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GERMAN SITUATION IS STILL UNCERTAIN

Some 500,000 German Soldiers Still Under Arms. Should Ebert Government be Maintained These Might be Disbanded, but Bolshevik Triumph Might Result Seriously.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—There may be 500,000 German soldiers still under arms according to estimates of military experts of the British army. The situation in Germany is very uncertain, however, and it may be that the men still with the German colors may number far above the estimate. Should Premier Ebert maintain the upper hand in Germany the men still held in the army would be freed, it is believed. On the other hand, it is pointed out, a Bolshevist triumph in Germany would result in a serious situation.

ADDITIONAL DEMANDS OF ARMISTICE TERMS

58,000 Agricultural Machines to be Handed Over. Allies to Occupy Section of Strasburg Fortress.

(Special to the Guardian)
BERLIN, Jan. 18.—Under the terms of the prolongation of the armistice Germany must deliver by February 17, some 58,000 agricultural machines of various kinds as a guarantee for the fulfillment of the demands. The estimate also reserves the right of occupying the sector of the fortress of Strasburg formed by the fortification on the right bank of the Rhine to various kinds as a guarantee for the fulfillment of the demands. The estimate also reserves the right of occupying the sector of the fortress of Strasburg formed by the fortification on the right bank of the Rhine to various kinds as a guarantee for the fulfillment of the demands.

German Delegates To Peace Conference

ZURICH, Jan. 18.—The Munich newspapers state that the German delegates to the Peace Conference will be Count Von Brockdorff Rantzau, the foreign minister; Prince Lichnowsky, former ambassador at London; Count George Arco and the Socialist Karl Kaubky, former Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the Ebert Government.

Germans Refuse to Receive U.S. and British Officers

(Special to the Guardian)
WARSAW, Jan. 18.—The Germans have refused to receive at Bialystok Lieut. Reginald Foster, a political agent of the American peace commission, and Colonel Wade of the British army, who went to Lapy on the Polish frontier to confer with the commander of the German Tenth Army. It was their object to persuade the Germans to hold the frontier against the Bolsheviks. Lieut. Foster and Col. Wade received the reply that if they attempted to pass over the frontier they would be regarded as enemies by the German sentinels. Foster and Wade have reported the action of the Germans to their respective Governments.

Bolsheviki Want Terms With Allies

(Special to the Guardian)
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 18.—Maxim Litvinoff, the former Bolshevik ambassador at London has sent a note to President Wilson declaring that the Bolshevik Government of Russia is prepared to cease its world propaganda if the Allies will agree to enter into peace negotiations with it, according to the Social Demokraten.

Trotsky Brothers Shot French Sentinel

(Special to the Guardian)
GENEVA, Jan. 18.—The Swiss newspapers announce that two brothers of Leon Trotsky, the Russian Bolshevik Minister of War and Marine, who were interned in France, escaped into Switzerland yesterday near Deslemon after shooting and wounding a French soldier. The younger of the brothers has been arrested and is being interrogated.

Polish Factions Have Reached Agreement

PARIS, Jan. 17.—The Polish leader and General Joseph Pilsudski, the Military Dictator of Poland have reached an agreement, according to a statement given out at the Polish National committee here tonight. The statement follows:
Negotiations between M. Paderewski, representing the Polish nation and Gen. Pilsudski have resulted in the establishment of a basis of agreement upon this basis, as reconstruction of the cabinet is expected soon with M. Paderewski at the head of the new Ministry. The terms of the compromise include a definite agreement upon delegates to the peace congress.

Millers Demand Removal Of Milling Restrictions

OTTAWA, Jan. 17.—The removal of all restrictions on the manufacture of flour in Canada will be urged on the Government by a deputation which will wait on the Cabinet today. The United States has raised the restrictions on the manufacture of flour in the republic and it is claimed that if Canada is to hold its export trade similar action will immediately have to be taken by the Dominion. There is a feeling that the demands for placing Canadian millers on a basis with American firms is only just if they are to compete in the export market.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO CANADA'S FARMERS

British Secretary of Agriculture Advises Canadian Farmers to Develop Chilled Beef Trade and Assures Them Britain will Henceforth Depend Upon this Continent for Hog Products.

(Special to the Guardian)
OTTAWA, Jan. 18.—Dr. G. C. Creelman, Commissioner of Agriculture for the province of Ontario, and Principal of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, addressing the Agricultural Club of Ottawa at the University Club Rooms here, repeated a message to the farmers of Canada from Right Hon. R. E. Prothero, Secretary of State for Agriculture for Great Britain. "I asked him for a message for the Farmers of Canada," said Dr. Creelman, and he told me they wanted our chilled beef and that Canada should develop the chilled beef trade right away in preference to the live cattle trade. He urged that there should be no delay. He also said that after the war Great Britain would not develop so much effort to raising hogs because they could be fed cheaper on this side of the Atlantic and as long as she can get pork products from this continent she would be satisfied.

DEMOBILIZATION NOW PROGRESSING WELL

35,000 Canadians Already Home. Third Divisions Will Leave for Home in March.

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 19.—Demobilization in England is making steady progress. To date 35,000 Canadian soldiers have returned home, and by the end of the month the total will be 45,000. All the Canadian Corps Units will come to England for demobilization, the camp at Ripon being taken over for that purpose. Though it had been hoped to commence demobilization of the corps before February, it is now stated that units of the third division, the first to be demobilized, will not reach England till the middle of February and begin the exit to Canada early in March.

RETURNED SOLDIERS HEARTILY WELCOMED

Big Turnout of Citizens Saturday Night to Greet Boys Back from the Battlefields. Reception in P. W. College.

The boys from overseas who returned home Saturday night were accorded a splendid reception upon their arrival in Charlottetown. A large crowd had gathered at the station though the train was exceptionally early. Hearty cheers greeted the gallant boys upon their arrival. They were met at the depot by the Mayor, Major the Rev. Dr. Fullerton, and several other military officers. They were met before this at Emerald by Capt. Ulric Dawson on behalf of the Great War Veterans and at Sackville by Ex-Mayor Brown and Rev. William V. McDonald on behalf of the Knights of Columbus Hut movement. The League of the Cross Band was also on hand and formed an escort to the boys in the sleighs and autos which conveyed them to the Prince of Wales College where a reception was held and refreshments afterwards served by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the G. W. V. A. The parade from the station to the hall was enlivened by appropriate and enlivening selections by the L. of C. Band who carried their own electric lighting plant. In other words the old-time smokey oil lamp torches were done away with and each member of the band was equipped with an electric light fastened on the lapel of the coat, the electricity being generated from a small battery carried in the pocket. The light given in this way was quite brilliant and the members of this band are certainly to be congratulated upon their enterprise. At the college, where a large crowd had assembled, speeches were given by Premier Arsenault, Mayor Wright, Mr. Norman Lowther on behalf of the G. W. V. A., Mr. J. D. Stewart, for the returned Soldiers Aid Committee, Capt. U. G. Dawson and Corp. P. A. Hughes for the G. W. V. A.

Premier Arsenault extended a hearty welcome to the returned men on behalf of the people of the province, expressing the pleasure it gave him to do so and voicing the appreciation of the people upon the glorious feats of arms of the Canadians whose exploits will live ever in history. The Premier expressed the hope that the returned men would see fit to settle down again in their native province and said that the Returned Soldiers Committee in co-operation with a Labor Bureau to be opened here would do everything to make it possible for them to do so. He also stated that while in Charlottetown the returned men would be the guests of the province. The speech of the Mayor was also one of welcome and congratulation on behalf of the citizens of Charlottetown and the brief speeches by the other gentlemen named above were of the similar nature. A considerable number of the soldiers expected did not arrive Saturday night and will probably come tonight. Among those who came were:
Bomb. J. E. Sterns
He is a son of Mr. E. D. Sterns of Charlottetown. He went to England with No. 2, Siege Battery (the 88th) and was with them in France during a considerable period of the fighting until taken ill with trench fever, which necessitated his return to England. He later became an instructor in gunnery in one of the training camps. His friends are delighted to see him once more and looking so well. He is a brother of Sgt. Edison Sterns who returned home the early part of this winter.
Bomb. Frank McDonald
One of the most popular boys returning Saturday night was Bomb. Frank McDonald of the 8th Siege Battery familiarly known as "Sport". He is a son of Mrs. Mary E. McDonald of this city. He left here with the Battery and was wounded in December, 1917, and received a heavy dose of Hun gas last May, the effects of which he still feels. Frank is one of Charlottetown's best.

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Promotions in Forestry Corps

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—Brigadier General McDougall of the Forestry Corps has been gazetted, Major General and Col. Barney Hepburn has been gazetted Brigadier General.

Aerial Service Now London to Paris

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—A regular aerial service between London and Paris in connection with the peace conference will be inaugurated Monday. A number of airplanes have been fitted up for service. They have a comfortable cabin for two passengers, including cushion seats and a table entirely enclosed with glass. The airplanes will make the trip in two hours.

Salvation Army Drive

The Executive in charge of this campaign in Charlottetown and Queen's County is as follows:
H. M. Van Buskirk, President
George E. Inman, K. C., Vice-President.

R. Harold Jenkins, Secretary
A. W. Sterns, Treasurer
W. Allen Stewart, Chairman for Queen's County
John A. Webster, Manager of Queen's.

Samuel A. McLeod, Chairman of Special Canvassing Committee.
The other members of this committee are L. E. Prowse and H. V. Buntain.

Archibald Irwin, Chairman Publicity Committee.
G. Frank Hutchison, Chairman of Church Hatcheson
James A. McMillan, Chairman of Industrial Canvassing Committee
John O. Hyndman, Chairman of Committee for Public Meetings.

J. E. McLarty, Chairman of Ladies' Committee
The following are the team captains: Each captain has a certain territory assigned to him and with him there are co-workers to be selected by him.

TEAM CAPTAINS
Committee on Special List:
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L. E. Prowse.

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PEACE CONFERENCE FORMALLY OPENED

Greatest Gathering of Modern Times is Now in Session. 26 Nations Represented. Only Formalities Dealt with at Opening Session.

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 19.—The peace conference convened for its first official session at 3 p. m. Saturday. Delegates representing 26 nations met in the famous Clock Hall of the Quai Dorsay. President Poincare made the opening address. The peace delegates sat at a long horseshoe shaped table, their secretaries at small tables nearby. This being the first session it was open and the newspaper correspondents were permitted to be present. None of the tremendous issues of the peace settlement were taken up. The sitting was devoted to the formalities attendant to the convening of the most important gathering of statesmen in modern history. All the peace delegations held final meetings yesterday morning before the assembling of the peace congress. In the afternoon the American delegation met but President Wilson did not attend, remaining at the Murat Mansions throughout the morning to rest.

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 18.—All is in readiness for the commencement of the Peace Congress. At the meeting the question of the admission of the press to the conference was also acted upon. It was decided that the newspaper men should be admitted to the meetings of the full conference but that on necessary occasions the deliberations of the conference might be held in secret. The press will not be admitted to the Parliamentary conversations.

ONE OPEN AND FIVE SECRET SESSIONS PROPOSED.
PARIS, Jan. 19.—It is understood that when the supreme war council adjourned today there was pending a plan for one open and five secret sessions per week. American press representatives decided at a meeting to keep up their efforts to have the publicity feature of the peace congress absolutely unrestricted.

Blockade Against Germany Will Not Be Relaxed

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 18.—The Admiralty has no immediate intention of relaxing its strict blockade against Germany. The Central News says it learns.

Greeks Being Illused By the Bulgarians

(Special to the Guardian)
SALONICA, Jan. 17.—Greeks residing in eastern Rumelia are being subjected to incivilities and even abused by Bulgarian officials. It is charged. Reports from apparently authentic sources state that Greeks who showed enthusiasm when Greek officers appeared in eastern Rumelia have been thrown into prison.

Alberta Convention Votes Down "Bone Dry"

(Special to the Guardian)
CALGARY, ALTA, Jan. 19.—"Bone dry for Alberta was the crux of the contest in the Provincial Liberal convention. It was a spectacular fight between the wets and dries but the actual vote for suppression of every form of traffic in intoxicating liquors showed but a nominal number of delegates in opposition, two out of four hundred voting against the bone-dry resolution.

Proposal for Secrecy Suspended by Conference

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 18.—At the instance of the Allied Council decided today to hold in abeyance the proposed rule for virtual secrecy regarding its deliberations barring information given in official statements. It was also decided to request representatives of the British American and Italian press to present some plan for reporting the meeting.

British Shipbuilding Rapidly Increasing

(Special to the Guardian)
LONDON, Jan. 19.—During the last quarter of 1918 there were begun in Great Britain 424 ships having a tonnage of 1,979,952 compared to 396 ships with a tonnage of 1,866,091 during the same quarter in 1917, according to official figures.

Armistice May Be Broken Off

(Special to the Guardian)
PARIS, Jan. 19.—Marshall Foch according to the Matin, will immediately break off the armistice with Germany if the conditions of the armistice are not fulfilled. The allied commander-in-chief, the paper adds does not believe the Germans exaggerate when they cry famine. The situation of the populations of Austria and Prussia, the marshal is quoted as saying, is near the starvation point. Germany still possesses an army, the marshal declared, but the allies hold the Rhine which constitutes a formidable strategic barrier. Marshall Foch is said to have declared that he did not believe that a bolshevik invasion through Germany to France was possible.

THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE, TIDE, MOON, ETC.

TORONTO, Jan. 20.—Colder.
Tide will be high this afternoon at 1.42 and tomorrow at 1.39; it will be high tomorrow morning at 1.39 and Wednesday at 2.22.
Full moon on Thursday, January 16th.
Last quarter of moon Thursday January 16th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

Hillsboro Scarlet Chapter annual meeting will be held in St. George's Lodge room January 21st 8 o'clock p. m. 3497-1-18M2ipd.

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