

Wilson May Solve Russian Issue

VISITS ENGLAND TO DISCUSS SITUATION

President's Sudden Determination to Hasten His Trip to London Due to Desire to Consult the Government—British Press Extends a Very Hearty Welcome

By Courier Leased Wire.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The London correspondent of The Manchester Guardian suggests that President Wilson's sudden determination to come to England is due to his desire to consult the British Government regarding the Russian situation before the preliminaries to the peace conference.

Newspapers here make extended comments on the impending visit of President Wilson to England. The Daily News expresses profound satisfaction over Mr. Wilson's plan and adds: "Every section of the nation is eager for an opportunity to display its gratitude and admiration of the president's unflinching idealism and steadfastness of purpose."

"While the visit will give the people an opportunity to range themselves publicly on his side, it will also give the president an opportunity of which he will hardly fail to avail himself, of shortening the preliminaries which are occupying time that might be profitably devoted to actual conferences with the allies."

The paper contends that it is necessary to press forward the negotiations and name conditions of peace for Germany and determine the future of Russia.

"Only swift decisions by the allies," England and America, the newspaper says, "will enable Germany to resume something like her normal industrial life and secure the survival of a government capable of executing the conditions of peace."

Four Days in England. Paris, Dec. 20.—President Wilson's plans for visiting London, while not yet positive, contemplate that he will leave for England Thursday, December 26. He probably will remain in England four days.

The president will start for London immediately after he has his Christmas dinner with the American troops in the field.

He will not return directly to Paris, but will visit the devastated regions of northern France and Belgium. It is expected he will be back in Paris about January 4, on the eve of the first meeting of the Inter-Allied Conference on January 6.

The opening meeting of the Inter-Allied Conference will be confined to representatives of the Allies and the United States, who will arrange a common basis of action for the formal sessions of the peace congress, which will open toward the middle or latter part of January.

It is expected that the German delegates then will be present for the first time. It is pointed out that as this is not a negotiated peace, but a victorious peace based on a virtual unconditional surrender in which the enemy has been compelled to give up all demanded, the main purpose of the preliminary conference being to arrange a common front for the peace congress.

For that reason, the conference is going on between the President and Premier Orlando of Italy and later with Premier Lloyd George in London have an important bearing on this preliminary adjustment.

A new maternity wing to the Charlotte Eleanor Englehart Hospital at Petrolia was opened.

The Military Department is bringing back more than the estimate of 9,000 Canadian soldiers per month.

Canadian railways want 8,870 men, besides their 15,200 employees who enlisted and who will be taken back.

FIVE LIVES ARE LOST IN SMASH

A Car Jumped Drawbridge Near Atlantic City Today

By Courier Leased Wire. Atlantic City, N.J., Dec. 20.—Five persons were killed when a large touring car skidded on the frost-coated planks and plunged through the wooden railing of the second drawbridge on the Meadow boulevard between this city and Pleasantville, early to-day. The dead are:

Herman J. Stratenbach, proprietor of a cafe here; his wife; Daniel McCarthy, Casper Baldeo, of Amalol, N.J., and an unidentified man. The automobile crashed through the railing and dropped forty feet to the waters of the thoroughfare below, pinning its occupants beneath it. All were dead when extricated a half hour later.

HUN GENERAL ASKS JUSTICE FROM WILSON

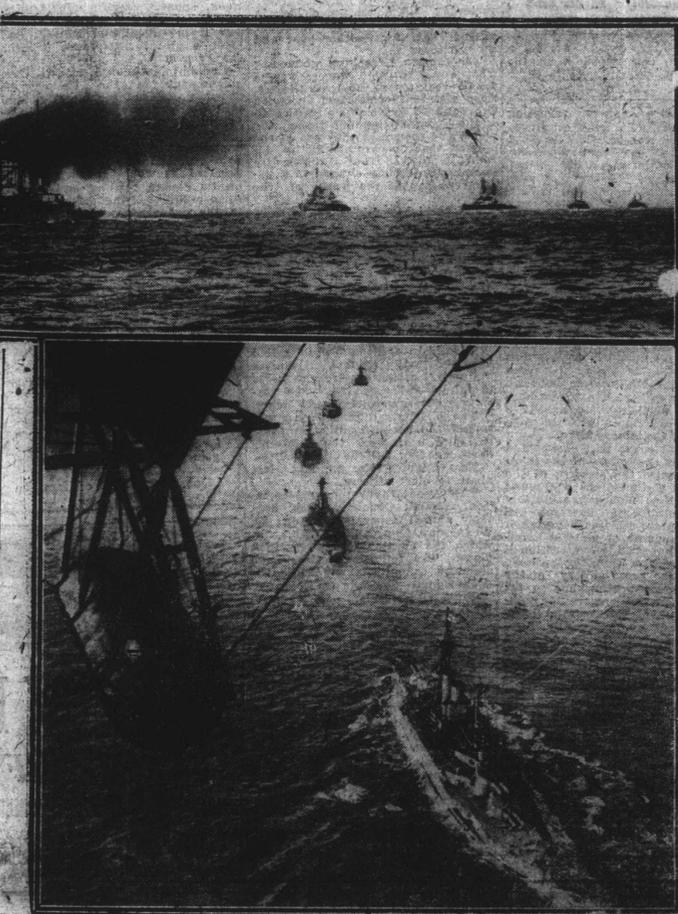
Max Montgelas, the Second Lichnowsky of Germany, Writes Open Letter TRUSTS PRESIDENT

By Courier Leased Wire. Munich, Thursday, Dec. 19.—General Max Montgelas, who was recalled from Switzerland to enter the Bavarian cabinet on November 21 and who has been referred to by French newspapers as the second Lichnowsky, because of his revealing a portion of blame devolving upon our people in this world catastrophe.

"Each of us who knows your country knows well that proud conscious American nation beneath the Star Spangled Banner and honors it. We disdain to blame others, but we expect Mr. President, that you will, despite all opposition, achieve success with the principles you laid down. We are building upon the words you spoke at Washington's grave, when you said that every arbitrary power, regardless of what title it appears upon, must be destroyed or condemned to impotency. We are building upon the word of impartial justice, which knows no difference as to those to be judged. We are confident that you will create a league of equality between nations in which each people may freely breathe and work and prosper spiritually."

"You know better than I what the German spirit has given your great people. You know the world can do without this spirit less than ever after it has been freed from the bonds of militarism. If our expectations are deceived, we shall not cease fighting on for the altars of our fathers. Your message is hopeful, but we must be afraid that not all the Allies will listen to your words. You have power, and you have a duty to perform."

Twenty-five cents buys a Thrift Stamp.



VIEWS OF THE SURRENDER OF GERMAN GRAND FLEET TO THE ALLIES. The top picture shows the German battle cruisers led by the Seiditz, steaming to their anchorage. Below is a picture from a photograph taken from a British airdrop, the corner of which appears in the cut. It shows H.M.S. Queen Elizabeth, the flagship of the British navy, leading the British line of warships going out to meet the German fleet.

COL. LOGIE ARMSTRONG SICK ON TRANSPORT AT HALIFAX

By Courier Leased Wire. Halifax, N.S., Dec. 20.—H.M. Troopship Regina, with upwards of two thousand returning Canadians under the command of Lieut.-Col. Clegg, docked at nine o'clock this morning after an uneventful passage of eight days from Liverpool. There were no officers on board other than the usual complement of conducting officers. The men are all A2 or B2 men who at the time

of the signing of the armistice were in training in England for service in France. In consequence of this, they arrived here with their full equipment, necessitating a considerable amount of extra work on the part of the disembarkation officers. Before the men will be allowed to proceed, they must hand over their rifles and bayonets, giving the number of each and obtaining a receipt showing the number of

each man, his rank, home and district. The only passengers on board listed as sick, are Col. Logie Hilton Armstrong, his wife, child and maid, of Brantford, Ont. Col. Armstrong, it is understood, is proceeding to Ottawa to take over the supervision of the Records Department.

GERMAN PEOPLE ACCOMPLICES TO THE CRIME OF MILITARISM

By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 20.—In discussing the attempts of the present leaders of Germany to shift the blame for the war and the manner in which it was waged, the Times, in an editorial to-day says:

"The majority of articulate Germans altogether refuse to confess that Germany has been guilty of any particular crime either in provoking the war or in her conduct of it. They deny that she has been defeated and represent her as the innocent victim of unheard-of persecutions since the conclusion of the armistice."

"The mass of the German people were in fact accomplices in the crimes of militarism. They were its accomplices because they approved its ends and had no remorse as to use of its most inhuman means. They hounded on the former emperor, his generals and statesmen until defeat fell upon them. They would do just better to confess the truth."

"They merely add to their turpitude in the eyes of democracy by trying to shelter themselves under the shameful plea that the great German people do not know of the crimes of their rulers or, knowing these crimes, were too craven not to applaud them."

RELIEF PLANS. Paris, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Plans for extending relief to famished Europe, which President Wilson regards as the most impressive question needing attention, are rapidly maturing in such a

way as to secure full cooperation by the allies. The president some time ago indicated in a speech that something should be done promptly for relieving the liberated and neutral regions which suffered so severely from the war. He has now stipulated this by making it known to the allies that he regards the relief measures as of extreme importance, both for the extreme populations, and also as a means of holding back the wave of discontent and resentment sweeping westward in the train of the Bolshevik movement.

The relief plans that have matured since the arrival of Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator, are understood to have gone before the supreme war council in London, and to have been referred to a committee upon which England, France and Italy are represented.

HOW HAIG AIDED FOCH. By Courier Leased Wire. London, Dec. 20.—Canadian Press Dispatch from Reuters.—The war historian, John Buchan, has an interesting article in The Daily Sketch on Field Marshal Haig. He says that the British army supplied Foch with his weapons, such as tanks and creeping barrage, and it was the British army that finally crushed Ludendorff.

Each made the plans, Haig provided the material and much of the execution, but Haig was not a mere accomplice, trusty in fulfilling orders, he was a great tactician.

Foch and Haig, from 1914 onwards, saw eye to eye, says Buchan.

SOLDIERS' HOME. The following soldiers returned on the T. H. and B. train last night: A. S. McGregor, B. White, D. F. Thompson, J. Whelms, F. A. Thurston, Minton Ave., Pte. Wilder, Winnett St., and Sergt. D. W. Walker, 37 Gray St. A deputation of the Soldiers' Aid Commission met the men, and conducted them to their homes in automobiles. The following soldiers from the S. A. Melita left St. John on Wednesday, and are expected in Brantford to-night: Ptes. Vanless, Butterworth, Dattilo, Field, Fisher, Lahey, Spencer, Sayles, Knowles and Smith.

FIRE BETWEEN FLOORS. An over-heated stove in a flat above Dell's rubber store on Dalhousie street was responsible for a blaze which started between the floors of the building about 7.30 last night. Smoke issuing from the windows attracted the attention of passers-by, and the fire department responded to the alarm and in a short time extinguished the blaze.

NO GOVERNMENT MONOPOLY. By Courier Leased Wire. New York, Dec. 20.—Postmaster-General Barless has no intention of seeking to hold the combined cable systems of the country as a government monopoly after the declaration of peace, Newcomb Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph Company and federal director of the merged cables, announced here on his return after a conference at Washington with Mr. Barless.

COUNTER-REVOLT IN GERMANY?

Hindenburg and Others Reported to be Planning Fresh Stroke

FORMING NEW FRONT Confirmation of Reported Resignation of Ebert Ministry Lacking

By Courier Leased Wire. Paris, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg has telegraphed the Berlin government, advising it of his intention to form a new front six miles behind the neutral zone fixed by the armistice, according to a dispatch to Le Journal from Zurich today.

The government has asked the Field Marshal for an explanation, adds the dispatch, but has not yet received a reply. It is also announced that two regiments of the active army will be sent to Frankfurt-on-the-Main at an early date.

The correspondent affirms that Maj.-Gen. Schuch, the Prussian war minister; Field Marshal von Hindenburg and Gen. Lequid—probably Lieut.-Gen. Lequis, former governor of Metz—who is in command of the active troops in Berlin, are behind a counter-revolutionary movement. He declares the existing government is manifestly incapable of preventing the realization of their scheme.

Not Yet Confirmed. London, Dec. 20.—Reports from Copenhagen state that the German cabinet headed by Friedrich Ebert has resigned, but there is no confirmation of them as yet.

To Fight Socialists. Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—Dr. Gustav Stresemann, leader of the National Liberal party in Germany, has announced that the German people's party, in which those who have been active since the revolution, is actively opposed to a social democracy and will fight the Socialist rulers, according to a Berlin newspaper received here. The German party has been summoned to a conference, which will be held at Frankfurt on December 30.

To Hold Election. Berlin, Thursday, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—The Congress of Soldiers' and Workmen's Councils has decided that elections to the National Assembly shall be held on January 19. Those opposed to the summoning of a national assembly polled only forty votes out of a total of 240.

Expulsions Increasing. Copenhagen, Dec. 20.—Mathias Erbsberger, head of the German armistice commission, according to a telegram from Berlin has made an announcement in which he claims that expulsions from Alsace are increasing daily. Herr Erbsberger declares further that fifteen persons recently have been arrested, including Deputy Boehle of Strasbourg. He says that Herr Rohlsatz, chairman of the Soldiers' Council at Strasbourg, has been arrested and is being detained in a fortress near Strasbourg.

People's League in Berlin. London, Dec. 20.—A "People's League" has been organized in Berlin, says a Central News despatch from Copenhagen to-day. The league's committee includes Prince Maximilian of Baden, former German imperial chancellor; Hugo Haase, independent Socialist; Count von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States; Mathias Erbsberger, the Central leader; Dr. Solz, former German foreign minister; Prince von Hohenhausen-Schillingstun, the Austrian ambassador; Cardinal von Hartmann, archbishop of Cologne.

INVESTIGATOR KILLED. By Courier Leased Wire. Geneva, Dec. 20.—Lieut. Col. Henry Villains, of the French commission, sent to collect evidence concerning the conflict between Ukraine and Holland has been shot and killed by Ukrainian soldiers, according to a telegram from Lemberg just received by the Polish bureau at Lausanne.

The French commission arrived at Lemberg during the recent fighting there between Polish and Ukrainian troops. It was, however, able to complete its inquiry, and was about to return to France when its chief was killed. Details as to the fatality are lacking.

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WEATHER BULLETIN

Toronto, Dec. 20.—Pressure continues high over the eastern portion of the continent, with a moderate disturbance has developed over the southwest states. The weather has been fair throughout the Dominion. Forecasts. East and south-east winds, mild showers in western to-night. Saturday—Sunny, mild and showery.

