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Germany May Resist Passage of Allied Army To Poland's Assistance

Will Make Use of Any
Weapons, Says Foreign
Secretary

Hopes That Cause for Arms
Will Not Arise — Polish
Counter Offensive Successful
But Situation Still Critical — Naval Blockade of
Russia Resumed Is Rumor.

London, Aug. 6.—The contingency of Germany having to fight to resist a possible attempt by the Entente to send troops through Germany to help Poland was mentioned in the Reichstag by Dr. Walter Simons, the foreign secretary, says a wireless message from Berlin.

Declaring he was not aware whether the Entente actually intended to march through Germany, the foreign secretary said it would be "of the greatest interest to do so and that the German government must take measures accordingly."

Dr. Simons referred to the report that preparations were in progress in occupied territory to transfer troops to the east.

"If this is true," he declared, "it constitutes a violation of German neutrality for the territory, although occupied, is German and the agreement provides that no district belonging to a neutral power may be used for military operations."

"The German government will make use of any weapons in order to remove these difficulties," continued Dr. Simons, "although we hope it will be possible to achieve the end desired by persuasion and mutual understanding and that cause for the use of arms will not arise."

"I ask you to avoid anything which might render more acute the already strained situation, which I will do my utmost to prevent from resulting in an outbreak."

London, Aug. 6.—While the actual military situation in Poland is not clearer than it was yesterday, it is admitted to be critical. Reports however, in some respects contradictory, and the precise degree of menace to Warsaw as a result of the recent Bolshevik advance is not estimated.

Reports yesterday reported the Soviet armies had reached points thirty miles from the Polish capital, but later advice indicates they are two days' distance away and that the Soviet cavalry is far ahead of the infantry.

A Warsaw despatch to the Daily Mail states the Polish counter-offensive on the southern front has been successful and that the Bolsheviks have been hurled back forty-five miles.

Most newspapers express great anxiety over the situation this morning and the statement by a high official yesterday that the present position is as grave as that in August, 1918, is given great prominence.

Reports that the British government has already ordered the fleet to retrace the blockade of Russia, which was partially raised last November, receives great emphasis in some journals but no official sanction is claimed for the statement, and such rumors are possible early this morning tended to dissipate.

It is asserted that notwithstanding the fact the cabinet has not yet considered the reply of the Soviet government relative to an armistice with Poland, it was determined to send the Soviet trade commission back to Russia.

Soviet Reply.
The Soviet reply is known to have reached London, but as yet it has not been made public. This morning's newspapers, however, print forecasts of it, which coincide, for the most part, and show the reply was worded moderately and maintained the right of the Soviet armies to continue military operations against Poland.

Willingness to sign an armistice agreement when Polish delegates arrive at Minsk, is said to have been expressed and the Soviet government, it is asserted, has declared its readiness to grant Poland complete independence.

Moscow, however, has insisted upon arranging the terms of peace by direct negotiations between Poland and Russia, and it is not lessened by reports of the address by Dr. Walter Simons, German foreign minister, before the Reichstag yesterday, during which he declared Germany would seek to prevent the Entente from sending troops to Poland against Germany.

London, Aug. 6.—Leo Kanneroff, of the Russian Soviet delegation here, sent Mr. Lloyd George last night a long communication given the Soviet government's reply to Great Britain's note of Tuesday with regard to the delay in the armistice negotiations between Russia and Poland.

Mr. Kanneroff's statement declares the Soviet government never desired to combine the negotiations for an armistice with negotiations for peace, but that it demands that the terms of the armistice include reasonable guarantees which would prevent attempts on the part of Poland to use the period of the armistice for the renewal of hostile acts.

The sole obstacle in the way of the beginning of negotiations for the suspension of military operations, says the note, is the absence of the Polish delegates whose return is being awaited by the representatives of the Soviet government in order that negotiations may be immediately opened.

The Russian Soviet government again declares that it is firm in the recognition of the freedom and independence of Poland, and its willingness to grant to the Polish state wider frontiers than were indicated by the supreme council and mentioned in the British note of July 20.

With regard to the proposed London peace conference, the note says in substance that the Soviet government had proposed that the conference be only

Economic Pressure To Be Brought To Bear On Irish Public Bodies

Payments From Local Taxation Will Be Withheld

To Continue Until Local Bodies, Repudiating Imperial Parliament, Agree To Distribute Money to Assigned Services

Belfast, Aug. 6.—There is to be a continuation of the government's policy of using to the fullest extent its financial weapon on Irish public bodies declaring for republicanism.

A letter has been sent from the chief secretary's office to Irish county, borough and urban district councils saying that in view of resolutions passed by certain bodies in Ireland repudiating the authority of the imperial parliament it is necessary for the lord lieutenant to withhold further payments from the local taxation in Ireland account to any local authority.

This, the letter adds, will continue until definite assurance is received from the county and urban district councils sharing in such payment that they will distribute the money to the services which they are assigned by statute and will submit accounts to the government conforming to the board's rules and orders.

London, Aug. 6.—(Canadian Associated Press)—The House of Lords yesterday called attention to the conditions in Ireland.

STATUS OF CANADIAN OFFICERS IN CASE OF WAR

Toronto, Aug. 6.—Canada's part in Europe's war with the Red army is yet to be played, if a statement made by a local military man today indicates a general movement. The army officer stated that he had received a message asking if he was prepared to serve again. His explanation of the message was that the conditions in eastern Europe were agitating the military authorities in London, and he expected a similar message would be received by other members of the imperial forces in Canada who have not yet been discharged out of the service. If the call comes only to those members of the imperial forces who have not yet received their full discharge, many of the so-called air force veterans would be among their number.

A good many of them have not yet been discharged, the date upon which they receive their final release out of the army coming in many cases on Dec. 1.

Imperial veterans, in most cases, are still on the reserve list with the exception of those expired men.

Canadian officers are not immediately affected. While they are on the militia reserve, they could not be called upon to serve out of the country without sanction from the dominion parliament.

Each for Four Years in French University Has Annual Value of \$1,200 — McGill Gets One.

Montreal, Aug. 6.—The Quebec provincial government will give an opportunity for post graduate study in France to five men who have taken a degree in one of the universities of this province. It was announced at McGill yesterday.

Hon. L. A. David, provincial secretary, had addressed a letter to Principal Curran of McGill in which he stated that one of the scholarships had been allotted to McGill.

Each scholarship is for four years and is of the annual value of \$1,200. The student may pursue his studies at any desirable university in France and may follow any special line chosen.

MAKING FORTUNE ON GERMAN MARKS
Selling Money at Two to Three Times Current Price — Two Old Ladies Taken in.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—It is reported here that a freight saw the steel rail obstruction line, both of German descent, have been peddling German marks, or coupons and invested the money in German marks at two or three times their current value price.

They are said to get a commission of fifty cents on the dollar and to have cleaned up \$10,000 in one week. Apparently they are working on behalf of the New York curb brokers.

Among the victims, it is said, that two old Menonite ladies took their life savings of \$10,000 out of the savings bank and invested the money in German marks at two or three times their current value price.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TRAIN
Fennie, B. C. Aug. 6.—An attempt to wreck a Canadian Pacific railway train near Sentinel, Alberta, a short distance from the scene of last Monday's hold-up of passenger train No. 63, was frustrated Wednesday night, when the engineer of a freight saw the steel rail obstruction placed across the tracks in time to stop the train. It is thought here that it was intended for eastbound passenger train No. 63.

EXPECT COAL WILL BE HIGHER.
The following despatch has been received from Montreal: "Coal importers here say that coal is likely to rise \$1 a ton or more, according to locality, following on the increase in railway freight rates, and that there is no relief in sight through a reduction in the cost of coal."

When questioned regarding this despatch this afternoon as to what effect this would have on the local market, one prominent local dealer said that it was booking orders from month to month because of the uncertainty of price and transportation. They are accepting no orders for fall delivery, and a further increase in freight rates would most certainly drive the price a notch higher.

THE FREIGHT RATES.
Toronto, Aug. 6.—Discussing the question of higher freight rates, the World, (W. F. MacLean, M. P.), says editorially: "There is a question about the Canadian Pacific, which we think is for the government rather than for the railway commission. The commission must fix a uniform rate and it will then be up to the government and parliament to deal with excess profits of the C. P. R."

ROADS MUST BE GOOD.
Chatham World—Holly Lounsbury of Moncton, with Mr. Merlin Murray as passenger, made a run from Chatham to Moncton Saturday afternoon in two hours and forty-two minutes. Mr. Murray's return trip by express train took nearly twice as long.

SERIOUS DISORDER IN ILLINOIS TOWN

State Troops Sent to West Frankfort Where Three Are Reported Killed and Many Injured — City Officials Warned Out of Town — Strike Riots in Denver.

St. Louis, Aug. 6.—Five companies of Illinois state troops were on their way today to West Frankfort, Illinois, a mining town 140 miles south of St. Louis, where three men are believed to have been killed and many others injured by a mob which at midnight last night was setting fire to the houses of foreigners again, according to reports from nearby towns.

Discovery of the bodies of A. Calcutra, 19, and Tony Hempel, 18, buried in shallow graves yesterday, led to the arrest of Settino DeBenedis, who was spirited away from the jail at Marion, near West Frankfort, when county officials learned of the approach of a mob. Two other suspects arrested at West Frankfort were also removed to the city.

Frankfort was demanding their delivery, and attacks on foreigners and their homes quickly followed, according to reports. A general exodus of foreigners is in progress at West Frankfort, according to reports, many of them taking such positions as they were able to carry and in some instances driving their cattle with them.

A photographer who attempted to take pictures of the mob became the victim of a mob which at midnight last night was setting fire to the houses of foreigners again, according to reports from nearby towns.

City officials, who were warned to leave town, and the disorders continued unchecked. According to several reports, Calcutra and Hempel were slain because they were believed to have gained information which had committed several bank and post office robberies.

Strikers Denver, Colo., Aug. 6.—Nearly a score of persons were injured, several of them seriously, and two cars were badly damaged as a result of an attempt to prevent operation of cars by strike breakers at the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. plant. Shots were fired, wounding several persons.

One man was killed and three others seriously wounded at the south side car barns at 11:15 last night. The dead man has not been identified.

Quiet Rector? West Frankfort, Ill., Aug. 6.—Following a night of rioting in which five persons are believed to have been killed and many others injured, comparative quiet was restored today.

Approximately 5,000 foreigners, against whom the rioters directed their attack, had left town, and this, coupled with the arrival of 100 militiamen of the 9th Infantry, tended to bring about order.

TWO BIG GERMAN WARSHIPS ARE IN SCOTLAND
Edinburgh, Aug. 6.—Two of Germany's most formidable battlehips, the Seydlitz and Westfalen and twelve destroyers, allocated to Great Britain, arrived at Rosyth yesterday from Kiel.

France, Aug. 6.—The German battle cruiser Ragnarsburg, which was allotted to France, reached West yesterday.

PHILIP AND SHELDON WEATHER REPORT
Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stuparis, director of meteorological service.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—The weather has been fair and warm over the continent except along the Atlantic coast where it has been showery.

Shows Tomorrow.
Maritime—Light to moderate south and southwest winds, fair. Saturday, moderate southerly winds, warm and partly cloudy with a few scattered showers.

Gulf and North Shore—Moderate southwest winds, fair today and on Saturday. Stationary or higher temperature. White River—New England, partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow. Probably showers occasionally. Light south winds.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—Temperatures: Highest During Day. Lowest During Night.

Stations. 8 a.m. Yesterday Night. Prince Rupert . . . 56 78
Victoria . . . 56 78
Kamloops . . . 56 78
Calgary . . . 56 78
Edmonton . . . 56 78
Prince Albert . . . 56 78
Winnipeg . . . 56 78
Saskatoon . . . 56 78
Sault Ste. Marie . . . 56 78
Toronto . . . 56 78
Ottawa . . . 56 78
Montreal . . . 56 78
Quebec . . . 56 78
St. John, N. B. . . . 56 78
Halifax . . . 56 78
Detroit . . . 56 78
New York . . . 56 78

MONDAY'S EVENTS IN COURTENAY BAY.
The aquatic sports which are to be held next Monday evening in Courtenay Bay under the auspices of the Commercial Club are creating considerable interest throughout the city. Frank White, who is arranging the meet, announces that the first event will be the four-oared race, which will be started at 7:30 o'clock. It will be followed by the boys' race and then the singles. In the last mentioned, Hilton Belyea will be handicapped three lengths. He will start off even but will have to finish three lengths ahead of his nearest competitor in order to win. Renforth is likely to have a crew and it is expected that the Stackhouse crew will participate.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE AND HIS WIFE



Recent photograph of Governor Cox of Ohio, Democratic candidate for the presidency of the United States, and his wife at their home "Trilindas."

As Hiram Sees It NEW AMERICAN SHIP COMBINE

United American Lines, Inc. Now Has Fleet of Eighty Ships or More Than 590,000 Tons — Bid Made for Leviathan.

New York, Aug. 6.—The American Ship and Commerce Corporation, through its president, W. A. Harriman, yesterday announced purchase and amalgamation of the American Hawaiian Steamship Company, the firm of Liverpool, Deane & Co. and the Kerr Navigation Company.

The American Ship and Commerce Corporation recently concluded an agreement for the reopening and operating of the pre-war trade routes of the Germany company.

The two companies with their fleet of vessels, aggregating over 500,000 deadweight tons, in addition to 200,000 tons of shipping board vessels, will be joined under the name of United American Lines, Incorporated, under which name all ships of the American Ship and Commerce Corporation and allied companies will be operated.

It was also announced that the Kerr Navigation Company, a subsidiary of the American Ship and Commerce, will be reorganized and the American Ship and Commerce Corporation will purchase the 55,000-ton Leviathan.

The combined fleet of the new organization totals more than eighty ships, or more than 590,000 tons.

The American Ship and Commerce Corporation recently filed with the Federal Reserve Bank a plan to purchase the 55,000-ton Leviathan.

WRIT IS ISSUED AGAINST RUSSELL
Action for Recovery of Money in Ontario Lumber Cutting Case.

Toronto, Aug. 6.—Action toward the recovery of money due to the Ontario government in respect to the exploitation of crown lands, as revealed at timber investigations, was taken yesterday when Donald Mason, White and Poulis, acting for the attorney-general, issued a writ at Osprey Hall against W. H. Russell, and the Russell Timber Company of Port Arthur. Damages are also claimed.

BUYS FORMER GERMAN RAIDER
The Kron Prinz Wilhelm Will Be Fitted Up for 'Round-the-World Trip.'

Washington, Aug. 6.—Sale of the liner Von Steuben, formerly the German commerce raider Kron Prinz Wilhelm, to Ferd Eggens, New York, for \$1,400,000, was announced yesterday by Chairman Benson, United States Shipping board. The Von Steuben, which has a gross tonnage of 15,000, is to be equipped by Mr. Eggens for a round-the-world trip.

TURKISH BATHERS ROBBED OF \$10,000 WHILE ASLEEP
New York, Aug. 6.—While 175 patrons of the Lenox Turkish baths were sleeping early today five robbers entered the establishment and after holding up five attendants escaped with about \$10,000 worth of valuables checked by the sleepers.

PRETORIA BEINGS 449
Quebec, Aug. 6.—The Pretorian doctor here this morning with 449 passengers on board.

BRIDGE CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED
(Special to The Times).
Fredericton, Aug. 6.—The New Brunswick award of public works announces the award of three bridge contracts today. They are as follows:—Muniac River mouth bridge, parish of Perth, Victoria county, Roy and Alexander, Devon. Contract price about \$16,000. Drake arch culvert and roadway embankment, parish of St. George, Charlotte county, K. McLaggan and Co., Devon. Contract price about \$6,000. Jonathan Creek mouth bridge, of Moncton, D. G. LeBlanc, Fox Creek, Westmorland county. Contract price about \$19,000.