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Militarist Party In Control In Germany

Complete Ascendancy, Says Vorwaerts

LOOKS LIKE DICTATORSHIP

Resignation of German Foreign Minister Predicted — A Threat Against Russia—Reign of Anarchy in Petrograd is Talked Of

London, Jan. 14—The Berlin Vorwaerts, Socialist, says the militarist party in Germany is completely in the ascendency and that the only question to decide is whether a great deal of territory should be annexed in veiled form or rather less in open form. The newspaper adds that everything now points to a military dictatorship, accompanied by the resignation of Dr. Von Kuehlmann, the German foreign minister.

A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Zurich quotes a Vienna despatch as saying:— "The success of the militarist party is making itself felt in communications to the newspapers. It is no longer considered necessary in Berlin and Vienna to use hypocritical language.

The Cologne Gazette prints the following, stating that it is an official telegram from Vienna:

"The Central Powers now find themselves in a most enviable military and economic position. They therefore propose to give Russia neither time nor opportunity for further deceit. If a satisfactory arrangement is not made promptly we shall break off the pour parlers and throw responsibility for what follows entirely upon the Russians."

Varied Views.

Amsterdam, Jan. 15—Evidences of the strained situation as regards war aims continue to appear in the German newspapers.

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One of Enemy's Most Noted Airmen Gone

Amsterdam, Jan. 15—The death of Vice Sergeant Max Muller, one of the most successful German airmen, is reported in a Munich despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. Muller was killed in a fall resulting from a defect in his engine. He claimed thirty-eight victories in aerial engagements.

GERMANS TRY TO LIE OUT OF IT

Now Deny Straight That They Torpedoed the Hospital Ship Rewa

London, Jan. 15—An official statement denies that the British hospital ship Rewa was torpedoed by a German submarine and says it is more likely that the ship ran on a mine barrier which the Germans recently laid in the Bristol Channel.

An official British statement repeats and emphasizes that the Rewa was torpedoed and not mined.

BRITISH AGAIN RAID GERMAN LINE AT LENS

London, Jan. 15—"Early yesterday morning a strong hostile raid northeast of Armentieres was repulsed," the war office reports. "During last night we raided the enemy's trenches north of Lens, bombing his dugouts and securing some prisoners and a machine gun. Otherwise there is nothing to report."

French Front.

Paris, Jan. 15—Today's official communication follows:

"On the right bank of the Meuse (Verdun front) there were violent artillery actions late in the night in the sector between Haumont and Caurieres Wood.

"In Alsace French patrols brought back prisoners. Everywhere else the night was calm."

FUEL SHORTAGE DUE TO STORM PUTS 150,000 OUT OF WORK IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 15—Nearly 150,000 men were idle today in Chicago and nearby manufacturing districts on account of a fuel shortage, caused by the heavy snowfall which demoralized railway traffic.

Among the industries practically at a standstill were three of the largest packing plants and many steel mills in the Calumet and Gary districts which are working on government contracts.

MAY ALDEN WARD MEETS FEARFUL DEATH

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 15—Alden Dard, aged sixty-five, author, women's club leader and lecturer, was instantly killed last night when a limousine in which she was riding, collided with a trolley car. The impact turned the big automobile on its side and Mrs. Ward was thrown through a window, the glass almost decapitating her.

LICENSING SYSTEM IN STATES EXTENDED

Washington, Jan. 15—By proclamation of President Wilson the food administrations licensing system was last night extension of press comments on the Caillaux of wheat and rye products, dealers in seed and malt, and professional salt water fishermen. Persons, firms and corporations affected are required under a penalty to obtain licenses by February 15.

SINN FEIN DEMAND THAT NATIONALISTS QUIT PARLIAMENT.

London, Jan. 15—The Sinn Fein executive, says a Dublin despatch to the Daily Chronicle, will soon demand that Irish Nationalist M. P.'s resign. In the event of non-compliance the Sinn Feiners propose to establish in Dublin what they call a national assembly.

CASUALTY NOTICE BRINGS WORD OF SON NOT HEARD FROM IN TWELVE YEARS

James Currie Foster Had Run Away Here When Boy And Joined A Circus—Now Wounded In France

Telegrams conveying the news of wounded usually bring sorrow, but in the case of one received this morning it brought joy. Mrs. S. R. Foster, 186 St. James street, was much surprised when she received a telegram stating that her stepson, James Currie Foster, had been wounded.

It appears that the young man left his home more than twelve years ago, running away and joining a circus which visited St. John about that time. From that day until this morning no word has been heard of him. He is now about twenty-nine years of age. In what part of the country he has been living his parents know not, but one thing they are sure of, that is he is a true Canadian and heard his country's call. The telegram stated that he was a member of the Army Service Corps. His father, S. R. Foster, is employed in Haley Bros.' woodworking factory.

DRAFTEE CALLS UP QUESTION OF SOUNDNESS OF THE M. S. ACT

St. Johns, Que., Jan. 15—The constitutionality of the military service act has been challenged by Emile Theriault, arrested here as a deserter. He has applied for a writ of prohibition against the magistrate, contending that the military service act cannot be enforced against him because it is unconstitutional.

FIFTY MILLION POUNDS OF JAM FOR THE SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Jan. 15—Advices have been received here stating that the minister of trade and customs for Australia has completed a contract for the sale of fifty million pounds of surplus Australian jam to the imperial government. Of this amount twelve million pounds will be shipped to Great Britain and 38,000,000 pounds to the United States. This huge contract, which will practically absorb the whole of the Australian surplus of the coming season's soft fruits, involves approximately five and a half million dollars. The transaction is being financed by the British government.

GERMAN SOLDIERS RETURN THEIR IRON CROSSES

London, Jan. 15—An appeal is being circulated among mutilated German officers and soldiers having the Iron Cross asking them to return the crosses as a protest against the fact that some "home warriors," and leaders of the fatherland party are wearing the same insignia, according to an Exchange Telegraph despatch from Amsterdam. There has been a large response, 1,300 crosses from Berlin alone being sent to the war minister on the day the appeal appeared.

GERMAN CAUGHT TRYING TO BLOW UP AMERICAN ARMY MAGAZINE

Walter Sporrman May Be First To Face Firing Squad In States

POSED AS AMERICAN OFFICER

Incriminating Correspondence Found in His Possession at Newport News—It is Said he Came Over in Submarine Which Afterwards Sank Merchant Ships

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 15—Caught red handed in an attempt to blow up an army magazine, posing as an officer of the American army and with having incriminating correspondence in his possession, Walter Sporrman, an officer in the German navy, was last night en route to Washington for court martial proceedings, and in the opinion of local federal and naval authorities would probably be the first German spy to face a firing squad in this country.

Sporrman's arrest was accomplished on Saturday in Newport News by an officer of the naval intelligence bureau after a chase that led to Camp Meade, Washington, Baltimore, and finally to Camp Morrison at Newport News. It was declared last night that evidence secured from the prisoner and incriminating documents, involve several persons, including several women in Baltimore, Washington and New York. The nature of the evidence the officials declined to state, as one man wanted is missing. Others are said to be closely watched by secret service men and cannot possibly escape.

Documents found on the prisoner are alleged to show that Sporrman began his work in this country some time before the United States entered the war. In one letter from Captain Boy-Ed, former German military attache, there is said to have been reference to $90,000 advanced Sporrman by the chief of the German spy system in the United States. There are reports that it has been established that Sporrman came to the United States on the German submarine U-53 which visited Newport, R. I., more than a year ago, and later sank merchant ships off the coast. Officials, however, would not confirm this.

An effort is said to have been made to connect him with the New Year's day fire here which laid waste nearly two city blocks, but apparently without success.

THE SUBMARINE WORK

American Assistant Secretary of Navy in Address at Harvard

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 15—A greater percentage of British tonange was sunk in the Napoleonic war than was sunk by submarines during last year, according to Franklin D. Roosevelt, assistant secretary of the navy, who gave a "war talk" to Harvard University students yesterday. Although the weekly tables of British shipping losses compiled by newspapers from reports from London show startling percentages of British tonange lost, Mr. Roosevelt said, the American people should not be discouraged over the outlook.

Never had there been an invention of war, he said, that sooner or later had not an answer. The answer to the submarine peril, he declared, was the building of more destroyer chasers, patrol boats and a great merchant marine. The 110 feet patrol boat, Mr. Roosevelt said, had been a surprise to naval experts because of its efficiency. The 250 foot patrol boats, he asserted, could not witsstand the heavy gales, but the 110 footers seemed able to ride out any sort of a sea.

COAL DISTRIBUTION PLAN IN NEW YORK

New York, Jan. 15—A general plan of coal distribution designed to meet the fuel famine in the east, as outlined by Dr. Garfield last night, gives preference first to householders; second, to public utilities supplying light and heat; third, to ships transporting food and war materials to the American army and to the Allies; fourth, to war industries, and, fifth, to all other classes of industry.

REPORTED ARRESTED.

Woman Who Was Acquitted of Murdering Husband, Rear Admiral Eaton.

Boston, Jan. 15—Word reached here last night that Mrs. Jennie May Eaton Ainsworth, who was acquitted in Plymouth in 1918 of the charge of murdering her husband, Rear Admiral Joseph Giles Eaton, U. S. N., was arrested in Guilford, Conn., yesterday on a charge of abandoning her four months old grandson, who has since died.

Half Million New York Fire.

New York, Jan. 15—Damage estimated at $500,000 was caused by a fire late last night which destroyed a six story building in West Broadway. The New York Gas & Electric Company was the principal loser.

Lansing Cable Chief Factor In Arrest of Caillaux

Former President of France Declared to Have Been in Communication With Berlin During War, for "Peace at Any Price"

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

Secretary Lansing's cablegram stated that the American representatives 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 foreign office through Count Von Luxburg, the 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 the United States immediately.

Paris, Jan. 15—The arrest of former Premier Caillaux is commented upon at great length by the newspapers of Paris, which in general take the view that the government would not have decided upon this action if it had not obtained evidence of the gravest character.

Most of the newspapers welcome the government's action. Even organs like L'Humanite and the radical papers, which are inclined to sympathize with M. Caillaux, do not openly condemn his arrest, contenting themselves with saying that the government must have overwhelming proofs to justify it, and demanding that this evidence be produced.

Paris, Jan. 15—The investigation of the Italian connections of former Premier Caillaux, who was arrested yesterday, is said by the Matin to have resulted in the discovery of important military and political papers in the safe of the bank in Florence, which was rented under the maiden name of Madame Caillaux, and used by the former premier during his visit to Italy in December, 1916. Among the papers found, the newspaper asserts, were notes in which M. Caillaux, in the expectation of gaining office as premier, drafted a cabinet, designated a generalissimo and sketched various "exceptional" measures.

These measures included the arrest of certain politicians and generals, among whom Premier Clemenceau is said to have been one, and the dismissal of some officials.

In addition to these, says the Matin, there were documents of a military character, which by their very nature seem to constitute the strongest evidence against M. Caillaux.

STRIKE ON CLYDE IF MAN POWER BILL HOLDS AND A PEACE CONFERENCE NOT CALLED

That is Decision of Meeting Of Engineers and Shipbuilders—Sir Auckland Geddes' Speech Opens Discussion of Serious Matter

London, Jan. 15—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 focussed attention on the attitude of engineering and shipbuilding employes along the Clyde, where the trouble has been most active. Sir Auckland declared that many young men in essential industries had 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 engineers and shipbuilders 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 sagacity, as the temper of the men is strained and persuasion is more likely to be effective than a menace.

J. Ramsay MacDonald, labor leader, and who has just returned from the Clyde, in an interview says 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 by 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 stabbing of sons and brothers in the back.

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.

WOULD HAVE ONE MAN CONTROL OF WAR SUPPLIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Washington, Jan. 15—One man control of all war supplies in the United States was advocated yesterday before the senate military committee by Daniel F. Willard, chairman of the war industries board, and Bernard M. Baruch, head of the board's raw material division.

ELIMINATING CREPE.

Baltimore Undertakers Have Agreed to Cut Out and Help the War Along

Baltimore, Jan. 15—On account of the war Baltimore undertakers are eliminating crepes. All the embalmers in the city have the conservation movement in mind, and most have agreed not to put mourning on the doors of a home on which death has laid its hand.

JEWS DEMANDING RIGHTS IN POLAND

The Hague, Jan. 15—The Jewish correspondents bureau learns from Berlin that the Polish ministers of justice and 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 special laws affecting Jews be abolished as the Jews in Russia had been emancipated by the revolution. Expulsion of Jews from villages must cease. Jewish quarters 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 delegates whether they would co-operate in such a project.

Phelix and Pherdinand

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meterological service

Synopsis—The Texas disturbance of yesterday has moved quickly northeastward and developed into an important storm now centred in Pennsylvania. Snow is falling in Ontario and Quebec. The weather is cold in all the provinces except in British Columbia. Storm signals are displayed in the maritime provinces.

Lakes and Georgian Bay—Strong northwest and west winds, clearing before night. Wednesday, fair and decidedly cold.

Upper St. Lawrence and Ottawa Valley—Strong northeast winds with snow. Wednesday, strong westerly winds and colder.

Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore—Easterly gales with snow. Wednesday, westerly gales, fair and cold.

West Winds; Colder.

Maritime—Heavy southeast to southwest gales, with snow or rain. Wednesday, strong westerly winds and becoming colder.

Superior—Strong westerly winds, fair and colder tonight and on Wednesday.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan— Fresh northwest winds, fair and decidedly colder today and on Wednesday.

Alberta—Fair and cold.

New England—Fair tonight except snow on the east coast. Wednesday, fair and colder. Tonight and Wednesday shifting gales becoming southwest.

Huns Bombard Yarmouth From Sea

Twenty Shells Hurled Into English Town on North Sea; Three Lives Lost

London, Jan. 15—Yarmouth was bombarded from the sea last night. 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, some twenty 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 several early in the war, have been infrequent in recent months. The last previous occurrence of the kind officially reported was on Sept. 4 of last year. On that day 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.

DECLARES FEDERAL ORDER NOT SOUND

Montreal's City Attorney On Matter of Dominion Control of Loans

Montreal, Jan. 15—City Attorney Laurendeau, formerly judge of the superior court, has informed the city council that he regarded the recent federal order-in-council, by which provinces and municipalities would require to have the consent of the minister of finance before raising loans, as unconstitutional and contrary to the B. N. A. Act.

He said that when the time came for this city to enter the money market it would be opportune to resolve whether the federal order should be ignored or not.

MANY COLLEGES GIVE ATHLETICS UP FOR WAR PERIOD

New York, Jan. 15—Eighteen colleges in four eastern states have dropped athletics because of the war. The colleges are in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Twenty-two have eliminated all pro-season coaching, and the others have cut down the period. Twenty-three have dispensed with a training table, and three others kept it only for football.

FOR REGISTRATION OF YOUTHS OF 21 IN STATES

Washington, Jan. 15—At the request of the war department Chairman Chamberlain of the senate military committee, today introduced a bill for the registration for military duty of all men who have become twenty-one years old since June 5, 1917, when the draft law went into effect.

Another bill which Senator Chamberlain introduced at the request of the administration would provide for furloughing national army men for harvesting crops and other agricultural duty.

MITCHELL NOW A MAJOR IN THE AVIATION CORPS

Ex-Mayor of New York Expects to be Assigned to Camp at San Diego for his Training

New York, Jan. 15—Ex-Mayor John Purroy Mitchel announces that he has received a commission as major in the United States army, aviation service, and that he has accepted. Immediately following his defeat in the recent mayoralty election Mr. Mitchel sought to get a commission in the army. This is his statement:

Immediately following election day I proceeded to carry out the plans I had in mind before accepting the nomination for mayor. I sought active service with the army in France, preferably with the infantry, in which branch of the service my Plattsburg experience lay. In the meantime, on Nov. 16, Major-General Squier, chief signal officer of the army, wrote, offering me a commission in the aviation service. It appearing, after conference with the secretary of war, that the rules of the war department, adopted since the declaration of war, make it impossible at this time to commission me in the infantry, I have accepted General Squier's offer of a commission as major in the United States army aviation service. It is my understanding that I will be sent to a training camp for a period of instruction and then to France for such duty as may be assigned.

Mayor Mitchel said that he expected to be assigned to the aviation camp at San Diego, Cal., but that he would not leave for several weeks.

WINNIPEG POSTAL OFFICIAL GOES TO JAIL

Winnipeg, Jan. 15—John Beesant, an employe of the postal department, was sentenced to three years in jail yesterday. He pleaded guilty to stealing registered mail.

EXEMPTION BUT NO PRIORITY IN MATTER OF FISH

Booth Sardine Proposition Dealt With by Common Council This Morning

The proposition of the Booth Fisheries Company to erect a sardine canning factory in West St. John to cost from $75,000 to $100,000 providing that the city grant certain concessions was discussed by the common council this morning. It was taken up in two sections. The first, which asked for exemption from taxation for five years, was granted. The second, which asked that the city provide that all sardine factories located within the jurisdiction of the city, or their boatmen, shall have the privilege of securing their requirements of herring at the full market price before any herring from the city's weirs are sold to outside buyers, was lost.

Commissioner Fisher said that the city could only grant the first factory erected free taxation and in event of Mr. Belyea and the Booth concern both constructing factories legislation would have to be secured to exempt the second.

Commissioner Russell moved that the Booth concern be granted exemption from taxation, outside of school taxes, for five years, and that the city apply for legislation to promote this.

Mayor Hayes said that there was only one proposition before the council, that of the Booth Fisheries Company. Mr. Belyea had withdrawn his proposition. Therefore it would be impossible to promote legislation for a second proposition before a first had been dealt with.

Commissioner Wigmore maintained that Mr. Belyea had a proposition before the council. He said that he had absolute control of all harbor fishing this year and he believed Mr. Belyea was sincere in his endeavor to erect a canning factory. He was a local tax payer and should be given first consideration.

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FORMERLY OF ST. JOHN

News of Death of John J. Bradley of Boston Received

Word was received in the city this morning of the death of John J. Bradley, formerly a resident of St. John, which occurred at his residence yesterday. Mr. Bradley left St. John more than thirty years ago and since that time had successfully conducted a carriage factory business in that city. He leaves a wife, two sisters, Mrs. James Lahey of Milford, and Mrs. W. Fitzgerald of West St. John; and one brother, P. Bradley of Woodstock.

MORE SCHOOL ROOM IN FREDERICTON NEEDED

Fredericton, Jan. 15—Increase in the number of children attending has made it necessary to provide an additional primary department at the Smythe street school.

The Good Government Association last night discussed the civic election and a committee was appointed to consider the question further. It is known that the association intends to nominate or support candidates for the mayoralty and aldermanic honors. Deputy Mayor Joseph Walker is mentioned as a possible nominee of the association.

ALIENATION SUIT SETTLED

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 15—The York sitting of the court of King's bench, Chief Justice McKeown presiding, was held here today. An action for alienation of the affections of a wife, Stillman Brown vs. John Stillwell was settled The parties reside in North Devon.

In the suit of W. H. Maxwell vs. the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, P. J. Hughes applied for leave to file record later, and February 19 was set for the case. Hon. W. P. Jones, counsel for the railway, was not ready to go on with the case at these sittings. This will be a non-jury case.