

THE NORTHLAND INVESTIGATIONS BRING FORTH MORE HARDSHIPS

Soldier Stories All Tend to Show Insufficient Food Supply, All Poorly Served, and Ship Facilities Wholly Inadequate to Care for Returning Men—Stewards All After the Soldiers' Coin.

Ottawa, Jan. 5.—Investigation into conditions on the transport Northland proceeded before Judge Hodgins throughout Saturday morning and afternoon. The stories told by returned soldiers were similar to those of the previous day. They were complaints of bad ventilation below, of insufficient food, and of the sale of food by stewards.

"Did you hear of that?" counsel asked, in astonished tones. Sergeant Smith quickly responded. "It was brought to the sergeant's room for sale. But Sergeant Smith admitted that to have a pig on a ship was 'buying a pig in a poke'."

He explained, too, that on one occasion two pints of water were put in the men's jam to make it go round—"until it looked like this," and here the sergeant tapped the water-jug standing on the table before them.

With regard to the quality of food generally, however, Sergeant Smith did not complain. His complaints were directed against the manner in which it was served. "I never heard so much kicking in my life," was the version of Company Quartermaster Sergeant Flood, who gave evidence in the morning.

Lord T. Elliott, London, testified as to the men's food. The day he acted as orderly officer. He found the quality good. This was the first day out. St. Quartmaster Sergeant Harry Gibbons stated that he had gone to the front in June, 1916, and remained there eleven months, when he contracted trench fever. He had returned on the Northland. He said he had been down to the men's quarters, even taking into consideration the fact that they were not exercising. He thought, however, that they could get more if they were willing to wait for a second helping.

The ventilation of men's sleeping quarters was bad, but he was not sure whether it could have been better, owing to bad weather. He had given a subscription by the Sergeant Major Parker to take around to the men's quarters for contributions to the chief and second stewards. This money was to be contributed because they were said to have received the men's mess in class meals. He thought they had received first class cabin meals, but N. C. O.'s thought it somewhat of an imposition to be asked to subscribe. He had collected over three pounds, which he handed to Sergeant Major Parker.

PRES. WILSON ON WAY TO FRANCE

Left Rome Last Night and Expects to Reach Paris About Tuesday.

Rome, Jan. 4.—(Associated Press)—President Wilson left Rome for Paris shortly after 9 o'clock tonight, with the cheers of the Roman throng that had gathered to witness his departure, ringing in his ears. His visit to the Italian capital has proved the busiest of his European trip, as it was the most demonstrative. The President's party is not expected to reach Paris until Tuesday morning, as the itinerary provides for stops at Genoa, Milan and Turin.

The President is represented as expecting, on his return to the French capital, to find the delegates of the nations assembling for the Peace Conference, up to the point of deciding upon the first principles of the proposed League of Nations, thus paving the way to the disposal of what he regards as the necessary preliminaries to the Peace Conference before his return to the United States, about the middle of February.

President Wilson was a member of the Reale Accademia de' Lincei, or Royal Academy of Science, this morning. The President and Mrs. Wilson were seated between the King and Queen, while among those present were the American Ambassador, Thomas Nelson Page, and other members of the diplomatic corps, and many distinguished Italian officials and scientists. Senator D'Onofrio, who is President of the Academy, hailed the President as the worthy representative of the culture of the new world, which now revivifies the ancient culture of the old world.

During an awful death toll the influenza has abated. He said Ireland has one great drawback which jeopardizes the inhabitants continually, this is the existence of active volcanoes. On October the twelfth of the past year, previous to the outbreak of influenza, the volcano "Katla" broke forth in all its fury and entirely encircled four large farm houses, and this is only one of the evils that must be contended with in the natural order.

"Now, I think you have enough," added he, "have a cigar, and tell me of your country," was the parting words to his interesting narrative. Both men proceeded to New York tomorrow. The son will then return to Canada in the event of the trawler he has kept in the Canadian service and the father will return home.

PEARSON IN TORONTO. Toronto, Jan. 5.—Sir Arthur Pearson, the noted blind philanthropist, arrived in Toronto today. He is on his way to the United States to attend the Peace Conference.

FIERCE FIGHTING BETWEEN AMERICANS AND BOLSHEVETS

Bolshevists Are Mutilating Allied Wounded and Dead According to Reports Received from Allied Officers—Situation Unchanged at Archangel.

With the Allied Army on the Dvina, Saturday, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press)—American troops, fighting desperately near Kadish, have driven back Bolshevist troops which made an advance there. The Bolshevists also launched attacks on the Onega sector, and bombarded the Allied front. The Americans went into the attack along the Petrograd Road, and in the frozen swamps that border it. The battle was fought in snow from two to four feet in depth. American forces captured Kadish last Monday. There were some casualties, but they were small in comparison to those inflicted upon the enemy.

On Tuesday the Bolshevists opened a terrific fire from three and six inch guns and launched a counter-attack against the Kadish. The Americans were in command of American forces. In the vicinity of Schenkursk, on November 29, Americans were the victors, according to the report. A patrol of sixty American soldiers and two officers was surprised early on September 29, by a force of about 700 Bolshevists. Seven Americans were killed, and seven others were missing after the fight. Today the fighting about Kadish, apparently, had ceased except for spasmodic artillery action. The headquarters report said: "The situation is unchanged in all sectors."

AGREEMENTS RESCINDED. Paris, Jan. 5.—Berlin dispatches received here report that the agreements between the Poles and the Germans have been rescinded. Kruchvitch has been occupied by the Poles, who are advancing along the Krenz-Danzig railway, the dispatches add.

BRITAIN'S GREATEST PLAYERS AT IMPERIAL TODAY. Because the British theatrical profession is strictly a representative meeting, at which noted playwrights and authors were also present, decided to start a fund for the widows and children of slain and wounded theatre workers, a motion picture of Charles Read's story "Masks and Faces," was decided upon. This picture is the imperial's feature for today and Tuesday.

HAMPTON. Hampton, Jan. 2.—Mr. Frank McMillin of Bay St. Paul, Quebec, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. Fouton Keirstead. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin, Truro, are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Angevine. Mr. "Ted" Coster, who recently received his discharge from the R.A.F., and has since been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coster, left this week for Dalhousie College, Halifax.

Miss Sybil Barnes and Mr. Arthur Schofield were among those from this place to attend the I.O.D.E. dinner given on Friday evening in the hall of C. Hall, St. John. Miss Lois Evans of the military hospital staff, Fredericton, was a guest last week of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fowler. Mrs. Fred Lodge and son, Maurice, Moncton, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Barnes. Mr. Kettle Kennedy left last week for a few days' visit with his father, Mr. Gerald King, Chipman, was a visitor to Hampton this week. Miss Frances Alward, St. John, was a week-end guest of Mrs. George Howard.

DEATH OF COUNTESS REMOVES HINDRANCE

Former German Chancellor's Man of All the Men Can German Political Life

Copenhagen, Jan. 5.—(Associated Press)—Count Geo. F. von Hertling, the former imperial German chancellor, died Saturday night at Harpold, Bavaria. He had been ill for six days. Count Geo. F. von Hertling was considered the most learned man of all the men called to the chancellery of Germany since 1871. He had served the country, Von Hertling won for himself a scholar's reputation before he entered political life, and to 1912, when he became Bavarian minister-president he had combined educational and literary work with political activities. Von Hertling appointed imperial German chancellor in October, 1918, succeeded by George Michaelis. He resigned in fall of last year, and the then Emperor William conferred upon him the order of the Black Eagle, and warm thanks for the "self-sacrificed faithfulness" with which Von Hertling had served the country. Von Hertling was born in August, 1843, in Darmstadt.

THE BOLSHIEV TOOK HOSTAGES

Travellers Say They Took Over 1,000 in Petrograd After Uritsky Was Assassinated in September—500 Were Executed.

Vladivostok, Friday, Jan. 3.—(The Associated Press)—The Bolsheviki in Petrograd took 1,000 hostages after the assassination last September of Alexander Uritsky, the commissary for home affairs, according to accounts brought by M. Kuznetsov, Russian engineer, and O. G. Wall, Englishman, who have arrived Omsk from Schlesensburg, near Vladivostok. Of these the travellers report 500 were executed.

NEW POLICE CHIEF FOR BERLIN

Herr Ernest, Director of Vorwaerts Publishing Company, Succeeds Echor.

Berlin, Jan. 5.—(Associated Press)—The cabinet deposed Echor, chief of police of Berlin, who refused to vacate his post. Herr Ernest, director of Vorwaerts Publishing Company, I. been appointed to succeed Echor. Echor, as chief of police, resisted members of the Spartacus group in their stores all over Canada that victorious price reductions should make despite the advance.

SEMI-READY PACE BENEFIT

Mr. Fraser, of the Semi-Ready Trading Store, on German street, says that they have inaugurated a Semi-Ready Sale as a protest against the high price of cloth. Even since armistice there has been a substantial increase in the cost of cloth, and the Semi-Ready Company have agreed with their stores all over Canada that victorious price reductions should make despite the advance. "If we can do a small share towards starting a downward trend in values we will be eminently satisfied," said the president of the company, writing to Mr. Fraser. "We are selling today at less than what we can reproduce the cloth for, less than the manufacturer's cost today—and you know that our list represents the lowest margin between cost and customer's price. No cloth is sold in the world at a closer margin of profit. We had to establish the Semi-Ready Company to meet the needs of the larger volume of trade which sends ready tailoring brings has helped maintain that policy," concluded Mr. Fraser.

SEC. BELL GIVES UP RELIEF WORK

Retires from the Halifax Relief Commission to Take up Private Interests.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N.S., Jan. 5.—R. P. Bell is retiring from the office of Secretary of the Halifax Relief Commission to devote his time to private interests. His successor, as secretary of the commission, has not yet been announced, but the duties are being carried by Miss Mary McDonald, who was Mr. Bell's assistant, and who will likely succeed him.

PRESIDENT WANTS TO ASSIST EUROPE

Asks for Large Appropriation to Relieve Famine Sufferers in Europe.

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress was asked by President Wilson to authorize a message transmitted through the state department to appropriate \$100,000,000 for relief of famine sufferers in Europe. It is understood the money is wanted chiefly to send food into sections of Western Russia, Poland and Austria-Hungary.

Paris, Jan. 5.—(Havas)—The Independent Socialists in the German state of Brunswick have resigned. It is announced in German advices reaching here.



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PERSONAL.

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