

German Government Quits Under Censure of Socialists

EBERT MINISTRY HAS RESIGNED OFFICE

Criticism Voiced by Central Congress of Soldiers and Workmen's Council on Tuesday is Responsible For Resignation of Cabinet

By Courier Leased Wire.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The German government, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned as a result of events on Tuesday, according to a dispatch received at Zurich from Stuttgart, says The Journal's correspondent there.

Friedrich Ebert, who was named as minister of interior, in the cabinet of Prince Maximilian of Baden, on November 3, and became imperial chancellor on November 8, took command of the situation in Berlin following the revolutionary uprising there. On November 13 it was announced that he had become premier, and had chosen his cabinet, naming Hugo Haase, Philipp Scheidemann, Wilhelm Dittmann, Herr Landberg and Richard Barth as the secretaries in charge of the departments created by the revolutionary government.

The central congress of the delegates from 'Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils, met at Berlin on Monday. The first session resulted in disorderly scenes in which there were many personal encounters. On Tuesday, turbulent scenes continued, George Ledebour, a leader of the Independent Socialists, making a bitter attack upon Premier Ebert.

To Elect President.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 18.—Bulletin.—The German government has decided to convolve a conference of representatives of all the states of the former empire on December 29, to elect a president of the German republic, according to a Berlin report. This step is said to have been taken in order to avoid fresh outbreaks.

Bill Has the Chills

AMERONGEN, Holland, Dec. 18.—By the Associated Press.—Former Emperor William has been confined to his bed since Sunday with a severe chill. His indisposition has brought about a renewal of his old ear trouble, necessitating the calling in of a specialist, a professor from Utrecht, to assist the local doctor.

The constant worry of the last five weeks, and his virtual imprisonment in Count Bentinck's castle here have changed William Hohenzollern's appearance considerably. Instead of the ruddy complexion he wore, his face has become ashen. His hair and moustache grey, and his face deeply lined. Since he has lain abed with his illness his face has remained unshaven, and the 72 hours growth of beard seems to have added ten years to his age.

The ex-emperor's favorite adjutant, Captain Sigurd von Elsemann, is also ill, and the former Empress has become her husband's almost sole attendant.

No strangers are permitted to enter the castle grounds under any pretext, while all arrivals in the village are being most closely watched.

SOLDIERS' COUNCIL TO QUIT

By Courier Leased Wire

Basel, Dec. 19.—The executive committee of the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council for Berlin and its suburbs intends to resign, according to messages received from the German capital. It is said that it will be replaced by an executive committee elected by the General Assembly and the Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils of the Empire.

Amsterdam, Dec. 19.—(Havas Agency)—Three of the principal directors of the Kfupp munition works at Essen, including Dr. Bransberger, inventor of the Big Bertha, have been arrested by the revolution committees in that city, according to advices received here.

Disorder at Danzig. Zurich, Dec. 19.—(Havas Agency)—Serious disorders have broken out at Danzig, West Prussia, according to dispatches received here. Civil and military prisons have been opened and the inmates set at liberty, it is said, and street fighting is reported.

To Tell of Sufferings.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 19.—Pressure continues high over the eastern portion of the continent and fair weather prevails throughout the Dominion. Forecasts. Fair and comparatively mild. Winds and mild.



GERMAN ENVOYS ENTERING ALLIED LINES ASKING FOR ARMISTICE. First exclusive pictures of the journey of the German envoys to meet Marshal Foch and the allied dictators of the armistice terms near the battle lines of France. This photograph shows the German representatives crossing the French line on the road to Fumprives La Capelle Guise. The cars bearing the German mission left the general headquarters on November 7th at 4 p.m., and reached this point at 9.30 p.m. They spent the night at the Castle of Francport, and left the next morning to meet the allied leaders, who were waiting for them. Copyright, Underwood and Underwood.

POLICE INVESTIGATE MATRIMONIAL EXPERIENCES OF MILO H. PIPER

By Courier Leased Wire

Muskegon, Mich., Dec. 19.—The matrimonial experiences of Milo H. Piper, local insurance man, accused of having murdered Miss Frieda Weichman, Chicago bookkeeper, after an automobile trip lasting several months, in 1916, were being further investigated by the police here today.

Interest in the accused man's past life was stimulated late yesterday when it was established by statements from him and his present wife, according to Sheriff Stuffer, that in 1918 he was married at Denton Harbor to Miss Iva

Goodenough, a fifteen-year-old school girl. After a divorce two years later, the girl, using the name of Marian Grey, conducted a matrimonial agency at Chicago.

Court records show that she was convicted in 1908 of using the mails to defraud, being sent to the federal prison at Atlanta and later pardoned.

Letters which Piper wrote to his present wife during the automobile trip, which he admits making with Miss Weichman, are being sought by the police today. These letters, Mrs. Piper told the authorities,

disappeared from her trunk after she found her little son playing with them.

Beyond reiterating his statement that he knows nothing of Miss Weichman's death and that his name was used by one "John Sheldon" in marrying the girl at Rensselaer, Ind., in 1916, Piper has refused to further discuss the murder charge against him. Sheriff Stauffer has admitted that the case developed by the authorities against Piper thus far is a purely circumstantial one. Piper's identification as the man who was married to Miss Weichman, has not been legally established.

MILNER EXPLAINS NEED FOR INTERVENTION IN RUSSIA

London, Dec. 19.—(Reuter's)—In reply to a letter received from a correspondent, Viscount Milner, the secretary for war, gives the reasons why British troops were sent to Russia. The cabinet member goes over

the situation created by the success of Bolsheviki in gaining control of Russian affairs and points out how their acts were adversely affecting the cause of the Allies in the west and otherwise hampering the winning of the war by the Allied nations.

"You ask me," says Viscount Milner in his letter, "what right we ever had to send British troops to Russia to meddle with the internal affairs of that country and how long we mean to keep them there now that the war is over."

"The question itself shows that you misapprehend the facts of the case as well as the motives of the government. The reason why Allied, not merely British forces—indeed the British are only a small proportion of the total Allied troops—were sent to Russia is that the Bolsheviki, whatever their object, were in fact assisting our enemies in every possible way. It was on account of their action that hundreds of thousands of German troops were let loose to hurt themselves against our men on the western front. It was owing to their betrayal that Rumania, with all its rich resources in grain and oil, fell into the hands of the Germans.

"It was they who handed over the Black Sea fleet to the Germans and who treacherously attacked the Czech-Slovaks, when the latter only desired to get out of Russia in order to fight for the freedom of their own country in Europe. The Allies everywhere were most anxious to avoid interference in Russia, but it was an obligation of honor, to save Czech-Slovaks and it was military necessity, at the most urgent kind to prevent those vast portions of Russia which were struggling to escape the tyranny of the Bolsheviki from being over-run by them and so thrown open as a source of supply

to the enemy. Russia Needed Help. "I say nothing of the enormous (Continued on Page 2.)

EXPLODING MINE KILLS FIFTEEN

German Device Does Damage at Guise After Signing of Armistice

By Courier Leased Wire Paris, Dec. 19.—(Havas)—A German mine, which had been planted in a bridge at Guise has exploded, killing fifteen persons and injuring twenty-five, according to a Guise dispatch to The Matin. The date of the explosion is not given, but the dispatch says that it occurred more than a month after the armistice went into effect.

COMMISSIONERS MAKE AN OFFER TO POLICEMEN

Will Reinstate Discharged Men if Constables Return to Duty

SETTLEMENT LIKELY

By Courier Leased Wire Toronto, Dec. 19.—If the police, who are on strike here, will return to duty immediately the officials of their union, who were summarily dismissed on Tuesday, will be reinstated. This was the decision arrived at by the Board of Police Commissioners this afternoon after many conferences. The question of recognition by the commissioners of the charter granted to the police union by the Trades and Labor Council should be left to the decision of the Attorney-General of Ontario in the opinion of the commissioners. This offer of the commissioners for settlement of the strike will be discussed by the policemen at a mass meeting this afternoon.

Toronto, Dec. 19.—As quiet and peaceful as a Sunday afternoon were the streets of downtown Toronto this morning after their first night without police protection. Beyond the usual happenings, such as the stealing of a few motor cars or an occasional minor mishap of some kind, there was nothing whatever to indicate that the vigilance of the law had lapsed. In some of the outlying sections the inevitable small boys played some pranks. A number of Hydro lights were broken and other petty damage done, but even that did not much exceed the usual Halloween total.

Early today the police strikers committee, supported by Alderman Gibbons and other Labor leaders, waited on Hon. L. B. Lucas, in accordance with the resolution to stand firm for union recognition, passed at last night's meetings. They also interviewed the Manufacturers' Association and the Board of Trade. At 11 a.m. the Police Commissioners met.

DOVER OPENS ITS GATES TO ARMY LEADERS

Haig and Other British Commanders Land in England Today

A ROUSING WELCOME

London Flies Flags, and Dover Proclaims Public Holiday

By Courier Leased Wire.

London, Dec. 17.—London hung out its flags and the old seaport of Dover flung its gates wide open today to greet Field Marshal Haig and the commanders of the five British armies, which fought in Belgium and France—General Plumer, Rawlinson, Birdwood, Byng and Horne.

It was merely an informal welcome on the part of London, but Dover made of it a great celebration. The news that the Field Marshal was coming home to spend Christmas with his family at Kingston became public, and his fellow countrymen would not be denied a chance to see and cheer the leader of their armies. The real celebration in London comes later—late in January or February. The Field Marshal will then, according to time-honored precedent, be raised to a high rank in the peerage—how high is a point of speculation to the nation—and given a money premium for his services. This is the procedure which has been followed since the days of Wellington and Nelson, down to Kitchener and Roberts, and the occasion will be celebrated with civic and military formalities such as no other nation except possibly France, can carry off as impressively as Great Britain.

The welcome given the home-coming generals to-day was similar to that given Marshal Foch and Premier Clemenceau of France and Premier Orlando of Italy a little over a week ago, but there was less display. Premier Lloyd George, the Duke of Connaught, members of the cabinet, generals and lesser functionaries from the war office, made up the receiving party at Charing Cross station. After first greetings, the civilian officials disappeared from the scene, and the small procession wended through the principal streets to Buckingham Palace, where King George entertained Field Marshal Haig at luncheon.

A small escort of the Life Guard, in steel cuirasses, preceded the carriage in which the army commanders rode. Marshal Haig was in the first carriage, Generals Plumer and Rawlinson in the second, Generals Birdwood and Byng in the third and General Horne in the fourth. The mothers of the officers and members of the reception committee filled the remainder of the seats.

Airplanes hovering overhead, escorted Field Marshal Haig's ship across the channel and followed his train to London. All business places at Dover were closed and a holiday was declared. Admiral Keyes, commander of the port, all the naval and military officers of the city, the mayor, members of the Dover city council and Lord Beauchamp, warden of the Cinque ports, receiving the returning commanders in the marine station, which was swathed in burning and decorated with mottoes. The arms of Dover and those of Field Marshal Haig were everywhere displayed.

Salutations such as "welcome home," "We are all Scotch to our welcome of thee," and "Nemo me impune lacessit," were seen on transparencies, while the largest bore the words "Welcome from the Dover patrol."

This contingent guarded the channel throughout the war. After Field Marshal Haig had arrived an illuminated address was presented by the mayor, and the generals passed into the station.

Cornered rights would have been disastrous to both in a great many constituencies. This is what the Government staked on when it forced the election and in the absence of the alternative vote there is no way of avoiding it.

ENGLAND PREPARES FOR OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FEAST

Suspense Over Recent Election Will be Forgotten in Celebration of Holiday Season; London to Suspend Business For Four Days

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Dec. 18.—(By J. P. B. Livesey, Canadian Press correspondent)—A curious state of suspense and doubt exists in political circles here. Candidates who put their fortunes to the test last Saturday have hanging over them during the festive season the sword of Damocles, which falls December 23, but the public seems to care little, being occupied in preparation for a real old-fashioned Christmas, in which store clerks, train conductors and others usually condemned to work will get their share for business will be practically suspended for four days and London be without traffic on Christmas afternoon. The Westminster Gazette, the mouthpiece of official Liberalism, in advancing the argument that the apathy is due to the indignation of the electorate at an untimely elec-

tion, makes a significant statement as to the anticipated result. It says:

"The results of the election depend almost wholly on the proportions in which the progressive vote is divided between Liberal and Labor. If at all evenly divided a great number of the minority coalition candidates will slip in, making a preposterously inflated Government majority, but if unevenly divided, the bulk going in some constituencies to Liberals and in others to Labor a good many of these seats may be saved and the Government strength proportionately reduced. The general impression is that the Labor vote is heavier than either of the other opposition parties. If Labor and Liberal had been working together they would have driven the Government hard on Saturday, but no doubt three-

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