RIOTERS RULE IN MONTREAL DURING BIG STRIKE

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President Wilson Is Warmly Welcomed By People Of Brest As He Arrives At French City

MONTREAL MOB ALLOWS BUILDINGS TO BURN AND CRIMES TO BE CARRIED OUT DURING BIG STRIKE

Half a Million Dollars Damage Done by Rioters While City Is Without Police and Fire Protection.

SOLDIERS ORDERED TO SHOOT.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—This afternoon 150 soldiers, fully armed, were stationed at the waterworks pumping station. The city commissioners applied to the military authorities on hearing a rumor that an attempt was to be made to cut off the city's water supply tonight. The soldiers were given instructions to shoot anybody who might attempt to tamper with the plant. A special meeting of the city council will be held this afternoon, when the whole trouble will be discussed. A movement was started this morning to have the aldermen declare a strike if the demands of the police and firemen were not granted.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Damage estimated at from a quarter to half a million dollars was done by rioters while Montreal was in the hands of the mob last night. Twenty-one arrests were made despite the absence of police, eight of them being undertaken by courageous private citizens. Absolute anarchy prevailed from the time darkness fell. Fires broke out and were allowed to burn, the mob in many cases absolutely prohibiting amateur firemen from responding to alarms. Over ninety alarms, mostly false, were turned in. Outlying and badly-lighted districts naturally suffered most. In the east end, the haunts of the underworld, thieves were busy looting, and one store alone was robbed of $35,000 worth of goods.

A crowd of five or six hundred peaceably-disposed citizens who looked on were powerless to interfere, and many seemed afraid even to express their indignation, each man fearing his neighbor might be a striker. Nevertheless when the horses in the darkened fire station squealed a spontaneous cry of "Leave the horses alone or we'll smash you," came from the crowd had the desired effect.

Amateur Firemen Beaten.

In Chenneville street station, which was fire headquarters, the few amateur firemen were badly beaten up by pickets or firemen and were thrown out on the streets, leaving no one in the station but the Director of Public Safety Trembley and one or two men on the top floor. No glass was broken and little damage done in this station so far as could be seen from outside, but bloodstains on the snow this morning mark the struggle. Several fires raged throughout the night, but were not of very great consequence. The City Box Lunch Company, which was uninsured, is a complete wreck. At this fire the lawless element who attempted to prevent well-disposed citizens fighting the flames were driven off, and one of three striking firemen who watched could stand inaction no longer, and throwing off his coat plunged in to save what he could, remarking that he would be less than a man if he did not help. His comrades did not follow his example.

Guarded Fire Hall.

The City Ice Company warehouse, in the northeast, was burning for hours, despite the efforts of employees, who annexed the apparatus from a deserted station after midnight. The 49 fire stations of the city were without a man to protect them, and Chief Trembley telephoned to Gen. Wilson, who had steadfastly refused to send soldiers to guard the streets unless requested by the mayor. Informing the general of the situation, the latter consented in the small hours of the morning to send one hundred military police to guard central fire stations and be ready to proceed in automobiles to wherever there might be trouble. This was locking the stable door after the horse had been stolen. Pieces of fire apparatus are littered around the streets this morning where they were deserted by amateur crews chased by hostile mobs.

Reports of fires and robberies keep pouring in this morning, and many were the work of pickpockets and thugs.

Ready for Rioters.

Residents of Notre Dame De Grace, west end suburb, prepared to give rioters a warm reception, citizens patrolling the streets all night armed with revolvers and rifles. Fifteen volunteers replaced firemen. The trades and labor council offered mediation at a meeting called last night, and this morning John T. Foster, president, left to the city hall to consult administrators.)

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Canadian Press.—The possibility of the strike of policemen and firemen spreading to the Montreal Tramways Company was hinted at this morning by Auriele Lacombe, president of the Street Carmen's Union. He said:

"We were opposed to the strike, but now that the men are out we cannot afford to leave them without assistance and lose the strike."

Damage to the extent of $300,000 has already been done in the city by rioters and thieves. This morning passed quietly and efforts by labor leaders outside of the unions affected were being made to bring the strikers and the city administration together for a conference, which would lead to an agreement to arbitrate the questions at issue.

Today it was expected that staffs for all the fire stations will be provided. The greatest difficulty met with by the city's administration was to procure chauffeurs for the giant motor fire engines. A number of competent men have been found among soldiers, returned from France, who were connected with the motor transport service there.

Arrests Are Made.

During the night twenty-one arrests were made, most of them by the striking police, who caught men burglarizing stores. In the first 24 hours of the strike, 500 false fire alarms were rung in.

Aid. Lemarre was injured last night while acting as a volunteer fireman. A flaming beam fell on his head. He was rescued from a dangerous position by his fellow volunteers.

Chairman of the city administrative commission, Decary, was stoned by a mob he tried to quiet last night, but was not hurt.

Asked fi he was going to read the riot act if there was a repetition of last night's lawlessness, Mayor Mederic Martin said that while he regretted the men had not accepted arbitration, he was not going to call out the militia simply because somebody was punched on the nose.

The staff the city officials have been able to hire will be able to keep the pumps going, providing the city's water supply is in operation.

U. S. CAPITAL SHIPS WILL RETURN HOME

American War Vessels Expected To Reach New York On Dec. 23.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Every capital ship of the American navy now in Europe, including the dreadnought squadrons which have been operating with the British main fleet during the war, will return to home waters this month, Secretary Daniels announced today. They may be expected to reach New York about December 23, and a naval review will take place there to celebrate the home-coming.

PROMOTED TO SUPERINTENDENCY.

Montreal, Dec. 13.—John Mitchell, inspector of Canadian Pacific Railway telegraphs, eastern division, has been promoted superintendent of traffic, eastern lines, succeeding W. M. Thompson, transferred to the superintendency of the eastern division.

ZIONIST LEADER

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PETER BERCOVITCH, K. C., M. P., of Montreal, who is at the head of the committee arranging for a great Canadian Congress of Zionists to be held in Toronto next year.

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U.S. SQUADRON REACHES POLA

Takes Command at the Former Austrian Naval Base.

Amsterdam, Dec. 13.—An American squadron has arrived at Pola, formerly one of the principal Austrian naval bases, and has taken over the command of the port. Jugo-Slav war vessels in the harbor have hoisted the American flag, according to a telegram from Laibach, reporting the arrival of the squadron.

RADIAL RAILWAY CO. DEFIES ORDER OF BOARD, STOPS CARS

Line From Hamilton to Burlington and Oakville Not Operating.

MOTOR TRUCKS USED

The Road May Be Operated As a Municipal Project.

Hamilton, Dec. 13.—Defying the Dominion Railway Board, which issued an order insisting that an electric railway service from Hamilton to Burlington and Oakville must be maintained, as prescribed by the bylaws of the interested municipalities, the Radial company at 2 a.m. today stopped running cars.

The town of Burlington was prepared for this emergency, and this morning motor trucks conveyed people who work in Hamilton to the city. The fare was only 25 cents for the round trip.

Recently the Radial Company, a subsidiary of the Dominion Power and Transmission Company, applied to the railway board for authority for a heavy increase in rates. It was proven that the company operated the road at an exceedingly heavy loss for many years. But the interested municipalities insisted on the bylaws under which the franchise was given being granted, and the board was powerless.

The company asked that a new schedule of increased rates be accepted for one year, and that after that the question of increase or reduction be left with the railway board. This the municipalities refused.

It is said the board cannot make a company which is losing money give a service. There is talk of Hamilton and the interested towns and villages making a bid for the road and operating it as a municipal project.

Vast Collection of Criminal Weapons Thrown Into Ocean

Dangerous Devices Were Taken From New York Crooks.

New York, Dec. 13.—A collection of 2,525 dangerous weapons taken from criminals and others since January 1 and valued at $20,000 has been thrown into the ocean off Scotland Lightship by the police department. There were some of the most dangerous and barbarous devices ever found by the police, including more than 2,000 pistols and revolvers, 150 shotguns and muskets and numerous blackjacks, brass knuckles, slugshots, swords, dirks, sand clubs, swordcanes, lead-filled clubs and knives of every conceivable design.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS TO BE ESTABLISHED AFTER SOME YEARS

J. Austen Chamberlain Sees Achievement of Task After Long Effort.

Birmingham, England, Dec. 13.—While expressing his earnest desire to see a league of nations established, J. Austen Chamberlain, member of the war cabinet, in an address here last night, warned his hearers of the difficulties of the task set the nations of the earth. It could not be achieved in a long time, he declared, and probably would only come as the result of a slow growth of many years.

FOR DAMAGES RENDERED

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"Say, Bill, wonder where all that paper 's goin' to."
"Bet a dollar it's for the Allies to make out their bill of costs to Germany."—London Bystander.

MOTHERWELL'S RESIGNATION MAY PRECIPITATE A CRISIS IN THE SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT

Difference of Opinions Between Premier Martin and Minister of Agriculture Are, It Is Understood, Based On the Proposed School Legislation.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Regina, Dec. 12.—Though not openly stated it is generally understood that the crux of the difference of opinions between Premier Martin and Hon. W. R. Motherwell, who resigned from the cabinet yesterday, is the proposed school legislation, which is not yet announced. Doubtless this legislation will deal with the language question. After an adjournment of the House, Mr. Motherwell said to your representative, "I am not going home to feed my cattle. I will be in the House as a private member, and will give the country my best services. I have been fighting for the rights of the farmers and common people for many years, and I hope to be in a position to do some good work for some years more."

The Legislature, and in fact, the whole city is all excitement, and intense interest is shown on all sides. It may precipitate a crisis.

HOLLAND SHOULD NOT HAVE ADMITTED THE EX-GERMAN KAISER

Dutch Socialist Declares His Country Should Have Followed Swiss Example.

The Hague, Thursday, Dec. 12.—Switzerland refused to admit the former German emperor when he fled from Germany and Holland ought to have followed the example of the republic, declared M. Ravensteyn, a Revolutionary-Socialist, in the Lower House of the Dutch Parliament today.

The former emperor, he continued, should not be handed over to the Allies, but should be sent to Germany for trial by a people's tribune. The Dutch workers will oppose every attempt to drag Holland into a war on the question of the former emperor.

M. Groenndahl, a Socialist, denied the charge that he favored the annexation by Belgium of a part of Dutch Limburg. He said he had spoken jestingly on that subject, but he added he knew why his home had been searched by the authorities.

SEBASTOPOL IS CLEARED OF HUNS

Germans Were Helping Bolsheviki to Cause Disorders.

Paris, Dec. 13—(Havas).—French marines have entered Odessa, Russia, and have received a cordial welcome from the people there, according to the Matin. Detachments have occupied the wireless station and expelled German soldiers from all military posts. The newspaper says that the fortress and city of Sebastopol have been cleared of German soldiers who were causing disorders, it is alleged, with the connivance of the Bolshevists.

OLYMPIC TO DOCK SATURDAY.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—From the position given by the Olympic in a wireless message, last night, it is estimated that she cannot reach port before 8 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Ex-Kaiser Bill Is Living In Constant Fear of Assassins

William Hohenzollern Carries Small Revolver For Protection.

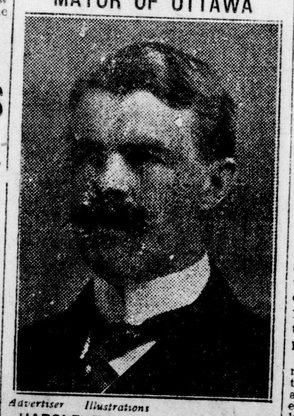
London, Dec. 13.—Several score of detectives, the pick of Former Emperor William's force of sleuths at Potsdam, are staying at Amerongen, shadowing every movement of Herr Hohenzollern, according to the Amerongen correspondent of the Express, who claims to have talked with some of these men. Herr Hohenzollern is said to be in constant dread of bomb throwers and other assassins and always carries a small revolver.

The former emperor's suite and detectives have added at least 100 to the population of the village of Amerongen, the correspondent states.

EMPRESS ILL AGAIN.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—The former German empress has suffered another serious attack and a doctor has been summoned from Berlin, according to dispatches received here.

MAYOR OF OTTAWA



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HAROLD FISHER, K. C., mayor of Ottawa, who will be again nominated for the mayoralty of the capital.

President Wilson Receives Tremendous Ovation As He Sets Foot On French Soil

Enthusiastic Reception Is Tendered Chief Executive of the United States On His Arrival at the City of Brest—Leaves For Paris.

PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR PARIS

Brest, Dec. 13.—President Wilson left Brest for Paris at 4 o'clock this afternoon. His progress from the pier to his train was amidst a vociferous welcome from the throngs in the streets.

Brest, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press).—President Wilson reached the harbor of Brest on board the steamer George Washington at 1 o'clock this afternoon, and within an hour stepped on shore—the first time an American president had trodden European soil.

The arrival of the president in the harbor was the culmination of an imposing naval spectacle, which began when the first of the presidential fleet rounded the outer capes and then passed the entrance forts and moved majestically into the harbor, where the George Washington anchored at the head of a long double column of American dreadnoughts and destroyers and the units of a French cruiser squadron.

The presidential fleet was first sighted at 11:30 o'clock this morning, fifteen miles off shore.

Ahead came a single destroyer, showing the way to the fleet, and close behind loomed the battleships Pennsylvania and Wyoming, flying respectively the flags of Admiral Mayo, commander of the Atlantic fleet, and Vice-Admiral Sims, commander of the American naval forces in European waters. Just back of them moved the George Washington, bearing the president, flanked on either side by the battleships Arkansas, Florida, Utah, Nevada, Oklahoma, New York, Texas and Arizona, by French cruisers and by a great flotilla of American and French torpedoboat destroyers.

Fired Salutes.

As the fleet neared the inner harbor the land batteries and the assembled war craft took up the thunderous salute, while the quays, the hills and the terraces of the old Breton city rang with cheers from the enthusiastic multitude. At the same time all the war craft, merchantmen and transports dressed ship, and manned the yards, while the strains of the American anthem floated over the water, mingling with the roar of the guns and the shouts of the vast crowds.

The George Washington came to anchor a mile off shore, while the battleships ranged themselves in double column on either side.

President Wilson witnessed the spectacle from the deck of his steamer, waving greetings as the cheering throngs ashore vied with the artillery in the old world's tribute to the American president.

American Officials Board Ship.

Soon after the arrival of the president fleet, Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, and Georges Leygues, the minister of marine, who were at Brest to meet the president on behalf of the French Government, boarded the George Washington to extend their first greeting. American officials also went aboard to make the arrangements for the landing of the president.

The president delivered a brief address after landing at Brest, thanking Mayor Goude for the Breton welcome given him. He then drove through the cheering crowd.

The ovation continued until he reached the railway station.

ASQUITH SAYS BRITAIN MUST HOLD CONTROL OF THE SEAS

Agrees With Lloyd George On Making the Germans Settle.

Pittenweim, Scotland, Dec. 13.—Former Premier Asquith, in a speech here last night, said that Great Britain must keep the supremacy of the sea. He agreed, he declared with what Premier Lloyd George said with regard to making the Germans pay for the war.

WILL TRY TO PREVENT BIG FIRE LOSSES

Acting Premier Promises Consideration of Recommendations.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Methods of preventing Canada's huge annual fire waste were under discussion at an important convention, called by the superintendent of insurance, which opened in Ottawa today. Sir Thomas White, acting premier, tendered a welcome on behalf of the Government. Delegates were present from the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association, the Cash Mutual Insurance Company, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Canadian Credit Men's Trust Association, Retail Merchants' Association, United Farmers of Alberta, United Farmers of Ontario, Wholesale Grocers' Association, Canadian Bankers' Association, Dominion Mortgage and Investment Association, Fire Chiefs' Association, and the commission of conservation.

Addresses Delegates.

Sir Thomas, in addressing the delegates, emphasized the need for study of means to prevent the Dominion's annual fire waste.

Over a period of five years, ending 1917, the annual fire loss of Canada was $17,000,000 on an average. Last year, the loss was $20,000,000, and this year, so far as could be forecasted, it might reach $35,000,000. Statistical information showed that from 50 to 75 per cent of that loss was wholly or partially preventable.

Sir Thomas concluded by promising that the recommendations of the committee would receive the most careful consideration of the Government. W. H. Chapley, Canadian Manufacturers' Association, was appointed chairman of the convention.

James McEwing of Grayton is representing the United Farmers of Ontario at the convention.

American Army Comes To Stand On The Rhine

General Pershing Reports No Advance for Yesterday.

Washington, Dec. 13.—The American army marching into Germany has come to a stand on the Rhine. General Pershing's report for yesterday says there was no advance during the day.

36,843 WORKING DAYS LOST IN NOV. DUE TO INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES

Influenza Epidemic Affected Labor in Camps and Mines.

Ottawa, Dec. 13.—Time lost in Canada on account of industrial disputes during November amounted to 36,843 working days. This was less than in October, but greater than in November, 1917. There were in existence during the month 23 strikes, affecting 4,339 people.

During November, the labor department reports, the labor market was disturbed by the signing of the armistice, and to a lesser degree by the influenza epidemic, which particularly affected the lumber camps and coal mines. Of the many hundreds of munition workers discharged, the majority were immediately absorbed by other industries.

MAYOR OF BREST READS ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO PRESIDENT WILSON

Brest, Dec. 13.—Mayor Goude of Brest, in greeting President Wilson as he landed here today, said:

"Mr. President,—I feel the deepest emotion in presenting to you the welcome of the Breton population. The ship bringing you to this port is the symbol under the auspices of which the legions of your pacific citizens spring to arms in the grand cause of independence. Under the same auspices today you bring to the tormented soil of Europe the comfort of your authorized voice in the debates which will calm our quarrels.

"Mr. President, upon this Breton soil our hearts are unanimous in saluting you as the messenger of justice and peace. Tomorrow it will be our entire nation which will acclaim you, and our whole people will thrill with enthusiasm over the eminent statesman who is the champion of their aspirations toward justice and liberty.

Mayor Presents Address.

"This old Breton city has the honor of first saluting you. In order to perpetuate this honor to our descendants, the municipal council has asked me to present you with an address, expressing their joy at being privileged to incline themselves before the illustrious democrat, who presides over the destinies of the great republic of the United States."

The mayor then presented the engrossed address of the council, which said in part:

"Being the first to welcome the president of the United States to France, we respectfully salute the eminent statesman who nobly personifies the ideals of liberty and the rights of man. In order to perpetuate this event through the ages we direct that these proceedings be deposited in the city archives. Long live President Wilson! Long live the champion and apostle of international justice!"

BRITISH LABOR DELEGATES SEND "WELCOME" MESSAGE.

London, Dec. 13.—Charles W. Bowerman, secretary of the trades union congress, and Arthur Henderson, secretary of the Labor party, have signed a message on behalf of five million workers, "to President Wilson," associating themselves with their "French comrades" in welcoming President Wilson to Europe and assuring him of the "support of British labor in his coming efforts to realize his lofty ideals."

The message has been forwarded to the American embassy in Paris.

HEAVY ICE IN THE RIVER ST. LAWRENCE AFFECTS NAVIGATION

Quebec, Dec. 13.—Heavy ice, which has formed in the St. Lawrence River, is a great menace to navigation here just at present, and almost daily there is some vessel in distress. The steamer Lake Grapphite, outward bound, was jammed in the ice near Grosse Belle was rescued by the steamer Polaris yesterday, while the steamer Edgewood is still adrift in the ice near Grosse Isle with her rudder gone. The steamer Polaris went to her rescue today.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 38; lowest, 32.

The official temperatures for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 36; lowest, 32.

TOMORROW—MILD, RAIN.

Toronto, Dec. 13—8 a.m.

Forecasts.

Strong east and southeast winds; mild, with occasional rain today and on Saturday.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Stations.	High.	Low.	Weather.
Victoria	50	44	Rain
Calgary	26	8	Fair
Winnipeg	20	12	Clear
Port Arthur	28	12	Cloudy
Parry Sound	38	28	Cloudy
Port Stanley	40	34	Rain
Buffalo	40	36	Rain
Toronto	40	40	Rain
Kingston	40	30	Cloudy
Ottawa	[illegible]	22	Cloudy
Montreal	38	38	Cloudy
Quebec	26	24	Cloudy
Father Point	24	16	Cloudy

Weather Notes.

Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and low over the Mississippi Valley and the Western Provinces.

Snow or rain has occurred in many localities from the Great Lakes eastward, while in the West the weather has been mostly fair and mild.

Wilson Can See For Himself the Havoc Wrought by Huns

Pall Mall Gazette Believes the President Will Explain Fully Fourteen Points.

London, Dec. 12.—Commenting on the approaching arrival of President Wilson in France, the Pall Mall Gazette says:

"Mr. Wilson will at last have an opportunity to see for himself the havoc wrought by the Germans in France and Belgium and from personal conferences be able to understand the point of view of those who suffered from these infamous depredations.

"President Wilson has a judicial mind. No living statesman is better able to weigh evidence or more ready to face facts with courage and determination. Too much has been made of the letter of Mr. Wilson's fourteen points, and too little of the spirit. His reference to freedom of the seas, for instance, has caused much discussion. As Lloyd George pointed out yesterday, our navy is a weapon, not of offence, but of defence, and we do not mean to give it up.

"The war has demonstrated that, not only our own safety, but the safety of civilization itself, depended upon our naval supremacy. When a league of nations is established and has become not an idea to be aimed at but a realized confederation of mankind, then, perhaps, we can modify our claim to seapower."

DAY OF REJOICING.

Amsterdam, Dec. 12.—January 1 has been fixed as a day of general rejoicing in Berlin in honor of the revolution, according to the Zeitung-Am-Mittag of Berlin. The announcement fixing the day was issued by the Ebert Government. The occasion will be marked by an open-air carnival, concerts and processions.