

GERMAN MILITARISTS WINNING

Annexationists Gaining Influence Throughout Country Chancellor and Foreign Secretary Likely To Go

Control of German Destinies Passing Rapidly Into Hands of Militarists; Hertling About to Resign, While Public Clamors For Retirement of Kuehlmann

Control of the destinies of the German Empire, so accounts from neutral countries agree, is passing into the hands of the Militarists, or the leaders who want to hold what has been gained by might and the sword. Chancellor von Hertling, the aged incumbent of the chief political office, again is reported ill and preparing to resign, while the militarists and pan-Germans are demanding the dismissal of Dr. von Kuehlmann, the foreign secretary, who has headed the German delegation at Brest-Litovsk.

In connection with the reported illness of the imperial chancellor, it is reported from Berlin that Count von Hertling's address before the main committee of the Reichstag has been postponed for several days. It was said previously that the chancellor would answer the recent war aims statements of Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson before the main committee on Wednesday.

MILITARY DICTATORSHIP COMING?

Coupled with these reports is the fact that the German Emperor and the Crown Prince have been holding conferences with the political and military leaders. It is reported also that the German ministers to Denmark and Holland have arrived unexpectedly in Berlin. Indications are that the present turmoil within the German ruling class will result in the acceptance of a firm policy, either favoring the militarists or the more peaceful element, with the probability that the pan-Germans will be victorious. The Socialist Vorwaerts believes a military dictatorship is in the making.

PEACE TERMS STILL IN DARKNESS

No explanation has been vouchsafed by either the Germans or the Russians as to the reasons behind the temporary halt in the peace negotiations. Nor has it been announced officially when the conference, if continued, is to be resumed at Warsaw. A Bavarian newspaper says "Egyptian darkness enshrouds" Germany's peace terms.

The winter idleness on the western and Italian fronts has not been broken by large operations. Raids and patrol engagements occur here and there and the artillery fire breaks into violence at important points now and then, but there is hardly anything in the official statements to indicate Germany's huge reserve of 1,600,000 from the Russian front is to begin its heralded blow very soon.

AGITATION AGAINST BOLSHEVIKI

London, Jan. 15.—Anti-Bolshevik parties in Russia, according to a despatch to The Daily News from Petrograd, are using the creation of a volunteer army by the Bolsheviki as the basis of an energetic agitation to turn the Petrograd garrison against the Lenine Government.

Efforts also are being made to start street demonstrations in favor of the Constituent Assembly. If the efforts are successful, the despatch adds, the result will be anarchy, than which the Germans could wish nothing better.

The Constituent Assembly is to meet on Friday. It seems probable that it will contain a majority against the Bolsheviki and will try to replace them by another government, which the News correspondent says, would be indefinitely less dangerous as an antagonist toward Germany than the present one.

FRENCH LOAN TO UKRAINE.

London, Jan. 15.—France has loaned the Ukraine two million rubles in gold, according to a despatch from the Odessa correspondent of The Times dated Friday. The French mint also has printed a large quantity of Ukraine paper money.

General Vinnichenko, president of the Secretariat, it is added, in the course of a long report to the Rada, declared that Great Britain, France, the United States, Belgium and Roumania were interested greatly in the organization of the Ukraine Republic. He added "As circumspect people they hesitate to recognize the republic completely, but when they find it expedient they will extend us their hands which we will accept if we think it necessary."

General Vinnichenko described the Ukraine as an oasis of order and constitutional policy, saying:

"One constantly is impressed that the regeneration of Moscovite monarchy is impossible and therefore, perhaps the Ukraine will appear also an oasis of revolutionary conquest."

The correspondent of the Times says that the feeling of Roumanians towards the Russians is embittered greatly. The Roumanians feel that they have been thrice betrayed by Russia, first by the Czar's government; next by the provisional government and now, worst of all, by the Bolsheviki Government.

INDUSTRY THREATENS IN OLD LAND

Sir Auckland Geddes Scored Attitude of Eligible War Workers

SENTIMENT IS HIGH

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Jan. 15.—The reference made in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service, to the engineers attempting to force the government to conscript their fathers and return wounded men to the front, has focused attention on the attitude of engineering and shipbuilding employees along the Clyde, where the trouble has been acute. Sir Auckland declared that many young men in essential industries have acted as though they held a privileged position. He said that they must share the burden with the others. At a meeting in the Clyde district on Sunday, the shipbuilders and engineers decided to strike if the government manpower bill was not withdrawn before the end of January and a peace conference called. The rebuke given these men by Sir Auckland Geddes is endorsed generally by the press and members of parliament, but in some quarters the minister is condemned for lack of sympathy as the tempo of the war is strained and persuasion is more likely to be effective than a menace. J. Ramsay MacDonald, labor leader, who has just returned from the Clyde, says in an interview that the situation needs very careful handling. He thought the reference to fathers was most unjust and feared it would have a very bad effect on the men, already super-sensitive owing to the long hours of unbroken work.

Mr. MacDonald said that the view of the workmen was that they had a definite bargain from which it had been agreed to give the government certain support and the government was now trying to repudiate its side of the bargain. He did not say that the government had any other alternative in the circumstances, but no good could be done by making unfair charges.

On the other hand, the press condemns the malcontents warmly. The Daily News describing the threat to strike as a betrayal of freedom and a stab to the hearts of sons and brothers in the back. A Liberal member of parliament is quoted as saying: "The men want an excuse to end the war, and this excuse is as good as any other. They want to cause a general strike so as to prevent the output of munitions and make war impossible. They are also talking of delivering an ultimatum to the government to provide industrial government to provide food or have a general strike."

In the lobbies of parliament the opinion is expressed that if a strike occurs it is not likely to last long, owing to the strikers' lack of funds. Labor members of parliament generally will not talk of the situation as their conferences with Sir Auckland Geddes are not yet finished.

JEWISH QUESTION.

By Courier Leased Wire

The Hague, Jan. 15.—The Jewish newspaper Durea learns from Berlin that the Polish ministers of social affairs have conferred with Jewish leaders and members of municipal councils regarding the settlement of the Jewish question in Poland.

The Jews told the ministers that there must be more than a statement by the premier promising freedom and justice. It was absolutely necessary, they said, that the special laws affecting Jews, be abolished, as the Jews in Russia had been emancipated by the revolution. The expulsion of Jews from villages must cease. Regulations against Jewish merchants in the markets must be abolished as well as the double tax for hospitals which is demanded of Jews.

The ministers replied that the emigration of Jews from Poland seemed desirable and asked the leaders whether they would co-operate in such a project.

THOUSANDS IN CHICAGO IDLE

Fuel Shortage Caused by Storm, Throws 150,000 Out of Work

INDUSTRY IS HALTED

Many of the City's Largest Manufacturing Plants At a Standstill

By Courier Leased Wire

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Nearly 150,000 men were idle to-day in Chicago and nearby manufacturing districts on account of a fuel shortage, caused by the heavy snowfall, which decelerated railway traffic last Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Among the industries which were practically at a standstill were those of the largest packing plants in Chicago and many steel mills in the Calumet and Gary districts, which are working on government contracts. Thousands of Jew packing house employees who were laid off yesterday were put to shovelling snow in order that the railway tracks might be cleared sufficiently to admit shipments of coal into the plants to-day. It was announced that the packers, expected to resume during the day, but the situation at the steel mills was said to be more serious and that operations might be suspended for two days at least.

New York, Jan. 15.—With more than 100 industrial plants in New York State already closed because of lack of fuel, hundreds of non-essential industries faced a similar situation when the new system of enforcing coal distribution became effective to-day whereby hospitals, homes, public utilities and food producers, had the first call on the rapidly dwindling supply.

Ice floes in the harbor and adjacent waters continue to retard delivery. During the night four barges well loaded with coal were sunk in the Arthur Kill, where the water is shallow, blocking twenty six barges being towed here. Seventy tugboats have been put out of commission temporarily by the ice.

New York, Jan. 15.—As a means of conserving fuel throughout the eastern states, which have been vitally affected by the coal shortage, it was announced to-day that federal fuel administrators have recommended that President Wilson declare Monday a legal holiday throughout this territory for the next eight or 10 weeks.

Improvement at Stratford
Stratford, Ont., Jan. 15.—There is considerable improvement in railway traffic out of here to-day. The main line to Toronto is open, also to Owen Sound and Sarnia. London is still blocked and a work train, trying to clear the London line is dithered near St. Marys. An engine and snow plow are in the ditch and another engine derailed.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—None of the 80 passengers on the Canadian C.P.R. Chicago-Montreal train, derailed yesterday at Grafton, Ont., who were brought here, were hurt. They all left for their destination this morning.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

To-day's the big day, when the local branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society launches its \$25,000 campaign.

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The Red Cross committee will be at the rooms at the Y.M.C.A. to give out supplies and assist the canvassers in any way. Phone 512 from 10 to 12 a.m., and 2 to 5.30 p.m.

Note to Subscribers.

It is hoped that every one will know what the amount of his or her subscription will be and will not keep the canvasser longer than possible. It is well to remember that there are many calls to make.

If each subscriber will have the money ready when the canvasser calls it will greatly help also. It is hoped that no second calls will have to be made, either to see subscribers or to collect the amounts subscribed.

DOCTORS IN PERIL.

By Courier Leased Wire

Peking, Jan. 15.—Three doctors, including Doctors Ekfeldt and Lewis, sent to Feng-Chen in Shan-si province, west of Peking, to investigate a plague, were threatened by a mob which became angered at their efforts to check the spread of the disease. They have sent a telegram to the diplomatic representatives here asking that a special train be sent to their rescue. Appeals to the government by the diplomats brought assurances of military protection.

The plague is pneumonic in type and is most serious in Feng-Chen and Taitung, and is spreading toward Tai Yuan Fu, the capital of Shan-si province. The local authorities are reported to be indifferent to the encroachment of the disease. Navy doctors sent from Peking lack authority to enforce repressive measures and the diplomatic representatives have asked the president to appoint a military controller.

WAS CAILLAUX CONSPIRATOR?

Former French Premier Is Arrested on Serious Charges

DEALT WITH BERLIN? Suspected of Having Intrigued With the Notorious Luxemburg

By Courier Leased Wire

Paris, Jan. 15.—The arrest yesterday of former Premier Caillaux was due principally to a cablegram from Secretary of State Lansing at Washington, saying that in 1915, Caillaux had been in communication with the Berlin foreign office.

Secretary Lansing's cablegram stated that the American representative at Buenos Aires had been able to establish that M. Caillaux, during his visit to Argentina in 1915, had been in communication with the Berlin office through Count von Luxburg, then German minister to Argentina with the object of concluding peace with Germany at any price, so as to permit the resumption of business.

It is understood this evidence will be published in America immediately.

M. Caillaux sailed for South America in November, 1914, going first to Brazil and then to Argentina. A shadow of a mystery was made of his trip. The general explanation was that he had been entrusted with an economic mission, but it was reported that the French Government's real purpose was to bring about his removal from France on account of the feeling against him in certain quarters. Later he made a visit to the Hague which attracted attention because of the presence there, at the same time, of members of the German Reichstag. Shortly afterwards came his trip to Rome.

Count von Luxemburg was dismissed as German minister to Argentina after discovery of the fact that he had been sending through the Swedish legation at Buenos Aires, despatches to the Berlin foreign office, respecting propaganda in South America and advising the "sinking without trace" of Argentine merchant vessels.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Secretary of State Lansing to-day refused to affirm or deny or comment upon the foregoing dispatch from Paris. There seems to be no doubt, however, that some such dispatch is contained in the captured Luxemburg correspondence. Early to-day there was no immediate prospect of its being given out for publication here.

Inasmuch as the Caillaux case is in a judicial state the United States will not publish any documents upon it which have not been arranged for in advance with the French Government. So far as can be learned no such arrangements have been perfected to-day, but the dispatch and many others undoubtedly will be given out if France requires it.

This is the first hint that the Luxemburg correspondence contained anything pertaining to the Caillaux case.

YARMOUTH IS RAIDED; THREE DEAD

North Sea Port, 118 Miles Northeast of London, Attacked by the Huns

BOMBED FROM THE SEA
Three Killed and Ten Injured as Result of Attack

By Courier Leased Wire

London, Jan. 15.—Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea last night, it is reported officially. About 20 shells fell in the city. Three persons were killed and ten injured.

The following official announcement was given out: "Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea last night. Fire was opened at 10.55 p.m., and lasted about five minutes, so that 20 shells falling into the town."

The latest police reports state that three persons were killed and ten injured. The material damage done was not serious.

Attacks by German naval forces on English coast towns, of which there were a number early in the war have been infrequent in recent months. The last previous occurrence of the kind officially reported was on September 4 of last year. On that date a German submarine bombarded Scarborough, causing the death of three persons and the injury of five. Yarmouth is on the North Sea, 115 miles northeast of London. It is a city of some 50,000 inhabitants with improved shipbuilding and fishing industries.

Exonerated Army Staff.

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Jan. 15.—Andrew Bonny Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons to-day that as a result of Field Marshal Haig's inquiry the general staff, War Cabinet and the Government considered that the British higher army command had not been surprised by the German attack in the Cambrai region, November 20, and that all proper and adequate dispositions had been made to meet it.

British Operations.

By Courier Leased Wire
London, Jan. 15.—Operations of British forces on the Italian front during the past week are reviewed in an official statement to-day. The Italian successes in carrying out operations in the Monte Asolone region, as well as in the vicinity of Monte Spioncica and near-Capo Sile on the river front, are noted in the announcement, which reads:

"In Italy during the past week our airplanes have destroyed six enemy machines and driven down others out of control. Our artillery made several successful shots and our infantry patrol activity continues.

"The Italians successfully operated yesterday in the vicinity of Monte Asolone, Monte Spioncica and Cape Sile, capturing many prisoners. "The weather is very cold."

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WEATHER BULLETIN

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yesterday has
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north eastward,
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into an impor-
tant storm now
centered in
Pennsylvania.
Snow is falling
in Ontario and
Quebec. The
weather is cold
in all the pro-
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nals in the Maritime
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Forecast
Strong northwest and west winds,
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fair and decidedly cold.

