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## News in Brief

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General Skupitsky, commander of the Polish forces, has issued an ultimatum to General Hoffman, commander of the German army on the Polish frontier, demanding immediate withdrawal of the Germans to permit passage of Polish troops to Vilna, which is menaced by a big Bolshevik army, a Warsaw despatch to the Daily Mail stated. Hoffman is reported to have asked a delay that he might communicate with Berlin. The despatch said the situation is serious for free Poland.

Fourteen airplanes, including seven Gothas, said to have been used in the bombing of Paris, were accepted recently by the American army receiving commission. Two hundred machine guns are now in Coblenz or on the way and all of them will be taken to France soon. Each airplane must be in perfect condition before acceptance and German aviators are being kept busy in testing them before accepting. Twenty-five hundred machine guns also were accepted.

Official despatches received from Bucharest, say that Bolshevik soldiers, aided by Russian soldiers, and Bucharest volunteers, recently organized in Bucharest and attempted to cross one of the principal thoroughfares. One of the revolutionaries fired on one of the soldiers guarding the street. The troops returned the fire, and as a result of the fighting, six persons were killed and 16 wounded. The ringleaders were arrested and will be prosecuted.

President and Mrs. Wilson have arrived in Paris from their visit to England. The steamer Brighton, on which the presidential party made the passage of the channel, reached Calais and was welcomed by General Ditté, governor of Calais, the officers commanding the allied bases, and representatives of the municipality. The president left for Paris by special train.

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German appeals against suspension by the allies of the inter-course between the part of German territory occupied by the allied army and the rest of Germany have been taken into consideration at the headquarters of Marshal Foch at Luxembourg. A German delegation has been received at the marshal's headquarters and has been informed that as far as military exigencies permit, the appeals have been granted.

China will ask of the peace conference the return of Kiao Chow, former German-controlled province captured by Japan early in the war, and a readjustment of international trade relations to place China on an equal plane with other nations.

Sinn Fein prisoners in Belfast have barricaded themselves in their wing of the jail and declared their defiance of the authorities, military officials report. The prisoners are said to have accumulated enough provisions for a long siege. They have hoisted an Irish flag, improvised from a bed coverlet, and are playing revolutionary tunes on instruments made from kitchen utensils.

Gustave Noske, one of the new members of the Ebert government in Germany, is quoted in an interview printed in the Express, as saying that the demobilization of the German army is proceeding much more rapidly than at first believed possible. So far, it is stated, about one million soldiers have been demobilized.

All German civil employees in uniform and all German soldiers within the American area of occupation must salute American officers. Failure to comply makes the Germans liable to arrest. An order to this effect has reached Coblenz from the American advance general headquarters at Treves.

A Polish army of 30,000 men is marching on Berlin, according to a despatch received, quoting rumors at the German capital. Gustave Noske, member of the Ebert cabinet in charge of military affairs, is said to have ordered the fifth German division to meet the Poles.

Thirty British soldiers were injured when a locomotive in charge of German railwaymen, ran into a train of British troops on the Namur-Charleroi line in Belgium recently. The three Germans in charge of the locomotive were arrested.

An arrangement has been completed whereby Italy obtains approximately 75 per cent., and France 25 per cent. of the Austrian merchant marine, consisting mostly of cargo boats. The ships, which will fly the International Merchant flag, will be manned by Italian and French crews. They will be used to carry food and supplies.

The interallied food commissioners at Berne have informed Austrian representatives that the allies will immediately provide 4,000 tons of wheat for German-Austria. The allied and American joint commission is coming to Vienna to negotiate for further supplies, it was reported.

Sixteen lives are believed to have been lost when the United States shipping board steamer Quantico was driven ashore in a storm Christmas night on Tablas Island, 25 miles east of Mindoro, Spain. The missing were passengers and members of the crew.

Robert Capello and Joseph L. Bley, confessed leaders in a plot directed by the German government to provision German warships at sea at the port of San Francisco, in violation of American neutrality, were given 21 and 18 months respectively in the McNeil federal prison by United States District Judge William Van Fleet. Capello was former agent for the North German Lloyd Steamship company and Bley was a customs broker.

Carl Kautsky, who is in charge of the preparation of the German White Book, informs French newspapermen, that the report that a German crown council had been held on July 5, 1914, to decide finally on the question of making war was incorrect. The former emperor, Kautsky said, had a conference on that day with a small number of prominent Germans, and it was decided to support Austria in her demands on Serbia.

Marshal Foch, according to the Matin, has given permission for the Germans in the occupied Rhine provinces to participate in the German elections. He also will allow freedom of the press and freedom of assembly as far as is compatible with the maintenance of order.

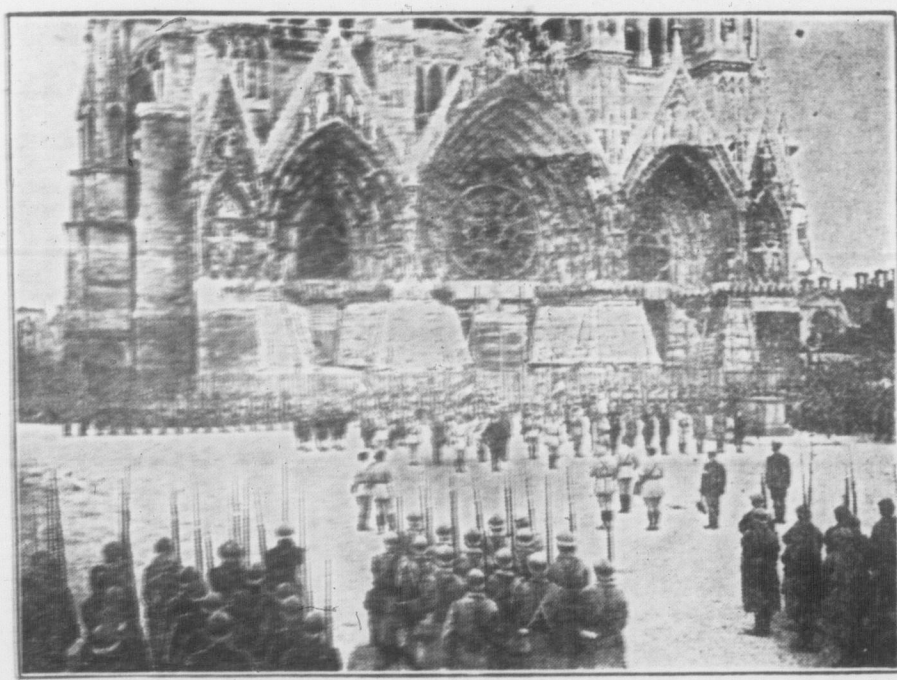
German submarines which have been surrendered are being divided among the allies, according to the Mail. The newspaper says that fifteen go to France, ten to Italy, seven to Japan and four to the United States. The U-boats turned over to the United States are said to be now on their way across the Atlantic. The newspaper does not specify the manner in which the rest of the 127 surrendered submarines are to be allotted.

The British and Dutch governments have arrived at an agreement regarding the status of the former German emperor, according to a despatch to the Telegraph from The Hague. Details of the agreement have not been made public.

President Wilson has arrived at Rome, Italy, and was enthusiastically welcomed by the public. He favored at a speech a united league of nations.

A battalion of French troops has been detailed to occupy the Stamboul district of Constantinople while a British battalion will occupy Pera, the European quarter. Italian forces will occupy another district of the city.

## HISTORIC REIMS CATHEDRAL SCENE OF MILITARY DEMONSTRATIONS OF PEACE



Under the shadow of this historic Cathedral of Reims, the French forces which retook the city from German invaders, are holding military demonstrations of peace times. General Maistro decorates the heroes of the campaign for valor.

Disarmed German Zeppelins will be converted into merchantmen to fly across the Atlantic Ocean between New York and Hamburg, according to the Echo de Paris, which says that it has received its information from reliable sources.

The British warship Calypso has captured two Bolshevik destroyers in the eastern Baltic, according to an official report from the admiralty. One of the destroyers was engaged in bombarding lighthouses in the vicinity of Revel.

Large forces of Italian troops are concentrated near Innsbruck, Austria, and, according to reports from Berlin, it is presumed the concentration is directed against Munich. The Berlin reports say that if Bolsheviks break out in southern Germany the Italian troops will occupy that region.

Owing to advance of the "superior forces of Bolsheviks," says a despatch from Berlin, the German troops have been compelled to evacuate Riga, the Latvian port at the head of the Gulf of Riga.

Finland, Sweden and Germany have signed an agreement providing for disarmament of the disputed Aland Islands in the Baltic.

Princess Yolande of Italy, considered one of Europe's most beautiful members of royalty, is reported to be engaged to marry the Prince of Wales.

Armistice conditions relative to the delivery of railroad rolling stocks are being carried out satisfactorily by the Germans. In a single day 3,500 cars and 200 locomotives were turned over to the Allies.

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## First Parliament of Irish Republic

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Patrick McCartland, of Philadelphia, signing himself "envoy of the provisional government of Ireland," announced here today that he had sent a statement to all embassies and legations in Washington informing them that the people of Ireland on Dec. 28 last, severed political relations with Great Britain.

December 28 was the date of the parliamentary elections in which the Sinn Fein element won an overwhelming victory in Ireland. State department officials said they knew nothing of Patrick McCartland.

## Planned for Rebellion

BELFAST, Ireland, Jan. 3.—Full plans of concerted action by the Sinn Feiners were disclosed at a court martial in Dublin yesterday, when John Keenan, hotelkeeper at Baltinglass, Wicklow, was charged with having in his possession a document containing information likely to be of use to the enemy. The plans include the capture of a large number of post offices, police barracks and places that could be entrenched, destruction of bridges, railways, rolling stock, roads over which troops might advance in Wicklow and Wexford.

Details of ammunition supply needed at points of assembly for the rebels, commandeering of motor transports and similar requisites were included in the plan.

according to Berlin advices today. They are occupying the heights in the region.

A Riga despatch to the Vossische Zeitung of Berlin gives a very pessimistic account of the situation in the Baltic provinces. The Bolsheviks, it is said, are well equipped with guns, ammunition and food, while the forces opposing them are virtually without the very necessities of life. The German soldiers, the despatch continues, refuse to fight and even those defending the railways are deserting their posts, making an orderly retreat of the German troops impossible.

It is reported in Berlin that ten thousand German volunteers, well supplied with war materials, are on their way to the Baltic provinces.

## ABOUT THE FIGHTING IN POSEN

WARSAW, Jan. 2.—An official report concerning the riot in Posen on the arrival of Ignace Jan Paderewski, who is on his way here, says the trouble began when Canadian and American flags were hoisted over the city hall.

The Germans demanded that the flags be hauled down. The Poles refused to acquiesce, whereupon the Germans brought up machine guns and began fighting in the streets, driving back the crowds and dispersing the Polish troops.

Firing by German officers on an allied automobile, carrying an American flag was the cause of street fighting in Posen, last Friday, says a despatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Copenhagen.

The Germans were defeated in the fighting. About 138 persons, including a number of women and children were killed during the rioting.

The despatch says: "There was severe fighting between the Poles and the Germans in Posen Friday, which resulted in 38 women and children and about 100 Germans and Poles being killed. The affair originated as a result of German officers firing on an allied automobile, which was proceeding to Warsaw, carrying the American flag."

"The Germans insulted the flag and the Polish guard was called out. The fighting lasted several hours and the Germans were defeated."

"A delegation from the British mission to Posen protested to the German commander in the town, General Schimmelfeng, but the German officer declared that he had no control over the soldiers."

## SOCIALIST LANDSBERG HAS NO FEAR FOR GERMAN FUTURE

PARIS, Jan. 3.—Herr Landsberg, one of the former majority Socialist members in the German reichstag, today made a declaration to the correspondent of the Temps at Berne, that no thought of revenge would ever come to the majority Socialists, whose only aim was to establish order in their country and rebuild a new Germany.

The members of the German government, Herr Landsberg added, believed it would be criminal to go against the will of the people of Alsace-Lorraine, who had been entirely estranged by the execrable policies of the former regime in Germany. He said these provinces were lost forever for Germany and although it pained him very much to say it, he must admit the fact. Concerning the present situation in Germany, Herr Landsberg declared that the danger of anarchy depended in great measure on the great question of revictualing. He added that Bolshevism would never take root in Germany, and that military reaction would not spread to any great extent.

## FRENCH IN BUDAPEST

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Two thousand French soldiers have entered Budapest, according to a telegram from Zurich to the Temps.

One detachment occupied the castle of Count Karolyi, where Field Marshal von Mackensen, of the German army, is interned.

Other reports reaching Zurich from Budapest say that there have been several fights there between Rumanians and Magyars.



## MOB LOOTED PALACE

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 1.—The damage to the imperial palace in Berlin during the recent riots, by theft or vandalism, is estimated to exceed \$1,500,000. Five hundred persons implicated in the plundering, which is said to have been going on for the past six weeks, have been apprehended, and much of the stolen property recovered.

The former emperor's wardrobe succeeded in bringing the bulk of the imperial art treasures to a place of safety after the flight of the emperor. The wardrobes of the former emperor and his wife were almost entirely denuded of their contents. In one of the imperial dressing rooms, the old uniform of a soldier was found. The owner had exchanged his uniform for imperial raiment and disappeared.

## MURDERED FIVE AND SUICIDED

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 5.—William Barnes, an insurance agent, having only one arm, murdered five persons and committed suicide with a shotgun Friday night, it was discovered today, when the bodies were found in Wilbur Johnson's farmhouse, on Holman's Island, in the Hissouri river, near Little Sioux Iowa. He was angry because Johnson's daughter refused to elope a second time with him.

Johnson, his wife and their young son, as well as their daughter, Mrs. Mabel Jones, and her child, were slain. Barnes, 45 years of age, was infatuated with Mrs. Jones, and his attention to her was strongly discouraged by her parents.

## KAISER MENTALLY DEPRESSED

AMERONGEN, Jan. 5. (Associated Press despatch).—Even the wonderful springlike weather of the early New Year does not bring the former German emperor outside of the Amerongen castle, although his condition is improving daily. The principal cause of his indisposition appears to be mental depression, induced by the gradual realization of the full extent of his downfall. Recent reports from Germany are said to have accentuated this feeling.

Lack of open air exercise and continual brooding has had such telling effect on Herr Hohenzollern's appearance that he is scarcely recognizable to those who saw him when he first came to Amerongen. His wife, who is with him almost constantly, displays much more buoyant spirits and makes every effort to cheer him.

## Country House For Him in Nice

THE HAGUE, Holland, Jan. 3.—Belmonte, a country seat near Wageningen, is being prepared for the former imperial couple of Germany, but it is doubtful whether they will ever occupy it since public opinion in Holland is being more and more aroused against sheltering the man who let loose the dogs of war. The ex-kaiser and kaiserin visited the house and planned alterations. The kaiserin brought some complete house furnishings to Holland, including all the kitchen utensils on the imperial train. Occasionally they go from Amerongen castle to Zuylen castle, where the former kaiser on medical advice saws wood in the forest.

If he took this house, Wilhelm II would be the second royal fugitive accorded asylum in Wageningen. In the 17th century when Austria had conquered Bohemia the king of Bohemia came to live there. The stone table at which he used to sit and look over the Rhine is still shown to tourists.

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Strikes continue in upper Silesia, Germany, according to reports received. At Lepine soldiers fired on a crowd and several persons were killed or wounded.

## BRITISH SOLDIERS GET RESTLESS

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corps. They commandeered numerous transport lorries, and drove to London, to Whitehall, cheering all the way. They lined up outside the ministry of demobilization, while a deputation visited the officials inside. A representation of the ministry, at the request of the deputation, went to Osterley to investigate the grievances of the men to whom the promise was given that those who had taken part in the demonstration would not be punished. Several thousand soldiers stationed at Shoreham, marched to Brighton to protest against delays in demobilization. A major addressed them at the town hall, and promised to communicate their grievances to the war office. The soldiers thereupon dispersed.

## BRITISH TROOPS LANDED AT RIGA

Germans Must Oppose Bolshevik Advance or Allies Will Invade Germany

LONDON, Jan. 3.—A Central News despatch from Copenhagen today reported that British troops have landed at Riga.

The British commander in the Baltic provinces, according to the Deutsche Tages Zeitung, has issued an ultimatum to the German commander, declaring that unless he prevents further advance of the Bolsheviks and recaptures Walk and Wenden, the allies will invade Germany.

The German troops which recently were forced to evacuate the Russian Baltic port of Riga have retreated a few miles from that city.