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EBERT GOVT. IS OVERTHROWN

INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS PROCLAIM NEW RULING PARTY

GRAND PATRIOTIC AUCTION SALE
TO TOP OFF RED CROSS DRIVE
AND SWELL THE \$100,000 FUND

Sale of Delicious Jams, Jellies and Canned Goods This Evening Will Wind Up the Big Campaign—Managers Confident of Reaching Highest Mark Set—Responses to the Appeals Hearty and Generous.

What am I bid? What am I bid? Of tempting canned and preserved fruits and jellies. The donation of one has been a dozen of new-laid eggs—Yum! Yum!—and still another has paraded with a plump 1512 chicken. It is Mrs. Marshall who has christened this prepossessing chicken "The Red Cross Hen." The story is told in the headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce of other donations that are pouring in. Donations of vegetables, fancywork, etc., the idea of donating seeming to have made a special appeal to householders. Not so many of the merchants have yet been represented in this.

Will Reach \$100,000 Mark. Stormy as the weather was at 5 o'clock, the canvassers were out bright and early for their third day's work for the Red Cross. The third day in which to take the extra thousand-yard for the Red Cross—in other words, to bring the fund up from the first objective of \$75,000 to \$100,000. The chairman John Bridge of the men's canvass committee is confidently expecting to see this ambition realized when all reports are in tonight. "The ladies have been telephoning in great results for yesterday," he says, "many of them not expecting to have nearly so much."

George M. Reid, who, with John S. Moore, honorary treasurer, is to be joint host of the campaign wind-up dinner tonight at the Hotel Windsor.

BLOCKADE OF CENTRAL POWERS
MAY BE MITIGATED TO ALLOW
FOOD TO REACH OTHER LANDS

Representatives of Allied Nations Intend To Give Immediate Consideration To Question—Supplies Would Go Through Territory Held by the Enemy.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The representatives of the allied nations here intend to give immediate consideration to the question of mitigating the severity of the blockade of the central powers, according to indications today. It is pointed out, without being in order to admit of the passing in of food supplies for Czechoslovakia, Poland and sections of Russia and other territory which it is desired to reach and which cannot be reached except through territory which the central powers are holding.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS
NECESSARY AS FIRST
STEP TOWARD PEACE

Lord Robert Cecil Gives Opinion On Formation of a Society of Nations.

NAVIES FOR DEFENCE

Paris, Jan. 8.—By the Associated Press.—Lord Robert Cecil, who has arrived here with the first section of the British peace delegation, expressed the opinion to the Associated Press today that the definite organization of a league of nations is indispensable as a first step toward the conclusion of that enduring peace and a satisfactory settlement of international problems which have arisen out of the war.

URGES FOR HIGHER
RATE FOR EXPRESS

Traffic Manager of Dominion Express Declares Some Figures Ridiculously Low.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The hearing of the application of the Express Traffic Association of Canada, for permission to introduce an increased tariff, was resumed before the board of railway commissioners yesterday afternoon.

TOLL OF VICTIMS
IN PITTSBURG FIRE

Now Number Ten. Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 9.—The death in a hospital here last night of C. F. McPhail, 35, of Pittsburgh, from injuries sustained Tuesday when an explosion and fire wrecked a film exchange building, brought the total number of dead to ten.

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TO PEACE CONGRESS

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A TYPICAL PIECE OF HUN SACRILEGE



Adventurer Illustration. In practically all the villages in northern France they entered the German carried off the church bells in order to secure the metal for ammunition. Photo shows a group of German soldiers carrying away the bells from a church in a French village.

PULPWOOD LIMITS
GRANTED COMPANY
BY ONTARIO GOVT.

Publishers' Counsel Shows the Spanish River Mills Have 18,000 Square Miles.

OPPOSITION PROTESTS

Fort Frances Company Representative Declares No Cutting On Govt. Concessions.

DEPRECIATION IS DISCUSSED

Ottawa, Jan. 8.—Canada's patent control tribunal spent nearly the whole of this morning on the question of depreciation, which should be allowed paper mills. The figure lately adopted is \$3.20 per ton, or about five per cent, while the Clarksons' reference was based, contended that 3 per cent is a fair average. He attempted to show that the United States federal trade commission never announced that it had altered a figure of \$1.71 per ton set forth in its first report in 1917. But for the present the tribunal has excluded this report as being not on the record and only an expression of opinion.

Shortly before the noon adjournment, Mr. Tilley reached that point in his brief where he takes up the cost of specific mills, that of J. R. Booth being the first dealt with.

"How are we going to check your figures?" asked the chairman.

"We want your lordships to do it," smiled Mr. Tilley. "They will appreciate the sort of thing publishers were asked to do in two or three days with the Clarksons' report. His reference was to the fixing of a price by Mr. Pringle in September when the publishers had no time to examine the Clarksons' report properly. However, Mr. Tilley promised to furnish the tribunal with the compilations on which his figures were based."

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—Before the paper control tribunal today, W. N. Tilley, counsel for the publishers, showed that Continued on Page Nine.

PARIS SUBURBS ARE
FLOODED BY RISING
WATERS OF SEINE

Maximum of 1910 Inundation May Be Reached Today.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Several small districts of Paris have been inundated by the rising waters of the Seine. In the suburbs several factories are under water, and some residents have been compelled to abandon their homes. It is expected that the maximum of the 1910 flood may be reached today.

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OUR OLD HOME TOWN

We are told in song and story that Abou Ben Adhem said "Write me as one who loves his fellowmen." And when the Red Cross asked for aid, the patriots at home repeated Abou's statement once again. "It shall not pass unheeded," was our one sure long suit bet. Though for prophecy we've never gained renown, But we've always said that Canada was well worth fighting for. And we're proud to say this burg our old home town.

—Fred Young, 15th Battalion.

MONTREAL BACHELORS PREPARE
TO FIGHT TAX LEVIED BY CITY

Unmarried Men of Quebec Metropolis Protest Against the Enforcement of City Bylaw—Many Claim Their Obligations as Great as Married Men.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—More than three hundred bachelors, who are determined to resist payment of the \$10 tax levied by the city of Montreal, are preparing to go to court to have their exemption from the tax confirmed. The tax is levied on all men over 25 years of age, whether married or single. Some criticism was heard of the fact that bachelors were exempt from paying the tax, but the chairman of the protest, Mr. J. R. Booth, declared that the meeting was called to protest against the tax in its entirety, as a matter of principle, and that objections to it in part only, or its administration, were out of order.

SPECTACULAR FILM
WILL SHOW CANADA'S
PART IN THE WAR

Achievements of Canadians Now in Making.

MANY TO BE PRODUCED

New Departure in Screen Productions Due to Recent Agitations.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—Recent agitations all over Canada for more Canadian motion pictures and less glorification of other nations and their doings appear to be bearing fruit. It is announced here today that a big spectacular production, costing a small fortune to organize and film, and based entirely on Canada's achievements in the great war is shortly to appear in Canadian cities.

The picture is being made now. The spirit that made possible Canada's contributions in men, money and money is strikingly presented therein.

The assurance is given that this is but the first of a series of new pictures to come, bearing upon Canadian subjects.

Incidentally, it is reported here that the Ontario motion picture censors this week refused to permit the production here of a film depicting the landing of President Wilson and his party in France for the "peace conference."

There is some criticism here that this action of the censors was carrying the "Canada only" idea too far.

HINDY NOT IN BERLIN, SAY GOVT. OFFICIALS

Berlin, Tuesday, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The report that Field Marshal von Hindenburg is in Berlin is denied in Government circles.

YOUTH WHO LIVED
IN SWELL HOTEL
IS UNDER ARREST

Theft of \$350,000 Worth of Bonds Is Brought to Light.

New York, Jan. 9.—A theft of \$350,000 worth of Liberty and industrial bonds came to light today, when Lester Cregan and James Tunney, 29 years old, were arrested charged with being accomplices of Cornelius Cregan, 19, in the crime. With the proceeds of a sale of some of the securities, the police say, the younger Cregan, who has not been found, lived like a Croesus in a Broadway hotel.

Having "Red Terror" In Possession Gets Man Three Years

"Big Charlie" Watson Found Guilty of Having Objectionable Literature.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—On a charge of having objectionable printed literature in his possession banned by orders-in-council, "Big" Charlie Watson, at one time Toronto policeman, was sentenced by Magistrate Kingsford in the morning police court to three years in prison and a fine of \$500 or another six months, and Harry Chessman, member of the Carpenters' Union, was "remanded for sentence."

The literature complained of was socialist matter, and included a pamphlet entitled "The Red Terror," which advocated the soldiers taking over charge of the army and the workers the factories. The city was recently flooded with this matter. It was issued by the "provisional committee of soldiers and workers of Canada."

MAJOR-GEN. BELL DIES.

New York, Jan. 9.—Major-Gen. G. Franklin Bell, aged 63, commander of the department of the east, died last night at the Presbyterian Hospital in this city. His death was due to heart disease. He was taken to the hospital three days ago for observation, but it was not realized that his condition was serious, and his death came as a complete surprise.

TROLLEY LINES CEASE RUNNING.

Paris, Jan. 8.—Several trolley lines were compelled to cease operation here today by the rising waters of the Seine River.

Ebert Government Overturned
Liebknecht's Followers Hold
Principal Points in Berlin;
Ind. Socialists Are RulingNEW YORK FACES
COAL AND MILK
FAMINE DUE TO
MARINE STRIKE

15,000 Men Affected by Tie-Up of Harbor Craft.

FERRIES AT STANDSTILL

Boat Owners Refuse To Arbitrate the Eight-Hour Question.

New York, Jan. 9.—With approximately 15,000 men affected by the strike of the marine workers, the city is facing a coal and milk famine due to the strike. The city's fire and police boats would be tied up by the calling out of their crews. They explained that it would probably be noon before any ferry transit was discontinued, owing to the time consumed in reaching all the members with the strike. If it was necessary to strike, they threatened to call out the longshoremen, numbering 70,000 men.

The strike, called notwithstanding a threat by the Government to operate the harbor with soldiers and sailors, was ordered yesterday, when a conference of the union men and the Boat Owners' Association broke up, following the refusal of the latter to arbitrate the question of an eight-hour day. The war labor board was unable to effect a settlement of the differences. The tie-up, according to the strike leaders and transportation officials, will be much more serious. The city's milk supply, already greatly depleted through a strike of the dairymen's League, now will be further depleted, the strikers say, through inability to continue on Page Three.

SOLDIERS COMPLAIN OF
BAD ACCOMMODATION
ON STEAMER TUNISIAN

Declare Conditions "Not Fit For Pigs, Let Alone Human Beings."

[Special To The Advertiser.]

Winthrop, Jan. 8.—"Not fit for pigs, much less for human beings," declared returned soldiers who arrived here to-night after traveling on the Tunisian in describing accommodation given them on board that ship.

"Now that I am home," one soldier said, "I want to know the reason why I was sent to the Tunisian. I was told that I was going to be accommodated all day by masses of people who from time to time find me on the side streets and sheltering doorways to escape the rain of bullets from both sides."

The shooting reached considerable proportions three times during the afternoon, but the casualties appear to have been few.

The Ebert cabinet has been in session nearly all day with Cautley, Herr Breitscheid, Wilhelm Dittmann and Oscar Cohn, Independent Socialist, the Government insisted that it would not consider any proposals from the independents until the Government Building and newspaper plants were vacated by the Spartacists.

The conference was resumed late this evening, with additional representatives called "revolutionary" foremen, composed of foremen in the factories of Greater Berlin, under the leadership of George Ledebour.

The foremen, although nominally independent Socialists, are virtually Spartacists. Despite their attitude, the Government insisted that it was firmly resolved to maintain its attitude, and that the time for compromise was past.

The Government has issued a warning to the foremen that it will use force to resist force, but will make no agreement until the Spartacists surrender the buildings, seized unlawfully. There are many difficulties in the way of getting anything like a complete picture of happenings throughout Berlin. Great crowds of curious folk block the streets in many parts of the city.

SPARTACANS SEIZE 18,000,000 MARKS IN GOVT. PRINTING OFFICE

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Severe fighting in which artillery was employed, took place in Berlin yesterday near the central telegraph office. The Spartacists renewed their attempt to seize the chancellor's palace, it is declared, in

Extremists Gain Upper Hand in German Capital After Sanguinary Fighting—Independent Socialists Proclaim New Revolutionary Government.

EBERT'S TROOPS DRIVE SPARTACANS BACK. Basle, Jan. 9.—Troops loyal to the Ebert Government have arrived in Berlin from Potsdam and driven the Spartacans as far as the Tiergarten and re-occupied the printing works, according to the Frankfurt Zeitung.

STATE OF SEIGE WILL BE DECLARED IN CITY OF BERLIN. London, Jan. 9.—Telegrams dated Berlin, 8:30 a.m., transmitted by the Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company, say that negotiations between the Government (composed of majority Socialists) and Independent Socialists failed.

The Independent Socialists and Spartacans appeal to the working people to meet Wednesday in order to complete "victory of the proletariat."

The Government has ordered the troops in nearly all the garisons in Germany to move against Berlin, and they are arriving there on motor cars.

A state of siege, it is added, will be declared in Berlin. The Spartacans control the railroads near Berlin.

Severe fighting occurred at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, but the result was not known when the dispatches were filed.

Paris, Jan. 9.—The Ebert-Scheidemann Government in Germany has been overturned, the Extremists having gained the upper hand in Berlin after sanguinary fighting, according to the latest German advices received here.

A new revolutionary government has been proclaimed, composed of Independent Socialists.

A part of the Government troops are reported to have gone over to the rebels, and the Spartacans now hold the principal points in Berlin.

Civil war is spreading to other parts of Germany, the advices indicate, and parts of the Rhenish Provinces and Bavaria are now reported to be involved.

Gustav Noske, the commander-in-chief of the German Government troops, will send new forces against the capital in an attempt to regain control of it, it is reported. A desperate reaction by the more conservative elements is expected.

The casualties in the Berlin fighting are reported to have been heavy.

The Independent Socialists said to be at the head of the new government are Georg Ledebour, Herr Liebknecht and Herr Tack.

Dr. Karl Liebknecht, the leader of the Spartacans, is continuing his activities, presumably in an effort to install a government of his own choosing.

The foregoing advices appear to indicate that what happened in Berlin is that the majority Socialists government (that of Ebert-Scheidemann) has been overthrown by the Independent Socialists, who recently were reported to be assisting the Spartacans, or ultra radicals, sympathetic with the Russian Bolsheviks, headed by Karl Liebknecht, have not attained their entire object.

Of the men named as leading this government, Georg Ledebour is the only one regarding whose record information is available. He has long been prominent as an Independent Socialist leader.

BERLIN RESIDENTS FLEE AS THE BULLETS START TO FLY

Berlin, Tuesday, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The curtain is still up on the great tragic comedy "Berlin: The Madhouse," as a majority Socialist editor called it yesterday. The Unter den Linden, Wilhelmstrasse and the Seigeburg have been driven from the Potsdam and Anhalter railroad stations, the Brandenburg gate and the central railway of the city. The power of the Government was increasing, because volunteers were offered for their services. However, it would not be easy to restore order because the Spartacans had occupied buildings all over Berlin.

The correspondent reports that the Spartacans got 18,000,000 marks in paper money from the Government printing office. Continued on Page Three.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 33; lowest, 25.

The official temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today were: Highest, 27; lowest, 24.

TOMORROW—COLD; MODERATING. Toronto, Jan. 9—8 a.m. Forecasts.

Today—Strong, northwest winds, fair and colder.

Friday—Westerly winds, cold at first, then moderating again.

The following were the highest and lowest temperatures for the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:

Station. High. Low. Weather. Toronto. 30. 24. Cloudy. Kingston. 24. 20. Snow. Ottawa. 24. 21. Snow. Montreal. 30. 28. Cloudy. Quebec. 32. 28. Cloudy. Halifax. 36. 32. Clear.

Weather Notes. The area of low pressure which was near Lake Superior yesterday has passed to Quebec and a moderate cold wave has come into Ontario from the north. The weather continues mild to the westward of Manitoba.