

POLES' ARMY OF 30,000 MEN ARE MARCHING TO BERLIN

Fifth German Division Ordered To Meet Invaders—Grave Situation Reported in Posen—Huns Forced To Retreat—All Poles Ordered To Mobilize By Warsaw Government

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—A Polish army of 30,000 men is marching on to Berlin, according to a dispatch, quoting rumors in the German capital.

Events in Posen are assuming a grave character. Large parts of the province are in the hands of Poles, and Polish troops have crossed the frontier at Skalmierce, sixty-two miles Northeast of Breslau.

London, Jan. 2.—Polish troops entered Frankfort-on-the-Oder, fifty miles East of Berlin. The Poles occupied Beuthen, Prussian Silesia, and Bromberg, in the province of Posen, sixty-nine miles Northeast of Posen city.

Germany's Rearming Troops. The Polish army which is marching toward Berlin has as its object "A tearing raid into Germany, according to the Polish agency at Lausanne.

The fighting is now of a house to house nature and there is no accurate estimate of the number of killed and wounded.

Ignace Jean Paderewski, who arrived in Posen several days ago, delayed his departure for Warsaw in order to have a conference with German delegates from Berlin.

Fighting Still Continues. Warsaw, Jan. 2.—Fighting has continued here and there in the city of Posen, German Poland, between Polish and German troops in the past few days.

More than 20,000 German soldiers were killed, the Sixth German Grenadiers Regiment refused to surrender and is now surrounded in a barracks within

TERRIBLE DISASTER OFF SCOTTISH COAST 270 SAILORS PERISH

Men Were on New Year's Holiday Leave When Ship Was Wrecked

HOSPITAL SHIP AGROUND

U. S. Transport Northern Pacific Runs on Reef With 2,100 Wounded on Board

London, Jan. 2.—Two hundred and seventy sailors were drowned Wednesday, as the result of the loss of the British steam yacht, Iolatre, of Stornoway, Scotland.

The yacht had 300 sailors on board. They were on a New Year's holiday leave.

The vessel struck the dangerous rocks known as "the Beats of Heim," near Stornoway harbor, and only about 30 of them were saved.

Many of these were terribly injured in their efforts to reach the shore. All of the officers and crew of the yacht were lost.

The Iolatre was formerly the Amathacea, and was taken over by the British navy at the beginning of the war. The crew was made up of naval reservists and all were residents of Lewis Island, off the West coast of Australia.

The Iolatre as a vessel of 242 tons. She was built in 1902 and before the war belonged to the estate of the late Sir Donald Currie.

GERMANS SMASHED INTO TROOP TRAIN: BRITISH INJURED

Huns in Charge of Locomotive Which Ran Into Troop Train Are Arrested

Basel, Jan. 2.—Thirty British soldiers were injured when locomotive in charge of German railwaymen ran into a train of British troops on the Namur-Charleroi line, in Belgium, recently. Three Germans in charge of the locomotive were arrested.

HAIG AND BEATTY MAY BE EARLS

London, Jan. 1.—Earldoms will be conferred on Field Marshal Haig and Vice-Admiral Beatty in recognition of their services during the war according to the Mail.

It is stated that Generals Horné, Blumer, Byng, Rawlinson, Birdwood and Allenby will be elevated to the peerage.

The newspapers say that these honors will probably be accompanied by grants of money.

PTE. E. BABBS HOME.

Private E. Babbs arrived home from overseas today. Private Babbs enlisted and went overseas with the 79th Battalion in March, 1916, and was in France for over two years, when he was taken sick and returned to England, where he was when the armistice was signed.

POLES DESPAIR CAN'T GET HELP FROM ALLIES

Complain of Failure of Entente Powers to Pay Them Any Attention

London, Jan. 2.—Poland is in despair, owing to the invasion of Bolshevik troops and the apparent indifference of the Western powers to the plight of the country, according to a Warsaw dispatch.

Telegrams are sent, begging intervention by the Allies, "the dispatch states, "But no reply comes." The Poles admit the immensity of the numerous problems absorbing the Allies, but complain that they do not receive the least sign of attention, or word of guidance.

ANNUAL RIFLE SHOOT OF 99TH MANITOBA BATTALION NOW BEING HELD

Between thirty and forty men assembled at the Armory, New Year's morning of the event of the annual shooting match of the 99th Manitoba Rangers. Quartermaster Sergt. Squires, the proceeds of which go to the returned soldiers.

He made a score of 23 out of a possible 25. Sergt. Major J. Kirkham made the highest score of the shoot with 59 points, but was not eligible for any of the classes. His prowess, however, was suitably recognized at the conclusion of the competition.

Class 1: Open to members of the 99th Battalion: Corpl. Ellis, 1st, score 58; Private Linnett, 2nd, score 56; Q. M. S. Squires, 3rd, score 55. The objective in this contest was 70 points.

Class 2: Open to Veterans: Private Nesbitt, 1st, score 58; Private Curtis, 2nd, score 56; R.Q.M.S. Wright, 3rd, score 50.

CORP. JOHN CAMERON IS NOW EN ROUTE HOME

Mrs. J. Cameron, 913 Sixth street, received a message from her husband, Corp. John Cameron, 151560, stating that he is on his way home, having started from Halifax on Monday. Corp. Cameron was a moulder at the Brandon Machine Works for four years prior to enlisting with the 79th Battalion and going overseas with that unit nearly three years ago.

BRANDON MARKETS

Table with market prices for various goods like Beef, Pork, Veal, etc.

STOCK BREEDERS OF MANITOBA TO HOLD CONVENTIONS

Sessions Are to Begin in the City Hall Next Monday Evening

DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

From Many Points in Western Canada—Joint Meeting With Grain Growers Wednesday

The annual meetings of the Live Stock Associations of Manitoba to be held in Brandon next week on January 6-8 in addition to the annual convention of the Manitoba Grain Growers Association, will make this city the Mecca of all sections of the agricultural industry for the time being.

The sessions will open on Monday evening at the City Hall, with a joint meeting of the Live Stock Associations. Addresses will be delivered by W. C. McKillop, Superintendent of the Experimental Farm; Prof. Hennessey and Principal J. B. Reynolds, of Winnipeg.

On Tuesday morning the Swine Breeders will meet in annual session. A. C. McPhail will give his report of the annual swine sale, and the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Addresses will be given by Dan Johnson, Union Stock Yards, Winnipeg; and Prof. Shaw, Live Stock Commissioner of Saskatchewan.

The Horse Breeders' will meet on Tuesday afternoon. In addition to routine business and the election of officers, papers will be read by Dr. W. A. Shoutis and W. W. Fraser, Winnipeg.

On Tuesday evening there will be a joint public meeting of all associations. The speakers will include Hon. Van Winkle, Minister of Agriculture; Mr. Charles Murphy, General Manager for Western Live Stock, C.P.R., and the Hon. Duncan McLeod, Minister of Agriculture.

The Sheep Breeders will meet in annual session on Wednesday morning. But half an hour will be spent in business, and the session will adjourn for the annual session of the Canadian Co-operative Wool Growers Ltd. J. Arkel and J. H. Evans, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, will speak.

The Cattle Breeders' meet on Wednesday afternoon. J. B. Davidson, Myrtle and Dan Johnson, St. Boniface, will speak.

The breeders will bring their session to a close with a joint mass meeting with the Grain Growers' Association on Wednesday evening. The speakers will be J. A. Prout, M.P.P., Hon. T. C. Norris, Premier of Manitoba; R. B. Maxwell, of the Great War Veterans' Association, and Dr. J. G. Rutherford, of Calgary. Dr. Rutherford will probably make his last public speech in Brandon before assuming the position to which he has been appointed on the Railway Commission.

BRITAIN CONCERNED OVER RUSSIAN TANGLE: WILL NOT SEND TROOPS

Military Intervention Finds Little Support Among Any Of the Allied Nations—Russian Situation Will Be First Matter Discussed at Peace Conference

London, Jan. 2.—Russian affairs are causing the British Foreign Office considerable anxiety. The necessity of formulating a definite policy as regards Russia is extremely urgent and it has been decided that the Russian question will be the first discussed at the Peace Conference.

It is presumed that all the Allied nations are overwhelmingly against armed intervention by an expeditionary force. The British Government has also decided that an expedition is impossible, preferring to encourage the creation of a stable government in Russia, although the origin of such a government is at present quite obscure.

Large cargoes of food were recently sent to Northern Russia for the people living in the districts under Allied control. There is no likelihood of the Allied forces on the Russian coast being withdrawn.

TRAIN WRECKED WEST OF HALIFAX

Three Returning Soldiers Killed and Fifty-seven Injured—Bound For Toronto

Quebec, Jan. 1.—Three soldiers are known to have been killed and fifty-seven injured when a troop train of the National Transcontinental Railway running West from Halifax was wrecked Wednesday afternoon at Clair Siding, between Edmuntston and Monk. Only two men of those killed so far have been identified, and they are George Smith and Dave Johnston, whose places of residence is unknown.

DEMobilIZATION OF GERMAN ARMY IS PROCEEDING Apace

One Million Soldiers Said to be Now at German Barracks in Berlin

London, Jan. 2.—Gustave Noske, one of the new members of the Ebert Government in Germany, is quoted as saying that the demobilization of the German army is proceeding much more rapidly than was at first believed possible. There are now about 1,000,000 soldiers at the German barracks in Berlin. It is not believed there is much danger from Bolshevism.

GERMANS PLACE POSEN UNDER MARTIAL LAW

Basel, Jan. 1.—The German authorities in German Poland have declared Posen under martial law according to a report from Posen.

ANNUAL MEETING OF REORGANIZED ARMY AND NAVY VETERANS

To be Held in the Armory on Friday—To Pass on New Constitution

The annual meeting of the reorganized Army and Navy Veterans will be held at the Armory on Friday at eight p.m. At this meeting a new constitution and by-laws will be considered and voted on, and the officers elected for 1919, in addition to other business.

The association is open to all veterans of the Great War as well as of other wars of the Empire, and soldiers or sailors with six years R.N.W.M.P., with three years, militiamen with nine years aggregate service are also eligible.

Associate membership is open to military men with lesser qualifications and honorary memberships is limited to the next of kin of one who has fallen in the great war.

It is expected there will be a big meeting on Friday.

BOLSHEVIKI 3RD ARMY ALMOST ANNIHILATED: TAKE 31,000 PRISONERS

Czecho-Slovak and Siberian Forces Score Great Victory By Capture of Perm—Lenine's Headquarters Raided and Russian Premier Had Narrow Escape From Being Taken Prisoner

Vladivostok, Jan. 2.—In capturing Perm, in the Ural Mountains, General Gaida, at the head of the Czecho-Slovak and Siberian forces, virtually destroyed the Bolshevik third army from which he took 31,000 prisoners.

General Gaida's troops captured an armored train from which Nikolai Lenine, the Bolshevik Premier, was directing operations in the region of Perm.

Lenine himself escaped, but several members of his party were taken prisoners. In addition to 31,000 prisoners, General Gaida captured 5,000 railway cars, 120 field guns, 1,000 machine guns, 30 automobiles, the entire wagon transport, several armored trains and several thousand horses.

His manoeuvre was a complete surprise to the Bolsheviks, is proved by the fact that he captured several prominent Soviet leaders at the headquarters of the Bolshevik armies. Ten Bolshevik regiments are declared to be annihilated and the rest of the enemy army was driven across the Kama river.

GERMAN SPIES HAD LITTLE SUCCESS IN GREAT BRITAIN

Large Crowd Enjoyed the Races and all the Kiddies Secured Prizes

London, Jan. 2.—Brig. Gen. G. K. Cockerill, the retiring Director of Special Intelligence at the War Office, in his farewell messages to his associates in that department, calls attention to the fact that although many persons in Great Britain knew of the preparations for the counter-offensive, which led to the downfall of the German army, the construction of tanks and other military equipment was kept secret.

"You have been the chief agency in preventing the leakage of naval and military information. To mention a few instances of your success, the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the construction of tanks, the preparations for the offensives at Cambrai, and also for the recent counter-offensives which destroyed the German armies, were all known to numbers of people in this country, but were concealed from the enemy.

"There is no evidence that enemy submarines ever received information of the departure of shipping from a British port. In most cases the arrest of a spy has quickly followed his entry into this country. Thanks largely to your efforts, no act of destruction or incendiarism has been committed by enemy agents in this country.

"In the opinion of the Minister of Bockade, your work has contributed in a very large degree to the satisfactory working of the blockade. In practically every case of contraband before a prize court, the evidence has been furnished by you. The estimated value of prize cargoes, excluding ships, is over £30,000,000. You have stopped enemy remittances to the value of £70,000,000 and completely destroyed the enemy's overseas communications so far as they were vulnerable."

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAY NAME OF GOVERNMENT LINES

The Canadian Northern Railway is no more, in fact it hasn't been for some time, as it changed its name months ago to the Canadian Government Railway, but on New Year's Day once again it was changed and henceforth it will be known as the Canadian National Railway System.

This system combines the lines of the Canadian Northern, Canadian Government, National Transcontinental and Intercolonial Railways and is owned and controlled by the Dominion Government.

WM. HOHENZOLLERN SAID TO BE ILL NOW

Amsterdam, Jan. 1.—William Hohenzollern, former Emperor of Germany is very ill, according to advices from Amerongen. He cannot leave his room, and is suffering from a bad cold. He

NINETEEN DOGS COMPETED IN NEW YEAR'S DAY RACES

Large Crowd Enjoyed the Races and all the Kiddies Secured Prizes

Nineteen boys and girls and the same number of canines took part in the fun of dog-racing on New Year's Day. As usual the champions were few but the prizes were many. There was a customary happy and a crowd watching the event.

One of the performances of young spectators who had to do their best to keep themselves warm by the breaking of a window at the C. Depot. The crowd, however, made good in part, the estimated damage by sending the hat around and making a substantial collection.

The grand championship was won by John Henry, 313 Louise Avenue East. Laurence Willis won the championship for the best outfit. Three girls entered the race and gave an excellent account of themselves, each of them carrying away their quota of prizes. All the competitors were given apples, etc., and none were allowed to go away without reward for contributing to the time-honored sport.

The list of entries were: Mac Edmondson, Arthur Hallett, Walter Eastwood, Gordon Barwell, Chester Morris, Ernest Wilson, Willie Stewart, Douglas Duncan, Donald Irving, James Hallett, Laurence Willis, Bert Willis, Mary Crab, Winnie Hallett, May Henry, Wm. Hilton, Robert Brogg, John Henry and Leonard Rutter.

The list of events was as follows: Singles, boys; singles, girls; free-for-all; team race; mixed, boys and girls; long distance, open; novelty race; consolation race.

The race course was on Ninth street between Princess and Louise avenues. List of Donors.

The donors of the prizes were the following: Grand Championship prize, Semt-Ready Clothing Company; Brandon Grocery, Pioneer Fruit, Scott Fruit Co., Hanbury Hardware, Robertson's Drug Store, Clement's Drug Store, John A. MacDonald, Patricia, Wheat City Pharmacy, Knowlton's Boot Shop, Creelman & Co., Guy Crystall, Crystall Clothing Co., J. F. Higginbotham, Geo. McCullough, Bertrand & Co., Mutter Bros., Allen Theatre, Strand Theatre (\$2.00 tickets), Burchill & Howey, Campbell & Campbell, J. Nash, Dingle & Stewart, Boyd Electric Co., Palace Jewellery Store, W. E. Crawford, Mitchell & McGregor, J. Donaldson Ltd. (roast beef), Aagaard's Cafe (dinner), Woolworth's, J. Burchill (chicken), A. Reid, Cristall & Schwartz, A. Gold & Co., Manitoba Dry Goods, A. Zazler, Frank Massin, Gus Yaeger, Louis Yaeger, McPhee's Drug Store, Dennett & Barter (chicken), Alley Amesty, Housain Bros., New Lyceum, Dolg, Rankin & Robertson, H. W. Ball, P. A. Kennedy, C. W. Harrison, Hub Clothing Co., Percy Harwood, J. S. Laughon, Thompson's Clothing Store, Adams Shoe Co., E. L. Christie, D. A. Reesor, Geo. Mitrou & Co.