

BRITISH GUNS AND TANKS IN GERMAN TOWNS

Inhabitants Amazed as Long Lines of Troops Move Into Land.

AIRSHIPS FLY OVER DUSSELDORF

Twenty-Five Thousand French Infantry Has Moved Forward Already.

Dusseldorf, March 8.—French and British airplanes flew over Dusseldorf this afternoon, while Allied troops with machine guns were taking positions on the bridge and roads and in the important factories. The inhabitants of the city had not been prepared by the newspapers for the determination of the Allies to occupy additional German territory and were surprised this morning at daylight to see Rhine boats mooring north and south of the city, loaded with troops and war materials.

Tanks and Cavalry British tanks and cavalry landed to the north and French artillery and engineers landed to the south of the city. The Anglo-French forces massed around Dusseldorf, while Belgian infantry, which had concentrated yesterday at Crefeld, crossed the bridge into the centre of the city. The Allied headquarters have asked the mayor to give them possession of certain schools, besides the barracks and railway station, which have not yet been occupied. Traffic with Oberhausen, across the Rhine, has stopped and telephone communication with the two has been interrupted.

French Have 25,000 Men Paris, March 8.—Less than 25,000 troops were used in carrying out the occupation of additional German territory, under the decision reached at London, effected today. It was stated at the foreign office this afternoon.

No colonial forces and no negro troops whatever were included in this number, so that the Germans would have no basis for criticism on this ground, it was explained. The occupation was completed absolutely without friction, the foreign office announced, and the troops had been ordered to observe strict discipline in the new area, treat the population courteously and avoid any cause for trouble.

Delegates Go Home London, March 8.—The German delegates to the Reparations conference here left London for Berlin at two o'clock this afternoon and seemed pleased to get away. Their departure was without incident, a number of persons, mostly German residents of London, being at the station to see them off.

Berlin Very Calm Berlin, March 8.—Berlin newspapers discuss quietly the breaking off of the London reparations negotiations. They are violently hostile in describing enforcement of the penalties as a violation of the Versailles treaty. However, they advise the populace to meet events with composure.

What Britain Sends London, March 8.—Great Britain's contribution to the Reparations conference along the Rhine for the present is to be confined to cavalry, tanks and a small flotilla of boats, in addition to a small complement of infantry.

Girl Arrested For Murder of Her Babe Body of the Child Was Found in Suitcase in Her Boarding House.

Sydney, N. S., March 8.—Cassie Rose, aged 19, was committed for trial here today on a charge of murdering her infant child about ten days ago. The child was born without medical assistance on a Saturday night and Sunday morning the mother went to work as usual at a local hotel. She collapsed while at work and her condition led to the discovery of the dead child in a suitcase at a room which the girl had hired in a house nearby.

Strike Breaker Is Beaten Severely Sydney Mines, N. S., March 8.—A strike breaker named Perry, who has been working in the Scotia switching service, was severely beaten by unknown assailants here last night.

ELECTED TO C. N. R. BOARD Moncton, March 8.—B. A. Bourgeois and H. A. Carson were this evening declared elected representatives of the C. N. R. employees on the dividend fund board.

FIVE YEARS FOR THEFT. Montreal, March 8.—Alphonse Dubois, Joseph Yehelle, Eugene Chapelle and Napoleon Laforce were this morning sentenced to five years imprisonment for stealing \$40,000 worth of cigarettes, etc., from the Sorin yards of the Canadian Pacific Railway by Chief Justice Dugas in the court of sessions.

WORLD NEWS TODAY

CANADA
Grand jury returns a true bill for murder against William St. Pierre for death of Miss Stevens at Edmundston, N. B.
Ezekiel Berry, of Forest Hill, Albert county, N. B., is arrested for murder of his wife.
Canadian estimates for the next year are for a total of \$582,062,698.
For St. John harbor, the estimates of the Federal Government have set aside \$1,250,000.
Speaker of the House of Commons has issued his warrant for by-elections in York-Sunbury, Madawaska and West York, Ont.

UNITED STATES
President Harding says the United States troops will not be removed from Rhine area.
THE BRITISH ISLES
British tanks and cavalry invade Germany with 25,000 French and Belgian troops.
German delegates leave London for Berlin.

EUROPE
Premier Dato of Spain is shot to death as he leaves the Congress.
Conflicting reports from Russia on the extent of the Anti-Soviet revolution, but apparently the rebellion is widespread.

KEEN RACE TO CAPTURE FORD AUTO
Every Day New Contestants Are Entering in Hope of Winning Car.
NOT BARRED FROM BIG STUDEBAKER
Extra Vote Offer to Workers Stimulated to Increased Activity Again.

Three new contestants enrolled in the Standard's big prize Contest yesterday for the special Ford Touring Car and the big Studebaker and other automobiles and other free prizes. And their chances for winning one of the big prizes are as good as anyone's.
Plenty of Room.
Nearly a day passes without several inquiries being received at the Automobile and Motor Star Department of the Standard as to whether or not it is too late to enroll in the big prize contest.

The special five-passenger Ford Touring Car will be given to the contestant who turns in the greatest amount of subscription money during a three week period which ends at midnight, March 18th. All votes and extra votes secured while working for the Ford will count towards the regular prizes consisting of the big seven-passenger Studebaker, the Gray-Dort Touring Car, the regular prize Ford, the Motor Star prizes and the other valuable prizes.

To add the contestants in their endeavors this week, an extra vote ballot good for 300,000 votes is being given for each and every \$33 worth of subscriptions secured this week.

AT THE IMPERIAL TODAY—Vera Gordon and Alma Reubens in "Humoresque."

AT THE UNIQUE TODAY—Law Cody in "The Butterfly Man."

AT THE QUEEN SQUARE TODAY—Constance Talmadge in "The Search for a Sinner."

AT THE OPERA HOUSE TODAY—High class vaudeville and feature pictures.

Two of the prizes to be given away in the Standard's big contest are opportunities to become Movie Stars with the Universal Film Company, FilmDons largest and most progressive Moving Picture Company.

Turk Nationalists Have Seized Batum
London, March 8.—Turkish nationalist forces have occupied Batum, says a Reuters' despatch from Constantinople.

Batum is a strong fortified seaport on the eastern shore of the Black Sea, and one of the chief shipping points for petroleum produced in the Caucasus region of Russia.
It formerly was a Turkish possession, but was ceded to Russia in 1878. Recent despatches have indicated the Bolshevik forces in Caucasus region were attempting to reach Batum before the Turkish Nationalists occupied the city.
Batumi is the chief avenue of supply for Armenia, and it has been declared that if the city should be in control of the Nationalists, Russia's occupation of Armenia would be impossible.

American Soldiers Stay On The Rhine

President Harding Says Withdrawal from German Lands is Not Under Consideration

Washington, March 8.—Withdrawal of the United States forces from the Rhine is not under consideration, Secretary Weeks of the War Department announced today after the first meeting of the cabinet.

FIERCE BATTLES NEAR PETROGRAD AMONG FACTIONS

Moscow Claims Rebels Are Being Crushed Rapidly in Kronstadt District.

PETROGRAD WORKERS BREAK OUT AFRESH
Soviets Threaten to Blow up Kronstadt Unless Peace is Made at Once.

London, March 8.—A wireless message from Moscow today says the food and fuel situation in Kronstadt is hopeless and that dissolution among the insurgents is increasing hourly. The conflict between the rebels and those desiring to negotiate with Finland for assistance is becoming more acute, the message asserts.

Watching the Rebels The leaders of the rebels are taking the severest measures to prevent the sailors deserting to the Soviet army from Kronstadt, according to the message.

The Krasnoya Gorko fortress is directing its fire against the Moscow-Petrograd railway line, says a despatch to the Central News from Helsinki.

May Blow Up Kronstadt Riga, March 8.—The fortress of Krasnoya Gorko, which is reported to have joined the revolutionaries, was riddled by the Soviet Government to quell the Kronstadt uprising.

The Soviet Government is reported to be directing its fire against the Moscow-Petrograd railway line, says a despatch to the Central News from Helsinki.

Petrograd Workmen London, March 8.—The Petrograd workmen are resisting against forced mobilization and have attacked the Soviet troops, says a Helsinki despatch to the London Times.

The revolutionaries, who are completely victorious, the despatch says. He has issued a proclamation to the effect that he is in a hurry to save the population from the oppression of a tyrannous clique.

GERMAN WARNED NOT TO EXPECT HARDING'S HELP

"America First" is Keynote of President's Platform Critic Tells Teutons.

NO CHANCE OF ANY EARLY FRIENDSHIP
Count Reventlow Warns His Race Not to Expect Very Much Aid.

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Berlin, March 8.—The German people are warned that they are doomed to disappointment if they expect the new republican government of the United States to exert any great effort in their behalf by Count Reventlow, one of the leaders of the Pan-German party.
He points out to those who have been expecting President Harding to work miracles for Germany that America first is the keynote of the platform of the new administration and that the Japanese and Mexican questions are of more immediate importance than Germany's difficulties. He declares, but in so doing does not voice the sentiment of the rank and file, that Germany is not counting on an early German-American friendship, but only asks the establishment of peace and a trade agreement and that the new policy be American and not British.

Much From Harding. The people have been led to believe during the last few months, that President Harding will do all and more than what was contained in Wilson's unfulfilled promises and this is the first advice they have been given that perhaps all of their dreams may not come true.

The immigration attracted little attention at the London conference is the centre of interest, but the comments generally are rather pessimistic. It is also pointed out that Secretary Hughes and Mr. Harding will be the most important factor in determining the foreign policy which, as outlined, although it includes an early peace with Germany, is based on keeping out of European politics,

DOMINION ESTIMATES FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR TO TOTAL \$582,062,698

Total Estimates for the Previous Twelve Months Were \$613,225,411—Main Decreases Are in Various War Sources and Public Works Departments, While Postal Dept., Trade and Commerce, Railways and Canals Are Higher—Money Provided for Taking of the Census.

Ottawa, March 8.—Sir Henry Drayton, minister of finance, this afternoon tabled main estimates for the coming financial year amounting to \$582,062,698, as compared with main estimates last year of \$537,149,428, and total estimates of \$613,225,411.

The following statement gives a bird's-eye view of the main estimates comparing them with total estimates voted for the previous year:

1921-22	1920-21	
Interest and Expenditure Resulting from the War:		
Laird's	\$140,612,163.62	\$140,000,000.00
Pensions	31,816,323.96	37,070,485.57
Soldiers' land settlement	35,017,000.00	50,017,000.00
Soldiers' civil re-establishment	19,510,000.00	40,537,064.33
Totals	\$226,955,487.58	\$267,624,549.90
Railways (not including capital)	172,887,638.39	79,850,174.38
Housing loans (re-vote)	10,466,500.00	15,310,000.00
Totals	\$409,909,525.97	\$366,834,724.23
Leaving for general government purposes	136,924,670.33	152,793,171.31
Totals	\$546,834,196.30	\$519,627,895.54
Capital (including railway capital)	27,459,127.00	69,519,116.48
Demobilisation	7,777,380.00	40,332,400.00
Grand total	\$582,062,698.20	\$613,225,411.02

Main Decreases Under consolidated services the main decreases are as follows: Militia and defence, \$664,877.78; public works, income, \$2,558,471.61; mail subsidies and steamship subsidies, \$429,686.66; Royal Canadian Mounted Police, \$1,146,495.66; soldiers' land settlement, \$15,000,000; soldiers' civil re-establishment, \$19,027,064.33; air board, \$376,900; miscellaneous showing a total decrease of \$30,633,819.56; and pensions showing a decrease of \$5,253,681.61. In last year's estimates under the latter head, however, additional monies were provided for the commutation of the pensions payable to those suffering slight disability. The decrease this year is entirely due to the fact that a much smaller vote is required for this purpose this year.

Where Gains Are Made The main items of increase are: Trade and commerce, \$1,889,131.61; due to provision for the census; post office department, \$916,594.62; railways and canals, collection of revenue, \$1,368,000.00; and railways and canals, income, \$98,080,460.28.

Notwithstanding the large savings noted above, there is a total increase in consolidated services of \$32,432,293.66 due to the railway appropriation.

Capital vote shows a reduction of \$32,059,888.48. There is a decrease of \$1,610,000 in the marine department capital vote, principally due to reduction in the shipbuilding programme and a reduction of \$15,022,368 for railway equipment, and \$2,493,630 for Canadian Paper Company have been constantly informed by means of confidential messages of the developments overseas. Mr. Meighen said there was nothing in the action of the Allies which involved increases in the number of troops of the army of occupation, and no Canadian troops were engaged. There was no specific proposals before the Canadian Government at the present time, said Mr. Meighen.

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Beaverbrook Leads Against Embargo

Protest Meeting Held in London Asks Removal of Laws Against Canadian Cattle.

London, Mar. 8.—About seven hundred of an audience attended a meeting here tonight called to protest against the embargo on the exportation of Canadian cattle. Lord Beaverbrook, covering the now familiar arguments against the embargo were delivered by Arthur Henderson, Labor leader, Commander Kenworthy, James Wilson of the Laborite who has just defeated Sir Arthur Griffiths-Boscawen, minister of agriculture at Dudley, and Hon. Manning Dalrymple, Ontario, minister of agriculture. A resolution against the embargo was carried unanimously.

Langlen May Not Come to America

Dublin, March 8.—It was learned here today that owing to insufficient expenses Suzanne Langlen, the French and English lawn tennis champion, is unlikely to visit America this summer. An invitation has arrived from the United States National Lawn Tennis Association, accompanied by an offer to pay the expenses of the sensational girl player, but it seems to be unsatisfactory to the French Lawn Tennis Association. According to the Herald's latest advices the champion is daily exhibiting at Beaulieu, where she delights the winter visitors by her wickerhat in handling the racket.

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Government Provides \$1,250,000 for St. John Harbor Improvements

Total Harbor and River Works to be Undertaken in Canada to Cost \$4,031,000.

Ottawa, March 8.—Harbor and river works provided for under public works, chargeable to capital, in the estimates tabled today by the minister of finance, aggregates \$4,031,000 against \$4,480,365 last year.

The works specified included:—
St. John harbor improvements, \$1,250,000. Public buildings under this heading are limited to Ottawa Parliament building, restoration for which \$1,000,000 is asked against \$2,000,000 last year.

FOREST HILL FARMER HELD FOR MURDER

Ezekiel Berry in Moncton Jail on Charge of Killing His Wife.

Body Was Found in Farm Spring

Attorney General Investigated and as a Result Husband Charged With Death.

Moncton, N. B., Mar. 8.—Ezekiel Berry, aged 47, farmer of Forest Hill, Albert County, was brought to Moncton tonight by Provincial Constable Gilbert W. Dryden, on the charge of killing his wife, Minnie Berry, aged 46, at the Berry home, December 12 last. The warrant for Berry's arrest was issued by Magistrate John W. Gaskin, of Coaticook, before which the preliminary examination will begin tomorrow afternoon. At the time Mrs. Berry's death it was alleged that she met her death by falling into a spring. The arrest of Berry followed an investigation ordered by the attorney general. A coroner's jury could not agree that the death of Mrs. Berry was accidental.

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He then started to go to the spring when near it he saw what he thought was a log or the "old woman's" body in the spring. He went back to the house and got his breakfast. After he had his breakfast he went back and found his wife's body in the water. Then he went and got one of his boys, a lad thirteen years old and they took a hand sled and went down and loaded the body on the sled and hauled it back to the house. The accused, according to his own statement, next went to Geo. Prossers, his nearest neighbor, and told him that his wife had fallen in the spring hole. He got Mrs. Prosser to come to the house. Then he telephoned the coroner, Dr. Bailkirk, at Elgin, and obtained permission to remove the body to another room. Mrs. Prosser, it is alleged, states that when she arrived at Berry's house the clock struck eight a.m. It is further stated that when the coroner arrived at the Berry home about ten a.m. the body was still limp and warm.

Jury Was Undecided. An inquest was held and the jury could not agree the death of Mrs. Berry was accidental. The jury, it is alleged, found that one side of the dead woman's head was bruised and swollen, and there were marks on the throat from which blood was oozing. The coroner reported the facts to the attorney general who ordered that further investigation be made. As a result it was decided to arrest Berry and have a thorough investigation. The accused has three children, the eldest of which is a boy thirteen years of age.

FIRE IN BIG HOTEL Toronto, Ont., March 8.—Fire broke out about eight o'clock this morning in the twenty-two story extension to the King Edward Hotel, under construction here. The fire brigade soon had the flames under control, but there was considerable excitement in the meantime among the guests of the old part of the hotel.

just now. Of course, if the American association offers to pay all expenses that's another matter, but so far the French champion is not impressed with the generosity of her American friends.

TRUE BILL IS FOUND AGAINST WM. ST. PIERRE

After Hour and a Half of Deliberation Grand Jury Indicts Him for Crime.

COUNSEL QUESTION ACTION OF JUDGE
Twenty-Eight Crown Witnesses Summoned for Murder Trial Starting Today.

Special to The Standard
Edmundston, N. B., March 8.—William St. Pierre, pale, haggard and nervous in the extreme, was brought before Judge Chandler, presiding at the circuit court of Madawaska county in session here today. He entered a plea of not guilty to an indictment returned by the grand jury late this afternoon, charging him with the murder of Miss Stevens, telegraph operator, on the night of October 11. The jury was about one hour and a half arriving at its decision.

Argument About Jury When court opened today it was found four of the grand jurors had failed to put in an appearance, leaving only eight members of the paneling only eight members of the paneling for duty. On motion of the attorney-general, four more men were ordered empaneled by Judge Chandler for the consideration of the case. After being charged by the presiding judge as to the importance of the matter under consideration and their duties pertaining, and when a brief outlining of some of the circumstances in connection with the case given the jury retired to their room. But five witnesses were called before them, it said, and they returned with a true bill.

Moves to Quash Indictment A. T. LeBlanc, who is associated with Max Cormier in the defense of the accused, immediately moved the indictment be quashed. He made the motion on the ground that the jury was not legally constituted. He argued that the eight men present were sufficient for the finding of a true bill and there had been no default of jurors. The defense argued that the sliding judge had no authority to call the jury Act, to order four more men to the panel.

The attorney-general argued contra. He considered the order of Judge Chandler was perfectly proper. As there was certainly a default of four men, and the presiding judge was within the law and requirements of the jury Act in completing the panel of twelve.

Over-ruled the Motion Judge Chandler over-ruled the motion. Exception was taken by the defense, but was not allowed at the time by Judge Chandler. Sixty witnesses have been issued for trial from among whom it is expected to secure tomorrow a jury of twelve men without prejudice as to the guilt or innocence of the accused, who can listen to the evidence and return a verdict in accordance therewith.

William St. Pierre will face the jury tomorrow, accused of one of the most fiendish crimes that has ever occurred in this province. From the 12th day of October, when the bruised and mutilated body of Miss Stevens was taken from the river in this town down to the present day a chain of circumstances has been formed which link the accused. It is alleged, with the case.

Twenty-eight witnesses have been summoned by the Crown and tomorrow they will begin their narrative of events. The attorney-general Byrne is being assisted by Robert Crawford, of St. John, provincial detective, who was employed in securing the evidence.

Four More Killed In Irish Fights

Military Blow up a Store Near Where Fatal Attacks Occur.

Dublin, March 8.—Four persons were shot and instantly killed in engagements between Crown forces and Sinn Fein detachments in southern Ireland last night. A motor lorry was ambushed near Bellinrobe, and Captain Chaffield and two privates were wounded.

Police auxiliaries engaged in an hour's fight with Sinn Feiners at the Mullshoo, County Tipperary, three civilians being killed and twenty captured. One was killed at Comae, County Cork.

A police sergeant was shot and killed at Kilmallock, County Limerick, by five men, and the military forces retaliated by blowing up a store near where the attack took place.

Eight Hundred Chinese Drowned

Hong Kong, March 8.—More than 800 Chinese are believed to have drowned in the wreck of the steamer Hong Mo, on Lampek Island, off the port of Shallow, Kwangtung Province, on March 3, news of which was received today.

The steamer which is a British vessel, 3500 tons, owned in Singapore, carried 1100 Chinese on her present trip and only 345 of those have been reported as rescued.