

WAR SCARRED POLAND ISOLATED IN ITS MISERY

PLIGHT OF POLAND WORSE THAN THAT OF BELGIUM

Country Black and Scarred; Almost Every House in Ruins and Roads Full of Half-Starved, Freezing People, Outcasts with Nowhere to Go — Help Must Come Immediately, Member of Polish Aristocracy Says.

Petrograd, Jan. 1. (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—In spite of the fact that several commissions are at work investigating the devastation which Poland has suffered during the German invasions, the acute misery of its millions of inhabitants still goes unrelieved. The destruction is so universal that it hardly seems possible that it was the work of human agents.

Normally Poland is a pleasantly rolling country, not unlike the American middle west; fertile agriculturally, developed, productive and prosperous, with its landscapes chequered with well-groomed fens and patches of wood. It is now black and scarred, almost every house is in ruins, and the mutilated roads are full of half-starved, half-frozen people who have no homes and no possibility of escaping from the charred remnants of what once were their habitations.

The time of fugitive peasants is like a long black cord, knotted in places where they have assembled in groups to consider the best way to escape. But at one end, escape is cut off by the heavily massed Russian troops, and the other end of the line recoils from the advancing German army.

The picture is drawn by Prince Radziwill, a member of Poland's oldest and noblest aristocracy, who has come to Petrograd from his home in Minsk to devise some practical method of assisting his unfortunate countrymen.

"I am afraid," said Prince Radziwill to the Associated Press, "the world has been so busy giving its help to unfortunate Belgium that our country, which is so far off from the western world, cannot expect a full measure of sympathy. The tragedy of Belgium came first, and that, of course, makes it seem more important; the Polish tragedy is not yet finished. In the second German invasion it has suffered more than in the first, and little, very little is now left. It is now more swept by battle than any other part of the world. The refugees, or rather those who would like to be refugees, have nowhere to go. There are not the same railway facilities as in Belgium; one cannot take a boat to a friendly power where there is shelter and assistance. And this is a country almost entirely as large as Belgium.

"It is not promises of help or contributions to be made after the war, that are not needed, but immediate assistance for the starving peasants who are in a frightful condition, and whose condition is steadily growing worse with the march of winter and the scarcity of food and clothing.

"I wish the plight of our wretched people could be imprinted as vividly on the minds of other nations, as it is upon the minds of those of us who have witnessed it, and have had for neighbors sorrow and suffering. If it were, I am sure that relief would come without being solicited."

JENNINGS IN FAVOR OF 18-MAN LIMIT

Hugh Jennings picks five teams to be in the American league race this year, his own Tigers being one of them, of course. Detroit will be very much in the running, says Jennings, and the other four are Boston, Washington, Chicago and Philadelphia. Jennings in a breezy interview has a few words to say about small squads of players and bench warmers, saying: "When a manager has as many players as some of the big league teams carried last year he is having the owner of the club on his throat all the time in regard to salaries and, believe me, a manager gets enough to worry about without having to fret over a thing like that.

"Then, again, when there are so many players several of them get to be of no use at all just from sitting on the bench.

"Inactivity kills a ball player. He must get work against opposing teams in order not to go stale. Daily practice with his teammates will keep him keen as to batting, especially.

"Bench loafing also makes for petty jealousies which enlarge as the season goes along. I would like to see the big leagues forced to cut down to 18 men. That's enough. Twenty men would be ample."

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"Ty Cobb was out more than a third of the year last season, and that was a severe handicap. Of course, the boys play good ball when he is out, but some way, when he is in there, we all of us feel that he may break up the game at any minute and it gives us more confidence to get in there and fight. And fight is half the game; enthusiasm and fight, that's what makes base ball.

"Of course you have to have good ball players. You can say all you want to about the ability of a baseball manager, but more often his players make him than the manager making the ball team.

"If a manager has the talent and the fighting spirit and the enthusiasm to make them go at top speed right from the first game through the season, that manager will soon become great.

"There's Bill Donovan; there never was a better fellow in the world than Bill. He played for me, you know, and pitched his best for me. He was right in his prime when he was with Detroit. I am mighty glad to see him manager of the Highlanders, and I wish him all the success in the world, but do not expect too much of him the first year.

"Bill knows the game, and he has the right kind of spirit. He knows how to handle men, and I firmly believe that he will make a good manager. One thing in his favor is that he will have his big league experience, and his big league reputation goes a long way.

"If a manager has a good big league record back of him the youngsters will listen to what he has to say. If he comes up from the minors, they look upon him as an equal and try to be on the most friendly terms with him. And they will never take any advice from the minor league manager who has come into the big ranks seeking to make good."

NOMINATED BY

REFORM ASSOCIATION.

Newark, Ont., Feb. 1.—H. S. Schell of Ingersoll was nominated for the House of Commons by the South Oxford Reform Association in annual convention here today. Mr. Schell was the Liberal candidate in the general election of 1911.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS FRANCE

Paris, Feb. 1.—The official communication issued by the war office tonight was as follows: "The night of January 31-February 1, was a quiet one. In the morning of February 1, the enemy made a violent attack on our trenches to the north of the road between Bethune and a Bassees. The attack was repulsed, and the Germans left a number of dead on the field.

"At Beaumont Hamel, to the north of Albert, the German infantry attempted a surprise against one of our trenches, but they were obliged to take flight, abandoning explosives and weapons which they had been provided.

"In the Argonne there has been great activity in the region of Bagatelle. One of our trenches, demolished by two mines, was evacuated without loss.

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"In the Vosges and in Alsace there is no action to report. The snow falls has been very abundant."

AUSTRIA

Vienna, via London, Feb. 1.—The following official statement was given out tonight: "Owing to the favorable weather conditions there was much military activity yesterday in Russian Poland and West Galicia. Local successes were attained at many points.

"New Russian attacks west of Lupkow Pass (Carpathians) were repulsed. We captured five officers, 800 men, two cannon and two machine guns in an engagement on a wooded mountain ridge.

"Nothing of importance has occurred in Bukovina, where the southern theatre the situation is unchanged."

MARRIED.

Paris, Feb. 1.—Again on Friday and Saturday nights the Germans made furious attacks upon the French positions at Givency-Les-Bassees and Quincy, says a despatch to the Havas News Agency from Saint Omer, in Northwestern France.

The Germans tried desperately to pierce the English lines, the message adds, but after violent hand-to-hand struggles the Scotch Highlanders drove them back at the point of the bayonet, with great loss.

DIED.

McKEAN.—At his late residence, 70 Wentworth street, on February 1, after a brief illness, George McKean, aged 74 years.

Notice of funeral later.

DALEY.—In this city on the 31st ult., Alice Mildred, daughter of the late David A. and Annie Daley, in the 24th year of her age, leaving a sorrowing mother, two sisters and seven brothers to mourn their loss.

Funeral Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from her late residence, 88 Adelaide street. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

DOWNNEY.—At his residence, Kekauk, on January 30, after a brief illness, John F. Downey, aged 73 years.

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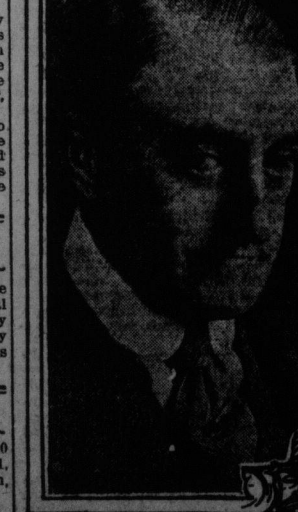
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At the same time Germany was passing through to Bulgaria and Turkey large consignments of war material, and as the result of her failure to keep her contract with the Rumanian government, Bucharest, as is well known, prohibited the passage of German goods over her territory to Bulgaria and Turkey, and further prohibited any such importations into her own territory. But most serious efforts are being made in Bucharest to supply the deficiency caused by Germany's breach of contract, and it is a matter taken for granted among politicians that as soon as these arrangements are complete Rumania will move.

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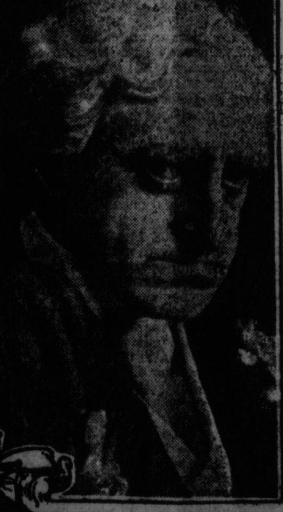
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GERMAN PROTEST TO WASHINGTON FAILS

Objected to Building of Hydro-Aeroplanes by U. S. Concerns — Sec. Bryan Dissents from German View that the Machines Must be Regarded as War Vessels and Shipments to Belligerents Stopped by American Authorities.

Washington, Feb. 1.—In reply to Germany's protest against the building of hydro aeroplanes by American manufacturers for England and Russia, Secretary Bryan has informed Count Von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, that the State Department does not concur in the contention that such craft must be regarded as vessels of war "whose delivery to belligerent states by neutrals should be stopped."

The correspondence on the subject was made public today by Mr. Bryan. On January 19 Count Von Bernstorff wrote: "Mr. Secretary of State: "It has come to my knowledge that a number of hydro aeroplanes have been ordered in the United States for belligerent states from the Curtis plant at Hammondsport, N. Y., and that a part of them has already been delivered.

"An airship named America was delivered in October of last year to England, and five more hydro aeroplanes of the same type have been delivered since.

"England has also ordered twenty-four hydro aeroplanes of the I. N. model (seventy horse power) from Curtis.

"Curtis is also building for England twelve hydro aeroplanes of the K model, of 150 horse power.

"Russia has also recently ordered a number of hydro aeroplanes of the K model from Curtis. How many is not yet known.

"The motors for the aeroplanes are built partly by Curtis himself at Hammondsport, partly by the Herschel Spillman Motor Factory at North Tonawanda, N. Y.

"The motors are made at the Curtis plant, the minor parts by the Autocrat Manufacturing Company.

"There is no doubt that hydro aeroplanes must be regarded as war vessels whose delivery to belligerent states by neutrals should be stopped under Article 8 of the thirteenth convention of the Second Hague Conference of October 18, 1907. Hydro aeroplanes are not mentioned by name in the convention, simply because there was none in 1907, at the time of the conference.

"On the supposition that hydro aeroplanes are delivered to belligerents against the wishes of the government of the United States, I have the honor to bring the foregoing to Your Excellency's kind knowledge.

"Accept, Mr. Secretary of State, the assurances of my most distinguished high consideration.

"J. BERNSTORFF.

Secretary Bryan's reply, dated January 29, follows: "I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of Your Excellency's note of the 19th inst., and in reply have to inform you that the statement contained in Your Excellency's note have received my careful consideration, in view of the earnest purpose of this government to perform every duty which is imposed upon it as a neutral by treaty stipulations and international law.

"The essential statement in your note, which implies an obligation on the part of this government to interfere in the sale and delivery of hydro aeroplanes to belligerent powers, is: "There is no doubt that hydro aeroplanes must be regarded as war vessels whose delivery to belligerent states by neutrals should be stopped, under Article 8 of the thirteenth convention of the Second Hague Conference of October 18, 1907."

As to the assertion of the character of the hydro aeroplane I submit the following comments: "The fact that a hydro aeroplane is fitted with apparatus to rise from and alight upon land gives the latter the character of a land vehicle. Both the hydro aeroplanes and the aeroplanes are essentially aircraft; as an aid in military operations they can only be used in the air; the fact that one starts its flight upon the surface of the sea and the other from the land is a mere incident which in no way affects their aerial character."

"In view of these facts I must dissent from Your Excellency's assertion that 'there is no doubt that hydro aeroplanes must be regarded as war vessels,' and consequently I do not regard the obligations imposed by treaty or by the accepted rules of international law applicable to aircraft of any sort.

"In this connection, I further call

to Your Excellency's attention that, according to the latest advice received by this Department the German Imperial government include balloons and flying machines and their component parts in the list of additional contraband, and that in the Imperial prize ordinance, drafted September 30, 1914, and issued in the Reichs Gesetzblatt on August 3, 1914, appear as conditional contraband ships and flying machines (article 23, section 8). It thus appears that the Imperial government have placed and still retain aircraft of all descriptions in the class of conditional contraband, for which no special treatment involving neutral duty is, so far as I am advised, provided by any treaty, to which the United States is a signatory or adhering power.

"As in the views of this Department the provisions of the thirteenth convention of the second Hague Conference do not apply to hydro aeroplanes I do not consider it necessary to discuss the question as to whether these provisions are in force during the present war.

"Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurance of my highest consideration.

"W. J. Bryan."

DEMOCRATS SPLIT ON SHIP PURCHASE BILL

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In the Senate in many years, Senators poured from the cloak rooms to the chamber like bees from a hive. Republicans, forewarned, were the first on the scene.

As soon as administration leaders could catch their breath, Senator Fletcher, in charge of the bill, made a point of order against the motion, which Vice-President Marshall sustained. Senator Clarke appealed from the decision, and the chair was overruled by a vote of 46 to 37, nine Democrats joining the Republicans. After some further parliamentary maneuvering, Senator Reed took the floor, and, denouncing his Democratic colleagues for their defection, accused the opponents of the bill of being influenced by the "shipping trust."

Both sides seemed to be willing to declare a truce to take stock of the new situation, and when Senator Fletcher moved an adjournment until noon tomorrow, there was no opposition.

Tonight administration leaders called a Democratic caucus for tomorrow morning, when an effort will be made to win back recalcitrant members of the party.

SHOES FOR SOLDIERS FOUND UNSERVICEABLE.

London, Ont., Feb. 1.—The local military authorities today turned over to London factories for re-making and other repairs, 2,500 pairs of military shoes made for Canadian troops by out town concerns. The shoes were found to be unserviceable through poor workmanship.

ACCIDENTS IN LONDON STREETS ON INCREASE

Motor Vehicles Largely Responsible — Londoner Getting More Restless.

London, Feb. 1.—An alarming increase in the number of traffic accidents in London streets is shown in an annual report of the Board of Trade.

The total number of accidents recorded is 25,800 against 22,200 for the previous year, and the report more over states that "the proportion of fatal accidents is increasing rapidly, owing to the multiplication of motor vehicles. Automobiles are twice as likely to cause accidents as horse vehicles, and the proportion of fatal accidents is three or four times greater. The theory that the motorist has such control over his machine that he can avoid accident is disproved by experience. The best hope of improvement lies with the pedestrian himself; he must develop a new traffic sense."

Apart from accidents, the report indicates that the habits of the Londoner are changing. He is getting more restless, and now makes 271 "journeys" a year, as against 143 a year ago.

Jordan-Beverly

A pretty event took place at Boston yesterday when P. L. Jordan of Indianapolis and Miss Mabel Beverly of the North End were united in marriage. Accompanied by Mrs. W. B. Purdy they will visit several American cities before returning to St. John.

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St. John's own Baritone in Timely Patriotic Number.

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