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RETURNED SOLDIERS DECLARE THAT MEN AT RHYL HAD GOOD REASONS TO RIOT

CANADIAN SOLDIERS AND DEPENDENTS RETURNING ON GRAMPIAN

POISON GAS AND ARTILLERY USED IN STREETS OF BERLIN TO QUELL TROUBLE CREATED BY STRIKERS

German Government Troops Capture Police Headquarters in Capital—Fighting Ceases in Centre of City, But Continues On Outskirts—Losses Sustained by Both Sides.

STRIKE ENDS TONIGHT.

Berlin, March 7.—The general strike in Berlin will be called off tonight. The labor federation, at a meeting early this evening, recommended that the workmen return to work Saturday.

Copenhagen, March 7.—German Government troops have captured the police headquarters at Berlin and have completely cleared Alexander Platz of strikers, according to a Berlin dispatch received here.

Fighting has ceased in the centre of the city, but continues in the Moabit section. The Government troops suffered slight losses and captured many prisoners. To relieve the garrison of the police headquarters the Government troops turned their heavy artillery against the houses nearby and three shells hit a house which was used as insurgent headquarters, scattering the occupants in all directions. Poison gas was used effectively in the attack on the strikers, according to the German Gazette of Berlin.

FLAME THROWERS AND TRENCH WEAPONS USED IN FIGHTING

Berlin, March 8.—German Government troops have suppressed the most riotous at Berlin, according to a dispatch from that city, and are now assigned to the task of protecting persons who want to return to their homes. The popular magazine division and two detachments of the police have been disbanded. It is reported.

NEW CONSTITUTION OF GERMANY TO RECOGNIZE COUNCILS

Wellmar, Friday, March 7.—Social Democrats who have been in consultation with the German cabinet yesterday relative to the Berlin strike and what concessions and guarantees could be offered the strikers, left for Berlin this morning. The conference lasted well into the night and is reported to have been satisfactory.

The terms which were decided upon will be laid before the strikers at Berlin this afternoon, and are said to provide for the recognition of the soldiers and workmen's councils by the new constitution. This is looked upon as a most radical step. It has been urged heretofore, but has been rejected. It is known that the German cabinet do not favor it. Before the Socialists entered the conference a delegation of the Berlin governing council, arrived and immediately entered into consultation with Herr Bauer, labor minister.

GOVERNMENT TROOPS ARE PROTECTING MEN WHO DESIRE TO WORK

LONDON, March 8.—Describing the fighting in Berlin on Thursday, a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen, says that during the whole night there were sounds of heavy detonations of cannon and explosions. The fighting was taking place. Flame-throwers and trench weapons were used. It is known that the German cabinet do not favor it. Before the Socialists entered the conference a delegation of the Berlin governing council, arrived and immediately entered into consultation with Herr Bauer, labor minister.

MAJORITY SOCIALISTS WITHDRAW SUPPORT FROM BERLIN BODY

Asterdam, March 8.—The majority Socialists have withdrawn from the strike committee in Berlin, according to a telegram filed there Friday afternoon, and it was considered doubtful at that time whether the trades union would support the strike further. At the meeting Friday of the Berlin workmen's council the independent Socialists and communists proposed three resolutions—extension of the strike to the gas, electric and waterworks, the executive committee of the workmen to take over the command of all the troops in Berlin, and negotiations with the Government to be broken off. The first resolution was carried by only a small majority, after which the majority Socialists left the meeting.

SPARTACANS TAKEN PRISONERS WILL BE SENTENCED TO DEATH

LONDON, March 8.—A great number of Spartacans were taken prisoners in the fighting in the centre of Berlin Friday, and will be sentenced to death, according to a dispatch from Copenhagen. The fighting in Berlin, according to the dispatch adds, and government troops now occupy all public buildings and sources and number of factories.

LOCAL TEMPERATURES.

Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 34; lowest, 12.

The official temperature for the 12 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 17.

PROHIBITION REFERENDUM IN ONTARIO

People of Province To Vote On Question in Few Months.

SEPTEMBER OR SOONER

Hon. T. W. McGarry Declares Government Will Enforce Mandate of People.

Toronto, March 8.—Hon. T. W. McGarry, provincial treasurer, speaking at a meeting of Ward Three, Conservative Association at St. George's Hall last night, said: "A wide-open referendum on the prohibition question will be taken in Ontario, possibly in September next or possibly sooner, for the people to determine what measure they want. I believe the people will be able to vote on the question in a very open fashion. When the boys come home, possibly in September or before, or it may be a little later, the people will decide the question for themselves, and the referendum will be wide open, as is desired by the temperance people and the liquor interests. Whatever the verdict of the people may be, it will be upheld by the Government. The people will be given every opportunity of expressing in the fairest possible manner their desires on this important question. A wide-open referendum and the committee of one hundred the Ontario temperance act, and that will not be a factor, so far as the Government is concerned, in determining the issue of permanent prohibition. We are not going to have Prussianism in Ontario; the people will rule."

VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO ANSWER 'DOUBLE BARRELED QUESTION'

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, March 8.—Hon. T. W. McGarry's announcement last night at a ward three Conservative meeting that a referendum on the prohibition question would be taken in September or before, has caused a great deal of surprise in the liquor camps. Both sides want the people to express their views on the matter, and in both camps certain spokesmen are working hard to bring about a referendum. Under the present Ontario temperance act it was provided that the vote should be taken on the first Monday in June of this year. Some time ago the prime minister announced that the date would be changed because the troops would not be home from overseas.

NEWSPAPER SUPPRESSED

Recommended That the Allies Help Various Factions To Reach Understanding.

Viadovostok, Feb. 25.—By W. E. Playfair, Canadian Press correspondent. A careful review of the situation in Siberia, now in possession of the Canadian intelligence offices, predicts much trouble in the spring and early summer, due to the fact that the masses of the people are unsympathetic to the present Omsk government. The foreign elements supporting the Omsk government share in unpopularity, also the nations approving the proposed Princes' Island conference have lost prestige among the Russians. It is suggested that the proper allied attitude would be to assist various Russian parties to reach an agreement leaving sufficient forces here to maintain stability.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—SLEET OR RAIN.

Toronto, March 8—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Fine.

Sunday—Strong easterly winds, followed by sleet or rain.

Temperatures.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Victoria.....41.....39.....Clear

Calgary.....34.....4.....Clear

Winnipeg.....25.....0.....Clear

Port Arthur.....30.....22.....Cloudy

St. Mary's.....30.....12.....Cloudy

Parry Sound.....30.....17.....Clear

Toronto.....30.....17.....Clear

Ottawa.....22.....10.....Clear

Montreal.....18.....10.....Clear

Quebec.....22.....10.....Clear

Father Point.....20.....2.....Clear

Halifax.....20.....18.....Cloudy

Minus (—) means below zero.

Weather Notes.

An area of low pressure, with fine weather, covers the country from Ontario eastward, while a moderate disturbance now centered over the Gulf of Mexico will probably move toward the Great Lakes.

Moderate temperatures prevail in the Western Provinces.

ON THE SAME WORLD PLATFORM



President Wilson and ex-President Taft, who addressed the same audience in New York last night favoring the League of Nations.

GENERAL SIR ARTHUR CURRIE'S TRIBUTE TO CANADIAN CORPS

Vancouver, B. C., March 7.—The Canadian Corps in the great war never lost a gun. In the last two years it never failed to take an objective, nor was it driven from an inch of ground once consolidated.

SOLDIER IS FREED; BROTHER MAKES UP BALANCE OF MONEY

Public Assistance Given Unfortunate Much Appreciated.

The returned soldier who was sentenced to three months in the county jail for a breach of the Ontario temperance act was released shortly after noon today as a result of the agitation campaign by the Trades and Labor Council, and participated in by returned soldiers and the public in general.

BRITISH NAVAL FORCES CONTROL CASPIAN SEA

Steamers and War Vessels Manned by Men From British Navy.

LONDON, March 8.—Naval forces under British command now dominate the situation in the Caspian Sea, according to official information secured by Reuters, Limited. For some months past there have been British naval forces on this sea, the official account states. They were originally sent to prevent the Bolsheviks from dominating the situation. This naval force seized certain armed steamers which are now manned by Russian crews.

Governor-General Appeals for Unity

Hopes To See Better Relations Between Labor and Capital.

Montreal, March 8.—After a keenly contested election, D. H. McLaughlin, president of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, was yesterday declared president of the Canadian Miners' Institute for the coming year.

Speaking at the banquet at which the institute concluded its convention here, the duke of Devonshire urged the necessity of unity between capital and labor. The duke, in this matter, declared himself an optimist, "with implicit faith in the inherent sound common sense of the citizens of the British Empire."

Conditions "Unfit For Human Beings" Exist at Rhyll Camp, Declare Returned Soldiers Who Express No Surprise at Riots

POOR FOOD AND FIRELESS HUTS CAUSED RIOTS

Montreal, March 8.—The principal complaints heard by the Canadian Press correspondents here about Rhyll camp are that it is bitterly cold and that the food served there is small in quantity and poor in quality. The bitterest complaints about the camp were made by a number of men who came home on the Royal George and who said that there were no fires in some of the huts.

574 SOLDIERS DEPENDENTS ON GRAMPIAN

Husbands, Wives and Children Coming On Latest Liner.

Ottawa, March 8.—From a cable received by the repatriation committee this information is gleaned: S.S. Grampien sailed for St. John, March 4, carrying 574 soldiers' dependents, including 383 women, 101 children and 40 infants, accompanied by 275 soldier husbands. Destination of dependents: Ontario 214; Quebec 39; Nova Scotia 15; New Brunswick 35; Manitoba 48; Saskatchewan 46; Alberta 31; British Columbia 12.

THREE MORE SHIPS TO SAIL AT EARLY DATES FOR CANADA

Ottawa, March 8.—The militia department has been advised of the sailing of three more vessels. The Minnedosa, according to the cable advice is sailing today with 12 officers and 1,600 other ranks on board. The Corsican will sail on the tenth. She is bringing home a number of munition workers. The Metagama will sail on or about the 15th with approximately 1,100 persons on board, but whether they are soldiers or dependents is not known. All three vessels are bound for St. John. When more definite information as to those on board is received here it will be given out.

LIBERAL IN EAST ELGIN HANDS IN HIS RESIGNATION

S. S. McDermand Wants the Women To Have Voice in Selection.

Candidates for Both Houses Will Be Chosen at Aylmer Meeting.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Aylmer, Ont., March 8.—In accord with the best principles of democratic Liberalism, S. S. McDermand, Liberal candidate for the Legislature, has tendered his resignation to the Liberal executive of East Elgin, believing that as he was selected before women were enfranchised, they should now be given an opportunity to participate in the selection of the candidate.

Ships Not Available.

"The ministry of shipping were unable to furnish sufficient ships to carry out the program of returning troops, as promised to the Canadian government, this, in February and early March, the shipments of troops having fallen short by fully one-third, there occurred backing up from Kimmell Camp through the troops home in England, and through them to France."

"This has caused very great disappointment to Canadian soldiers who have been overseas for periods ranging from four years or more, without leave to their homes. The withdrawal of ships, and the postponement of sailings of others from time to time, have caused after soldiers had been demobilized and medically boarded in numbers based on the shipping schedule, has been very trying to the drafts, and this is what it is considered chiefly to the disturbance."

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Men of First Contingents Are Incensed Over the Fact That Drafted Men Are Being Returned to Canada Ahead of Them—Rhyll Camp Soldiers State Lacked Food and Fuel, and Was Devoid of Organization.

Toronto, March 8.—Most of the veterans who returned this morning from the troopship Cassandra said they were not surprised to hear that there had been trouble at Rhyll camp. They state that a good deal of dissatisfaction exists among the older service men in England. Men of the first contingents are incensed over the fact that draftees are being sent back to Canada first, under the "units intact" system.

The conditions at Rhyll camp are described as bad. The camp is said to be devoid of all organization, and the sleeping accommodation is "unfit for human beings."

The food was described by many of the men as being unfit to eat. They were compelled to go into the town and spend their own money to satisfy their hunger. "And we had none too much money, either," said one veteran, "because we were not allowed to draw any pay while at Rhyll camp."

As many as 42 men were compelled to sleep in one hut, according to one man, and the general conditions at the camp were intolerable.

Some of the veterans are inclined to put the whole cause of the trouble down to the fact that everyone is impatient to get home.

Montreal Soldier Who Came Through the Rhyll Camp Says Men Had Reasons To Riot

Montreal, March 8.—A soldier who came through the Rhyll camp just over a week ago stated that at Kimmell he had seen what they called military districts in the manner in which the men with several years in France were kept hanging around the camp, while the men who had never seen England in their lives were sent forward to Canada.

Other soldiers here complained that they were held in England because their papers had been lost in the orderly room, and more than once I was unable to obtain a meal in camp at all," he said.

Another thing was the huts were freezing, as there was no coal to be had, he said. He also complained of the manner in which the men with several years in France were kept hanging around the camp, while the men who had never seen England in their lives were sent forward to Canada.

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Canadian Soldiers at Rhyll Complain of Bad Conditions Due to Cold and Food Shortage

Brantford, March 8.—The reports of rioting at Camp Rhyll, North Wales, did not come as a surprise to the local friends of Acting Brig.-Gen. M. A. McLaughlin, D. S. O., Brantford officer in command there. His local friends had heard from him of riots on a small scale every day for three days this soldier had camp had a severe cold, while the food was inedible. The father of the lad declared himself more worried over his son than during the whole time he was through the fighting.

Camp authorities were not responsible. However, a letter received at Brantford, February 10, from a Brantford boy in the camp, declared that the conditions were insupportable. The nights were bitter, and the food was inedible. The men were not one blanket. Almost everyone in camp had a severe cold, while the food was inedible. The father of the lad declared himself more worried over his son than during the whole time he was through the fighting.

OVERSEAS MINISTRY EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET BECAUSE OF RIOTS

Ottawa, March 8.—The department of public information has received the following cable from the ministry of overseas military forces of Canada: "The view of the splendid discipline and uniform record maintained by the Canadian troops since the beginning of the war in England and France, the incident at Kimmell Camp is very deeply regretted at the headquarters of the overseas military forces of Canada. It is considered that in comparison with others, the discipline among Canadian troops has been of high order."

"It is greatly regretted that some of the reports of the incident have been exaggerated."

"Immediately after the armistice had been signed, Kimmell Park was secured as a concentration area, through which Canadian troops passed on their way to Canada, being situated convenient to Liverpool, their embarkation port. There all documentation is completed and troops sorted into drafts according to their destination in Canada."

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Greeks Who Refuse To Renounce Fealty Deprived of Food

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