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Crisis in German Government Due To Internal Problems

Rival Factions in Cabinet Differed Over Economic Matters, Demobilization and Military Reorganization; Another Example of Tuetonic Audacity in African Proposals

Berlin, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—Reviewing the situation leading toward his resignation last night, Wilhelm Dittman, minister of demobilization, transport, justice and health in the Ebert government, said today that a crisis had been impending since November 9, owing to the constant differences as to internal and foreign policies between the two sections of the cabinet, the Socialists and Independent Socialists. He said that the matters which caused the principal trouble were pressing economic problems and questions of demobilization and military re-organization.

Copenhagen, Dec. 30.—The central council of soldiers and workmen of Germany has appointed Herr Moske governor of Kiel, Herr Loeb, editor of the Bremer Volkswacht, and Herr Wisel, member of the Reichstag, as cabinet members to replace Foreign Minister Haase, minister of social policy Barth and demobilization minister Dittman, who retired Saturday night, according to Berlin advice received here.

A Cool Request

London, Dec. 29.—It is understood that General Dittman, of Southwest Africa, has sent a petition for transmission to President Wilson, through Viscount Buxton, governor general of the Union of South Africa, asking for permission to establish a republic in union with a republic of Germany, according to Cape Town advice. The petitioners are reported to claim that they not only constitute a majority of the white inhabitants, but interpret the views and wishes of a majority of the natives.

Unemployment Gaining

Munich, Dec. 29.—The report of the unemployment minister for the past week shows that unemployment in Bavaria has grown materially worse. Through the year, the number of unemployed men has risen from 16,644 to 23,361 and of unemployed women from 4,418 to 6,212. The rate of unemployment is steadily growing worse. The imports of coal are still insufficient. Coal mining is suffering for lack of labor, since the war prisoners have gone.

Striking Miners at Battle

Amsterdam, Dec. 30.—Striking miners in the Dusseldorf district have fought a pitched battle with the soldiers protecting the pits, but the soldiers were finally surrounded and arrested the miners. The encounter resulted in several persons being killed and wounded before the troops finally surrounded and arrested the miners.

Seventy-six Killed

Paris, Dec. 29.—(Havas Agency)—The German propaganda bureau asserts that in the fighting in Belgium on Christmas, seventy-six persons were killed. The attacking troops lost fifty-six men killed, while six sailors and five policemen who were fighting with the sailors lost their lives. The bureau also announces that the damage to the imperial castle during the fighting was great. More than 100 shells were fired on the castle.

Afraid of Paderewski

Berlin, Dec. 28.—(By the Associated Press)—Formal objection to a demonstration in honor of Ignace Jan Paderewski has been made by the German government, according to the Tagblatt. This objection has been made on the ground that the demonstration was organized only for the trip from Danzig to the Polish frontier. Prussian government authorities in Danzig are reported to have advised Paderewski to resume his journey toward Warsaw.

Charged With Theft

Private Freeman Dumpley was before magistrate this morning charged with the theft of a pair of lady's boots of \$11.

OF PAIR OF BOOTS

William Hatfield, an express man, was charged with the theft of a pair of lady's boots of \$11. He then reported the case to Sergeant Rankin. Sergeant Rankin did of catching the accused coming down Main street about two hours later with the boots under his arm. He stopped him and while questioning him Hatfield came along and identified the soldier as being the man to whom he had given the boots. John H. McRobbie identified the boots as being from their stock.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

R. G. Dykeman was before the court on a charge of stealing his automobile in Paradise Row on Dec. 26. Several witnesses testified and the case was dismissed.

LOYD GEORGE'S VICTORY GREATER THAN EXPECTED

Asquithians May Reunite Under His Leadership

Seat May Be Found for Asquith; Labor Stronger Numerically; Premier at the Mercy of His Old Enemies, Says Daily Mail; Country Voted for Men Whose War Record Was Beyond Reprach

London, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Lloyd George and the coalition government won a more sweeping victory in the general election than had been expected. Not only was former Premier Asquith defeated, but his personal following from the house of commons has been reduced to 37. It is believed that a new seat will be found for him by one of his followers resigning in his favor, as soon as parliament meets.

In the defeat of Reginald McKenna, Walter Runciman, Sir John Simon, Herbert Samuel and Thomas MacKinnon Wood, the front of the opposition bench is deprived of all its principal occupants. There have been suggestions that Mr. Asquith might retire from politics as a result of his defeat, but this view is not encouraged by his personal friends. Should he retire, however, he would probably be succeeded in the Liberal leadership by Mr. McKenna or Sir John Simon.

What Will Liberals Do?

London, Dec. 29.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—Reuters' Limited understands that the Asquithians elected to parliament and also a number of coalition Liberal members will be invited to meet the defeated leaders before parliament convenes. It is recalled that former Premier Asquith declared before the election that the support of the government was not inconsistent with the Liberal principle. He is persistently rumored today that the Asquithians may reunite under Premier Lloyd George.

Of 600,000,000

Of 600,000,000 defeated candidates who were members of the last house, fifty-nine were Liberals, twenty-five Nationalists, fourteen Laborites, nine coalition Liberals, nine coalition Unionists and six Independents.

Press Comment

London, Dec. 30.—(Canadian Press despatch from Reuters' Limited)—Discussing the results of the general election, the Daily Mail says that Premier Lloyd George is now at the mercy of his old enemies. The question will be: Will he cajole them or they him? The Daily Mail, referring to the progress of labor, says that the Labor party's election banner in Paris proved that the majority of the soldiers were for Labor, but were anti-pacifist. During the coalition government in Paris, the Daily Mail says, the Labor party distributed immense numbers of free copies of party newspapers, and the Socialist weekly, the Herald, among the troops.

The Times says that the country voted for men whose war record was beyond reproach. It asks whether Premier Lloyd George will succeed in welding from his gigantic following a compact party, imbued with his own ideas of progress. It further says: "We should be more hopeful if the premier's majority were smaller. The co-operation of labor is immediately necessary, and the premier should make a supreme effort to secure it. It would be a real safeguard against reaction."

The Daily Telegraph says the election verdict is the most complete triumph of a prime minister in the history of parliamentary government.

The average estimate of the coalition majority was half the actual result. Pacifism and defeatism received such a lesson as wrong-headed mischief-making never had before. One of the valuable consequences of the overwhelming victory is to silence the talk about minority government. "Premier Lloyd George," the paper concludes, "will have unexampled power to carry out the tasks of peace and reconstruction. He has a unique opportunity. We are convinced that he will make the most of it."

The Daily Chronicle contends that the country was never more democratic, progressive and patriotic. It recalled to Premier Lloyd George as representing

STANDING OF PARTIES IN BRITISH ELECTIONS

Table with 2 columns: Party Name and Number of Seats. Includes Coalition Unionists (284), Coalition Liberals (137), Unionists (46), Asquithian Liberals (87), National Party (65), Independents (5), Socialists (52), Irish Nationalists (7), and All Coalitions with the Unionist and National Party (100).

Attitude on Freedom of Seas Approved by Wilson

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Clemenceau will support Britain in negotiations on the question of freedom of seas, according to a statement issued here today.

CONFIDENCE VOTED

Adheres to "Old System of Alliances Called the Balance of Power"—League of Nations Consistent With Peace Treaty

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—Premier Clemenceau made it plain that it was his intention to support Great Britain in the peace negotiations on the question of the freedom of the seas, and he declared that his attitude in this matter was approved by President Wilson.

IMPORTANT WEEK WITH CANADIAN MINISTERS IN EMPIRE CAPITAL

London, Dec. 28.—(By John W. Daffoe)—The last week has been an important and busy one for the Canadian ministers in London. On Monday and Tuesday Sir Robert Borden was in attendance at the Imperial war cabinet, and conferred meanwhile with his colleagues upon matters which were subjects to the discussion.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturges, director of meteorological service. Synopsis—Since Saturday morning an important disturbance passed northeastward across Nova Scotia accompanied by gales and rain. A pronounced area of high pressure with cold weather and snow has come in over the western provinces from the northwest.

WANT BILLIONS FROM ENEMY TO PAY WAR DEBTS

Total Sum Required Estimated at \$94,000,000,000—Inter-Allied Society to Deal With Financial Problems Proposed

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—The financial aspects of the settlement of the war problems has been approached in the minds of the Allies. This is reported not only by the American delegates to the conference, but by the representatives of the Allies who have arrived here as one of the most important problems requiring settlement.

Disturbances at Constantinople

London, Dec. 30.—Disturbances at Constantinople continue and great fires have broken out in the Pera district. The Turkish chamber of deputies in Athens, related details of the brutal execution of the whole imperial Russian family. He said the members of the former Russian emperor's family were placed as prisoners in a small room and shelled with bayonets throughout the night. The next morning revolver shots ended their misery. This information, said M. Pichon, had been received through Prince Lvoff, the former Russian premier, while he was on a visit to Paris recently.

SAYS NOW WHOLE RUSSIAN IMPERIAL FAMILY KILLED

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Fighting Continues In Northern Ukraine

Wandering Bands Killing Polish Land-Owners and Former Russian Officers; Republican Troops in Odessa Surrender to French Commander; Vilna Captured by Bolshevik Forces

Warsaw, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—Northern Ukraine bands are now threatening the town of Kovel. They have already taken Lutsk and Rovno, menacing wherever possible the Polish land owners and also Russian officers of the former imperial army.

In the town of Bedykiv the Ukrainians have shot eighteen officers upon entering the town and took eighty-six prisoners. Later they killed these prisoners and threw their bodies into the river.

Ten thousand Germans remaining in Kiev have asked the Warsaw government for permission to pass through Galicia so that they may return home. Other German troops scattered throughout the country are being harassed by the peasants.

According to a Serbian colonel, who escaped from Moscow to Warsaw, by way of Kiev, the railway between Kiev and Odessa has been cut, and the situation is changing for the worse.

Vigorous Measures at Odessa

Odessa, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—The street fighting, lasting thirteen hours, which greeted the French entry into Ukraine, caused at five p. m. yesterday when Republican officers under a white flag appeared at French headquarters. They said that the battle had been begun against the Russian volunteer army, which had declared itself the enemy of the present republican dictatorship of the Ukraine, but that the republicans refused to oppose the superior force of the French.

General Borin, in command of the French troops, in reply, told the officers that the volunteer army was now under French command. He delivered an ultimatum demanding that the republicans leave the city within a half hour, abandoning their arms and the rolling stock on the Kiev railroad. The republicans left without firing a shot, leaving considerable quantities of munitions, several cannons and about five hundred prisoners, but the majority of their force, numbering about 3,000, still under arms, are outside the city.

During yesterday's fighting modern weapons were used by both sides, from armored cars with machine guns to big cannons. The principal squares, the post office and railway station show a multitude of signs as a result of the conflict.

The French acted as spectators, leaving the direct engagements to the volunteers. Only one Frenchman was wounded, but General Borin threatened to use the French in an attack unless the republicans surrendered immediately.

General Borin today ordered the German troops throughout the Ukraine to send in the maintenance of order, under severe penalties for failure to do so.

Vladivostok, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—The Bolsheviks are displaying activity at various points on the Trans-Siberian railway, apparently with the object of overthrowing Admiral Kolchak, the dictator at Omsk. At Tchita, Irkutsk, Omsk, and Krasnoyarsk, but breaks have been suppressed by the Kolchak forces, most of whom proved loyal. The Bolsheviks have not yet been able to make any headway.

Mancheater, England, Dec. 29.—(By the Associated Press)—President and Mrs. Wilson were greeted on their arrival here at five o'clock by a throng of thousands who filled the streets to overflowing. The president and Mrs. Wilson spent the evening quietly at the guests of the Lord Mayor. The president had no engagements and made no speeches.

NO EXCITEMENT OVER THE FIRST RECALL ELECTION

Favorable Weather But Voting Was Light This Morning—Polls Close at Seven O'Clock

Unless a person stumbled upon the fact in passing a polling place, an election was taking place in this city, so little disturbed was the normal trend of life and traffic about the streets during the forenoon.

The polls had a little flurry of voting at the early hours when some work-people were en route to their tasks, and again at high noon, and up to about 2:15 the activity grew greater around the polls, but at no stage of the forenoon proceedings did a real, regular electoral condition exist.

St. John is evidently taking this test by ballot rather nonchalantly, unless the later returns in the afternoon and towards supper time show that the heavier voting is to be done at the last moment. It is the first recall election in local history, and one of the first in the world, and the very novelty of the thing may have its drawbacks from the standpoint of getting out the voters.

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President Wilson said to me: "I will try to convince you, but perhaps you will convince me." Miss Edith Gorman of Military headquarters, Fredericton, spent Christmas at home.