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British Troops Occupy Dusseldorf, Which The Spartacans Held

Armistice in Berlin is Broken and Fighting Resumed—Loyal Troops Win Victory—Twenty Thousand Encamped Near Capital Ready to March In

Copenhagen, Jan. 12.—British troops have occupied Dusseldorf, which has been in the hands of the Spartacans, according to a report from Berlin.

Dusseldorf is a town in Rhenish Prussia. It is situated on the right bank of the Rhine, twenty-one miles from Cologne.

ARMISTICE BROKEN; FIGHTING RESUMED.

London, Jan. 12.—The armistice between the contending factions at Berlin has been broken and fighting has resumed, according to Copenhagen advices received here.

Reports from Berlin indicate, it is reported, that the Spartacan forces have lost 1,200 killed since the outbreak of the revolution and that there are many more wounded.

Government troops numbering 13,000 arrived in Berlin on Saturday but, with the strengthening of its military forces, the cabinet is reported to be losing its political influence among the masses.

Twenty-eight mass meetings were planned for today at Berlin for the purpose of offsetting this trend. These meetings, to be addressed by ministers and party leaders, were expected to lead to a renewal of the collisions with the Spartacans.

It is reported that several banks and shops were plundered by mobs on Saturday and that great armed crowds are continually parading the streets.

Spartacan leaders had been able to conclude an armistice on fairly even terms. It was stipulated that German troops should not be reinforced during the truce nor resume operations without a half day's notice.

Spartacan forces outside of Berlin have been able to a certain extent to interfere with the arrival of government reinforcements. At Leipzig, near Leipzig, they are reported to have disarmed three train loads of troops on their way to Berlin.

There is no confirmation of a report that Dr. Karl Liebknecht has been killed. He has, however, failed from sight since Chief of Police Eickhorn. His disappearance may have given the rise to reports of his death or arrest.

Twenty killed in Dresden. Dresden, Germany, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—Spartacan forces attempted to capture the plant of the Dresden Volks Zeitung today but were repulsed by heavy machine gun and hand grenade fire. The clash resulted in the death of twenty persons and the wounding of several scores. The Spartacan leader, H. Hueck, was taken prisoner.

Five fights on Friday. London, Jan. 11.—Berlin dispatches in Frankfurt papers state that there were five collisions in Berlin on Friday between Spartacans and government troops in which many were killed and wounded.

Hundreds die. London, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—Several hundreds of Spartacans have been killed in the capture and recapture of the Silesian railroad station and in the fighting at night with the most of the Spartacans directed their main attack, twenty were killed and more than forty wounded by the fire of government troops.

Police Headquarters Re-captured. Berlin, Jan. 12.—(By the Associated Press)—Government forces have captured the police headquarters after a short bombardment. When the fighting began the troops fired a few shells and then waited to see what effect had been made upon the Spartacans.

FIRST ACTUAL SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

Laying Ground Work For The Structure

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Not Believed That President Wilson is Yet Ready to Lay Down Working Plan for Proposed Organization

Paris, Jan. 12.—The first actual session of the peace conference is being held today although it is officially designated as one of the series of conversations for laying the ground work for the structure which will later be presented to the formal assembly of the delegates of all the nations.

These conversations will take up details of the programme to be carried out among the interested delegates offered first, the roles of expert advisers and the order in which various matters will be considered.

Today's meeting will probably deal with the important question of the organization by which the peace conference will function. It is also expected to make a start toward a decision on one or two subjects which will be under the full observation of the world or otherwise.

Notable has developed to alter the statement that the American delegation are primarily concerned with the creation of a league of nations and the making of a just peace.

Reports that the American delegation has agreed on a working plan for a league of nations and that it will be one of the first things to be laid before the congress, have been current in Paris. It is known that as late as President Wilson's return from Italy he was preparing to lay down a working plan and that he preferred to have other plans originating among the delegates.

At the same time, it is known that Mr. Wilson has selected five men connected with the American mission, recognized experts in international law, to draw up a tentative plan which he could compare with his own ideas. Of the whole, it was hoped to frame some concrete proposition representing the best ideas of the American delegation.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Premier Orlando of Italy left for Rome on Sunday. He will return on Thursday or Friday.

Quebec News Will Await Return of the Premier to Canada. Quebec, Jan. 12.—The brewers of Quebec province have decided to take no steps whatever to quash the decision that closes their plants in January.

AGED NOVA SCOTIA WOMAN FOUND DEAD IN BED IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Margaret Putnam, aged seventy-seven, formerly of Hunts county, N. S., was found dead in bed at the home of her son-in-law, A. Bowser, Westmount, this morning.

TOTAL AMOUNT NOW \$13. With contributions received today, including some from members of the Rotary Club, the total receipts for the South End Improvement League are \$13.

General Currie and Demobilization. London, Jan. 13.—General Sir Arthur Currie, corps commander of the Canadian army, is undertaking the demobilization of the Canadians in France only, regarding that as essentially a military duty.

THE GIANT BADEN COMES TO ALLIES



JOHN BULL DEMONSTRATES THE POWER OF HIS MAGIC FLUTE.

The German super-dreadnought Baden has arrived at Sapa Flow and has been interspersed there with other vessels of the German fleet. She is 27,000 tons and similar to the Queen Elizabeth class, mounting eight fifteen-inch guns and steaming twenty-three knots.

Another flotilla of German submarines was to leave Germany yesterday for surrender to the Allies. There are still seven in neutral waters and about forty in Germany, which must be given up.

Toronto Meeting Cheers For Spartacan Leader

Twelve Hundred Protest Against Sentencing of Charles Wilson; Demand Release of All Political Prisoners

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Twelve hundred workers of both sexes attended a meeting in Broadway Hall last night, called by the Workers' Political Defence League, to protest against the sentence, by Magistrate Kingsford, of Charles Wilson to three years in penitentiary and a fine of \$500 for having prohibited literature in his possession, and to demand the release of all political prisoners.

Most Sober Year P. E. Island Has Known. Montreal, Jan. 13.—The Canadian people will only keep their heads during the present year and during the period of re-absorption of the returned soldiers into civil life there will be no hardships for the soldiers, nor for the men and women who have lost their employment in munition works owing to the cessation of the war.

DISEASE ATTACKS YORKSHIRE CATTLE. Ottawa, Jan. 13.—A cable message has been received by the department of agriculture from the high commissioner for Canada in London advising the department of an outbreak of foot and mouth disease in the county of Yorkshire.

PART OF THE BROADWAY SUBWAY FLOODED. New York, Jan. 12.—The Broadway subway of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company was flooded yesterday for a distance of a mile and a half, at some places to a depth of four feet by the breaking of a water main.

BELIEVE GOVERNMENT HAS STRIKE SITUATION IN BUENOS AIRES IN HAND. Buenos Aires, Jan. 12.—At four o'clock this morning it was said at police headquarters that no serious clashes had been reported anywhere since ten o'clock last night.

WEATHER REPORT. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, B. F. Stewart, director of meteorological service.

MAJOR AND PRIVATE ARE OPPONENTS FOR SEAT IN LEGISLATURE. Victoria, B. C., Jan. 12.—Two returned soldiers are to contest the by-election for Cowichan constituency in the provincial legislature on next Saturday.

Manitoba's Dead in the War 3,785. Winnipeg, Jan. 12.—Manitoba has lost 3,785 in dead, presumed dead and missing on the battlefields in the great war according to estimates secured from the military. Of this number 180 are officers.

Some Saved From Castalia; How Many Is Not Yet Known

Heroic Work of Rescue Under Great Difficulties; First Boat Away is Swamp and Two Men Are Drowned; Other Vessels in Distress

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 12.—The rescue of the forty-four members of the crew of the Castalia, which has been in distress off the coast of Nova Scotia since early Saturday morning, was begun a little after nine o'clock today.

Following the capture of the Castalia and the Bergensford and the War Fijian, which have been standing by since yesterday morning. The first boat to leave the Castalia capsized and at least two men were drowned.

From Bergensford: "We are now going to pick up Castalia's lifeboat, 8:05. "Some of crew of Castalia's lifeboat drowning. Fell out of boat, 9:21."

Am now taking men out of water. Some more men in water. "We have picked up most of crew. Two drowned."

Castalia from Bergensford: "We have picked up twelve. Have you picked up any?" "Seventeen in Castalia's boat when captured. Bergensford picked up two men alongside."

After the oil had been spilled it was impossible to hold on to any in the water. They were as slippery as eels. Besides they could not breathe. Nose and mouth choked."

When Armistice Signed Not 30 Men Fit for General Service in All London Newspaper Offices. London, Jan. 12.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—A striking fact in connection with recruiting was mentioned in a recent speech of Sir Auckland Geddes. Of 10,000 men and boys employed by London newspaper offices 5,000 joined the army, and at the moment of the armistice being signed there were not thirty men fit for general service in all the London newspaper offices.

MORE THAN 2,200 ON TWO STEAMSHIPS NOW NEARING ST. JOHN. Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The classification of military districts of those on board vessels carrying Canadian troops as well as a large number of civilians now on their way across the Atlantic has been received by the militia department.

FIRST MEN OF THIRD DIVISION TO LEAVE EARLY IN FEBRUARY. Toronto, Jan. 13.—A special cable to the Mail and Empire from London says: "The third division of the Canadian corps, the first to be demobilized, will be brought to England before being returned to Canada as at first intended. Arrangements have been made for a camp for this division here, and the first of its units will leave for home early in February."

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PADEREWSKI. London, Jan. 12.—Ignace Jan Paderewski, Polish leader, has been slightly wounded by an assassin who entered the room of his hotel at Warsaw and fired one shot at him, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Copenhagen, reporting advices from Vienna.

JAPANESE GET READY TO WITHDRAW THEIR RESERVES FROM RUSSIA. Vladivostok, Jan. 11.—The Japanese are preparing for the withdrawal of their reserve forces, consisting of three regiments, stationed in Manchuria and Siberia. Concentration for this purpose will take place from Feb. 10 to 20 and will effect 30,000 men.

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