

BOLSHEVISTS REFUSE ALLIED PROPOSAL OF TEN DAYS' TRUCE

Poland to Receive Immediate Naval and Economic Aid—
Blockade of Russia to be Reimposed.

Hythe, Eng., Aug. 8.—Great Britain and France are convinced that the Bolsheviks intend to capture Warsaw and set up a Soviet Government in Poland.

This was learned from an official source to-night, following an announcement at the conference between Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and Premier Millerand of France, held to-day to discuss the Polish situation, that the conference would continue to-morrow when the Premier will pass upon naval, military and economic plans for saving Poland. These plans are being drawn up to-night by Marshal Foch and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, Chief of the British Imperial Staff.

While there has been no talk of officially declaring war on Russia, the allies have decided to give Poland all possible military, naval and economic assistance without delay.

It was reliably reported to-night that the blockade on Russia would be reimposed immediately.

The French are urging the establishment of a defensive line in Poland, either before Warsaw or immediately behind the Capital if it is too late now for the former. M. Millerand also proposed that the French and British troops in the plebiscite areas be used for this line, chiefly for moral support, and that Roumania and Czechoslovakia also be asked to send troops.

SASK. WHEAT CROP "SPOTTY" THIS YEAR

But Experts Figure on a Yield
of 130 to 140 Million
Bushels.

Regina, Sask., Aug. 9.—"Spotty" best describes the Saskatchewan wheat crop this year. Good, indifferent and poor crops are much mixed, even in comparatively small areas, largely due to the influence of local showers during the latter part of the growing season.

This condition makes any attempt to estimate the yield for the year a speculative task, nevertheless experts here are predicting that the aggregate yield will be in the neighborhood of 130,000,000 to 140,000,000 bushels, as compared with last year's 90,000,000. Cutting has commenced at many points, and will be general over the greater part of the crop area by August 16, weather conditions permitting.

Lloydminster, Sask., Aug. 9.—Cutting of rye and barley began here to-day. Wheat cutting will start Monday next.

Less Activity at Some Automobile Plants

In some of the larger Canadian automobile plants a falling off in production is reported, due to the fact that some of the companies are reducing their output for the time being. The advisability of such a policy is said to be due to a slackening off in the demand for automobiles, more particularly since the recent tax went into effect.

It is thought that the lessening of activity in some of the automobile plants will be a good thing for the labor situation generally in other lines of industry. For some time past it has been felt that the automobile makers had been paying too much for labor and that it made it difficult for other lines to get a sufficient number of men.



Miss Frances Billington
Representing the Society of Woman Journalists, England, who will be the only lady representative from Britain to attend the Imperial Press Conference at Ottawa.

250 Million Bushels is Harvest Estimate

Winnipeg, Aug. 9.—Canada's wheat fields will yield from 226,000,000 to 250,000,000 bushels. This estimate was made to-day by W. A. Black, Vice-President and Managing Director of the Ogilvie Milling Company, and is based upon crop reports received from its agents. Compared with last year's yield this is an increase of 50,000,000 to 75,000,000 bushels.

Increase in British Unemployment

A despatch from London says:—Premier Lloyd George stated in the House of Commons that the Government were considering measures in expectation of much unemployment during the coming winter.



FUNERAL OF MAJOR-GENERAL GORGAS IN LONDON

Great Britain paid a valuable tribute to the American officer who made the construction of the Panama Canal possible by his medical and sanitary work. The funeral took place at St. Paul's Cathedral and the gun carriage and pallbearers are shown in the picture. They are all members of the British Army. A crowd of civilians watched the funeral cortege with bared heads.

MORE PEOPLE IN U.S. TOWNS

Census Returns Show De-
crease of Rural Population.

A despatch from Washington says:—For the first time in the history of the United States, the 1920 census returns will show that more persons live in the cities and towns than in the rural territory, officials of the Census Bureau have estimated.

When the final tabulations are completed, the officials declared, they expect it to be shown that 51 or possibly 52 per cent. of the total population of the continental United States reside in urban districts.

That the urban population would exceed the rural has become increasingly evident as the tabulations of the past several weeks were completed, census officials stated. With the population of about one-third of the cities and towns, including practically all of the larger cities, and about one-third of the counties, tabulated and announced, the bureau statisticians feel certain that the rural population will be shown to be less than the urban.

"There has been a very great tendency toward large increases in the cities and towns, which we cannot account for, unless it has come from the country," said Samuel L. Rogers, director of the census. "This tendency toward the cities has been apparent for some time."

Labor Wins Seat In South Norfolk

London, Aug. 9.—The result of the South Norfolk election, consequent on the succession of Mr. Coxen Hardy, the late member, to the Peerage, resulted as follows:
Edwards, Labor, 8,594; Datty, Coalition-Liberal, 6,476; Roberts, Independent Liberal, 2,118.

Fifty-seven per cent. of the electorate voted. Mr. Edwards was largely identified with the agricultural laborers' organization, which is very strong in the constituency. He previously represented Lincoln in Parliament.

Britain Looks to Canada to Supply Crop Deficit

A despatch from London says:—Unprecedented weather has marred the British harvest prospects. "It is to Canada mainly that Britain's 45,000,000 consumers must look hopefully for imports to supplement Britain's deficiency," says a London grain expert. "It is estimated here that Canada's total crop will be 200,000,000 bushels of wheat."

Blockade of Russia Renewed.

A despatch from London says:—Orders have been issued reimposing the blockade on Soviet Russia. Premier Lloyd George informed M. Krasin, the Soviet commercial agent here, the Daily Express declares.

TWO POLICEMEN KILLED IN FIGHT

Train Bandit Also Shot in Al-
berta Cafe.

Bellevue, Alta., Aug. 8.—In a bitter fight with revolvers in a cafe here and on the streets Saturday afternoon one bandit and two policemen were killed. Another bandit got away, and with a third, is in hiding in the piled-up mass of rocks known as the Frank Slide at the east entrance of Crow's Nest Pass.

The dead bandit is George Akroff. The dead policemen are Corporal Ernest Usher of the Mounted Police, and Frederick Bailey of the Alberta Provincial Police.

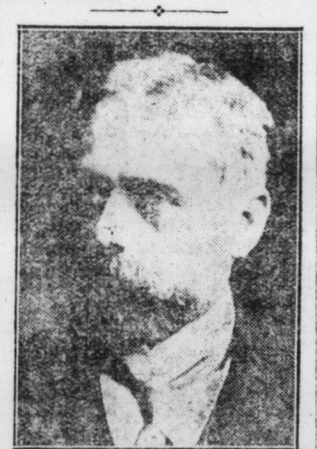
The other bandit in the fight, Tom Bassoff, believed to be the leader of the gang, was wounded by Constable Frewin before he got away. It was Frewin who brought down Akroff, shooting them both from the police building as they were escaping from the town.

The bandits are known to be the men who held up the C.P.R. train at Sentinel last week.

Germans Helping Reds in Warsaw Drive

A despatch from London says:—While the belief is very general here that the Bolsheviks will not stop their offensive until they capture Warsaw or set up a Red Government there, official information from Koenigsberg, East Prussia, states that German officers and soldiers volunteering for service in the Russian army are passing through the city in great numbers. It has been known for some time that the Pan-Germans have had a special recruiting agency in Koenigsberg under the direction of German Baltic adventurers, but it has become known only recently that soldiers and officers volunteering there have been sent to Soviet Russia.

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Sir Gilbert Parker
Who comes with the Imperial Press Conference as one of the proprietors of a combine of newspapers.

Royal Jewels Successfully Smuggled Into England

A despatch from England says:—Priceless jewels, formerly the property of the Czar and Czarina, of Russia, have been successfully smuggled into England, despite the vigilance of the authorities, according to a warning issued to London diamond merchants. It is said the Soviet emissaries who brought in the gems intend selling them to replenish the depleted propaganda coffers of the Soviets.

Athens, Aug. 8.—The occupation of Constantinople by the Greeks is not being considered, according to statements made here to-day. It is declared that Premier Venizelos would be unwilling to take over Constantinople for several years, even if it were offered to Greece, as this would excite international jealousies. Besides, it was said, there are more important problems for Greece at the present moment.

Weekly Market Report

Wholesale Grain.

Toronto, Aug. 10.—Manitoba wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$3.15; No. 2 Northern, \$3.12; No. 3 Northern, \$3.08, in store Port William.
Manitoba oats—No. 2 CW, 96¢; in store Port William.
Man. barley—No. 2 CW, \$1.37½; No. 4 CW, \$1.27½; rejected, \$1.02½; feed, \$1.02½.

American corn—No. 3 yellow, \$1.85; nominal, track, Toronto, prompt shipment.

Ontario wheat—No. 3 white, nominal. Ontario wheat—No. 2 Winter, per car lot, \$2.20 to \$2.30, shipping points, according to freight.

Peas—No. 2, nominal.
Barley—\$1.25 to \$1.30, according to freight outside.

Buckwheat—No. 2, nominal.
Rye—No. 3, \$1.75, according to freight outside.

Manitoba flour—Government standard, \$14.85, Toronto.
Ontario flour—Government standard, \$12.00, nominal.

Milled—Car lots, delivered Montreal, freight, included: Bran, per ton, \$52; shorts, per ton, \$61; good feed flour, \$3.75 to \$4.00.

Country Produce—Wholesale.
Cheese—New, large, 30 to 31¢; twins, 31 to 31½¢; triplets, 32 to 32½¢; old, large, 33 to 34¢; do, twins, 32½ to 34½¢; Siltens, old, 35 to 36¢; new, 33 to 34¢.

Butter—Fresh dairy, choice, 49 to 50¢; creamery, prints, 50 to 62¢. Margarine—35 to 39¢.

Eggs—No. 1, 68 to 69¢; selects, 62 to 63¢.

Dressed poultry—Spring chickens, 45¢; roosters, 30¢; fowl, 35¢; turkeys, 53 to 60¢; ducklings, 35 to 40¢; squabs, do., \$8.50.

Live poultry—Spring chickens, 38¢; roosters, 25¢; fowl, 30¢; ducklings, 35¢. Beans—Canadian, hand-picked, bus, 35.25; primes, \$4; Japan, \$5; Lima, Madagascar, 12½¢; Japan, 10 to 11¢.

Maple products—Syrup, per imp. gal., \$3.40 to \$3.60; per 5 imp. gals., \$3.25 to \$3.40. Maple sugar, lb., 27 to 30¢.

RECORD CROP IN UNITED STATES

Three Billion Bushel Corn
Harvest Predicted for
This Year

Washington, Aug. 9.—A three-billion-bushel corn crop for this year is the history of the United States was forecasted to-day by the Department of Agriculture on the basis of conditions existing August 1. Inasmuch as August is the critical month for the crop in the great corn belt of the Middle West, it is uncertain whether the promise of a crop almost equal to the enormous crops of 1912 and 1917 will be fulfilled.

Improvement was reported during July in the important corn States with the exception of Illinois, and as a result a crop forecast of 2,240,000,000 bushels larger than that predicted on July 1 was issued.

Spring wheat was adversely affected during July principally by rust, and the production forecast of the crop was reduced 29,000,000 bushels from a month ago, or to a total of 232,000,000 bushels. The preliminary estimate of winter wheat production was 15,000,000 bushels larger than the forecast in July, making the combined crop of winter and spring wheat only 14,000,000 bushels smaller than estimated a month ago. The total of 705,000,000 bushels was predicted in to-day's report.

Can Connect Wireless With Land Telephones

London, Aug. 9.—Wireless communication between ordinary telephones used in airplane flying is now possible as a result of Marconi experiments at Croydon Airfield. Messages have been transmitted over 200 miles and calling of passengers flying across the English Channel has been accomplished. Combined land line and wireless connection is also possible between English, American and Canadian telephone users.

Postpone Signing of Turkish Peace Treaty

Paris, Aug. 9.—Owing to the abnormal state of affairs in Europe growing out of the Bolshevik advance into Poland, the signing of the treaty of peace of the Allies with Turkey has been indefinitely postponed.

BRITISH UNIT ALMOST WIPED OUT

Manchester Regiment Meets
Disaster in Mesopotamia.

A despatch from London says:—Information reached the Daily News on Thursday indicating that the disaster to the British force in Mesopotamia, reported Wednesday, is much more serious than the meagre reports supplied by the War Office indicated. Three hundred casualties were suffered by a battalion of a Manchester regiment, and practically all the 300 were killed.

The column was composed of a battalion of Manchester's staghorn battery, some sappers and miners. The colonel in command and practically the whole of three companies were among the killed. A few stragglers were all that returned, but four guns of the battery were saved.

A fresh division has been ordered from India to Mesopotamia.

Inquiries to the Ashton-Under-Lyne depot of the Manchesters showed that the second battalion was commanded by Col. Wright, who went to Mesopotamia in March.

The Kufra garrison, on the lower Euphrates, is still holding out. The town has been partly burned out. The Arabs lost 130 dead and many wounded in a new attack north-west of Hilla.

Military and Naval Men For League Staff

A despatch from San Sebastian, Spain, says:—A plan proposed by M. Leon Bourgeois, the French spokesman in the League of Nations Council, and the French General Payolle for an international general staff as part of the League of Nations, has been adopted here.

The staff is to be composed of the ablest of military and naval men, who will act as agents of the League. The members will be in conference as often as need be, and in event of impending difficulties which might mean armed conflict they will draw up plans in advance so as to be ready for emergencies.

Jobs for Ex-Soldiers Insufficient in Britain

London, Aug. 8.—Canadian ex-soldiers must be warned before returning to England without assurance of work that there is an insufficiency of jobs here.

W. L. Griffith, Secretary of the Canadian High Commissioner, London, said to-day that the High Commissioner could not assume responsibility for failure to obtain employment, and consequent stranding.

It is officially estimated that 5,000 ex-soldiers have returned to England since the war, and many are marrying girls met during the English war service.

Song Carries Over 2,673 Miles of Space

A despatch from St. John's, Nfld., says:—When Chelmsford, Eng., was giving a wireless telephone demonstration to Denmark at 5 p.m. on Saturday, the experimental station on Signal Hill here picked up the sounds and heard, without interruption, the words uttered by H. J. Rounds, the manager at Chelmsford, who was talking with the operator in Denmark.

Mr. Rounds was heard to tell Denmark that Melchior would sing. Signal Hill kept in touch and heard distinctly four songs sung in Danish, as well as the conversation that followed between Denmark and Chelmsford. Chelmsford and St. John's are 2,673 miles apart.

Former Combatants Say War Must Never Recur

Berlin, Aug. 8.—Declaring that there must never be another war between France and Germany, the powerful German organization, the "League of Combatants," composed of participants in the war, passed a resolution agreeing with the French "League of Combatants," on the same question. The two organizations plan to unite to use all means possible to prevent any future conflicts between the nations. The German League telegraphed Henri Barbusse of the French House of Deputies that the two nations must never again be torn asunder by war.

Five German Warships Arrive at New York

New York, Aug. 9.—Five captive German warships came into New York harbor to-day. Their arrival marked the beginning of their last 12 months of existence, for as soon as they have served their purpose as exhibits they are to be sunk.

They were the dreadnought Ostfriesland, the cruiser Frankfurt, and three destroyers, the V-48, G-102 and S-132. They were allocated to the United States in the division of captured vessels.

A despatch from London says:—At the new long-distance wireless telephone station being built at Devises, Wiltshire, it is expected the public can call up friends on Atlantic liners 1,100 miles at sea. It is hoped the Devises station will keep in touch with ships two-thirds of the way across the ocean. Experiments to fully test the practicability of the plan will be made shortly. Each call and reply is expected to consume about an hour.

