

GERMAN MINISTRY FAVORS MILITARY ACTION TO CHECK POLISH INVASION

TURKS IN WITHDRAWAL FROM CAUCASUS REGION CONTINUE ATROCITIES ON ARMENIANS

Enemy Disregarding Terms of the Armistice — Individual Turks Announce Intention To Deal Final Blow at Unfortunate People.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—It is authoritatively announced that evidence has been received that the Turkish army, in withdrawing from invaded territories in the Caucasus region, has continued to commit outrages on the Armenians, in spite of the terms of the armistice. It is reported that individual Turks have announced their intention to deal a final blow at the unfortunate race.

An eyewitness report having seen Armenians cruelly beaten and says that at one place he found the bodies of more than sixty women and children. Tortures were inflicted upon the living by the Turks, and he has endeavored to carry away all available food, clothing and household goods, so that the fate of those who will escape immediate death appears to be certain. Homes are reported to have been destroyed and inhabitants of many districts have been driven away by the thousands. Grain taken by the Turks was allowed to rot in the rain and starving Armenians were prevented from even touching it under penalty of death, it is said.

ARMENIANS THROWN BY TURKS INTO THE SEA

St. Louis, Friday, Jan. 3.—Nazim Bey, former prefect of Kharpout, in a letter to the Sahab of Constantinople, declares that he was removed from office by Talat Pasha because he protested against the manner in which the Greeks and Armenians of Asia Minor were being exterminated.

One of the methods used to exterminate these peoples was to throw them into the Black Sea and force them to drown. He says this was done by order of the Turkish Government.

AUXILIARY PATROL SERVICE PERFORMED GREAT WAR SERVICE

Hazardous Duties Carried Out in Heroic Manner.

WEPT THE SEAS

Crews Were Rescued From Boats Torpedoed or Wrecked.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Following is an extract from a message sent by the auxiliary patrol service:

"From the commencement of the war the auxiliary patrol service was charged with the sweeping up of mines and in this task it has been successful in many ships and earned the gratitude of the navy and the mercantile marine. By escorting convoys, it has brought safely to port hundreds of ships whose cargoes were of supreme value and contributed to the British Empire and its allies."

"When ships were mined, torpedoed or wrecked, auxiliary patrol service crews were sent in their efforts to rescue crews, and their seamanship, quick and efficient action, and the saving of many badly-damaged ships. When an enemy submarine was reported, it was the duty of the auxiliary patrol service to handle with the greatest efficiency."

"The varied work around the coast of the United Kingdom, in the Atlantic, in the Mediterranean, and in the waters of the Adriatic, has shown adaptability and readiness for hazardous duties, and the auxiliary patrol service has proved the vital part of the British fleet for the sea."

OUR GREAT POWERS WILL CONFER FIRST

Line of Procedure Adopted for Peace Conference.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The peace conference, according to the Petit Parisien, will proceed as follows: First, a conference of the four great powers; second, the representatives of Belgium and Serbia to be admitted for study of the general situation. Third, admission of the other belligerent states. Fourth, present on conditions successfully to Germany. Fifth, Turkey, German Austria and Hungary and the signing of the peace preliminaries. Fifth, a long conference concerning the questions of a league of nations, freedom of the seas, limitation of armaments, and related topics.

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—DECIDEDLY COLD.
Toronto, Jan. 4.—8 a.m.
Forecast.
West to north and light to moderate snowfall on Sunday; light local snowfall on Monday.
Temperatures.
The following were the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. High. Low. Weather.
Victoria. 38. 28. Cloudy.
Calgary. 38. 28. Clear.
Winnipeg. 38. 28. Clear.
Port Arthur. 4. 22. Clear.
St. Louis. 6. 14. Clear.
Pittsburg. 22. 12. Clear.
Toronto. 22. 12. Clear.
Kingston. 20. 10. Cloudy.
Ottawa. 20. 10. Cloudy.
Montreal. 18. 10. Snow.
Quebec. 12. 12. Snow.
Halifax. 50. 36. Cloudy.
Minus (—) means below zero.
The disturbance off the Atlantic coast has not increased since yesterday, but appears to be important.
The temperature continues low in Manitoba, and has fallen very considerably in Ontario.

A BUSINESS OPTIMIST

ROBERT HOBSON, president of the Steel Company of Canada, who predicts a great period of prosperity for Canada and who says that all that Canada needs is cool-headedness, confidence, courage and loyalty in herself and her industries.

UNMARRIED WOMEN WILL BE PROVIDED WITH HUSBANDS

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The town council of Petrograd, according to an Exchange Telegram dispatch, has decided that all unmarried women between the ages of 18 and 40 shall be provided with husbands selected by the council. The children of these women will not be allowed to remain with their parents, but will be educated under the control of the Soviet Government.

RUSSIANS WOULD WELCOME AID TO FIGHT BOLSHIEVSKI

General Semenov in Interview Declares Help Is Needed.

RECOVER FROM WOUNDS

Trouble Between Semenov and Kolchak Remains Unsettled.

Chita, Trans-Baikalia, Sunday, Dec. 29.—By the Associated Press.—Defying the orders of his physicians, General Semenov, who was quite seriously wounded by fragments of a bomb thrown in a crowded theatre here recently, received the Associated Press correspondent today. With him he discussed briefly the crisis in Russia, declaring that Russians would welcome American troops in the battle against Bolshevism.

Asked if his differences with Admiral Kolchak had been adjusted, he replied in the negative.

"Admiral Kolchak sent troops to Irkutsk," he said, "so I cannot say we are friends; but my Cossacks will always work for the best interests of Russia."

ROME'S HISTORICAL SPOTS ARE VISITED BY PRES. WILSON

U. S. Executive Will Leave Italian Capital Tonight.

Rome, Jan. 4.—President Wilson took an early start today to visit some of the historical spots in Rome. The president's itinerary included the Pantheon and the tombs of King Victor Emmanuel II and King Humbert. His itinerary took him thence to the Vatican and the Roman Forum.

This afternoon's program includes the president's visit to the Vatican and later his reception of the Protestant bodies of Rome at the American Episcopal Church. His departure for the north is set for 9:30 o'clock.

PRESIDENT WILSON IS RECEIVED BY POPE AT VATICAN

Rome, Jan. 4.—President Wilson today was received at the Vatican by Pope Benedict.

The president's arrival was announced by the master of the chamber to the pope, who awaited the president in the papal apartments. The president was accompanied by his wife and two children. The pope's reception was a most cordial one. The president was admitted immediately to the presence of the pope, who was seated in white.

On his way to the throne room the president was accompanied by the master of the chamber, who presented him to the pope. The president entered the antechamber to the papal apartments. He was greeted by the pontifical chamberlain, Gen. Damiani in immense bushies and the papal guard, and the noble guard in their red tunics were drawn up to greet him.

WILSON BECOMES A ROMAN CITIZEN

Rome, Friday, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press).—It seemed as if all Rome had turned out to greet the president of the United States as he drove from the Quirinal to the Chamber of Deputies, while his arrival in the Chamber was the signal for a notable gathering in the galleries joined. It was the first time in the history of the Chamber that a foreign guest had been greeted inside the Parliament Building by the Senate and Chamber assembled in joint session.

IRISH SITUATION IS DAILY GROWING WORSE

Attention Must Be Given to Problem Soon Is General View.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Daily News, in an editorial discussion of letters from a highly-placed Englishman in Dublin, relative to conditions in Ireland, says:

"We have to choose now between a recognition of Ireland's rights, or the loss of our hard-earned unity with America, and all that means to ourselves and the world. That is a cardinal fact in the menace of the Irish situation."

The newspaper "earnestly appeals" to the Englishmen to "use all their influence to avert the disaster to the world which this threatens," and concludes by saying: "A little longer will be too late."

JAPAN WILL WITHDRAW 24,000 OF HER TROOPS FROM SIBERIA; CLAIMS INTERVENTION FAILED

Tokio Dispatch Is to Effect That Smallest Possible Japanese Force Will in Future Be Maintained in Northern Russia.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—Announcement that 24,000 Japanese troops will be withdrawn from Siberia is reported by a Tokyo dispatch to the Express, quoting an official statement issued by the Japanese war office on December 27. The statement, according to the dispatch, says that Japan intends to maintain henceforth only the smallest possible force in Siberia.

"Public opinion here," says the dispatch, "disapproves the withdrawal. Allied observers, Americans as well as British, speak bitterly of the intervention as being, relatively, a failure, owing to disunity among the allies and their mutual jealousies."

ACROPOLIS EXPRESS WILL BE ESTABLISHED AT AN EARLY DATE

Completion of Railway Is the Initial Step to Larger Project.

PARIS TO ATHENS LINE

An Important Move Made in Work of War Reconstruction.

Paris, Friday, Jan. 3.—Announcement that the "Acropolis express," connecting Paris and Athens, will soon be established points to one of the most important steps in the work of reconstruction following the war. It is the first connection between Western Europe and the Near East, and is the initial step to the larger project of extending the railroad further east through Constantinople and northward to Odessa.

Ultimately it is planned to realize a Bordeaux to Bagdad route, which will take the place of the Teuton scheme of a railroad from Berlin to the city of Haroun-Al-Raschid.

Austrian control down to the Adriatic has hitherto prevented the completion of the line, except under German supervision. The creation of the new Jugoslav state, however, now permits the completion of the entire line under allied influence.

It will run through Milan, Venice, Trieste, Agria, Belgrade, Nish, Larissa, Uskup and thence to Athens.

The name of the new express is a tribute to the great ancient city of ancient Greece. Further extension of the line is being studied by the French ministry of commerce.

LAST OF WOUNDED ARE REMOVED FROM STRANDED STEAMER

Soldiers Aboard Army Transport Conveyed to Hospital Ship.

Fire Island, Jan. 3.—Removal of 200 wounded, the last of the army transport Northern Pacific's soldier passenger liner, aboard the stranded liner, was begun early today under clearing skies, and in an even sea. Submarine chasers and naval launches, carrying the men to the hospital ship Solace, were expected to complete the operation before noon.

Four naval launches drew alongside the ship, which developed a heavier seaward list during the night, and the hospital ship Solace took a position closer in-shore in preparation for the rescue of the wounded veterans of Barroville. Many of those remaining on board are litter cases, thus adding to the difficulties of rescue.

CZECHO-SLOVAK DELEGATES LEAVE PRAGUE JAN. 6

Members Ready for Departure to Peace Conference.

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CANADIAN TRAPPERS GIVEN NEW MARKET IN UNITED STATES

American War Board Permits Importation of Furs.

Washington, Jan. 4.—The war trade board announced yesterday that the supervision heretofore exercised over the importation of polished and rough diamonds, diamond dies and diamond tools will be discontinued January 10.

REPORT IS DENIED

British Foreign Office Declares No Ultimatum Sent.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The foreign office denies that a British ultimatum has been sent to the German commander in the Baltic region, as has been reported. It also declares it has had no reports of the landing of large British forces in the Baltic provinces.

SPAIN'S SPOKESMAN



COUNT ROMANONES, premier of Spain, who has asked Great Britain to hand back Gibraltar to Spain.

NOTHING TO DRINK BUT SOUP, SWEARS SOLDIER WHO CAME ON THE NORTHLAND

Inquiry Into Army Transport Conditions Is Resumed.

STEAMER IS HELD

Delay, It Is Stated, Will Cost About Eight Thousand Dollars a Day.

Ottawa, Jan. 4.—"I never heard so much kicking in my life," was the way in which Company Q. M. S. Flood of Toronto summed up conditions on the Northland, when the investigation was resumed before Judge Hodgins this morning.

During the first few days a number of the men were sick, and unable to take food. As rations were drawn for all, there were then no complaints about insufficiency. But later there were complaints at every meal. Ventilation in the men's section was also bad.

The Northland was due to sail for England at 10 a.m. today. She is being held, however, to enable her officers to give evidence at the inquiry. While the terms on which the admiralty took over the Northland on a time charter have not been made public, it is stated that the delay will cost in the neighborhood of \$8,000 per day.

Staff Quartermaster-Sergeant Harry Gibbons told of having been handed a subscription list which he was instructed to circulate among the non-commissioned officers. At the head of the list it was stated that the money was contributed because the non-commissioned officers were receiving first instead of second class meals. Sergeant Gibbons had collected £25 for a little over, which he handed to the conducting sergeant-major, Barker. He did not know what was done with the money.

Company Quartermaster-Sergeant Flood of Toronto said that for the first two or three days the men appeared to have enough to eat. There were a number of sick, and reports from all were drawn there was enough. Later, however, there were complaints by the men at every meal.

"I never heard so much kicking in my life," Sergeant Flood added. "Did that go on to the end of the voyage?" Mr. O'Brien queried.

"I never noticed any improvement. There were constant complaints at every meal."

He said that at dinner the whole ration—soup, meat and pudding—would be served at once.

"Did they have anything to drink?" "Nothing to drink but the soup."

"What do you say as to the quality of the food?" "I would say it was as good as the army supply."

"Did the fourth or fifth day out the men begin to complain about having nothing to eat?"

PRIVATE WILLIAM HENDERSON Succumbs to Attack of Meningitis.

Private William Henderson succumbed to an attack of meningitis.

Vladivostok, Jan. 3.—(By W. E. Playfair, Canadian Press Correspondent).—Today the first internment was made in the Canadian plot in the Russian naval cemetery, 3 miles south of the city of Vladivostok. The internment was made in the Canadian plot in the Russian naval cemetery, 3 miles south of the city of Vladivostok.

FRENCH RECEIVE WARM RECEPTION IN MONTENEGRO

Troops Enter City of Cetinje on December 22.

Paris, Jan. 4.—French troops entered Cetinje, the capital of Montenegro, on December 22, it is announced. They were greeted enthusiastically by the people and found that good order prevailed in the country. Five members of the National Assembly have been charged with the management of the country's affairs until the union of Montenegro and Serbia under the Kara-Georgievich dynasty has been completed.

PEOPLE'S COUNCIL IS FORMED TO COMBAT THE POLISH MENACE

Germans Prepare To Meet Invasion of the Poles.

Copenhagen, Jan. 4.—A people's council to combat the Polish danger has been established at Danzig, and a military force will be recruited, according to reports from the frontier town of Skalmierz, and destroyed the fortress there. The German garrisons at Ostrowo and Krotoschin, west of the frontier, are threatened seriously.

FIRE AT PAPER PLANT CAUSES \$100,000 DAMAGE

Montreal, Jan. 4.—Damage estimated by the officials of the company at \$100,000 was done by fire at the premises of the Belco Canadian Pulp and Paper Company, Shawinigan Falls, yesterday.

ADOLPHE JOFFE WILL CLAIM ADMIS-SION TO MEETINGS.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Bolshevik Government of Russia intends to send Adolphe Joffe, the former Bolshevik ambassador at Berlin, as its delegate to Paris to claim admission to the peace conference, according to the Echo de Paris today.

GERMAN GOVERNMENT IS SAID TO HAVE DECIDED ON ACTION TO CHECK POLISH INVASION

Socialist Newspapers Voice Indignation Over What They Term Unjustifiable Attitude of the Poles—Possible Irruption of Russian Bolsheviki Troubles Teutons.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—By the Associated Press.—The German cabinet today continued its consideration of the Polish question, but no announcement has yet been made.

The Tagesspiegel says it learns that the possibility of the situation held by the cabinet is reported to have decided that military action is necessary in order to check the Polish invasion. The cabinet also is reported to be considering military measures to prevent the irruption of the Russian Bolsheviki across the eastern frontier.

Poles Capture Junction.

Special dispatches to the Berlin newspapers report that a Polish invasion is feared in the coal mining region of Upper Silesia. The Poles, it is declared, have captured the railway junction of Nakel, west of Bromberg, and the invaders also threatened Schlegel and Beutelscher. In Southern Posen the Poles threaten Kozen. Further north they have taken Mogilno and Zduchowa.

The Socialist Vorwarts and the Bourgeois papers join in voicing indignation over what they call the unjustifiable attitude of the Polish Government. The organs of the Independent Socialists and the Communists are the only papers to oppose military action against the Poles.

The newspapers comment favorably on the alleged order given by the British Government to a British officer to accompany Ignace Jan Paderewski to Warsaw.

BOLSHIEVSKI LEAVE TRAIL OF MURDER, ROBBERY AND ARSON

Enemy Troops Are Reported On the Outskirts of Vilna — Throngs of Refugees Arriving in Warsaw.

Warsaw, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—Bolshevik forces are reported in the outskirts of Vilna and towns on the railway between Minsk and Brest-Litovsk, and are said to have been occupied by them. The Bolsheviks are reported to be burning buildings and robbing and murdering peasants as they advance. Throngs of refugees are arriving here by railway, carts and on foot. The baggage belonging to them has, in many cases, been stolen en route.

Locomotives and cars are being brought westward from the path of the Bolshevik forces by the retreating Germans.

CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA GROWING WORSE UNDER BOLSHIEV REIGN

Warsaw, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press).—The soldiers' families with which she was acquainted. The only one of ten persons who escaped was the wife. The route with which she was lured broke and she dropped to the floor, where, reigning, she was shot. Her husband and eight children butchered by the peasants.

According to all reports reaching here, conditions in Russia are growing worse. Released Russian prisoners coming out of Germany testify to the fact that rather than continue the journey into Russia. The correspondent saw a group of Russian prisoners being taken to the agent at the railway station. The Russian declared: "If we had the chance we would gladly fight the Bolsheviks."

GERMANY IS NOT STARVING, DECLARES HERBERT HOOVER

Teutons Need More Fats, But Otherwise They Can Manage.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Herbert C. Hoover, United States food administrator, in a statement on the food situation in Europe, says that since his arrival he has been co-operating with the officials of the allied governments in an investigation of the food situation, and has ascertained that the population of Germany certainly has enough stocks of food to carry on for awhile, with the exception of fat supplies, which are undoubtedly very short and are developing some condition of disease and a great deal of social discontent.

"The determination of conditions and measures necessary to relieve the situation of the food situation, however, must be our first concern," said Mr. Hoover. "These territories comprise Belgium, Northern France, Trentino, Serbia, Montenegro, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Poland, Finland, and the Baltic states of Russia; and Armenia and Syria, comprising altogether populations aggregating probably 125,000,000 persons."

BATTLESHIP BADEN WILL BE SURRENDERED AT A BRITISH PORT

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Germany's newest battleship, the Baden, will be surrendered at a British port within a few days, in accordance with the terms of the armistice, according to announcement here.

BOLSHIEV GOVT. DELEGATE GOING TO PEACE CONFERENCE

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BRITISH FORCES HAVE NOT BEEN LANDED AT THE PORT OF LIBAU

Warsaw, Thursday, Jan. 2.—(By the Associated Press).—The Russian Baltic port of Libau, according to reports received here, is protected by one British cruiser, three destroyers and one gunboat. The British warships, however, have landed no forces.

The admiral commanding the squadron visited the Lithuanian committee at Vilna and promised to remain at Libau until the Gulf of Riga had begun to freeze.