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## LEBBECHT, LEADER OF THE SPARTACANS, REPORTED KILLED

### Said To Have Met Death In Berlin Fighting

#### Extremists Spread Reign of Terror Among Smaller Cities—Dusseldorf in Their Control—Prominent Residents Flee Across Rhine

London, Jan. 11.—Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Spartacan leader in Germany, was killed during street fighting on Thursday evening, according to a Copenhagen despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

Several despatches from the Associated Press correspondent in Berlin filed on Friday up to three o'clock in the afternoon contained no mention of the reported death of Dr. Liebknecht. The despatches, in fact, do not refer to happenings in Berlin, but deal with events in the provinces or with press comment. Nothing definite is known here as to what Friday's development in Berlin really was.

Delayed Amsterdam advices, dated Thursday, contain reports of further activity by the Spartacans in the Rhine towns. They apparently control Dusseldorf, where several prominent persons were arrested, while many others escaped arrest only by crossing the Rhine. The Munster Amteger reports that the Spartacans stormed the prison in Munster and set free 170 criminals. At Mülheim, during a big demonstration, the Spartacans on Wednesday the strikers seized all newspaper buildings and issued the General Strike for the next morning as the Red Flag, designating it as the organ of the revolutionary workers of Mülheim. They forbade the issuance of all the other newspapers. The private residence of Leon Stinnes, industrial magnate in Mülheim, was entered and ransacked by a mob which was later dispersed by the police.

Troops Disarmed. Leipzig, Jan. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—A party of marines from Berlin succeeded today in stopping a body of troops on their way to Berlin by meeting and disarming the Berlin-bound forces at Delitzsch near Leipzig. The marines had intercepted a wireless message reporting that the troops were to pass through Delitzsch and enter the station in force when the troops arrived. The marines demanded that the soldiers surrender their weapons and arms. The troops lost two officers and three men killed and twelve more wounded. The marines had two dead and two wounded as a result of the fighting, which ended with the disarming of the soldiers.

Spreading Terror. London, Jan. 10.—Despatches say that evidently believing it to be right to finish now that the three chief factions have broken off relations, the Spartacan group in Berlin are attempting to instill terror in the smaller cities of Germany, which heretofore have been reported unwilling to take any interest in favor of any of the contending parties.

## BLAME I. W. W. AND BOLESHIVISTS FOR FIRES

New York, Jan. 11.—Resolutions for a systematic investigation of the activities of the I. W. W. and Bolshevik organizations because of serious fires attributed to them were adopted at a conference of the Fire Marshals' Association of America and the National Board of Underwriters here yesterday.

## G. W. V. A. PROVINCIAL MEETING HERE TODAY

In the Great War Veterans' Association rooms this afternoon a quarterly business session of the provincial association is being held, at which Major Barton of Moncton, the president, is occupying the chair. The other officers present are: Capt. C. F. Bishop, first vice-president; Lieut. H. H. Patchell, treasurer; Lieut. O. G. Lawson, secretary, and delegates from the various branches throughout the province. The St. John association is being represented by Major Gordon Johnston, E. J. Puddy and H. Alingham.

It was expected the matter of N. B. land grants would be taken up at this afternoon's session, and a preliminary discussion was held with government officials this forenoon towards this end.

## CITY WILL PAY

Mayor Hayes said this morning that he knew of no disposition on the part of the council to appeal the decision of the court in regard to the claim against the city. The decision of the court has not yet been reported formally to the council but he expected that the city would pay the bill and the costs without further contest.

## FIREMEN'S PAY

The reported petition of the permanent firemen for an increase in pay has not yet reached Commissioner Thornton, although the commissioner said today that he had heard that it was coming. What his attitude on the subject would be he could not say until he had something before him. The call men received an increase from \$150 to \$225 last year and it is understood that they are satisfied with this for the present.

## BURIED TODAY

The funeral of Frederick Joseph McHale took place this afternoon from the residence of his father, John R. McHale, 149 Fern street. Services were conducted by Rev. R. T. McKim and interment was made in Fernhill.



THE LONG LOST COUSINS.

## Father of E. J. Puddy Dead; Was One of The 'Six Hundred' Took Part in That Historic Charge of The Light Brigade at Balaklava

House tower, this city, and himself a veteran of the late war and prominent in the executive affairs of the Great War Veterans' Association. Not only was the Crimen hero venerated by his four living soldier boys and six daughters, but by a grateful empire as well.

Mr. Puddy was one of the famous 17th Light Brigade at the battle of Balaklava, Edward J. Puddy of Chard, county of Somersetshire, England, died on last Christmas day in his eighty-sixth year, according to advices received here today. He was the venerated father of E. J. Puddy, signal man in the Customs

## SEVENTY-TWO ARE KILLED; MANY HURT

Fighting in Buenos Aires Serious—Dictator Calls for Statement of Demands

Buenos Aires, Jan. 11.—Seventy-two persons were killed, eighty-two were gravely wounded and more than 800 received minor injuries in fighting which occurred here yesterday and last night as a result of the general strike. Firing was incessant in all parts of the city from 7 o'clock until midnight, but then began to die away.

## THE NEW BRITISH MINISTRY.

London, Jan. 11.—The new Lloyd George ministry will be composed of thirty Unionists, twenty-five Liberals and five Laborites. Sir S. H. Sinha, under secretary for India, who is not a member of parliament, will probably be elevated to the peerage so that he may be able to sit in the house of lords.

## ONE NEW CASE

One case of influenza was reported to the board of health authorities today, but was not reported to the board.

## WEATHER REPORT

Very Cold. Maritime—Decreasing northwest winds, fair and decidedly cold. Sunday, fair and very cold.

## GRAIN GROWERS FOR FARMERS' PLATFORM

Brandon, Man., Jan. 11.—The Grain Growers' Convention yesterday approved most of the planks of the farmers' platform as adopted by the Canadian Council of Agriculture in Winnipeg on Nov. 28. The only amendments were to make the reforms more far-reaching. In addition, farm machinery, household materials and requisites were included in their free list.

## SOCIALISTS FROM THE ALLIED COUNTRIES TO MEET IN BRUSSELS

Brussels, Jan. 11.—(Havas Agency)—Socialists from Allied countries will be called to meet at Brussels in the near future, according to an announcement by the Belgian Labor party. Among other work to be done will be the re-establishment of the Socialist International Congress.

## GERMANY HAD EXPECTED TO WIN UP TO JULY 18

Statement of Von Hertling Few Days Before Death

HAD BEEN MISINFORMED

Looked for Grave Events in Paris for End of July But "History of World Was Played Out in Three Days"

Paris, Jan. 10.—"The animosity of a great majority of the Germans toward Prussia will have a decisive influence on the future configuration of Central Europe," said Count Von Hertling, former imperial German chancellor, in an interview with the correspondent of the Mainz three days before Von Hertling's death. He said that at Munich, as at Stuttgart and Cologne, there was resentment against Prussia, and he let it be understood that by Prussia not the country, but the caste and the political system was meant. Existing Prussia, not only incomparably stronger than all the other confederated states," he said, "but it does not represent a homogeneous ethnical bloc but an agglomeration of widely different provinces. If the present ideas follow their course, momentous historical events soon will occur, and the name of Prussia will disappear from the map of Europe."

Questions as to his attitude for the beginning of July 1918, I was convinced to confess it—that before the first of September our adversaries would send us peace proposals. Certainly our situation was most dangerous, in the sense that we had played our last card. But what did that matter since we were sure we were winning.

"We were all the more sure of that because of certain information of the most favorable nature which reached us from France. It was on account of this information that the high command, notwithstanding the opposition of the government, was able to continue bombarding Paris. It was, however, hoped to hasten thus the process of demoralization, about which well-meaning agents furnished daily fantastic reports."

"We expected grave events in Paris for the end of July. That was on the 19th. There were two steamers by the name of Castalia listed in the available shipping records. One of these is the Anchor Line Castalia, last listed as sailing from the Clyde on December 4 for Bombay, India, and the other, which is believed to be the one in distress off Halifax, is last reported as having arrived at New York on December 19 from Quebec via Sydney.

## MATTER OF POLICE CHIEF

The policy of promotion for the selection of a new chief for the police department is advocated by the members of the Police Protective Association.

## GRAND FLEET WAS SEVERAL TIMES IN BIGHT OF HELIGOLAND

Ample Protection From Miners in the "Paravane" Attachment

## INJUNCTION SUIT OF THE CABLE COMPANIES DISMISSED

New York, Jan. 11.—The injunction suit brought by the Commercial Cable Company and the Commercial Pacific Cable Company to restrain the government from taking over their respective cable lines and operating them from lines controlled by the Western Union Telegraph Company was dismissed yesterday.

## BULGARIA'S LOSSES IN WAR

Sofia, Jan. 11.—(By the Associated Press)—Bulgaria's losses in the war were: Killed and missing, 101,224; wounded, 119,289; prisoners, 10,282. These figures do not include the losses during the retreat from Macedonia, when many died of influenza, exhaustion and famine and 90,000 were taken prisoner.

## McDONALD SAYS HE AND RITCHIE DID IT

There was a further hearing in the police court this morning in the case of Clifford Ritchie and Joseph McDonald, charged with breaking into D. Currie's drug goods store in Main street. McDonald said that he and Ritchie broke into the store on New Year's night and stole a quantity of goods. They were remanded.

## CAPTAIN WALSH SPEAKS OF SCANDINAVIAN COMPLAINTS

Says No Doubt Largely Due to Rough Weather—Ship Has Good Record

## THIRTY FIVE DEATHS; 15 FROM PNEUMONIA AND INFLUENZA

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## WILSON TAKES McADOO POST

Assistant Becomes Director-General of Railroads in United States

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 11.—Walker D. Hines, assistant director-general of railroads, was appointed director-general today by President Wilson, to succeed Mr. McAdoo.

## CASTALIA SINKING DOWN OFF CANSO

S. O. S. Call Reported Vessel Sinking This Morning

Others Racing to Her Assistance but the Nearest Was Several Hours Away at Time That Wireless Message Was Received

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 11.—The steamer Castalia is sinking fast sixty miles south of Canso. The news comes in the following wireless message just received from the steamer by C. H. Harvey, local agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department:

"S. O. S. Castalia, 44.40 north, 60 west, sinking fast. Conditions critical state. Drifting east. Want assistance immediately."

A later message received by Mr. Harvey from the steamer Bergenfjord, an eighteen knot boat, states that she is 170 miles from the Castalia and is rushing to her assistance.

The steamer Frijan, ten knots, which sailed yesterday from Halifax, reports that she is steaming to the assistance of the Castalia. In addition, Mr. Harvey has notified the Lady Laurier at Sydney to proceed to the scene. Local shipping men are also arranging to send out assistance.

There are two Castalias in available shipping records. The steamer from which the call S. O. S. messages have been received is thought to be the Anchor Line, which arrived at Liverpool on December 19. Another Castalia, an Anchor Line, was scheduled to sail from Liverpool on December 6 from Bombay.

The first word came at 10:30 this morning. The position given by the Castalia in her wireless message is calculated as about 160 miles east of Halifax, which would be about sixty miles south of Canso, in a direct line between that port and Sable Island. It is believed that the weather is stormy and if she is sinking very rapidly it is a question whether or not the rescue steamer will be able to reach her in time. If the steamer's boats are intact, the crew, forty, will be able to get away safely in the boats and await the coming of these steamers.

The War Fijian should cover the distance under ordinary conditions in six hours, and the Bergenfjord would be able to cover the distance in nine hours. There are two steamers by the name of Castalia listed in the available shipping records. One of these is the Anchor Line Castalia, last listed as sailing from the Clyde on December 4 for Bombay, India, and the other, which is believed to be the one in distress off Halifax, is last reported as having arrived at New York on December 19 from Quebec via Sydney.

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Montreal, Jan. 11.—With regard to complaints of passengers and soldiers who arrived at St. John yesterday on the Scandinavian, Captain J. T. Walsh, R. N. R., assistant manager of the Canadian Pacific ocean services, was disposed to take the view that the complaints made were largely due to the fact that the Atlantic was in an ugly humor during the voyage and that most of the passengers were very seafish. This the more so as the vessel had carried many thousands of passengers during the war, not only without complaint of any kind, but with the result of very many letters of thanks to the officials for the excellent accommodation and service given.

Adjutant-General Ashton this morning said he had received no official report from St. John, and he was therefore not in a position to make a statement. The complaints, he said, would be investigated by militia department officials at the port of debarkation and they would report to headquarters. General Ashton said that, judging from the newspaper reports, most of the complaints were of conditions for which the overseas authorities must take the responsibility.

## MRS. REUBEN J. HIGGINS

Exceptionally sad is the death of Mrs. Reuben J. Higgins of 21½ Victoria lane, who passed away yesterday in the Parks Hospital of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza; for, in addition to her husband, she leaves seven small children, three boys and four girls. She was in her thirty-fourth year. Other surviving relatives are one brother, Heber Bell, in France, and two sisters, Mrs. Edith Bostonwick of Washburn and Mrs. Sadie Bell of Truro. Deep sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. The funeral will take place on Monday.