 FRENCH SOLDIERS MISSING. BODIES OF MISSING IMPOSSIBLE TO FIND

(Special To The Guardian.)

PARIS, June 20.—German figures to the number of French prisoners held in Germany were found to be incorrect, Leon Abrami, Under Secretary in the Ministry of War announced in the Chamber today. More than 60,000 French prisoners, in excess of the German figures, were found in Germany. The number of French soldiers missing in action has reached 314,000, the Under Secretary said. The bodies of the majority of the missing, he added, it would be impossible to find. Inter-Allied missions were scouring Germany to ascertain if any prisoners still remained there.

Swiss Prepare For Eventualities

(Special to the Guardian.)

GENEVA, June 20.—Special military arrangements have been made by the Swiss Government for eventualities in case the Germans refuse to sign the treaty of peace. Picked Landwehr forces will be mobilized tomorrow and the next day and concentrated to protect the Rhine and the northern frontier.

A Bergens despatch to the Thurgau Gazette says that Italian troops have begun to occupy Boronberg, the westernmost district of Austria. Alpine battalions arriving at Montrafon and Feldkirch yesterday were coldly received, it is reported.

Russian Cruiser Sunk by British

(Special To The Guardian.)

LONDON, June 20.—The Russian cruiser Oleg was sunk on Wednesday by a British submarine. It is announced in a Russian wireless despatch received today. The Oleg was a vessel of 6770 tons. The sinking occurred near the Tolbuchan Light House.

Disastrous Fire In New Brunswick

Hopewell Hill, June 19.—A disastrous fire which burned two dwelling houses, several barns and a considerable quantity of standing timber, visited the settlement of Midway, Harvey parish this afternoon.

The fire started from the chimney of the house, owned and occupied by William Huckins, which was soon burned to the ground. A slight wind carried the sparks to the residence of Thomas Morrisey which, together with two barns adjoining, were also soon in ashes. The fire then caught the woods adjacent and for some hours burned fiercely endangering other houses and destroying considerable timber.

A large crowd assembled from Harvey and Albert and it was thought this evening that the flames were pretty well under control.

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION WORK IN HALIFAX CITY.

HALIFAX, N. S., June 18.—The value of building construction work for which permits were granted during the month of May totalled \$403,190, including the \$270,000 plate mill at the shipyards. The total value of work this year for which permits were issued up to the end of May was \$1,411,246. In May of last year the value of such work was \$298,940 and for the year up to the end of that month \$775,106.

GERMANS DEPRESSED

WEIMAR, June 18.—The new Allied terms reached here late last night and the first apparent effect upon the German leaders who remained awake to wait for the terms was that of depression. A report passed rapidly through the old castle where the Government heads are residing temporarily that the signing of the peace treaty by Germany was highly improbable. No one would take them for publication but every official and every member of the foreign office available expressed the deepest pessimism and resentment at the alleged cruelty of the terms. The Germans were specially embittered over a report that a French mob had stoned the helpless German delegates at Versailles. The departure of the delegates occurred amid the shouts, hoots and jeers of a crowd which threw stones and seriously wounded two delegates. The crowd acted in the usual French hoolish fashion. The police made not the slightest effort to stop the hoodlumism. It was announced last night

GERMANS WILL SIGN TREATY

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT WEIMAR HAS ACCEPTED THE TREATY

GERMAN GOVT. RESIGNS

Fall of Government Resulted From Differences Re Signing Treaty

(Special to the Guardian.)

LONDON, June 20.—The German national assembly at Weimar has accepted the peace treaty, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Paris. The signing of the peace treaty by Germany, an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, quoting advice from Weimar, says, is as certain as if the signature had already been put to the document. If the national assembly at Weimar has taken the action, as in the foregoing agency despatch, it has passed upon the peace treaty a day earlier than the last direct advice from Germany had indicated.

Despatches from Berlin received Thursday stated that the assembly was expected to make its final decision on the treaty on Saturday. It was added that in all probability the assembly would decide to demand that a plebiscite be taken.

German Government Resigns.

PARIS, June 20.—The Schiedmann government in Germany has fallen, it is learned here today. News of the event received during the morning was confirmed late by military advices through Coblenz from both Weimar and Berlin. The downfall of the Schiedmann government was made known to the Peace Conference, it is believed to assure the signing of the peace treaty by Germany as Philip Schiedmann, the premier, was understood to be the chief opponent to acceptance of the revised terms.

Previous advices had indicated that four members of the Schiedmann cabinet were insisting upon the signing of the treaty and it is presumed here that this caused the fall of the ministry.

French official advices carry the impression that the national assembly is favorable to the signing of the treaty. Weimar advices stated that the cabinet, although it has resigned, will continue in office temporarily until President Ebert has been able to form a new one.

Up to noon there was no official confirmation of the report that Herr Noske was forming a government. It is understood here that the fall of the Schiedmann government entails the fall also of President Ebert. The national assembly will probably take measures to select a successor to Herr Ebert.

Council of Three Meets

PARIS, June 20.—The Council of Three, composed of Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau and President Wilson met this afternoon and it is understood discussed the German situation and the Italian cabinet crisis. The Council also was expected to take up the uncompleted sections of the Austrian peace treaty. It is reported here that the Germans have asked for a further extension of the time limit with which to act on the peace treaty.

Berlin Denies Report.

PARIS, June 20.—All reports concerning changes in the German cabinet are premature, says an official German wireless message sent from Nauen at one o'clock this afternoon: The message adds that the national assembly has to get a majority of its members to favor signing the peace treaty. The text of the message reads: "The national assembly at Weimar tried to constitute a majority in favor of signing the peace treaty. That was impossible because of the division among the parties. All news regarding changes in the cabinet is premature."

CATCHES BOAT BY PLANE.

LONDON, June 19.—After missing boat and train to Southampton Saturday for the Cunard liner Aquitania, Mrs. Errol adopted the novel method of flying by aeroplane to the port of embarkation. She obtained an aeroplane at Hounslow from where ascent was made, and after a flight of an hour and fifteen minutes descended five miles from Southampton, where she was met by the captain of the ship, who motored her to the docks, catching the boat.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

**Come to the ice cream social at Granville Hall Thursday evening June 26th. If rainy Saturday 28th. 64496-20M2ipd.