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GERMAN BOLSHEVIKS TO RE-ENTER GERMANY TO ASSIST RETURNED SOLDIERS. SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST LUMBER COMPANY

GERMAN GOVERNMENT TO CRUSH "REDS" WITH IRON HAND

German Government Troops Armed With Hand Grenades and Flame Throwers. CLASHES ARE FREQUENT Spartacans Have Complete Possession of Police Headquarters and Royal Palace.

Berlin, Jan. 7.—At this hour Spartacan forces are being massed at several places where machine guns and armored cars have been placed. In Wilhelmstrasse the government forces are awaiting an attack.

Shortly before noon the Associated Press correspondent saw a troop of about 80 Spartacans, half soldiers and half civilians, all armed and marching with one machine gun, having turned the Potsdam market place towards the Bolshevik gathering place.

The government buildings are strongly garrisoned by soldiers in steel helmets and equipped with hand grenades, while the buildings along the street are being shelled.

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Yesterday the Spartacans made several minor attempts to approach the palace, but were driven off.

There was another affray at the corner of Leipzigerstrasse and Wilhelmstrasse when the Spartacans fired a machine gun.

SERBIANS TORTURED SERBIAN PRISONERS

British Officers Testify to Cruel Treatment—Men and Women Were Mercilessly Flogged—Commandant Named.

London, Jan. 8.—Evidence has been received from British officers who have been prisoners of war in Bulgaria, Reuter's learns, of cruel treatment and tortures which they saw the Bulgarians inflict upon Serbian prisoners and interned civilians.

THE LEAGUE WILL GIVE ASSURANCE OF SAFETY

France and Italy Will Otherwise Seek Strategic Frontiers to Make Invasion Difficult—Form of Procedure.

London, Jan. 8.—(Special cable from John W. Datoe).—The principals of the peace conference are gathering at Paris in readiness for the conversations of the allied powers which begin next Monday at the offices of the French ministry of foreign affairs.

The chief task of the allied conference is to give Italy and France these needed assurances of safety, and it is expected this will be done by making a beginning of the league of nations by the alliance of the present allied nations, giving it such dominance in power as will safeguard all its members.

Talk Mothers' Pensions, Not Nickel.

The world is "tub-thumping" (to use my favorite word when not funeralizing) about nickel. It claims that it made the International Nickel Co. pay in \$1,200,000 a year to the Province of Ontario.

Josephus: My heart bleeds for those dear mothers of our country. What a nickel compared to a pension for a dear mother?

Stoort: I'll tell ye but ye mauna gie it as they could pay the nickels-pensions out of 't' nickel tax!

Josephus: Your heart is mither-plated, brother. I still have a fond heart.

CALL ON WILHELM IN ARMORED CARS

Party of Twelve Arrives at Castle, But Object of Visit is Not Disclosed.

Special to The Toronto World. Rotterdam, Jan. 8.—Handelsblad, a newspaper here, says that an armed motor car, with twelve occupants, appeared last evening at the Castle of Wilhelm III.

GERMAN ARMIES WILL BE MORE POWERFUL

Lloyd George Tells Discontented Soldiers, Strong Force Must Be Kept.

London, Jan. 8.—Demobilization demonstrations were repeated today in the part of Great Britain during the country camps.

The text of the official statement issued tonight regarding demobilization is as follows: "The prime minister has been giving careful personal attention to the speed with which the process of demobilization is being carried out."

HAVE DISCOVERED LOOT OF "CHRISTMAS" KEOGH

New York, Jan. 8.—Some of the loot of "Christmas" Keogh, notorious swindler and forger, has been found in a safe deposit box in this city.

Canadian Ordnance Stores Sold to Imperial Government

London, Jan. 8.—Canadian ordnance stores on this side have been sold to imperial authorities under an arrangement that the Canadian Government should receive one hundred per cent. on all new equipment.

Those Dummy Tanks

It is interesting to note the praise that Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, in his report, gave to tanks.

ALLEGED PEONAGE OF RETURNED MEN

Ex-Soldiers, Contracting for \$60 a Month With Lumber Company, Are Offered Half Wages, Then Turned Adrift—Epileptic Veteran Walked Forty Miles.

An unusual case among returned soldiers was yesterday afternoon brought to the attention of both the G.W.V.A. and the G.A.C. respecting the occupation of employment in Ontario.

FRENCH CASUALTIES NUMBERED 4,762,800

Washington, Jan. 8.—Casualties in the French army, excluding colonial troops, up to November 1, were 4,762,800, according to official figures made public today by the French high commission to correct conflicting reports hitherto published.

SOCIALIST LEADERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Chicago, Jan. 8.—All of the five socialist leaders tried for conspiracy to violate the espionage law were found guilty by a jury late this afternoon in federal court.

CZAR STILL LIVES, AIDE WAS EXECUTED

London, Jan. 8.—According to a story sent by a special correspondent of The Morning Post at Archangel, which it is necessary to treat with reserve, the former emperor of Russia is still alive.

THEFT OF MILLIONS REPORTED IN PARIS

Paris, Jan. 8.—The newspapers report the theft from the ministry of finance of a number of provisional certificates of the last loan which had been converted into definite scrip and the first coupons cashed.

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GROUND CLEARED FOR BEGINNING OF NEGOTIATIONS Informal Meeting of Peace Conference to Deal With Important Fundamentals. USE OF THE HIGH SEAS This Phrase Has Now Been Substituted for Former "Freedom of Seas."

Paris, Jan. 8.—Many important questions concerning the arrangement of the program for the peace conference which have been in process of solution, probably will soon be adjusted as a result of President Wilson's return to Paris.

The president during his trips to England and Italy kept in close touch with the members of the American peace delegation in Paris, and it is evident from the expressions of officials that the settlement of various matters will progress more rapidly from now on.

The president's informal talk with Col. House Tuesday night dealt with the attitude of Premier Clemenceau and Lord Robert Cecil regarding the league of nations. The conference gave the president fresh information concerning their views, and today Col. House and Secretary Lansing conferred with Lord Robert, who is the British authority on a league of nations.

CONFERENCE WILL BE INFORMAL

In fact, it is admitted, that the first meetings between President Wilson and his associates and the entire peace conference will be informal.

The impending informal meetings between President Wilson and the entire premier will deal with subjects of fundamental importance. It will be for these official arrangements program which will govern the peace negotiations.

Representation of Powers.

It has been agreed that the first matter to be considered at the meeting of President Wilson and the premier will be the representation of the powers seeking participation in the peace congress.

Use of the High Seas.

Probably next among the foremost subjects to receive attention will be "use of the high seas." It may be that this phrase, now as being adopted instead of the older "freedom of the seas," but it is not yet possible to ascertain in what the distinction is to consist.

To Call War Council.

Premier Clemenceau, according to The Temps, intended to call a meeting of the inter-allied peace council tomorrow to submit to it various questions which will be treated later at the peace conference.

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