

## EBERT GOVERNMENT IS REPORTED IN CONTROL

### EBERT GOVERNMENT GAINS CONTROL OF SITUATION

#### Chancellor and Von Hindenburg Reconciled

##### MANY VOLUNTEERS ENROLLING FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE

PARIS, Jan. 10.—Chancellor Ebert has been reported in Berlin, according to a dispatch from Leipzig to-day, quoting the Neueste Nachrichten.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg is in Potsdam, where he arrived two days ago. He does not propose to allow any elections until order is fully restored.

Von Hindenburg's presence, together with the Government's decision to use arms in suppressing the insurgents, has completely changed the situation. The "Red Flag" of the Spartans is no longer being published. Students occupy the plant. Great numbers of volunteers are enrolling in the Government forces. Cavalry and Prussian guards are massed at all gates of the capital. Gustav Noske, the military governor, is working energetically to bring about a complete restoration of order. It is understood that it was he who reconciled Chancellor Ebert and Von Hindenburg.

##### WANT EBERT GOVERNMENT REMOVED

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—The Soldiers' Council in Leipzig has demanded the removal of the Ebert ministry, a dispatch from that city reported to-day.

##### REPUBLICAN GUARDS GO OVER TO EBERT

BASLE, Jan. 10.—Three thousand members of Police President Ebert's republican guards have placed themselves at the disposal of the Ebert-Scheidemann government, according to the Frankfurt Gazette. Ebert has been aiding the Spartans, and his surrender was one of the terms of the truce proposed by the government. The Berlin garrison, which hitherto has been neutral, is now for the government, the newspaper said. Government aviators are flying over the city. The Spartans are still entrenched. A dispatch, filed in Berlin on Wednesday and received here today, stated that the Spartans have seized the principal wireless stations in the capital.

##### SPARTACAN ELEMENTS IS SPREADING

THE HAGUE, Jan. 10.—The Spartans element is spreading through the industrial regions in Rhineish Westphalia, a dispatch from Dusseldorf reported to-day. According to a dispatch from Weimar, a meeting of all Thuringian trade handicraft and agricultural unions decided on Jan. 5 to create a federal republic from all the Thuringian states, with Erfurt as the capital.

##### SPARTACANS ON AGGRESSIVE IN OTHER CITIES

LONDON, Jan. 10.—While the Spartans revolt in Berlin appears to have been quelled by the arrival of loyal troops, rushed to the city by Chancellor Ebert, dispatches received to-day show the rebels still on the aggressive in other German cities.

Reports were conflicting. The Spartans, after seizing the Reichstag building and other public edifices, failed to take the Chancellor's palace, in which the Ebert government has its offices, the dispatches said. Later the Ebert forces ejected Liebknecht's men from most of the buildings they had captured, according to these advices. Fighting was especially severe around the Silesian railway station.

Spartan riots were reported to be dividing in violence, after a bitter machine-gun fire struggle, in which the civilian population suffered heavily. Outbreaks were noted in Essen, Dresden and other cities. A Copenhagen dispatch said there was rioting in Munich.

##### SPARTACANS HAVE SUFFERED HEAVY LOSSES

PARIS, Jan. 10.—The latest news received here from Germany, although fragmentary and sometimes contradictory, indicates that the Ebert government has won a victory over the Spartans, owing to the sudden impetus given the government's case by the support of the loyal elements, whose numbers increased with the prospects of generous sacrifices.

In the sanguinary fighting of the last five days, the Spartans are reported to have suffered very heavy losses.

##### 6000 INFANTRYMEN ARRIVE AT BERLIN

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Eight thousand government infantrymen have

##### VON HINDENBURG'S OFFER REJECTED

LONDON, Jan. 10.—An Essen newspaper report that Field Marshal von Hindenburg has arrived at Cassel from Berlin, the government having turned down his offer to direct operations against the Spartans.

##### LIEBKNECHT NARROWLY ESCAPED LYNCHING

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—Karl Liebknecht, leader of the Spartans, narrowly escaped lynching, on Wednesday evening, a dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende reported to-day. A mob dragged Liebknecht from a taxicab in Unter-den-Linden, according to the dispatch but he was rescued by Spartans before he suffered any serious injury.

Addressing a crowd later, Liebknecht said: "Government supporters have just attempted to lynch me but we routed them. We have formed a revolutionary committee. Therefore, we will arm and remain in the streets."

##### BERLIN BOMBARDED BY AIRMEN

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—Berlin has at last experienced the horror of an enemy bombardment attack. A dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende to-day reported that government aviators attacked the Silesian railway station with bombs on Wednesday night, killing sixty-five persons. The most intense fighting occurred that night in the central and south-western portions of the city, the dispatch said. Casualties were reported to be heavy.

##### DESPERATE FIGHTING CONTINUED YESTERDAY

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Desperate fighting continued in Berlin yesterday, so Leipzig dispatches reported to-day. The Spartans fought from the windows with machine guns and bombs. Great numbers were killed on both sides.

##### GOVERNMENT FORCES ARE IN CONTROL

BERLIN (Thursday).—Government forces are in complete control of that section of the inner city between the Brandenburg gate and Friedrichstrasse. It has issued an order prohibiting all processions.

The Government has scored a decided victory in the capture of the police headquarters which has been one of the Spartans strongholds. The building was taken by the fusilier guards after a short fight. Government forces took building with few casualties. Eichenhorn, the Spartans police chief, escaped but many of his supporters were made prisoners.

##### Declare Conditions Were Not Bad

PURSER, CHIEF STEWARD AND OTHERS TESTIFY RE NORTHLAND

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—At the Northland enquiry to-day the purser, Chief Steward and other officers of the ship denied that conditions aboard the ship were below the standard as sworn to by returning soldiers who have given evidence. If stewards were selling food they said they must have stolen it from galleys and the officers knew nothing about it. The chief engineer explained that water was scarce on the last few days of the trip; because for fear of freezing he had to turn it off at the tanks. When the ship was loaded one ton of fresh water was taken in for every man on the ship.

##### HAD EVENTFUL VOYAGE

ST. JOHN, N.B., Jan. 10.—Scandinavian arrived in port this morning from Liverpool after one of the most eventful voyages of the last few days. She brought 103 officers, 105 other ranks and 740 civilians, the latter chiefly women and children. During the voyage exceptionally rough weather was encountered and many were sick. Spanish influenza broke out and four passengers fell victims and were buried at sea. A child was born at sea.

### Commission Seeks Action Against Kaiser

DIFFICULTIES WHICH MET COMMISSIONERS  
LONDON Jan. 10.—Proceedings against the former German emperor are advised in a special report by a sub-committee of the commission charged with inquiring into the violations of the laws of war, appointed two months ago.

### British Delegates Are Named to Conference

DOMINIONS GET PARTIAL REPRESENTATION  
LONDON Jan. 10.—Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, A. J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and George Nicoll Barnes Privy Councillor, have been appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace conference by the British cabinet, according to the Express and Mail.

Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier of Canada, William Morris Hughes Premier of Australia and General Louis Botha, Premier of the Union of South Africa, will be colonial representatives, who will have seats when the congress takes up business of interest to the Dominions they represent.

### Italy Was Ravaged By Influenza Epidemic

800,000 CASUALTIES ARE REPORTED  
ROME Jan. 10.—There have been 800,000 casualties in the present influenza epidemic in Italy, according to Deputy Montigniemeri, who today asked the government to do all possible to fight the disease.

Incessant rains have flooded the river Tiber, until the surrounding country is inundated.

### Disbanding of Landwehr and Landsturm Told

CONSISTED OF OLDER SOLDIERS  
LONDON Jan. 10.—The German Landwehr and Landsturm have been disbanded, it was announced in an official dispatch from Berlin today.

The Landwehr is the second line of the army. Its age limit is officially set at 39 years. The Landsturm is a "Home Defense" organization, its limit is fixed at 45 but thousands of older men were in its ranks. Many Landwehr divisions saw service at the front. The Landsturm was largely used for garrison and guard duty in the interior and occupied territories.

### British Steamer Hits Mine and Sinks

BELIEVED MOST OF HER CREW WAS LOST  
LONDON Jan. 10.—The British steamer Northumbria, 4,000 tons, struck a mine off Middlesbrough on Thursday and it is believed that most of her crew was lost.

### Wilson Asked to Settle Marine Workers Strike

MAY SO DO BY CABLEGRAM  
WASHINGTON Jan. 10.—President Wilson was called on today by government officials to aid in the settlement of the strike of New York harbor workers. Two reports on the situation were sent to the President in Paris by cable. One was from the White House and the other from Secretary of Labor Wilson, who explained the situation after a conference with W. J. Lusk, Secretary of War Labor board.

### 41,000 Tons of Sugar Beets Put Through

OPERATIONS AT DOMINION PLANT COMPLETED  
The Dominion Sugar Company has finished the operations for the year. Sheaving was completed on January 7th, and the last work finished today when the steam was let out of the plant.

### Buenos Aires Tied up By General Strike

CITY IN DANGER OF STARVATION  
BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 10.—Danger of actual starvation was confronting the people of Buenos Aires to-day as a result of a general strike tying up all transportation. All slaughter houses and meat markets were closed and the stocks of other food were rapidly disappearing. There was no immediate prospect of a replenishment of supplies.

The authorities admitted that the food situation is "alarming."



GAINS MADE BY ALLIES BETWEEN JULY 18TH AND NOVEMBER 11TH, 1918, IN LAST GREAT OFFENSIVE. The shaded area on the above map, shows the gains made by the allies during their counter-offensive, and the dates on which they began their principal drives against the enemy's most advanced positions.

### LATEST CABLE NEWS

#### In Tabloid Form

##### HOW THE ALLIES LINED UP

ROME, Jan. 10.—There were nine Italian, two British and one French division pitted against twenty-three Austrian divisions at the battle of Vittorio Veneto, when the Austrian retreat began, according to an official report issued here to-day.

##### ROOSEVELT LEFT \$500,000 ESTATE

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Theodore Roosevelt left an estate estimated to be worth \$500,000. The will, it became known to-day, bequeaths the entire residue of the estate in trust to Mrs. Roosevelt.

##### AUSTRIA TO HOLD ELECTION NEXT MONTH

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 10.—The Austrian state council has decided to hold the election for a constituent assembly on February 16, it was reported in Vienna dispatches to-day.

##### WHEAT FROM AUSTRALIA

(Special to the Record)  
MELBOURNE Jan. 10.—Australia has sold 50,000 tons of wheat to Norway at \$1.35 a bushel f.o.b. Melbourne. It was officially announced today.

##### LUXEMBURG PEOPLE WANT A REPUBLIC

(Special to the Record)  
PARIS Jan. 10.—Demand for the establishment of a republic and the abdication of Grand Duchess Mary was made by 6,000 persons who made a demonstration in front of the palace in Luxembourg a dispatch from that city reported today.

### Awaiting Arrival of British Delegates

#### NATIONS READY TO BEGIN CONFERENCE

PARIS, Jan. 10.—After nearly a month of waiting and preparation, conversations which will lay the foundation of the actual peace conference are about to start. The American delegates feel that a great deal of progress might have been made before now if the full representation of the nations allied against Germany had promptly arrived.

Suggestions have been made that the French and American delegations go ahead while awaiting the arrival of the British plenipotentiaries, who are now expected on Saturday.

President Wilson, however, vetoed that plan, holding that inasmuch as there has already been so long a delay, it would be best to wait a little longer to secure the participation of British delegates.

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### Civic Party In Baden Successful At Polls

#### POLLED 900,000 AGAINST 14,000 VOTES

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—Elections for a national convention in Baden, resulted in a victory for the civic party, which includes the Social Democrats and conservatives, according to a dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende to-day. They polled 900,000 votes against 14,000 for the independent Socialists.

##### BADEN REJECTS INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 10.—The results of the elections to the national assembly in Baden have been disappointing to the Socialists, according to an admission made by the Freiheit of Berlin. Out of total of nearly one million votes, the Independent Socialists polled less than 15,000 and failed to elect a single representative.

##### SAYS DISPATCH FROM PARIS

LONDON (Canadian Press) Jan. 10.—Messages from Paris indicate that Premier Clemenceau and Lloyd George have scored a great success on the question of the freedom of the seas and that very little is likely to be said thereon when the actual peace conference assemblies.

##### The Problem is a National One

HON. J. A. CALDER SAYS RE-GARDING DEMOBILIZATION  
TORONTO Jan. 10.—"No matter how complete an organization you may have an organization in itself will never solve this problem. No government or set of governments can solve it. The problem is really a national one," said Hon. J. A. Calder, Minister of Immigration and chairman of the Reparation Committee, in an interview today when he discussed the problems of demobilization and repatriation.

##### MONTENEGRINS HAVE EXPELLED JUGO-SLAVS

ROME, Jan. 10.—Montenegrins revolted and expelled the Jugo-Slavs from that country on January 5, it was announced at Montenegro consulate here to-day.



MAJOR BLAIR M. CLERK, M.C., Canadian Machine Gun Corps, who has left for Japan and Russia on a special military mission. Major Clerk commanded the 11th Machine Gun Co. in France and Belgium for over two years and was wounded six times. He is well-known in athletic circles, having played rugby for Argonauts of Toronto and was stroke of the eight-oared crew that established a record on the Canadian Henley course.

### BRITISH PLAN OF LEAGUE MAY BE ONE ADOPTED

#### President Wilson Is Sympathetically Inclined

##### ROBERT CECIL STAUNCHLY SUPPORTS IT

PARIS, Jan. 10.—(By Robert J. Bender).—The British may have the honor of fathering a definite plan for the application of President Wilson's plan for a league of nations.

The impression was growing here to-day that the plans formulated by members of the British war cabinet may finally be adopted by the peace conference.

It is known that the American delegates are sympathetically studying the ideas advanced by the British officials, and it is believed President Wilson, who has formed his own plan is receptively inclined toward the British program.

Added strength has been given to this view by the fact the Lord Cecil, Assistant Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, who long ago took an advanced attitude on this subject is engaging in constantly lengthening conferences with the American representatives. Other influential members of the British cabinet have also submitted data regarding a league of nations, which the Americans are studying thoroughly and with growing approval.

Cecil's plans, it is known, contemplate far more power for the league than has been suggested from other allied sources. It is believed also that he is inclined toward Wilson's attitude, that Germany should be admitted to probationary membership.

Cecil has often expressed the view that the formation of a league of nations is most important, and should be the first work of the peace conference.

##### Returned From Executive Meeting

#### ASSESSMENT COMMISSIONER M. HUENEGARD REVIEWS PROCEEDINGS

Assessment Commissioner M. Huenegard has returned from Toronto where he with other members of the Executive of the Ontario Municipal Association met and waited on the Provincial Secretary, Hon. W. D. McPherson, and laid before him the various recommendations passed by the Association at its annual meeting about a month ago.

The resolutions presented in a number of instances were favorably commented on by the Provincial Secretary and Mr. McPherson will bring the matter before the government departmental officials for consideration.

##### Among the resolutions brought before the Provincial Secretary was the recommendation to empower municipalities to adopt an optional system of government without impairing the legislative powers of the Council by the appointment of a city manager or the devising of a plan where by the Mayor and the Board of Control, if one exists, or the Mayor and the executive officers in various departments, would constitute an administrative body.

An important recommendation was that Councils be again empowered to appoint members of the Council to public bodies to which they regularly appoint members. Up to last year a Council could appoint one of its own members to the Board of Health, City Planning Commission and other bodies. Through the initiative of the Chairman of the London Board of Health this was changed, generally unnoticed by municipal Councils. It is claimed that a Council should be represented on these bodies so that they would be better able to keep in touch with all the business of the Corporation.

##### The matter of amending the law requiring cities to contribute to the total cost of the maintenance of suburban roads was impressed upon the Government's representative, Mr. Baker of London.

##### ST. JOHN, Jan. 10.—The transport Scandinavia docked this morning with returning soldiers, including several hundred from Ontario points. Trains are in waiting and they will leave for their destinations immediately.

##### SPARTACANS CONTROL POLICE HEADQUARTERS

Advices from Berlin to-day said police headquarters were now again in the hands of Spartans factions.

##### CANADA'S PRESENT IS REVIEWED BEFORE THE CANADIAN CLUB

#### Prof. Gilmore of McMaster University Outlines Necessity For Reorganization

Before the Canadian Club last evening when the regular luncheon was held in the Macdonald Hall, Canada's Present was the subject of an address by Prof. Gilmore of McMaster University, Toronto. The guest of the evening in his flowing style of language and in his masterly way of analysis and deduction reviewed the present status of Canada and the coming problems in the reorganization period.

In brief the speaker impressed three factors. These are the proper care of and attention to the returned men; secondly, the avoidance of tendencies leading to anarchy such as is rampant in parts of Europe today and thirdly our duty to build up a real manhood.

Prof. Gilmore after impressing upon his hearers the fact that the men who fought the battles had passed through conditions abnormal, through hell so to say, must be shown every consideration. In the difficult effort to put the men back into civilian life patience must be shown. It was a problem to which men of the highest intelligence should be assigned in order to work out a solution. We should never lose sight of the fact that these men saved us from the iron heel of militarism and preserved everything we hold dear.

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pointed out the position of the City of London, which has to help in the upkeep of 65 miles of suburban roads. The City he said was required to help to pay bills for snow shovelling and the cutting of weeds.

The Provincial Secretary, Mr. Huenegard stated, admitted the reasonableness of the request to have the law amended in regard to the payment of the cost of repairs and upkeep.

Among the questions brought up before the Association recently and of which course were among those submitted to the Provincial Secretary were several suggestions by Mr. Huenegard. These included:

The mailing of assessment notices; the carrying of all tax arrears forward on the new roll; the organization of an Assessment Commissioners' Association so that the probabilities for an equalized assessment in all cities be increased; that all candidates for school trustees file a qualification as candidates for the Mayoralty and Council must; that business and income tax be collected in the same year as the assessment is made. Mr. Huenegard stated that the last recommendation he considers necessary in order to avoid losses which at present are unavoidable because many changes in business take place every year.

Among the members of the Executive who were present were: George K. Dewey, Brookville; S. H. Baker, London; E. M. Young, Peterborough; Miss Mary Grant, London; township; Rev. Ben. H. Spence, Toronto; L. F. Vance, Hamilton; W. B. Doherty, St. Thomas; H. P. Leonard, Brantford; S. Watt, St. Catharines; T. H. Manley, Sarnia; M. B. Holmes, Athens; A. K. Bunton, and F. L. Waddell, Hamilton.

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##### Her Strategic Position.

Referring to the future the speaker pointed out that Canada was strategically situated between Asia and Europe. He stated that the time would come when the people of the Western countries would have to meet the claims of the East.

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