

STATUS OF DOMINIONS IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS

BURGEOIS PARTIES WILL
HAVE CONTROL ASSEMBLY

Majority Socialists Will Have Most Members.

FULL RESULTS KNOWN ON
FRIDAY

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—While the Majority Socialists will have the ascendancy over any other single party, the results indicate that the Bourgeois parties will together have a majority in the national assembly. Full results of the German elections are not expected to be known before Friday. The count is proceeding slowly. In some polling stations in Berlin large numbers of ballots were declared illegal. It is probable that former Chief of Police Eichhorn and Hugo Haase former secretary for foreign affairs in the Ebert Cabinet have been elected to the assembly.

Returns are coming in very slowly and results, even in Berlin are as yet uncertain. Berlin newspapers announce that a warrant for the arrest of Eichhorn has been issued. It is said that various charges, proof of which would lay Eichhorn liable to punishment for fifteen years, have been issued.

The combined Bourgeois parties in the kingdom of Wurtemberg and province of Posen, (Prussia), elected ten delegates to the national assembly. The majority Socialists lead with seven and the Independent Socialists none. The combined popular vote of the Socialists there was 506,000 and of the Bourgeois parties 920,000.

Partial results in Berlin continue to show an unexpectedly large Independent Socialist vote.

SPARTACUS BLOCK ELECTIONS
IN SEVERAL CITIES

BERLIN, Jan. 21.—The Spartacus succeeded in preventing the national elections in Hamburg and several Rhineland towns. It was learned to-day that in the latter district it was believed the vote would have favored the Centrists (Church party) and the German Democrats (Liberals) so the apparent country-wide margin of the majority socialist, in the matter of the national assembly, is not seriously affected.

According to the latest available returns, the various parties won the following districts: Majority Socialists, city of Berlin. Result close in Wurtemberg, Lorchach, Mecklenburg, Luedich; Centrists (Coalition of Catholics and Protestants) Bavaria. In several districts: Freiburg, Waldshut, Saeringen, Constance; German Democrats, Mannheim, Danzig, Barmen; Independent Socialists and Spartacus: Frankfurt-on-the-Main, and Brunswick; Nationalists: Elberfeld, Magdeburg, Peoples' party (Pan-Germans) None.

In Berlin the majority socialist

apparently had elected Philip Scheide-man, Richard Fischer, Wilhelm Pfann-nelcke, Robert Schmidt and Hugo Seimann; the Independent Socialists, Hugo Haase, Police President Eich-horn, Louis Eise, and Herr Laukau; the German Democrats: Gust Hart-mann and Herr Naumann; and the Centrists, Nationalist and Peoples' Party cooperating: Wilhelm Karl, Herr von Kardoff and Herr Ledrow-entz.

A BIG VOTE WAS POLLED
COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21.—The Socialists elected seven of their candidates in the Wurtemberg elections, according to a dispatch received here to-day. Four Democrats, four Centrists and two candidates put forward by the Peasants and Citizens party were elected. The Independent Socialists failed to elect a single candidate. Practically every eligible person voted, the dispatch added.

MAJORITY SOCIALISTS ARE
LEADING

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—The majority Socialists are far ahead of any other party in the national assembly elections, according to latest available returns to-day. In Bavaria the Centrists maintained their strong position. At Leipzig the Independent Socialists obtained a majority. In Munich the majority Socialists secured 151,000 votes and the Independent Socialists 80,000. In Baden the Centrists polled 288,000, the Majority Socialists 288,000, and the Independent Socialists 145,000 votes.

MAJORITY SOCIALISTS WIN-
NING

Later returns showed that Nathan Erberger, Chairman of the German armistice commission, and leader of the Centrists party, Friedrich von Payer, former Vice-Chancellor Haus-mann and Herr Groeber had also been elected in Berlin.

The majority socialists won an easy victory in northern Schleswig, which was one of the first districts to join the revolution.

East Prussia, which had hitherto been regarded as strongly against that party, polled 100,000 votes for the majority socialists candidates against 117,000 for the Conservatives.

In Hanover, the majority socialists won overwhelmingly getting 120,000 votes to 3,000 for the independent

socialists.

Returns from Dresden Bremen and Hamburg showed small victories for the majority socialists over the indepen-

dents.

RUSSIAN
SITUATION
IS BEING
DISCUSSEDTHE STEERING COMMITTEE
MET

PARIS, Jan. 21, (By William Philip Simms).—The Supreme War Council, the "Steering Committee" of the Peace Congress, again took up the Russian problem to-day. Representatives of the United States, Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan resumed their sittings in the Quai D'Orsay on the subject of representation and possible recognition of the various factions now controlling Russia.

H. Scavenius, former Danish ambassador to Petrograd, one of the last diplomats to leave Russia, was heard. His country was one of the last neutrals to break off relations with the Soviet government. It was believed that, under the circumstances, his testimony would clearly parallel that of Joseph Nolens, the French Ambassador to Russia, who appeared before the council yesterday.

Nonless statement was not made public, but shortly after his return from Archangel he gave out an interview in which he declared that an formal recognition of the Bolsheviks was impossible.

The date for resumption of the full peace congress had not, this morning, been set although it was believed in some circles that the council might dispose of its business in time to permit a general session in the afternoon.

A portrait of Queen Mary is to be given to every woman in India who has had a relative killed in the war.

Esthonian Troops
Defeat BolsheviksLEON TROTSKY PRESENT AT
DEFEAT

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Notable success has been won against the Bolsheviks by Esthonian troops, operating to the northeast of Lake Peipus, according to an Esthonian official statement, received by wireless at Stockholm to-day and transmitted here.

They have taken the town of Narva, on the Royal-Petrograd railway line, together with a large number of prisoners. Finnish troops co-operated with the Esthonians, the statement said. A quantity of booty fell into the hands of the victorious forces, including guns, provisions and armored trains. The prisoners included division and regimental staffs.

Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik war minister was it is said, present at Narva during the fighting and fled after the Bolshevik defeat.

TROTSKY WAS PERSONALLY
LEADING

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 21.—Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik war minister, narrowly escaped capture when Finnish and Esthonian troops took the city of Narva, it was announced in the Esthonian official communiqué received here today.

Recent dispatches reported Trotsky to be personally leading Soviet troops in various engagements.

Plunket on Way to
The United StatesMEETING AT MANSION HOUSE
TODAY

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 21.—The establishment of an Irish republic must be effected without civil war, Sir Horace Plunket, Irish leader, told the United Press today just prior to sailing for the United States on the liner Adriatic. "I am going to America to confer with Americans who are interested in Ireland," said Sir Horace.

"It was never more important for Irishmen to know what Americans think about us. A republic can never be established in Ireland through the medium of a civil war. On the other hand Ireland cannot be divided politically without lasting injury."

A meeting was to be called to order in the Mansion House this afternoon. The delegates consisted mostly of Sinn Feiners elected to the British parliament in the recent elections, in which they won a "big" victory. About half the Sinn Feiner M.P.s are under arrest, charged with sedition, or held on suspicion of violating the Defense of the Realm act.

The announced intention of the parliament is to establish an Irish republic, levy taxes to support the new government and select Irish delegates to the peace congress. It is believed, however, that the real purpose is to attract international attention to the Irish situation and force the Versailles congress to include the settlement of the Irish questions in the peace treaty.

The meeting is in direct violation of British laws yet the imperial officials have apparently given their sanction.

DOMINIONS
MAY ASK FOR
INDEPENDENT
STANDING

IN THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS
PARIS Jan 21.—It is stated here that Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa will claim the right to enter the league of nations independently of Great Britain, and on the same basis as Belgium and other smaller powers.

In some quarters this is taken to mean that should occasion arise these dominions might oppose the mother country in the discussion of problems brought before the league.

This would mean the formal recognition by Great Britain of the sovereignty so far as internal affairs are concerned, of Canada and the other dominions.

Yanks Find 40 Depots
of War Material

AT THE CITY OF COBLENZ
AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS
IN GERMANY (By Webb Miller)
Jan 20.—The contents of 40 warehouses and barracks in the Coblenz region crammed with millions of dollars' worth of war materials abandoned by the German command and turned over to the United States by default. The supplies were not inventoried by the army and could be turned over to the allied pool under the armistice terms.

One hundred men of the salvage department today completed a month's work in checking up these materials. They have made an inventory of only six of the warehouses so far and their report comprised sixty typewritten pages double spaced. In addition, investigators are continually finding new caches. The materials range from needles and song books to huge guns. One arsenal inventoried such items as 1,500,000 knives and forks, 35,000,000 buttons, 25,000 song books, 5,000 tons of scrap iron, 40,000,000 British cartridges, 119,800 French cartridges, 26,176 con-



PRINCE JOHN, youngest son of King George, who died in his sleep at Sandringham Sunday night.

tainers of high explosives, 228 boxes of hand grenades, 64,000,000 German cartridges and innumerable other things. In another storehouse the salvagers found hundreds of army wagons, motor-trucks, field guns and materials of every kind.

AMERICAN
DELEGATES
& KAISER'S
GUILTINESSFAVOR CAREFUL INVESTIGATION
OF KAISER'S MATTER

PARIS Jan 21 (By Robert J. Bender) American peace delegates today appear to favor a thorough investigation to fix the responsibility for the war, in order that no culprit might escape, and that punishment might be meted out to all those sharing the guilt, from the Kaiser down.

With the conference program calling for a memorandum from all powers regarding the responsibility for starting and continuing the war, there was tremendous interest in the attitude of the American delegation, particularly of President Wilson.

The French have already drafted a proposal that the Kaiser be tried before an international court. Premier Lloyd George, in his recent political campaign made the punishment of the Kaiser one of his principal planks. Wilson has been silent thus far, but a survey of his associated viewpoints today indicates they favor the most careful investigation to determine who is directly responsible, the Kaiser, or others. The President has always held guilt to the person and it is recollected that when he was governor of New Jersey he advocated a law to determine personal responsibility for the acts of corporate officials.

Application of the principle of personal guilt to the Kaiser is stayed no doubt as to whether he was the perpetrator of the crimes growing out of the war, or was merely the lord of the military clique which surrounded him. Hence it appears that the Americans will advocate the most thorough inquiry to determine every person who is guilty and the extent of their guilt.

Big Liner is Due at
Halifax Tomorrow

ACQUITTANIA IS DUE ON FRIDAY

OTTAWA Jan 21.—The liner Empress of Britain, with over three thousand returning soldiers aboard, which was to dock at Halifax last Sunday, will not arrive till tomorrow morning, and the Aquitania, with five thousand men will dock, two days later.

All preparations have been made to facilitate the documentation and entraining of these men for their home points.

Intervention in Russia
Declared Necessary

DANISH MINISTER IS EMPHATIC

PARIS Jan 21.—The Russian question was again taken up by the Supreme Council of the peace conference when it met for today's session. There was a full attendance of members of the council for this meeting.

Vittorio Orlando, Italian premier was present for the first time since his recent trip to Rome.

Harold Scavenius, Danish minister to Russia, even more emphatically than did ambassador Nonin yesterday declared that intervention in Russia was necessary to check the regime of terrorism there.

Italian People's Party
Has Been FormedFIRST CATHOLIC POLITICAL
ORGANIZATION.

Rome, Jan. 21.—The formation of an Italian People's party was announced today. This is the first Catholic political organization in the country's history. The Pope, since the break between the Vatican and the Quierland had always forbidden Catholics to take an organized part in national politics.

Home Again After
Two Years Absence

WOUNDED TWICE.

Pte. Fred. Luft who arrived home yesterday told the Record this morning how glad he was to be back again amongst old friends and faces.

Enlisting with the 118th Battalion in 1916 he went overseas with the first Battalion, and left Bramshott, England for France in May 1917.

He was twice wounded, the first time in August of 1917, during an engagement at Hill 70.

He was convalescent in England and again entered the fray in November of the same year and it was at Cambrai he received his second wound.

While in the hospital at Bury, in Lancashire, Pte. Luft cannot speak too highly of the treatment given to the Canadian wounded, everything possible was done for them, both by the hospital staff and the inhabitants.

Regarding the voyage across, which was made on the giant White Star Liner, Olympic, everything was satisfactory in regard to both accommodation and food. Complaints from the returning men were few and far between.

Pte. Luft has a brother, Herbert, who is with the Army of Occupation in Belgium, and word was received from him yesterday, but it is not known when he will be sailing for home.

CABLE NEWS
In Tabloid FormBRITISH OFFICIALS' NARROW
ESCAPE

BUDAPEST, Jan. 19.—Members of the British commission in Lemberg narrowly escaped death during the bombardment of that city by the Ukrainians, when a shell exploded in a street car near them, according to a dispatch received here to-day.

AMERICANS WERE CORDIALLY
GREETED

BUDAPEST, Jan. 19.—The American mission, headed by Prof. A. C. Coolidge of Harvard, was given a great ovation when its members attended the opera house to-night. The audience cheered until each of the Americans bowed acknowledgment of the greetings.

COUNT HOHENZOLLERN AND
WIFE BETTER

AMEROGEN, Holland, Jan. 21.—Former Emperor William and former Empress have so far recovered from their recent illnesses that they are able to resume their former mode of living. They are taking their customary morning walk in the grounds around the castle. Count Hohenzollern is reported in much better spirits. His birthday will, on Jan. 26th, be celebrated by a concert in the castle.

IRISH PARLIAMENT MAY CON-
VENE

Dublin Jan 21.—The last obstacle to the convening of the first "Irish Parliament" here today was removed when it was officially announced that all restrictions on public meetings had been lifted.

Kingston (Ont) has just elected a woman to its Board of Education for the first time.

FIVE BANKING MERGERS
IN PAST SEVEN
YEARS

In the past seven years five banking mergers have taken place in the Dominion, leaving eighteen chartered banks in operation to-day as compared with twenty-three in 1912. The mergers follow: 1912, Royal absorbed Quebec; 1916, Royal absorbed Traders; 1918, Royal absorbed Northern Crown; 1918, Montreal absorbed British North America; 1919, Nova Scotia and absorbs Ottawa.

WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.

Ex-President of United States, who is on a visit to Eastern Canada.

City Council Unanimously
Agrees on Platoon SystemDecided To Inaugurate It on March 1st. A Request
Made to Eliminate Fuel Department. Will Hold
a Special Meeting to Consider Matter.

The two platoon system for the fire department will go into effect on March 1st, this year. The Chief has been authorized to engage the additional five men necessary to the Department.

By the adoption of the whole report of Fire and Light Committee the City Council last evening expressed its approval of the proposal to adopt the new system and its authorization to bring into effect. The motion to adopt the committee's complete report carried unanimously.

The Chairman of the Committee, Ald. Sass, submitted the motion to adopt it. It was seconded by Ald. Reid. Ald. Sass among other things remarked: "This matter, as most of us know, was endorsed by last year's Council but the bringing it into operation was laid over until this year. I might add that it appears quite a number of cities have adopted the so-called platoon system. We have the opinion of the Fire Chief that it is desirable to adopt it here. The Chief went to Hamilton and investigated the system down there, where it has been adopted, and he came back satisfied with it and he will be able to answer any questions more satisfactorily than I can."

"The new system may seem expensive to some members at first hand but the Chief informs me that through this system we will secure greater efficiency. Under present conditions, I understand, at noon there are only two men at Station No. 2.

"There is another point. The Chief has undertaken a campaign in the interests of the prevention of fires. While we have an inspection of buildings and fire traps in the City, it is not thorough enough. He hasn't the time to devote to it. With the new system it is pointed out the inspection can be more thorough and can be made where the danger is most hazardous, by dividing the city into sections among the different men.

"Further he believes that by adopting it better men could be secured. Under the conditions as they are now the men practically have no time to spend with their families. And this condition is not the best.

"Another point is this, the case of the hydrants, which in the winter time are so frequently buried and hidden in snow. The Water Commission has absolutely refused to keep them uncovered. These could be looked after better with more men.

"Considering all these advantages and remembering the end of the family itself, and that we who are not firemen, are no different as regards that, we think that the system might be adopted. If there are any questions, the Chief will answer them, I being a new member of the Committee am not so familiar with them."

Mayor Gross: "No doubt the new system has its advantages. While you pass this to-night you would still have time until March 1st, this year before you accept the increases. Conditions, no doubt this year will be more satisfactory regarding more help. Last year there was a great scarcity and it was much harder to keep members."

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Amusement Park To Be
Established at Bridgeport

"Pop" Philip Has Undertaken To Give the Twin City a Miniature Coney Island. All Details Are Completed, and the Park Will Flourish Next Summer.

SCHEME WILL FILL A LONG FELT WANT

Many Attractions to be Installed

June in all her glory will not be here again before the Twin City has a miniature Coney Island, where the people will be able to go and enjoy an hour, a day or even a week. Such a resort has been a long felt want in this community, and now that it is assured the public will welcome the good news.

The scheme originated in the fertile brain of our esteemed citizen, "Pop" Philip, who has been working out the details of the proposition since May of last year. When it comes to organizing such a big undertaking Pop has no superior, and with his genius behind the scheme its success is doubly assured.

Already he has interested Toronto capital, and one of the biggest and most successful Amusement Park proprietors in Canada also is interested in the venture. Not only has this been done but also he has secured a five years' lease on the seven acres necessary to install all the attraction.

The place where the big undertaking will be established consists of the river flats across the Grand River from the Casino at Bridgeport. The grounds are admirably adapted for an Amusement Park, and at a very moderate cost can be made into a resort with natural beauties second to none in the Province.

To begin with the purest of artesian drinking water will be piped to the grounds a distance of 1,200 feet from the well known Bridgeport wells. The midway, consisting of thirty or more games, will be established at a cost exceeding \$10,000. Then there will be the side attractions including a Merry-go-round, and the greatest of all show attractions known as "Kentucky Derby."

This machine is a comparatively new invention but already has won continental fame. There are a number of horses in the race, and each person playing the game drives his own gee gee. The manner in which the horse is piloted determines the winner. One false move on the part of the driver causes the animal to back up or turn round and race in the opposite direction. At the Toronto exhibition one of these machines was installed, and the public went wild over it. Mr. Philip is bringing one of these unique machines to the city in a few weeks' time, and will establish it here for a while just to

give the public an idea of the fun it creates when in operation.

The usual swings for the kiddies, tables and benches for picnic parties and shooting galleries for the young men also will be there. Hot water will be furnished free, and nothing will be omitted that might add to the comfort and convenience of visitors.

A feature will be a huge dancing pavilion with a hardwood floor. An orchestra will be in constant attendance, and bands will be there for all special occasions. The river by the bridge will be dredged and made perfect for bathing. All buildings and stones will be removed and a sand bottom laid. Floats and diving boards will be constructed, and adequate dressing room facilities will be provided.

The lagoon in the grounds will be cleaned out, and fresh river water will be piped in from a point above the bridge. Portions of the lagoon will be cemented and made into ideal wading pools for the kiddies.

In the grounds poles for acrobatic stunts, and stages for lectures will be erected. An elaborate entrance to the park will be built, and a certain section will be set aside for parking autos.

There will be boats and canoes on the river, and for the summer of 1920 a water shoot with a longer ride and steeper grade than any in the Dominion will be built. 1920 also will see a mile a minute scud railway added to the attractions being built until finally the Twin City will possess a pleasure resort in its Amusement Park that will attract people here from all parts of the province.

To handle the big crowds that daily will flock to the park the Management of The Berlin Northern Railway Company has undertaken to construct a "T" at Bridgeport so that the Kitchener and Waterloo cars which can only be operated from one end may be used on the line. The Y will permit these cars to turn, and consequently, there will be ample accommodation and no delay in transporting the public.

Mr. Philip is to be congratulated upon his enterprise, and there is not the shadow of a doubt but that overwhelming success will crown his worthy venture. "Good luck attend you Pop."