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Bolsheviks Defeated and 31,000 Prisoners Captured

Royal Visit to Canada --- Polish Situation Grave--- Russian Affairs Cause Anxiety.

BOLSHEVIKS DEFEATED.

VLADIVOSTOCK, Dec. 30.
(By the A.P.)—In capturing Perm in the Ural mountains, General Gaidai, at the head of Czech-Slovak and Siberian forces, virtually destroyed the Bolshevik third army from which he took thirty-one thousand prisoners. General Gaidai's troops captured an armored train from which Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, was directing operations in the region of Perm. Lenin himself escaped but several members of his party were taken prisoners.

BRITISH DELEGATES.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
It is officially announced that the British delegates to the Inter-Allied Peace Conference at Versailles will include Premier Lloyd George, Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, Foreign Secretary, Chancellor Bonar Law, Viscount Hardinge, Permanent head of the Foreign Office, Sir Louis Mallet, Sir E. Howard, Sir Ralph Paget, and Sir E. Crowe, with their staffs. Lord Robert Cecil is also proceeding to France in connection with the League of Nations scheme. It is expected that the Conference will begin Jan. 13. The majority of the British delegates will leave London on Jan. 4 for France, but the Premier and Mr. Bonar Law will not leave until about the middle of next week. Mr. Balfour is already in France. With the Foreign Office officials who will accompany the Premier and the other cabinet ministers will go representatives of the War Office, Admiralty and Air Board and other departments.

FIGHTING IN POSEN.

WARSAW, Dec. 31.
Fighting has been continued here and there in the city of Posen. German Poland, between Polish and German troops in the past few days. The fortress of the city has been occupied by the Poles, while more than 20,000 German soldiers have been disarmed. The sixth German Grenadier regiment has refused to surrender and is now surrounded in a barracks within the city. German troops sent into the city were disarmed on their arrival at the railway station. The entire Polish population is reported to be aiding the Polish troops. They include boy scouts and young women. The fighting is now of a house to house nature and there is no accurate estimate of the number killed and wounded.

POLES ENTER FRANKFORT.

LONDON, Jan. 1.
Polish troops have entered Frankfurt on the border, 50 miles east of Berlin, says a Berlin despatch to the Express, which adds that the Poles have occupied Beuthen in Prussian Silesia and Bromberg in the province of Posen, 69 miles northeast of Posen city.

THE SITUATION IN POSEN.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 1.
Events in Posen are assuming a grave character, according to advices from Berlin. Large parts of the province are in the hands of the Poles.

and Polish troops have crossed the frontier at Skalmierow, south-east of Posen, and nearly two miles northeast of Breslau. German troops there, must, it is said, retreat in the face of a superior force of the Poles. It is also reported that the Polish government at Warsaw has ordered the mobilization of all Poles.

DEMOLISHING RAPIDLY.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
Gustave Noske, one of the key members of the Ebert Government in Germany, is quoted in an interview printed in the Express, as saying that demobilization of the German army is proceeding much more rapidly than was first believed possible. There are about one million soldiers at the German barracks at Berlin. It is not believed there is much danger from Bolshevism.

THE RUSSIAN QUESTION.

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

IDENTICAL AIMS.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
Comparing the speech of Premier Clemenceau before the French Chamber of Deputies and President Wilson's address at Manchester, the Times argues there is no fundamental discrepancy between the aims of the two men.

MUST GIVE FRANCE TRANQUILITY.

PARIS, Jan. 1.
In its New Year's editorial to-day the Temps says, "We have the right to found peace on something else than a hypothesis. Certainties are required." "Peace will not be real," says La Liberté, if it does not give France tranquility."

THE POPE'S MESSAGE.

ROME, Jan. 2.
In a New Year's message given to the Associated Press, Pope Benedict expresses the hope that the Peace Conference might result in a new world with a League of Nations, the abolition of conscription and the establishment of tribunals to adjust international disputes.

LLOYD GEORGE.

CARNARVON, Jan. 2.
The general election has given democracy an opportunity in the present government to change the face of the country, announced Premier Lloyd George here yesterday. The Premier said that unless the government did its best to fulfill its promises he pledged himself that he would not remain at its head but would go back to the people for another mandate.

TROOPSHIP IN BAD POSITION.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.
The American transport "Northern Pacific," ashore off Fire Island with three thousand troops, civilians and

crew, was shifted slightly during the night by the waves and the wind. At 8 a.m. to-day with a rough sea running and a moderate southwest breeze blowing, the ship's bow had swung 150 feet shorewards. Hitherto the vessel had been lying broadside to the beach. The weather conditions at 6 o'clock were not considered favorable to the transfer of the troops.

COUNTERACTING ENEMY ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
How the British Empire was saved at least a billion dollars by the successful manner in which enemy activities were counteracted, is described in the farewell message of Brigadier General George K. Cockerill, the retiring Director of Special Intelligence, to his associates. General Cockerill says the enemy was active in speculating in raw material and this was detected and checked. One sub-department, the General reported, not content with closing certain channels of enemy propaganda kept others open for the express purpose of distributing British propaganda in enemy covers, on which the postage had already been paid by the enemy. The message refers appreciatively to the skilled work of the chemists' department in connection with ink secrets, photographs and codes. Experts and professors in uncommon languages put in much skilled work of so secret a character that a detailed description of it is not yet permissible. General Cockerill pays a tribute to the essential links with the department of special intelligence in the dominions and colonies without whose loyal and disinterested cooperation, he says it would have been impossible to have secured the results attained.

ROYALTY TO VISIT CANADA.

TORONTO, Jan. 2.
The 'World,' in a special despatch from Ottawa this morning, says King George and the Prince of Wales are to visit Canada. Such is the statement made here on high authority. According to the present arrangement the King and Prince will make a tour of the overseas dominions and Canada will be the first to receive honor of the royal visit. The date of their arrival in the Dominion is more or less contingent on the settlement of the European affairs at the Peace Conference. But if matters are cleared up sufficiently to permit the King leaving England the visit will take place in the late spring. The present tentative arrangement is that the King will visit Canada in time to hold a review of the touring British fleet at Quebec on Empire Day, May 24. What other chief cities of the Dominion he may visit is at present unsettled.

A DENIAL.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
Announcements regarding British delegates to the Peace Conference and officials who would advise them, which have appeared in some newspapers as being from an official source, are unauthorized and inaccurate. The Prime Minister and the Imperial War Cabinet, the Associated Press learned, have

not yet decided on the composition of the peace delegation. Until this is settled and the delegates have met, no information as to the officials who will advise them can be made. The published list of officials is inaccurate and omits the names of some men to whom the War Cabinet has entrusted the study and preparation of some of the most important questions for the consideration of the Peace Conference.

CANADA'S PENSION BILL.

OTTAWA, Jan. 2.
The Minister of Finance has furnished Sir Robert Borden with an estimate of the total amount of Canada's pension obligations. The pension commissioners are of the opinion that the maximum will not be reached in pensions for 18 months or two years. They will probably remain at this maximum for five years and be gradually reduced until their termination. A calculation estimates a total cost of \$440,000,000 calculated on three per cent. basis or \$390,000,000 calculated on a four per cent. basis or \$345,000,000 on a five per cent. basis. These sums represent the amounts of money as of to-day which at the rates of interest mentioned should take care of Canada's pension obligations arising out of the war.

REACHES DESTINATION.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
The Swedish barque Mimesa from New York for Santos, Brazil, previously reported sunk in a collision on Nov. 4, has arrived at her destination.

PROFITING.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 2.
A 200 p.c. dividend was declared by the directors of the Ford Motor Co. at their annual meeting Dec. 31st. It was announced here this afternoon. The dividend which represents a disbursement of \$4,000,000 among seven stockholders is payable 100 per cent. Jan. 1st, and 100 per cent. February 1st.

LIEBKNECHT KNOCKED.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 2.
Dr. Karl Liebknecht was given a sharp defeat in the Spartacus Congress at Berlin on Tuesday, according to advices received here. Liebknecht advocated participation by the Spartacus element in the election of members of the National Assembly on the ground that the party might be able to influence the composition of the Assembly. Rosa Luxemburg, one of the Spartacus leaders, replied in a violent speech, declaring "meeting of the National Assembly must be prevented at all costs." Liebknecht's proposal was rejected by a vote of 63 to 33.

KAISER VERY ILL.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2.
William Hohenzollern, the former emperor of Germany is very ill, according to advices from Amerongen. He cannot leave his room and has a bad cold and high fever. An eminent specialist from Utrecht is in constant attendance. Only the former empress, the specialist and two attendants are permitted to enter his room.

BRITISH DEMOBILIZATION.

LONDON, Jan. 2.
(Reuters)—Reuters has received the following statement in regard to demobilization in Great Britain affecting at least ten million men and women who were engaged in Britain's war effort and of 775,000 have already been released, including 270,000 soldiers and sailors, 115,000 returned war prisoners and 390,000 munition workers. The three factors governing demobilization are the size of the British Army, which must for the present be maintained. This has already been practically settled by Marshal Foch in conference with the Allies holding the western lines; secondly, the machinery of discharge, and thirdly, the economic situation at home. At the present time demobilization is proceeding on a selective basis as distinct from discharge by

units; the men being selected as far as possible among those who are most essential to industry. Obviously to demobilize the seven million men of the army and navy on a selective basis is a colossal task. Moreover the army has been moving forward with many services working at a higher standard than during the fighting. Should the existing strain on the armies be relieved there will be a chance for the selective basis of demobilization to the industrial basis, while later it may be possible to work on a formation basis, bringing the formation home and demobilizing collectively. One of the great problems is transportation, especially over the devastated areas of France. Marshal Foch declared that on a selective basis the maximum can be discharged from the army in France is ten thousand daily, while on a non-selective basis, he can release twenty-two thousand daily with the same transportation facilities. By opening a passage through Antwerp it would be possible considerably to increase the numbers, but this step would take time. At the present time 272,000 people are drawing out of work benefit, while the out of work population is advancing to 17 per thousand of the total population weekly. Consequently in demobilizing the unemployment factor must steadily be borne in mind. The authorities, however, are not alarmed at the present situation. There exists a good deal of optimism as regards the revival of industry and it is believed that a boom will come later.

At the City Hall.

The regular weekly session of the City Council was held yesterday. Coun. Morris presided, and those present were: Councillors Ayre, Brownrigg and Mullaly.

After the reading of the minutes and the preliminary business, the following was dealt with:

A letter was read from His Excellency the Governor in relation to the gulches in and around the town. He offered some suggestions as to a remedy. After a discussion the matter was referred to the Engineer for report.

The Board of Fire Underwriters wrote that the erection of an additional structure on the Southside by the Imperial Oil Co., would not cause any increase in present fire insurance rates. The plan was approved on these conditions.

A letter was read from J. W. Morris, of the Reid-Nidd. Co. in which he thanked the Council for their action in relation to the damaged lamps. The Council decided not to allow further progress on the addition to Mr. Dodd's garage, Catherine Street, until further advised.

After the regular routine business was disposed of, an adjournment was taken. At the close Councillor Morris wished the Councilors a Happy New Year, and the Press as represented by Mr. Dowden.

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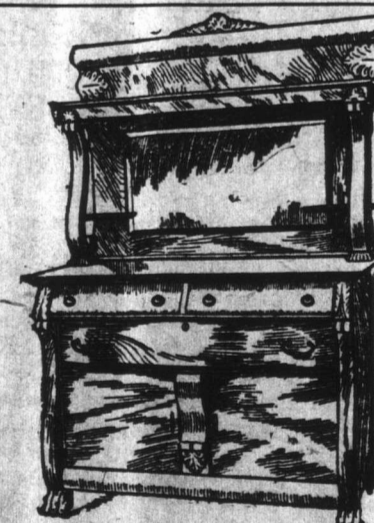
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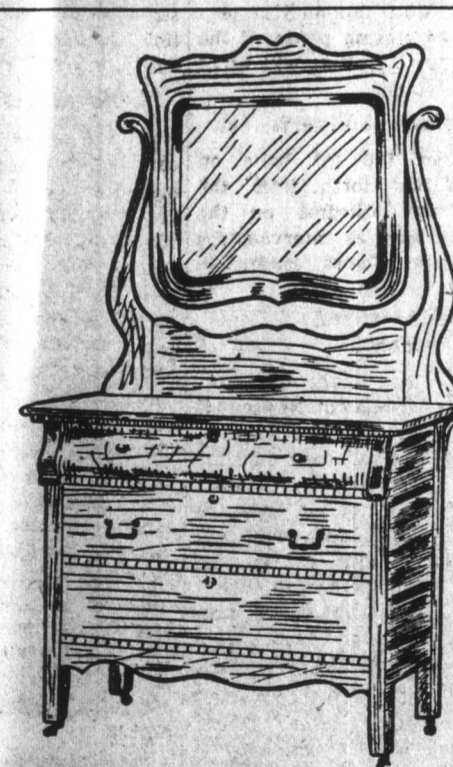
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