

ALLIED TROOPS TOOK POSSESSION OF GERMAN CITIES THIS MORNING

Duesseldorp, Duisburg And Ruhrort Occupied By Armies and Flotilla

No Opposition Offered By German Inhabitants to Allied Forces—The British Military Forces Only Numbered 8,000 Men, But They Will Be Reinforced at Once, It Is Believed.

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Mayence, March 8—British, Belgian and French troops entered Duesseldorf this morning. French and Belgian troops occupied Duisburg at noon.
The Allied Rhine flotilla took possession of Ruhrort.

Duisburg and Ruhrort, Occupied by the Allies, Said to Be the Largest River Port in the World

Duisburg, Germany, March 8—The coming of an army of occupation across the Belgian-guarded bridge from Homberg, on the other side of the Rhine, was awaited calmly.

The Chamber of Commerce urged the Berlin government to pay no attention to commercial interests, but to act patriotically, although the business leaders here are pessimistic over the effect of the occupation.

The combined harbors of Duisburg and Ruhrort, now one community, make this the largest river port in the world. It handles more than twenty million tons of shipping annually. It is the chief outlet for the Ruhr district and Germany's principal coal centre.

The Inhabitants of Duesseldorf Warned Against Making Any Demonstration When Allies Entered

Duesseldorf, March 8—Inhabitants of this city were warned in a proclamation issued by the Mayor today against taking a provocative attitude against Allied forces occupying the town. They were asked to be dignified and quiet, to refrain from demonstrations and to keep off the streets. Women and children were especially warned to remain at home.

Up to the hour when British, French and Belgian troops entered Duesseldorf, the people knew nothing of the nationality of the forces to be moved into the city, nor was their hour of arrival known.

The population was gloomy, but was resigned to the situation.

Any Attempt by Germans to Evade Duties By Diverting Trade Will Be Promptly Countered

London, March 8.—Orders for the advance of British troops upon Duesseldorf were issued at the British War Office last night, it was disclosed here today.

There are at present twelve thousand British soldiers in Germany, of whom four thousand are on temporary duty in Upper Silesia.

It is believed the forces along the Rhine will be reinforced so that they will number twelve thousand, four battalions being ready to go to the British section of the German occupied territory.

Any attempt on the part of the Germans to evade the new customs zone along the Rhine by diverting trade through Rotterdam or other ports and the North Sea will be promptly countered by an Allied blockade, it is declared by the London Daily Mail.

This morning's newspapers, with one exception, approved of the Allied decision to penalize Germany for refusing to accede to the Allied plan for reparations.

Lloyd-George Criticized.
This exception was the Daily News, which complained Mr. Lloyd-George had "brushed aside solid German offers making for a peaceful solution of the situation."

"Mr. Lloyd-George," the newspaper continued, "completely capitulated to France. The Allied decision was a triumph of the French policy of revenge and all the sinister implications it contains."

The newspaper argued there was no legal and sound moral justification for the steps projected by the Entente and asked why the Allies could not have waited a fortnight longer for the result of the Upper Silesian plebiscite.

It says three sequels are almost inevitable—Germany will lose the plebiscite, which will still further reduce her paying capacity; the indemnity will become worthless as an economic reality; and Marshal Foch's army will find a "convenient occasion to take over a vast industrial region which France has long coveted."

"The ultimate consequences of this reckless adventure," the newspaper went on, "may be only guessed, but Marshal Foch's advance may soon prove a march to perdition."

Some misgivings were expressed

by the Daily Express, which urged that Great Britain limit its participation in military activities to the minimum.

"If this is a beginning of an enghy campaign, requiring widespread preparations and the creation of a great general staff," the newspaper declares, "it will be opposed. British tax payers cannot support another expensive venture."

The London Times and the Morning Post rejoiced that the conference had produced a "welding of the Entente."

"The Times said the German counter-proposals had been rejected because they were not honest and that the Allies by occupying German towns "would have their hands on the taps through which a large amount of German wealth passes and they will know how to regulate the flow."

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Toronto, March 8.—Five young men were arrested early this morning charged with complicity in the murder of Cecil Sabine, druggist, of this city, on Saturday night, and with participation in several jewelry store robberies in Toronto and Hamilton.

League of Nations to Deal With the War's Disabled Men

A Committee of the League Established to Deal Particularly With the Question and Suggestions Asked From the Interested in All Parts of the World

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Ottawa, March 8.—A section of the League of Nations has been established to deal with questions affecting disabled men and women, and particularly those disabled during the war, according to a letter received by C. G. MacNeill, Dominion Secretary of the G. W. V. A., from A. Fixier, the official in charge of the new department at Geneva.

The work of this office will be carried on in conjunction with the International Labor Office and in order to facilitate its operation, different organizations working for, and in touch with disabled persons all over the world, are asked to offer suggestions.

Occupation Will Not Be Opposed

President Ebert Appeals to the People to Meet Crisis With Austere Dignity

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Berlin, March 8.—The occupation of Duesseldorf, Duisburg and Ruhrort by Allied forces will not be opposed by the German government, it was indicated here early this morning.

The cabinet was in session until 11 o'clock and then dispersed without taking any action calculated to meet the situation which has arisen between Germany and the Allied nations.

It had been hoped that some means of avoiding a final break would be found, in view of the informal conferences between Dr. Simons and Lloyd-George and Mr. Briand during the past three days.

Speaking of the Allied penalties, a cabinet member stated after the adjournment of the meeting, "we must bear them with dignity."

Members of the cabinet who were willing to talk viewed the situation with a sigh of resignation and declared nothing would be said or done until the effect of the Entente invasion has been demonstrated practically.

Germany's coal deliveries to the Allies may be affected by the present situation, it was indicated here last night. Although Entente troops may seize important coal shipping points, they will have to go still further into the interior of the Ruhr district in order to secure effective control of coal production.

President Ebert late last night issued an appeal to the German people urging them to meet "this foreign despotism" with "austere dignity."

He also admonished them not to commit ill-advised acts, and concluded his appeal by saying: "Be patient, have faith, for the government will not rest until the foreign tyrants yield to our rights."

None of the cabinet members appeared to have any definite idea as to the next move of the Allies, aside from invading fresh German areas.

The government, it was said, was certain of support in the Reichstag. In view of declarations made last Saturday, when all factions except the communists went on record in opposition to the demands formulated at Paris.

Toronto, March 8.—J. Archambault, Chambly-Vercheres, who filed a question regarding the average price of anthracite coal in Canada during the years 1914 to 1919 inclusive, was given the following information in the House yesterday.

800 CHINESE WENT DOWN IN SUNKEN SHIP

British Vessel, Owned in Singapore, Was Wrecked Off Swatow Port

STEAMER HAD 1,100 CHINESE ON BOARD

Of These Only 248 Have Been Reported as Rescued by the Authorities

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Hong Kong, March 8.—More than eight hundred Chinese are believed to have been drowned in the wreck of the steamer Hong Moh, on Lamock Island, off the port of Swatow, Kwangtung province, on March 3, news of which was received today. The steamer, which is a British vessel of 3,900 tons, owned in Singapore, carried 1,100 Chinese on her present trip and only 248 of these have been reported as rescued.

BANDITS FOILED AT TORONTO STORE

The Storekeeper Was Severely Beaten by Robbers Before Assistance Came

(Canadian Press by Leased Wire.)
Toronto, March 8.—Ammon Davis, of this city, was held up in his store last evening by two young bandits. He offered resistance and one of the pair who had a revolver in his hand, beat Mr. Davis on the skull with the weapon. Two had gashes were inflicted upon his head. He received treatment in St. Michael's Hospital.

When the bandits appeared in Mr. Davis' store he was going over his day's receipts. They ordered him to back up toward the rear of the store, but instead of complying he shouted for help. Two sons of the proprietor were in the rear of the building and as they entered the store their father was being beaten. The bandit with the revolver turned the weapon on one of the sons, who immediately dropped to the floor. Thereupon the gunman and his companion fled and were pursued by a number of people who, however, did not press them too closely as the bandit with the gun fired at the crowd. No one was hurt.

The pair jumped into a motor car and disappeared. They did not get anything in the Davis store.

AVERAGE PRICE OF ANTHRACITE COAL

Information Given in House Yesterday Regarding Prices From 1914 to 1919

Ottawa, March 8.—J. Archambault, Chambly-Vercheres, who filed a question regarding the average price of anthracite coal in Canada during the years 1914 to 1919 inclusive, was given the following information in the House yesterday.

According to customs entries for consumption in Canada the average value each year was: 1914, \$4.72; 1915, \$4.78; 1916, \$4.84; 1917, \$4.98; 1918, \$5.33; 1919, \$5.51.

Militia Department—1914, \$7.04; 1915, \$7.25; 1916, \$7.44; 1917, \$8.52; 1918, \$10.47; 1919, \$11.58.

Department of Soldiers Civil Re-establishment—1917, 1918, 1919, average price per ton, \$8.96.

Department of Public Works—1914, \$8.90; 1915, \$8.69; 1916, \$10.05; 1917, \$13.10; 1918, \$13.53; 1919, \$14.04.

CALGARY TEACHERS THREATEN STRIKE

Calgary, Alta., March 8.—A deadlock exists between the school board and the Teachers' Alliance. The teachers threaten to strike on Friday morning if their salary demands are not met by that date.

Batum Has Been Occupied By Turkish Nationalists

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
LONDON, March 8.—Turkish Nationalist forces have occupied Batum, says a Reuters despatch from Constantinople. Batum is a strong fortified seaport on the eastern shores of the Black Sea and one of the chief shipping points for petroleum produced in the Caucasus region. It formerly was a Turkish possession, but was ceded to Russia in 1878. Recent despatches have indicated the Bolshevik forces in the Caucasus region were attempting to reach Batum before the Turkish Nationalists occupied the city. Batum is the chief avenue of supply for Armenia and it has been declared that if the city should be in control of the Nationalists, Russian occupation of Armenia would be impossible.

Peasant Revolt in Russia Assumes Large Proportions And Important Town Seized

Russian General Says the Outbreaks Are Premature and May Be Suppressed

LOYALTY OF SOVIET ARMY MUCH DOUBTED

If Rising of Peasants is Successful Communists in the Towns Will Follow Suit

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
LONDON, March 8.—A despatch to the London Times from Warsaw says a peasant revolt of unusual proportions is spreading in the governments of Tambov, Voronezh and Kursk, under the leadership of Antonoff, a former regimental commander of the Red army, according to General Boris Savinkoff, head of the former Russian proletariat committee here, and political adviser to Gen. Blakovich, the Finnish leader.

Antonoff's forces have seized Grjaz, an important railway junction in Tambov, co-operating with General Makho, the Ukrainian anti-Bolshevik leader.

"These revolts are premature and may be suppressed," said Savinkoff yesterday. "But even if they do not succeed there is not the slightest doubt that before the beginning of the summer there will be a peasant outbreak on a large scale all over Russia. The success of this rising will depend on whether the Red army can be used to suppress it. That is not very likely at present. The cavalry is dependable but the morale of the infantry is very bad. Certain divisions at any rate, would not fight insurgents."

"I don't expect peasant armies to be formed which will march on Moscow and Petrograd to overthrow the government, but if local risings of village populations are repeated all over Russia the towns will certainly follow suit and eject the Communists from power."

Cavalry Rushed to Moscow.
Warsaw, March 8.—Strong detachments of Russian Bolshevik cavalry commanded by General Budenny are being rushed from south Russia to Moscow to crush the insurgents who are said to be growing in power daily in the Russian capital.

Reports reaching Warsaw declare many units of the Bolshevik infantry divisions are disloyal, but say the Chinese mercenaries in the service of the Communists are standing firmly by their Soviet leaders.

Many rumors of the overthrow of the Russian Soviet government have reached Warsaw, but none has come through official channels.

One report stated a wireless despatch from Petrograd had suggested to the Warsaw government a discontinuance of the negotiations between the Soviet regime and Poland at Riga, owing to the downfall of Lenin and Trotsky.

Announcement was made here yesterday, however, that no steps had been taken by government officials to interrupt the negotiations, Polish authorities considering reports of the Russian insurrection as being greatly exaggerated.

MAJOR GEN. CARSON IN CRITICAL STATE

Montreal, March 8.—The condition of Major Gen. Sir John Carson, confined to his home here with a stroke of paralysis, is reported as critical. He was stricken two weeks ago.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Toronto, March 8.—Daylight saving will begin in this city on Sunday, May 15, and end on Sunday, September 13, according to a resolution passed at a meeting of the City Council last night.

NUMEROUS ENCOUNTERS IN IRELAND

Several Men Killed and Wounded in Engagements With the Crown Forces

POLICE MOTOR LORRY WAS AMBUSHED

De Valera Issues a Manifesto in Which He Shows No Sign of Peace

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
DUBLIN, March 8.—Four persons were shot and killed in engagements between crown forces and Sinn Fein detachments in southern Ireland last night. A motor lorry was ambushed near Ballinrobe and Capt. Chatfield and two privates were wounded.

Police auxiliaries engaged in an hour's fight with Sinn Feiners at Mullinohoe, County Tipperary, three civilians being killed and twenty captured. One man was killed at Toames, County Cork.

A police sergeant was shot and killed at Kilmallock, County Limerick, by five men and the military forces retaliated by blowing up a store near where the attack took place.

De Valera's Manifesto.
Dublin, Ire., March 8.—Eamonn de Valera, Sinn Fein leader, issued his long promised manifesto last evening through the Sinn Fein publicity department.

The manifesto is signed by De Valera and almost all the other members of the Dail Eireann, including Arthur Griffith and several men at present in jail.

It takes the form of an address, adopted at the January meeting of the Dail Eireann, to the representatives of foreign nations.

After reviewing at great length and from the Sinn Fein point of view the circumstances culminating in the declaration of an "Irish Republic," the document declares that "it is a legitimate application of the principle of national self-determination."

The manifesto is filled with the usual Sinn Fein charges against the British government, the Crown forces and the Black and Tans.

It concludes in these terms: "We, the official spokesmen and the elected parliament of the Irish people, call upon mankind to witness that our people have been ready to welcome peace with England that has a just basis. No other basis of peace is possible. We have misled ourselves and our people, faithful to the cause until death. You representatives of sister nations cannot be insensible to the issue."

TORONTO COUNCIL INCREASE SALARY

(Canadian Press by Leased Wire.)
Toronto, March 8.—Members of the Toronto City Council last night voted themselves big increases in salary. The controllers' salaries at present are \$2,500 each and are being advanced to five thousand dollars. The present salaries of aldermen are \$300 each, but they are to be \$1,200. The mayor's salary remains at the old figure, \$7,500.

Mayor Church is holidaying at Atlantic City. A short time ago, when the increases were mooted, he stated that he was opposed to his salary being increased.

There are 782 varieties of Arctic flowers, which have but two colors, white and yellow.

United States Congress Not To Be Called Before April 4

President Harding Holds a Conference With Republican Leaders in House and Senate and Maps Out a Programme for the Session

(Associated Press by Leased Wire.)
Washington, March 8.—President Harding announced early today that the special session of Congress would not be called before April 4 and might be a week later.

The announcement was made after a White House dinner, which Republican leaders of the Senate and House attended. The conference lasted for four hours and the President said the legislative programme had been discussed.

The President said this was the beginning of a programme of co-operation. Various subjects were discussed, he added, in an attempt to ascertain the most important to be taken up by the next Congress.