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Germany Threatened With Financial Ruin

Workmen's and Soldiers' Councils Squandering Money at Rapid Rate and Difficulties are Growing More Acute; Conference on Possible Occupation of Berlin

Munich, Dec. 6, via Geneva.—(By the Associated Press)—Anxiety is being shown by the German, especially the Bavarian, press over the financial stability, and even the honesty, of many of the hundreds of workmen's and soldiers' councils now functioning in this country.

The Bavarian Gazette says that the money difficulties of the councils are constantly growing more acute. The financial problem was simple in the beginning because, it is said, the soldiers occupied state buildings which were heated and lighted by the old staff and requisitioned state automobiles.

Riots in Berlin. London, Dec. 6.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Central News Agency says there were riotous demonstrations in Berlin on Wednesday by the unemployed. The disorders became so threatening that labor leaders addressed the crowds, promising assistance, and finally pacified them.

To Consider Occupation. London, Dec. 7.—An extraordinary meeting of the German cabinet was summoned at Berlin on Thursday evening to discuss the possibility of the Allies occupying Berlin, owing to Germany's alleged inability to carry out the terms of the armistice, according to Amsterdam advices to the Express.

Changes Forecasted. London, Dec. 7.—Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, will probably succeed Dr. W. S. Soll as German foreign minister. Negotiations on the subject are now proceeding between Berlin and Munich, according to the Cologne Gazette, quoted in an Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

British Fleet Arrives. London, Dec. 7.—The British battleship Hercules, with a naval delegation aboard, escorted by the torpedo boat destroyers, arrived in Jaldie Bay this morning, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen.

Jahde Bay is the port of the German naval station at Wilhelmshaven. Disarming Southern Army. Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—The disarming of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's army has begun in Hungary, according to a Berlin despatch received here.

The soldiers will not be interned, but will be permitted to cross the frontier. They are selling their motor cars, horses and other equipment cheaply.

British Enter Cologne. Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—British troops entered Cologne at four o'clock Friday afternoon.

German Leaving Coblenz. Amsterdam, Dec. 7.—Five American officers arrived at Coblenz on Thursday and conferred with the Burgomaster, the local German commander and the railway authorities, according to the Cologne Gazette. The newspaper states that the last German troops will leave Coblenz on Saturday.

ELEVEN TEAMS IN FINAL DAY OF SIX DAY RACE

New York, Dec. 7.—Eleven teams entered the final day of the annual six day bicycle race with seven of the pairs tied, having covered 2,179 miles and one lap at 8 a. m., the 128th hour. Three teams were one lap behind and another was two laps behind the leaders. The record for this hour is 2,065 miles four laps, made by Cameron and Keyser in 1914. In the point system, McNamara and Magin led the field at 8 a. m. with 363. Madden and Corry had scored 301 points and Grenda and Hill 291 points.

First Serious Accident. New York, Dec. 7.—The first serious injury to a rider in the six day bicycle race this year occurred late last night on the last lap of the sixth sprint. McNamara tried to get through to the front and crashed into Fred Weber's wheel. Both riders were pitched down the banked track and it was found that Weber had fractured his nose so badly that he will not be able to continue in the race. His partner, Eaton, had until this morning to find another team mate.

McNamara escaped, with a few scratches. He and Magin, who led on four of the sprints last night and were leading the field with 363 points scored in the sprints.

The midnight score for 120 hours was 2,086 miles and four laps. The record for 120 hours is 2,349 miles and two laps, made by Moran and McNamara in 1914.

MINE SWEEPERS ARE MISSING AND CREWS BELIEVED TO BE LOST. Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., Dec. 7.—No word has been received from the mine-sweepers Crissoles and Inkerman, which were followed by its adoption as a war measure. The people demand a fuller test, after which final sentiment will follow by decisive vote.

ENTHUSIASTIC CELEBRATION OF BRITAIN'S DAY IN UNITED STATES

Republic's Tribute To War Effort Of Empire

HONOR MEN WHO FOUGHT. General Observance of Day as Mark of Respect to Great Britain—Public Holiday in Many Places

New York, Dec. 7.—Today is Britain Day in the United States. Telegrams yesterday from 288 cities and towns where the American defence society has branches, told of completed preparations for the day's observance.

Whitman has officially proclaimed the day in New York. Fresno, Calif., and Tacoma, Wash., are among the cities which have declared Britain Day wholly or in part a holiday, and in Fresno a great pageant will be followed by dancing in the streets.

In the south, where, as in other nations, scores of shell marked British veterans have recently spoken for the united war work campaign and the Red Cross, special preparations are reported for the entertainment of officers and soldiers who have fought under the banners of St. George.

The accomplishments of Britain and America will be fittingly celebrated in New York, culminating Sunday in an afternoon mass meeting at the Hippodrome and an all-star performance of "Freedom" at the Century Theatre in the evening.

In New York. The Tribune says: "The special services will be held in nearly all the city churches tomorrow. The Pilegrim Society has a luncheon today in honor of the British army and navy, and tonight many prominent Britons and Canadians will be guests at a dinner under the auspices of the St. George Institution and the Canadian Club."

Special services will be held in nearly all the city churches tomorrow. The morning newspapers, devoting leading editorials to the subject, generally pay tribute to the leading part played by the British empire in the great war. Under the caption "To a Great Friend," the Tribune says: "America and Britain stand today loyal and seasoned friends."

(Continued on page 2, fifth column) TAKING PRECAUTIONS AGAINST RETURN OF INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

TWO WEEKS DELAY IN FLEMING AND TENNANT SUITS

In the suits instituted by the province against the former premier, J. K. Fleming and W. B. Tennant, hearing took place this morning before Chief Justice McKeown. After certain minor amendments to the statement of claim alleged an agency, but did not allege any principal, and it was contended that no statute could be construed as having a retroactive effect, unless the language used clearly showed such intention, and further that in the Fleming case the allegations in the statement of claim were made to the statements of claim, preliminary argument was heard on the question of law, which the counsel for the defendants contended should be adjudicated upon before the trial of the action.

Messrs. Baxter and Teed contended that no statute could be construed as having a retroactive effect, unless the language used clearly showed such intention, and further that in the Fleming case the allegations in the statement of claim were made to the statements of claim, preliminary argument was heard on the question of law, which the counsel for the defendants contended should be adjudicated upon before the trial of the action.

Hon. W. P. Jones, K. C., and Peter J. Hughes argued contra, and His Honor reserved his decision as to whether or not argument should be heard on these matters of law until the next hearing. Further applications in the Tennant case were also stood over. Adjudgment was made for two weeks.

BUNERALS. The funeral of Mrs. Evelyn Connolly took place this afternoon from her late residence, Erin street. Services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Tedford. Interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

The funeral of Miss Beatrice Christian took place this afternoon from the residence of William Cooper, Exmouth street. Services were conducted by Rev. A. J. O'Neill as deacon and Rev. W. P. McCullough, C. S. S. R., as sub-deacon. Rev. C. P. Carleton also gave the final address. The priests in the sanctuary included Rev. William Duke, Rev. J. J. Walsh, V. G., Rev. F. J. McMurray, Rev. A. P. Allen, Rev. Father Bellevue, and Rev. H. B. French. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery.



Today is being observed in the United States as Britain's day in recognition of the services rendered to the cause of civilization by the British Empire. Elaborate preparations have been made for the celebration all over the Union. Every town and city will fly the Union Jack and great demonstrations of speech and music have been planned. Special services will also be held in the churches on Sunday. This picture shows a poster drawn especially for the celebration by J. Montgomery Flagg, the celebrated American artist—British and Colonial Press Service.

NATIONAL LABOR PARTY IN STATES REVELATIONS OF PRO-GERMAN WORK

New York, Dec. 6.—The Central Federated Union, representing approximately 250,000 trades unionists in New York city, decided tonight to join in the movement for the formation in the United States of a national labor party similar to that in England.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Confidential records of the department of justice dealing with the activities of German agents and others in the United States were placed today before the senate committee investigating brewers and German propaganda by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the department's bureau of investigation.

They dealt with correspondence of Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, and other newspapers; the sending of William Boyer Hale to Germany as correspondent of the Hearst newspapers, described by Von Bernstorff as having "outspokenly placed himself on the German side" and with suggestions of fomenting between the United States and Japan as a means of stopping munitions shipments to the Allies.

Boston, Dec. 6.—Three hundred thousand cases of influenza and pneumonia of which 15,000 proved fatal, were reported in this state during the recent epidemic, according to an estimate made today by Dr. John S. Hitchcock, in charge of the division of communicable diseases of the state department of health. At present about six hundred cases of influenza are reported daily.

WOMAN HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH. Mrs. Cogswell, wife of Amos Cogswell, a fisherman residing on Navy Island, while tying her boat to a scow on the Carleton side of the channel yesterday afternoon, slipped and fell into the water. It was only through the efforts of Allan Gregory, who happened to be near at the time and who heard the woman's cries for help, that she was saved from drowning. Mrs. Cogswell had the presence of mind to catch a rope which was leading from the scow as she was sinking. The water was very cold and it was only with the greatest effort that she was able to hold to the rope as long as she did.

Mr. Gregory jumped into her boat and lifted her out of the water. Mr. Gregory then offered the woman some further assistance but she refused. Taking her seat at the oars she pulled off for her home in her own clothes.

Mrs. Cogswell had crossed the channel to Carleton, intending to do some shopping. In some manner she lost her balance, as she was fastening the boat, and fell into the water.

IN WALL STREET. New York, Dec. 7.—(Wall street)—Shipments, steels and motors were higher by fractions to a point at the opening of today's stock market, rails and coppers showing irregularity.

KING ALBERT RETURNS. Paris, Dec. 6.—(Havas Agency)—King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Leopold left Paris this evening for Bruges. President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau, Foreign Minister Pichon, the British ambassador and others had been there farewell at the station.

Taft Will Not Act. New York, Dec. 6.—William H. Taft announced here tonight that he had definitely decided to decline the offer to become baseball commissioner to succeed the present national commissioner.

Professor Smith Dead. Baltimore, Dec. 6.—Dr. Kirby Flower Smith, professor of Latin in Johns Hopkins University, died suddenly tonight from heart trouble. He was born in Vermont in 1862.

Would Intern Them in Dutch Colonies

Holland Willing to Hand Over Former Emperor and Crown Prince, but Has an Alternative Suggestion; Life Sentence on Lonely Island in East or West Indies

London, Dec. 7.—If the Allies insist upon the delivery of the former German emperor and crown prince to a national court of justice, Holland will yield, but will first urge that at the Allies content themselves with an undertaking by Holland to intern them for life, in one of the Dutch colonies, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Express.

Holland, it is understood, will suggest that Herr Hohenzollern and his son be placed on an island in either the East or West Indies, where he will be guarded by a Dutch fleet.

It is also anticipated that Holland will be asked for compensation for permitting a violation of her neutrality by allowing German troops to pass through the province of Limburg on their retreat from Belgium, and receiving German ships from Antwerp. This compensation, says the correspondent, may possibly be the cession of certain territory along the Belgian frontier owned by Holland since 1839, perhaps the southern part of Dutch Limburg, the population of which region is claimed to be principally Belgian.

Make Germany Produce Them. Manchester, Dec. 6.—Sir John A. Simon, former attorney-general of Great Britain, speaking here today, said there was nothing worse for a lawyer than to be called upon to prosecute a prisoner who did not appear. He would make it one of the terms of the peace treaty that the nation to which an accused person belonged should be responsible for producing that person before an international tribunal.

To Prove Kaiser's Guilt. London, Dec. 7.—(British Wireless Service)—Kurt Eisner, the Bavarian premier, declared in a speech yesterday that he intended in a few days to commence publication of documents of the German foreign office, in order to prove that Emperor William was responsible for the war, according to a despatch received here today from Copenhagen.

"Comments on certain documents prove that the Kaiser caused the war," Eisner asserted. Dealing with Eisner's speech, the Telegraph of London says it is true that the documents often bore signs of the known impulsiveness of the emperor, and declares that there is no doubt that the documents are most compelling for the emperor than for those who wrote them.

Shocking Record of Brutality and Neglect. SOME TYPICAL CASES. British Soldiers Died of Starvation and Dysentery—Cruelty to Sick and Wounded—Deliberate Effort to Destroy Health

London, Wednesday, Dec. 4.—(Reuters)—Two further reports were issued tonight by the government committee which has been investigating the treatment of British prisoners of war. The first deals mainly with the treatment of men captured during the spring offensives of 1918, and relates largely to the employment of prisoners directly behind the German lines. Like previous reports, it is a long, shocking record of brutality and callous neglect. Following are typical extracts from testimony given by prisoners who escaped to British or French lines.

"Several prisoners died of starvation at Ramcourt. Later deaths of starvation became even more numerous. When I left Bazancourt about 150 men were suffering from dysentery and half of them were living skeletons. There was a lot of sickness in Cappy, caused from lack of food and exposure. No attempt was made to remedy these conditions."

Large numbers of prisoners, no longer fit to work behind the German lines, were sent to Hellsberg, East Prussia, or Treton, in Prussian Poland. A witness, describing the arrival of about 800 of these prisoners at Hellsberg early in October, says they were mostly stretchers cases and were taken to a ship, but many of those sent to the boat were so weak they could hardly walk. He says that youths of twenty years looked like men forty years old.

"At Treton, which is supposed to be a hospital for prisoners, disabled while working on the western front, conditions were even worse. The place was supposed to accommodate 400 but there were about 1,000 there. There was but one doctor in attendance on the men, many of whom were in shocking condition."

One Bright Spot. Only one bright spot is found in the harrowing record. This relates to the Deuzyn hospital for the fourth German army, where, although many supplies were short, prisoners received careful treatment and adequate food, including wine and eggs when necessary.

The second report, which is dated Oct. 28, says that the conclusion was reached that events in the camps attached to the tenth army corps pointed to a deliberate policy of vindictiveness, with a definite purpose of reducing the health of officer prisoners. It is said that this impulse sprang from responsible German authorities and was directed by them. The war ministry did not interfere for the alleged reason that it had no authority over the commander of any German army corps. The committee says that this seems a mere pretense.

Later Victims. London, Dec. 7.—Thirty American soldiers released from a German prison camp in West Prussia landed at Leith, Scotland, yesterday, with 1,000 British prisoners of war, many of whom were in an emaciated and pitiful condition.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN BERLIN IS SERIOUS. London, Dec. 7.—Dr. James Crack, an American who has resided for a long time in Germany, is head of the department at Berlin which is finding work for idle men, according to a Berlin despatch to the Express. Three thousand applications for work register daily with him, it is said, and 24,000 men are now unemployed there.

Less than a quarter of the Berlin troops have not as yet returned from the front, and it is estimated there will be 70,000 idle when demobilization is completed.

BRAZIL BEGINS TO MOBILIZE HER TROOPS

Lima, Peru, Dec. 6.—Reports in circulation in Lima tonight were to the effect that Brazil had begun to mobilize her troops. There was no official confirmation.

GERMANS ANGRY AT CROWN PRINCE

Munich, Dec. 6.—(By the Associated Press)—The interview with Frederick William, the former crown prince, obtained by the Associated Press, was published here in part today, and has drawn out displays of anger from the local press.

"If the former crown prince really made such statements he has done his reputation a bad service," says the Neueste Nachrichten. "His belated excuses and attempts to clear himself make such a disgusting impression that no one will need to grieve over his flight to Holland."

Such a league will be necessary "in some parts of the world," he declared, in order to enforce the terms of the peace treaty. It will be needed, he added, in order to set up new governments in middle Europe which will stand.

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Gulf and North Shore—Decreasing northwest winds, fair and cold. Sunday easterly to southerly winds, stationary or a little higher temperature.

Maritime—Decreasing northwest winds, fair and cold; Sunday, winds shifting to southeast and south, generally fair with stationary or higher temperature.

New England—Warmer and generally cloudy tonight and Sunday; probably local snows except generally fair in Maine tonight; moderate west to south winds.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuart, director of meteorological service

Synopsis—The disturbance which was on the middle Atlantic coast yesterday has moved northeastward to Newfoundland, causing a moderate gale with snow in Nova Scotia. The weather has been fair and cold in Quebec and Ontario and comparatively mild in the west.

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