

THE EMBARGO ON FRUITS LIFTED

PRELIMINARY PEACE TERMS ARE ABOUT COMPLETED

Concern Over German Conditions is Uppermost At Paris

INDEMNITIES WILL BE BETWEEN TWENTY-FIVE AND FORTY BILLIONS

PARIS, March 5.—(By Fred S. Ferguson).—German officials will be called to Paris to receive the terms of the preliminary peace within a week or ten days after President Wilson's arrival, according to a belief expressed in certain official quarters today.

The conditions of the separate treaty were said to have been worked out to an extent where formal approval of President Wilson, Premier Lloyd George and Premier Orlando would be obtained within a remarkably short time after they had undertaken the discussion of its terms.

While the details of dealing with the German delegates have not been worked out, it was assumed that enemy emissaries would first be called to Versailles to receive the terms, which they would then submit to their government, as was done with the armistice. After the German government had ratified the treaty, the enemy delegates would proceed to Versailles a second time, when the pact would be signed.

In the event that this procedure is carried out, it is probable that only one special committee will receive the German emissaries on their first visit, a plenary session of the peace conference being called when the signatures are affixed.

President Wilson will find an entirely new atmosphere when he arrives here. Concern over what is going on in Germany will be top-most among the anxieties.

The French view that the Allies are entitled to German money is appreciated, but it is pointed out, and the French realize, that unless the German situation is relieved, chaos is certain to result.

The Reparations Committee will have decided on the amount of indemnity Germany is able to pay, probably between \$25,000,000,000 and \$40,000,000,000.

In addition to the frame work for the military, naval and air terms of the preliminary peace being completed, the report of the Committee on Internationalization of Ports and Waterways will be ready and strong indictments will have been drawn up by the Responsibilities Committee.

British Industrial Continues Serious Leader Claims General Strike May Follow

FAILURE TO GRANT MINERS DEMANDS

LONDON, March 5.—Failure to grant the miners' demands will result in a general strike of the triple alliance, which would paralyze British industries and probably force a change in the Government, so Robert Williams, General Secretary of the Transport Workers Federation, declared today.

The "triple alliance" is the common term for the transport workers, railwaymen and miners. Williams' organization alone numbers close to 300,000.

Williams, who next to J. H. Thomas and Robert Smillie, is the most influential Laborite in Great Britain, is not optimistic regarding the result of the inquiry being conducted into the mining situation by the government. He does not believe the miners will accept a compromise.

He is optimistic, however, regarding negotiations now under way between the transport workers and employers regarding a 44-hour week with no decrease in present wages. "Nationalization of all natural monopolies, with the workers' participating in the management is the only solution to the present labor unrest," said Williams. "It would go a long way toward preventing profiteering and in decreasing the cost of living. I do not see any possibility of averting a strike of triple alliance (the alliance is pledged to act together) unless the parliamentary committee investigating the miners demands recommends nationalization of the mines, a six-hour day and a thirty per cent wage increase. As long as workers read newspaper stories of discharged soldiers and sailors returning to their old jobs as footmen and butlers; as long as they see carriages equipped with two coachmen and two footmen; as long as they read of lady and so on's twenty maids, they will be unable to see why their demands should not be granted."

Discussing the possible failure of the miners' case, Williams said: "The triple alliance is pledged not to strike singly. The strike of one or more elements is the strike of all three. It will paralyze the country. It may mean a change in the government." Williams also said that the acceptance of the miners demands would "do much to help settle other difficulties."

Although the miners postponed their strike, which was favored by a large majority in the recent referendum to allow the government committee an opportunity to investigate, they will meet with railwaymen and transport workers next week. At that time the work of the investigation committee will have reached a stage where miners are likely to know the probable outcome of the probe. If it is unfavorable, the question of a general strike of the "triple alliance" will be taken up at once. In the meantime, other strikers continue bobbing up here and there. The most recent walkout was that of 40,000 colliers in Southern Wales.

Strachan Johnston, President of the Board of directors of the Daily News, stated that the News Publishing Co. is being reorganized but that there has been and will be no sale of the newspaper.

Things that Frederick Burgwardt talked about in his sleep and overheard by his bride of two months, led to his indictment at New York when charged with holding up a subway passenger and robbing him of \$2,100.



CIVILIANS IN BERLIN BEING SEARCHED FOR CONCEALED WEAPONS. As a means of combating Spartacism, the Berlin Government has soldiers stationed at points who stop all suspicious looking people, and subject them to a thorough examination for the purpose of locating concealed weapons

Ebert Gov't Faces Test of Authority

Armed Clashes Occur Between Factions

GENERAL STRIKE SEEMS TO BE SPREADING.

COPENHAGEN, March 5.—The German government is facing its gravest and possibly its final test of authority, it was indicated in dispatches received here today. With disorders growing in Berlin, the general strike was reported to have spread to Leipzig, where the Spartacists were said to be intrenching themselves to oppose a large force of government troops, approaching the city.

Armed clashes have occurred in the Tiergarten and Weinstraasse against Ebert and plundering and rioting was said to be growing on in all parts of the city. Several units of Government troops were reported to be wavering in their loyalty and three additional divisions were being hurried to the city.

Government troops have occupied the artillery depots and warehouse at Spandau, where 47,000 workers are on strike. The Independent Socialists are unreservedly supporting the strike and the decision of the Majority Socialist trade unionists as to whether they should join the demonstrations, was expected hourly. Printers of the Tageblatt, Vossische Zeitung, Lokal Anzeiger, Morgenpost, other non-radical newspapers, walked out without waiting for formal approval of their unions. None of these papers were able to publish.

Fogd was said to be growing scarier, owing to the enormous waste resulting from plundering.

BERLIN QUIET UP TO TUESDAY NIGHT

BERLIN, March 5.—Greater Berlin was quiet up till last night, Gustave Noske, minister of War, apparently having the situation in hand. The proclamation of martial law by the Prussian ministry had a salutary effect, the quick recovery of strategic points in city, by the Reinhardt Brigade, also serving to dampen the ardor of the Spartacists.

Government soldiers are concentrating their attention on the Mosbit vicinity, the police headquarters, the Chancellor and Imperial banks. The strike organization has thus far done nothing and its leaders are unable to tell approximately how many men are out on strike.

Quebec To Vote On Beer and Wine

REFERENDUM PROVIDED FOR IN BILL BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Quebec March 4.—The forecast of the Quebec license bill given by the Canadian Press last week was confirmed in the main to day when the bill was distributed and explained in the House by the Hon. Walter Mitchell, provincial treasurer.

The bill provides for a referendum to be called between now and the 15th of April next to permit the people to choose between beer and wine on the one hand and prohibition on the other. It was made plain by Mr. Mitchell that should the majority of the people decide in favor of beer and wine, it would only apply to those places in the province where prohibition is not at present in force.

Places where the Canada Temperance Act is in force it will remain in force until it is repealed, and beer and wine licenses will not be issued for those places. Even if a country or municipality under the Canada Temperance Act should cast a majority vote in favor of beer and wine, it will not be able to sell beer and wine as long as it remains under the act.

Mr. Mitchell stated explicitly that there would be no local option in the referendum. It would be a vote of the whole province and the majority would say whether they wanted beer or wine or not.

Sarnia Official Was Here For Information

IN ASSESSMENT MATTERS.

The Assessing of Lots and Corner Properties.

That outside places are interested in the municipal government of the city is manifest in the visits of representatives from other towns and cities. This week for example, there were men here from Ingersoll and Sarnia seeking information.

The last named place had their Assessment Commissioner, Mr. Robert Simpson, come here yesterday in order to learn something about the operations and the system of this city's assessment department.

Mr. Simpson was particularly interested in the system of assessing lots in cases where one lot is shorter than the adjoining lot. Corner lots also received special attention while he was here.

CABLE NEWS

In Tabloid Form

MEGANTIC BROUGHT 1200 SOLDIERS HOME

HALIFAX, March 5.—The transport, with twelve hundred soldiers and three hundred civilians aboard, docked here this morning. Many of them are for Ontario points.

LOYD GEORGE HAS LEFT FOR PARIS

LONDON, March 5.—Premier Lloyd George left London this morning for Paris to resume work with the Peace conference delegates.

Obsequies Held Before Departure

FROM ALLAN CUP'S LOCAL RESTING PLACE

The obsequies over the departure of the Championship laurels were observed by the Senior O.H.A. team and officers last evening. The fitting ceremony took place at the Wagner House, Bridgeport.

The preliminaries were a splendid banquet provided by Mr. R. Lang. After which the sad part of the ceremonies took place. The Allan Cup surrounded by the members with linked hands was safely laid away in oblivion for the year-1919 to the strains of Auld Lang Syne.

The "choir" leader was Manager Wismer and he performed these heavy duties acceptably. All the others assisted, including "Buck" Seiber. During the proceedings our friend O'Donoghue at the other side where the Cup will find a resting place was commended by via telephone, each of the local players and officers expressing hope that the Toronto boys will be able to maintain their guardianship of the same. St. Pats Manager was delighted and reciprocated in the good wishes.

The Club it might be added considered the advisability of having steps taken to meet the rink company in order to see what can be done to improve the accommodation for next winter.

Canadian Major Comes Back Hard on Hughes

Says He Doesn't Know What He's Saying

TORONTO Ont. Mar. 5.—"Sir Sam doesn't know what he is talking about. He never fought in France," was the terse comment of a returned major of the 3rd Canadian division, in discussing the attack by Sir Sam Hughes in the house of commons on the Canadian command of the Flanders front.

Sir Sam alleged needless slaughter of Canadian soldiers.

The 3rd division major quoted above laid stress on this point: "General Currie is to blame for things he did not do. It must be remembered that he was under the command of Sir Douglas Haig. The general headquarters and the rank and file of the C.E.F. I am confident will swear by Alderson, Bingham and Currie. It is an easy thing to criticize but if the Canadian command was to have waited and weighed every little move in the heat of battle—as Sir Sam's evidence indicate that he would have done—they would not have got far."

Let it be remembered, too, that there is no Gallipoli in the Canadian corps; no first battle of Cambrai and no fifth army disaster. The one tragic episode with the C.E.F. history was at St. Julien, where Sir Sam's Ross rifles left the Canadians without a weapon to defend themselves against the encircling enemy."

Is C.P.R. After G.T.R.?

MONTREAL PAPER SAYS IT IS

Montreal March 4.—The Star says: "The Star has repeatedly expressed the opinion that the nation's control of Canadian railways or of either one of the Canadian railways now privately operated would be a very serious blunder for which the country would be called to pay heavily in the future."

"There is, however, another danger to Canada even more serious than this made plan for nationalization and that is the danger of an amalgamation of the two privately owned existing roads under one management."

The Star is informed from London that strenuous efforts are being made by the C.P.R. representatives in England to secure control of the Grand Trunk Railway.

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