

The Standard

VOL. XI, NO. 244.

EIGHT PAGES.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY MORNING, JANUARY 12, 1920

FAIR AND COOL

THREE CENTS

GERMANS NOW AT PEACE WITH ALL THE ALLIED POWERS EXCEPTING UNITED STATES

Execution of the Peace Treaty Imposes Upon Germany the Heaviest Sacrifices Ever Borne by a Nation, Says Von Lersner.

READY AND WILLING TO DO HER UTMOST

Thinks Allies Will Make a Mistake if They Insist on Having Certain Germans Turned Over to Them for Trial.

Paris, Jan. 10.—(By The Associated Press)—Ratifications of the treaty of Versailles were exchanged, and peace between Germany, France, Great Britain and the other allied powers, with the exception of the United States, became effective at 4.16 o'clock this afternoon. There were eleven hour rumors of a further postponement, but those proved to be groundless.

The outstanding comment tonight on the ceremony is that it leaves the United States the only power which was actively at war with Germany now not at a peace table. That was the note sounded by Baron Kurt Von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, in a statement to The Associated Press immediately after the ceremony.

"I am naturally happy that peace has finally become effective," Baron Von Lersner said. "Execution of the treaty of Versailles imposes upon Germany the heaviest sacrifices ever borne by a nation in modern times. We lost in the west and in the east territory that belonged to Russia for many centuries. We have assumed enormous economic obligations. Nevertheless, I am glad that peace is at last re-established, because it will give back to Germany her beloved sons still prisoners abroad."

Germany Ready To Do.

Asked as to execution of the terms of the treaty, Baron Von Lersner declared that Germany was ready and determined to do her utmost. He continued:

"We have already, even without being obliged by the terms of the treaty, delivered a considerable quantity of products, including one and half millions tons of coal to France, and Germany will go to the utmost limit of her power in fulfilling all the obligations she has incurred. It will mean hard times for Germany, but with the recovery of our ardor for labor and production, we hope to meet every emergency."

Europe Should Work Together.

The recovery of our economic prosperity is as much to the interest of the Entente as it is to us, on account of the great economic difficulties that threaten all Europe. It is obvious, speaking chiefly of France, that her economic prosperity depends on the economic recovery of Germany."

Baron Von Lersner said he had had several very satisfactory conferences with Louis Loucheur, French minister of reconstruction, regarding the resumption of trade relations between Germany and France, and added that he hoped the European nations, working together, would solve the great economic problems. The most thorny remaining problem appeared to Von Lersner to be the question of the extradition of a considerable number of German officers, officials and soldiers to be tried abroad for crimes alleged to have been committed by them during the war.

"I do not want to give up all hope," he said. "I am confident that among the Allies the conviction will finally prevail that by not availing themselves strictly of rights conceded in the treaty for the extradition of those accused, they may cause the greatest consequences not only for Germany, but for quiet and order in Europe generally. We petitioned two months ago very frankly to the Allies. The harmful consequences that might ensue if their right to demand extradition should be executed literally. At the same time we submitted written suggestions for the solution of the delicate problem."

Features of Proposal.

The principal features of this proposition were that Germany would undertake to arrange before the Supreme Court of Germany all persons accused by the Entente; would exempt all such from the law of amnesty; and would consent to the presence of representatives of the Entente at the trial as public prosecutors, with fullest rights of control.

Germany in the meantime has enacted

Preparation For War Urged By Foch As Real Measure of Prudence

Paris, Friday, Jan. 9.—Preparation for war is urged as a measure of prudence by Marshal Foch in an interview printed today by the Excelsior. "War is no longer an art," he said, "but a science and industry, and the French can learn much from a study of the works of Germans."

"The lesson which France and the world should draw from the war is the lesson from prudence," he said.

The interview with Marshal Foch was gained through the reporter being able to present him with photographs of his grand-nephews taken by the newspaper Excelsior photographer in Brittany. Marshal Foch said he did not expect to find time to produce any work on the war.

Former Kaiser Now Said To Be Insane And At Times Becomes Raving Maniac

London, Jan. 11.—Insanity is the name now given to the undefined illness which has beset the former Kaiser Wilhelm for some time past. The household at Chateau Amersfoort, marooned as on an island by the overflowing of the Rhine, is said to be keeping watch over an ex-Kaiser incoherent and senile, whose condition of trembling imbecility is varied only by moods of maniacal raving.

The rigid isolation from outside surveillance which has made it difficult to obtain an accurate picture of the ex-Kaiser, today is said to be solely for the purpose of concealing Wilhelm's pitiful condition.

To Reduce Silver In Dom. Coins

Standard in the Future Shall be of Eight Hundred by Weight of Fine Silver to Two Hundred of Alloy.

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 11.—(By Canadian Press, Ltd.)—The silver content in Canadian silver coins is greatly reduced by an order published in the Canada Gazette, which states that "on and after January 1, 1920, the standard for silver coins of the currency of Canada shall be that of one thousand parts of weight, eight hundred shall be of fine silver and two hundred of alloy."

The former standard was 925 parts of fine silver to 75 parts of alloy, and that rate Canadian and British silver coins had the highest silver content of those of any country. The United States silver coinage contains 900 parts silver.

Sir Henry Drayton, Minister of Finance, stated last night that this would bring Canadian coinage to the same level as that of many other countries and would check any melting of silver coins for the sale of silver. With the rise in the price of silver to such an extent many Canadian silver coins had been disappearing from circulation and it was a practical certainty that they were being melted down and the metal sold as such.

FIRST STEP TAKEN IN REORGANIZATION OF ACTIVE MILITIA

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—By Canadian Press Limited)—The first step in the reorganization of the Canadian active militia is being taken in the publication of an order laying down the general lines which will be followed in bringing the new force into life. The order is not concerned with details, and gives no indication of the policy to be pursued in the matter of naming units, but it provides for the disbandment of every militia unit in Canada—a complete cleaning of the slate—and the immediate creation of the new force. "The rank and file being automatically discharged," says the order, "the commanding officer has a clear field for re-organization in suitable ranks and vacancies for new men of overseas experience, not former members of the unit."

It provides that a commanding officer, preferably with overseas service, will be selected, after the consultation with the old officers of each regiment, both overseas and militia, to command the new unit.

After the settlement of a few details connected with the arrangements of the execution of the treaty Baron Lersner will leave for Berlin for a short rest, the first he has had since coming to Paris in advance of the German peace delegation.

King's Message.

London, Jan. 10.—Replying to a loyal message from the citizens of London on the occasion of the ratification of peace, the King has telegraphed the Lord Mayor of London as follows: "With all my heart, I reciprocate their hopes and fervently pray that, please God, this day may be the dawn of a new era in which the people of the British Empire may forever live at peace with itself and with all men."

GOV'T MAY CREATE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The creation of a Dominion Commissioner of Finance, whose duties would be equivalent to those of a Deputy Minister, although enlarged in scope, and whose remuneration would be more in harmony with the responsibility and exacting duties of such a post, is under consideration by the government. While not yet decided upon the proposal is said to be advanced to the point where a suitable man—Mr. Thomas Bradburn of Toronto—is in view for the job.

FLAMES STILL BELCHING FROM NEW VULCANO

Every Village in Vicinity of San Miguel Has Been Destroyed and Waters Near the Crater Are Contaminated.

ESTIMATE OF 2,000 DEAD STILL HOLDS

One Small Child Said to be the Only Survivor of the Village of Santilo, State of Puebla.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—Flames are still being emitted by the new volcano at San Miguel in the western part of the state of Vera Cruz, according to advices received here. It is stated volcanic dust has floated as far as Coscomatepec, about twenty miles east of the new crater. Every village in that vicinity has been destroyed, while lava and floods of contaminated water from sources opened by the recent earthquakes are flooding the district near the crater.

Refugees from San Miguel confirm earlier reports telling of numerous deaths from falling buildings and poisoned gases. Rebels, who had their headquarters in that region, have suffered severely, both from casualties and from loss of supplies, it was stated.

Reports from Tecoco, by way of Vera Cruz, state a panic prevails there from the fear that the old volcano Cofre de Perote will become active since cracks have appeared on the sides of the mountain.

Death Toll Grows.

Mexico City, Jan. 11.—Six hundred persons were killed at Barranca Grande when that place was destroyed last Saturday by earthquake, according to special despatches from Vera Cruz last night. Jalapa, former capital of the state of Vera Cruz, and Tecoco were virtually ruined, it is stated, while the village of Ayahualco was crushed by great rocks dislodged from the adjacent mountain and sent crashing into the valley. A similar accident is said to have befallen the village of Xihuanaco.

One small child is said to be the only survivor of all the inhabitants of the village of Santilo, state of Puebla, which was overwhelmed by poisonous gases. Indian refugees, arriving at Huasteca from San Miguel region, are unable to give any details regarding the loss of lives there, but say hundreds of persons were killed.

Although the new crater at San Miguel is still emitting fire and smoke, reports from other districts in the earthquake and little to those already received. Government despatches, which were filed after the first excitement and confusion had ended, give small hope that original estimates of 2,000 dead will be decreased. A slight reduction in the number of deaths is indicated by a note formed on the slopes of Cofre de Perote is given in a Vera Cruz report. It is said the towns engulfed in flames, Barranca Grande, Gascatera, Ixtahuacan, Choyula and San Jose Atlixco.

GERMANY WEEPS AT THE THOUGHT OF PARTING

Berlin, Jan. 11.—(By The Associated Press)—The Government has issued the following proclamation to the German inhabitants of the territory which are being separated from Germany: "The unhappy issue of the war has left us defenceless to the arbitrary will of an opponent who is imposing upon us, in the name of peace, the heaviest of sacrifices, the first of which is the renunciation of German territory. We are bound to the principles of self-determination, by which hundreds of thousands of our German countrymen are being placed under foreign dominion."

"German brothers and sisters: 'Not only in the hour of farewell, but forever, mourning for our loss will fill our hearts. We vow to you, on behalf of the German people, that we will never forget you. You, on your part, will not forget your common German fatherland, of that we are sure.'"

IRKUTSK OCCUPIED BY THE SOCIAL REVOLUTIONISTS

London, Monday, Jan. 12.—According to the Daily Mail's Harbin correspondent under date of January 9, the Japanese Military Intelligence Department says that Irkutsk is wholly occupied by the social revolutionists, and Admiral Kolchak's army has been completely dispersed. The Japanese civilians have been evacuated from Irkutsk.

Other reliable sources indicate that the Czech-Slovak and Japanese have reached an understanding with the social revolutionists not to interfere with each other.

It is officially stated that all the American troops have been ordered to evacuate Manchuria by March 1.

Indications That British Gov't Will Refuse To Reconsider Ry. Matter

London, Jan. 11.—Premier Lloyd George has summoned Sir Robert Stevenson Horbe, Minister of Labor and Sir Eric Geddis, Minister of Transportation to Paris for a talk on the railway dispute. The Ministers started for the French capital today and are expected to return Tuesday, when the Cabinet will discuss the matter further and meet the Railwaymen's Committee. A long statement issued today, purporting to reflect the Government's views in the matter, takes the line that the railwaymen rejected the Government's proposals without maturely considering them, and declares that had longer time been devoted to the detailed legislation of the offer, a different result might have been obtained. The statement adds that there is indication that the Government will refuse a reconsideration of the matter.

Steamer Dashed On The Rocks

Thirty-Five Members of Crew of Forty-Two Drowned When Big Vessel Was Wrecked on Kimmur Ledge Rock.

Weymouth, England, Jan. 11.—Thirty-five members of the crew of forty-two of the British steamer Trevald were drowned when the big vessel was wrecked on Kimmur Ledge Rock near St. Albans Head during a violent storm in the Channel, Saturday.

The Trevald, bound from Calcutta to Dundee with a cargo, struck the rock late Friday night. The vessel immediately wireless for assistance, but owing to the severity of the storm and the dense darkness the tug which put out from Weymouth was unable to find her. Later her position was established by wireless and early Saturday a tug and a Weymouth lifeboat went to the assistance of the steamer.

The Trevald was tight on the rock and was unable to get clear because both wind and sea were against her. The lifeboat tried several times to reach the doomed steamer, but was beaten back by the storm. It was impossible for the lifeboat to shoot a line because of her distance from land.

Finally the captain signalled to the tug that he was going to abandon the ship. The crew got off in two hauls, which were immediately swamped by the raging sea. While the coast guard watched, powerless to lend aid, the seafarers fought for their lives, but only seven reached shore. The captain was among those drowned. Shortly after the crew abandoned the Trevald, the vessel broke in two.

50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. STEPHEN BAPTIST CHURCH

St. Stephen, Jan. 11.—The Union street Baptist church, of which Dr. Doucette has been the esteemed pastor since 1888, is observing its 50th anniversary of its establishment with appropriate services. At the opening service this morning the sermon was preached by Captain Rev. S. P. Porter, recently of German street church, St. John, who was listened to with very close attention by a large congregation. Rev. Dr. Doucette, who was the second pastor of the church from 1872 to 1875, and the only living expatriate, was expected to have been present to preach, but was unable to attend because of his advanced age and weather conditions. The address by Captain Porter has left a marked impression on all who were fortunate enough to have been present.

This evening the pretty little church was crowded to its utmost capacity to hear Rev. J. E. DeWolfe, D.D., president of Acadia Seminary, who is a son of the Union street Baptist church, and a native of St. Stephen, N.S. His sermon was "The Kingdom of God." His sermon was one of the most eloquent, most appealing and most eloquent that has been heard in St. Stephen in many years. At both services the efficient choir of the church rendered excellent music. At the evening service a solo was splendidly rendered by Mrs. George Lockhart of St. John, nee Miss George Nesbitt of St. Stephen. Monday evening the annual church meeting will be held when official reports will be received and 1919 officers elected.

At a jubilee meeting of the church and congregation to be held Wednesday evening on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the church, the Rev. A. Lauban, the efficient and devoted clerk. The Union street Baptist church in its history of half a century has had six pastors, Rev. J. G. Hooper, D. D., 1870-1872; Rev. J. T. Easton, D. D., 1872-1875; Rev. J. T. Easton, 1875-1879; Rev. Thomas Hunt, 1881-1887; and the present beloved pastor since 1888.

HUNGER STRIKE OF SINN FEINERS ENDS

Cork, Jan. 11.—The hunger strike of forty Sinn Fein prisoners in the jail here, which began last Tuesday in protest against the discrimination shown by the authorities in the ameliorative treatment promised them, ended today. The Mayor of Cork intervened and secured a betterment of the treatment of the men.

MUCH TO BE DONE TO MAKE LEAGUE SATISFACTORY

League of Nations Comes Into Force With Peace Treaty and Its Usefulness De- pends Upon the People.

SHALL IT BE REAL OR AN IMPOSTURE?

Lord Robert Cecil Says Much Depends Upon the British Whether the League Func- tions as Designed.

London, Jan. 11.—(By The Associated Press)—Whether the League of Nations is to be the real thing or an imposture depends upon the attitudes of the peoples, and not least the British people, in the opinion of Lord Robert Cecil, who, as chairman of the executive committee of the League of Nations Union, issued the following statement today:

"The Peace Treaty comes into force today and with it the League of Nations. We of the League of Nations welcome its advent, but we must not think that we have yet achieved our ends. The league exists, but what is it to be? Is it to be the real or an imposture? Are we going to make it an efficient instrument of peace, or is it to become an addition to the cumbersome forms of old fashioned diplomacy?"

Depends Upon People.

"All depends upon the attitude of the peoples, and, not the least, of the British people. Are they going to show themselves worthy of this great opportunity or not? If they are, there is no time to be lost, for there is much to be done in the way of the limitation of armaments must be worked out; terms of the mandates must be settled and mandatory appointed, an international court of justice must be established."

"Beyond these and other duties directly imposed upon the League by the Covenant and Treaty there are many circumstances of the present time, which, in the words of Article XI, threaten to disturb international peace or the good understanding between nations upon which peace depends."

"There is the Russian situation, economic chaos in many European countries and controversies left unsettled by the Peace Conference; defects in the Peace Treaty itself and particularly its financial provisions. All these matters are within the sphere of the action of the league."

"It will be the duty of the League of Nations Union to formulate a policy on these matters and to urge it upon the government. But it would be premature today to lay down that policy in detail."

MONCTON CIVIC ELECTIONS TAKE PLACE JAN. 26TH

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 11.—Moncton civic elections take place two weeks from tomorrow, and Organized Labor, which last year elected its largest representation to the Board, practically controlling the Council, will this year put almost a complete ticket in the field. A. C. Chapman, who was defeated by Mayor Hanford Price last year, by a narrow majority, has announced that he is in the field again this year for the Mayor's chair. It is understood that Mr. Chapman is running with the endorsement of the Labor men. Ald. John Stewart and Ald. C. Melanson will be the Labor ticket for the aldermen at large. Ald. Blackwood, who was elected at large last year, is retiring from the Council. Mayor Price has also officially announced his retirement from the Board.

London, Jan. 11.—Admiral Kolchak, head of the All-Russian Government in Siberia, has been arrested at Irkutsk by Colonel Pappalieu, according to a Moscow wireless despatch issued Friday. Colonel Pappalieu ordered his prisoners to hand over control of all affairs, it is noted.

When they were forced to evacuate their offices in the Nova Scotia Steamship building, which was damaged by fire some days ago.

Statistics Reveal New Brunswick As One of Heaviest Users of Sugar

Ottawa, Jan. 11.—The per capita distribution of sugar in Canada during the year 1919 was 94.95 pounds and of amount Ontario had the heaviest share with 130.80 pounds per capita for her 2,820,000 people. British Columbia with 325,900 consumed only 68.98 pounds of sugar per capita, and this is thought to be chiefly due to the increased development of the maple sugar industry in the province.

The figures were issued by the Canadian Trade Commission and are based on population figures supplied by the Bureau of Census and Statistics. They show that, while there was no control over the distribution of sugar, the refiners treated all provinces fairly equally.

Ontario, New Brunswick and Manitoba, which figure as the heaviest sugar users, use large quantities for the manufacture of candies and soft drinks.