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Germans Refuse Allied Troops For Policing Silesia

Powers Can Not Send Them Before Peace Treaty Ratified; Report of Hun Return to Reign of Terror

Berlin, Aug. 25.—Germany has declined to invite Allied troops to police Silesia before they have that right under the treaty which stipulates that they are to safeguard the plebiscite there.

The question of sending Allied troops to Silesia came before the supreme council in Paris on Saturday, said dispatches on the subject indicating that Germany was being sounded on her willingness to permit foreign troops to enter the district for police purposes before the peace treaty had been ratified.

Germany has ratified the peace treaty, but of the principal Allied Powers only Great Britain so far has ratified the document, which provides that it shall become effective when three of the great powers have passed favorably upon it.

FIREMEN ASK FOR ANOTHER DAY OFF AND \$15 RAISE

Now Allowed Only One Day Off In Fifteen FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION

Department Will Send Representation to Moncton for Labor Day Demonstration—Market Building Tenants Agree to Increased Rents

A delegation representing the permanent men of the city fire department appeared before the common council which met in committee this morning and asked for an additional day off each month and also for an increase of \$15 a month.

The present tenants in the city market building in Charlotte street have agreed to meet the increased rent offered by a real estate firm it was decided that no change should be made.

All members of the council, except Commissioner Fisher, who still is ill, were present.

The hearing of the firemen's delegation was the first business before the committee. Charles Perry, Samuel Seeds, Thomas Nichols, William Connors and Dennis O'Keefe, representatives of the Fire Fighters' Union and Mr. Perry outlined the case.

Regarding the wages question, he said the cost of living was pressing heavily upon them. In his case he paid \$80 a month rent and had to sub-let rooms to bring this charge down to \$20. Food for his family of six cost him about \$15 a week and his left him about \$2 a month for all other expenses.

At present the drivers receive \$85 a month and the engineers \$100. The mayor remarked that the council would be disposed to give their requests the most favorable consideration.

It would be necessary for them to consult with the chief regarding the rearrangement of hours, and he feared they could not promise any increase until the appropriation for next year was made up.

Mr. Thornton said the extra holiday would entail either additional expense or less adequate protection, but if it could be worked out so that neither of these results would follow, as the men maintained, he would be glad to support their request.

For the present he could not recommend any increase unless the council gave him a special grant for the purpose.

Mr. Nichols also spoke briefly regarding the need for more money for the firemen.

The mayor repeated his promise of favorable consideration and the delegation withdrew, after thanking the committee for the hearing.

Commissioner Thornton will report to the council on the requests submitted. Mr. Thornton brought up the invitation of the city council of Moncton for a representation from the St. John fire department for the Labor Day celebration there.

He explained that he had called a meeting of the call men and salvage corps and he thought they could get a fair representation and would take one piece of apparatus. The men were willing to pay part of their expenses, but he moved that a grant of \$200 be made towards the expense.

Mayor Hayes remarked that the Moncton men had come to St. John and he thought St. John should reciprocate. Mr. Jones agreed and the motion was carried.

As Hiram Sees It

The Settlement, Aug. 25.

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, as they sat on the veranda shelling peas, "as an interesting co-operative experiment in housing today."

"You mean you read about it," said Hiram. "On the contrary, I saw it," replied the reporter. "You know that wood-road leading from the back pasture. I was strolling along it this afternoon when I came to a scruffy fir tree and noticed a pile of sawdust at its foot. On closer examination I discovered a little trail of sawdust along the trunk for about four feet from the ground, when it ended in a hole in the side of the tree. A number of ants were crawling about very rapidly and little atoms of sawdust were being dropped over the edge to swell the pile below."

"Makin' winter quarters," said Hiram. "That tree was easy cuttin' inside. Them ants know what they're about—yes, sir. I suppose," said the reporter, "they have architects and sawyers and carriers and furnishers and all the rest of it."

"Sure," said Hiram. "Every feller knows his job, an' when it's done there ain't no bill for extras, an' no builders' profits. An' if any feller shirks his job they show him right away where he fits. They don't hev no profliteers—an' no critters that wont work for a livin'."

"Are they Bolshevists, I wonder?" queried the reporter. "No, sir," said Hiram. "They're just what you called 'em fast. They're one of the original co-operative societies. If you hed one like it in St. John, that there housin' commission wouldn't hev no trouble at all. Among human critters there's always some that wants to grab more'n their share—an' some that's too lazy to get out of their own way. Them too kine's makin' all the trouble—an' they're so crasy 'bout what we call the liberty of the individual that we jist lay back an' let one crowd skin us an' the other crowd skin us, an' the feller that said to go an' learn of the ant knowed what he was talkin' about—By Hen!"

"When I go back to the city," said the reporter, "I will call up Com. Bullock and tell him about the ants."

"Do," said Hiram, "an' tell it to all them fellers that's lookin' for houses."

"During the grave weeks before the war," writes Von Buelow, "serious psychological, diplomatic and political mistakes were made by Germany's political leaders, which were justly ascribed to the people's responsibility."

THREE BABIES BORN; TWO MOTHERS DIE ON GARMANIA VOYAGE

Halifax, N. S., Aug. 25.—Three births occurred during the voyage of the Garmania, which arrived here yesterday with Canadian imperial soldiers and their dependents. In addition, two mothers died giving birth to children, and there were twelve premature births.

The weather throughout the trip, with the exception of one day, was fine, but there was considerable sea sickness during the voyage.

APPOINTMENTS OF QUEBEC MINISTERS

Quebec, Aug. 25.—Three provincial ministers were appointed today. The statement was officially given out at 2 p. m. at the offices of the lieutenant-governor-in-council.

The Hon. L. A. Taschereau becomes attorney-general, while Sir Lomer Goulet remains premier and president of the executive council. The Hon. A. Gagnon becomes minister of public works, and Hon. J. E. Perreault, M. L. A. for Arthabaska, becomes minister of colonization and mines, replacing Hon. Mr. Mercier. A. David, M. L. A. for Terrebonne, has been appointed provincial secretary, replacing Hon. J. L. Decary. C. Robillard, former M. L. A. for St. James, becomes a legislative councillor for Lanaudiere.

SAW MUCH SERVICE. Among those returning home on the Saxonia from overseas was Lieut. H. S. Everett of St. Andrews. He went over first with the 6th Mounted Rifles, was wounded and returned to Canada, where he joined again in the 29th, receiving captain's rank. On the break-up of that unit he reverted and crossed to France again as a lieutenant in the 42nd Battalion, with which he saw much further service. He is well known about the city and has been warmly welcomed.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, James H. McParland & Sons were given permission to remove a gasoline tank from No. 105 to No. 2 Water street.

A communication from Taylor & Sweeney offered \$2,500 a year rental for the two stores in the south side of the market building, facing Charlotte street, on condition that the rental to the figure for the expenditure of \$20,000 for improvements and that heating be installed, the lease to be for five years.

Mr. Thornton recommended that, in view of the fact that the present occupants had expressed their willingness to increase the rental to the figure mentioned, and that it might be difficult to install heating, no change be made. The recommendation was adopted.

In view of the illness of the commissioner of public works, Mr. Jones moved that the city engineer be authorized to bring down a report on the tenders for the St. James street retaining walls, and that the checks of unsuccessful tenderers should be returned. This was agreed to.

The matter of an allowance for the family of the late Policeman James H. Gosline, was brought up by Mr. Thornton and will be considered at the council meeting on Tuesday.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS



Come on in. It isn't deep.—St. Louis Star.

BOSTON AND VICINITY HIT BY WORST STORM OF SUMMER

Church Towers Wrecked, Crowds Driven From Beaches, and Crops Are Damaged Greatly

(Special to Times) Boston, Aug. 25.—Thunder, lightning and torrential showers, swept down from the St. Lawrence a southwest wind yesterday, from three till late in the evening, then returned today, spreading anxiety, brilliant light effects and much rain over Boston and New England. The series of storms, was the most severe of the summer. The continued thunder and lightning, often of a startling character, exceeded anything seen here in several years.

Lightning wrecked church towers in Dedham, Chelsea and Amherst, fired an electric car at Mattitohick, houses in Chelsea, Salisbury Beach and other places, ruined tobacco crops \$100,000 in value about Northampton, drove off crowds of 25,000 to 250,000, at the beaches and turned small streams into rivers and hailstones from a pea in size to a walnut, splintered thousands of windows.

ROUMANIA REFUSES TO ACCEPT PEACE CONFERENCE DECISION

Paris, Aug. 25.—(Havas Agency)—The Roumanian cabinet has refused to accept the decision of the peace conference relative to the division of Banat and the frontier between Roumania and Serbia, according to the Echo de Paris, which adds that Serbia is reported to be considering the general mobilization of her army.

ROTARY CLUB APPOINTS A COMMITTEE ON PAVING

The Rotary Club at their weekly meeting at Bond's today, appointed a committee consisting of E. A. Schofield, F. A. Dykeman, A. E. Everett and E. J. Terry to co-operate with the Board of Trade committee in formulating an act to improve the pavement of the city streets. The resolution was passed after a lengthy discussion on paving, in which Chester Brown, H. Mont Jones, W. S. Fisher, B. E. Armstrong, C. A. Conlon, E. J. Terry, Dr. Chipman and others took part.

The club also heard an interesting talk from Mr. Cosar of the Cosar Farm on the means which have been taken in the old country recently to improve the working and social conditions of employees and to bring the employers and their men and women into closer relationship.

DOCK WORKMEN AT VERSAILLES TO STRIKE. Marseilles, Aug. 24.—Dock workmen today voted to call a general strike. They demand a wage of twenty-one francs for an eight hour day, and no overtime.

Poincare Returns. Paris, Aug. 25.—President Poincare, who has been visiting various cities in Alsace and Lorraine, returned to Paris this morning.

NEW RESIDENTIAL SECTION. A large plan showing the layout of the lots in the city's new residential section in the Manawagonish road, is being prepared in the city engineer's office and when completed will be displayed in a store window somewhere so that citizens may see the opportunities offered for new homes amid pleasant surroundings.

GIVEN SEVEN DAYS. The court martial which was held on Augustus Waters, charged with wearing the uniform of a British officer without permission, met on Saturday morning and heard the evidence. The result was promulgated in the afternoon and he was sentenced to seven days' detention. It was said that his physical condition was such that he would be unable to do sentence with hard labor.

RENOUW SAILORS ON LEAVE IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Aug. 25.—Five hundred officers and men from H. M. S. Renown, which brought the Prince of Wales to Quebec, are visiting the city today.

Toronto, Aug. 25.—In the international aerial flight, No. 51, the Oriole machine pilot Roland Rolfe turned turtle in taking off. No one was hurt but the start of all competitors was in consequence delayed.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight, cooler in the interior; Tuesday, fair, moderate west winds.

Conditions At Marsh Creek Need Remedying

Sewage From Above Bridge Not Carried Away and Serious Situation Calls for Vigorous Action

Conditions at the Marsh creek, particularly above the aboideau and bridge, have been such as to elicit the most unfavorable comment from those who reside or do business in that vicinity, and have been such as to attract the attention of those merely passing by. The conditions regarding which complaints have been made are due to the sewerage which empties into the creek above the bridge, and for which there is no adequate avenue of escape.

The accumulation, more particularly in the hot weather, adds nothing to the attractiveness of the neighborhood. The odors which arise from the creek are unpleasant enough in themselves, but the more serious aspect of the case is the warning they give of unsanitary conditions which are liable to lead to the spread of disease.

It is not surprising that the creek should be offensive when it is realized that the large sewer which runs through Forest street and empties into the creek drains a very large section of that part of the city, including all the eastern portion of Mount Pleasant and the streets between the summit of the hill and the bridge. The sewer does not even lead to the water line, but empties its contents on the banks of the creek, whence it flows over the mucky flats to the creek. There are also a certain number of private sewers emptying into the creek and which help to pollute the waters.

Matter of Gates. In former years the creek did not constitute such a serious menace to the public health, as the gates in the old sewer were not so effective as those in the present structure and allowed a greater inflow of sea water at high tides. This had the effect of flushing the creek twice each day and so kept the banks in a reasonably sanitary condition. Since the concrete aboideau was constructed several years ago, and since the amount of sewerage entering the creek has been increasing, conditions have been growing worse until today they urgently demand attention.

When the matter was taken up this morning with J. B. Jones, commissioner who does business in that vicinity and who has suggested the opening of the tide gates at certain times during the summer to flush the creek. As an alternative, it had been suggested that the sewer main should be continued to the lower side of the bridge and there discharged into the creek. Another solution would be found in the diversion of the sewer from its present outlet by bringing it down Gilbert's Lane along City Road and then emptying into the creek. Once the sewage had been brought below the bridge, he believed it would be necessary some time to dredge the Marsh Creek to make sure of an even flow of water which would carry everything out to sea.

It was agreed before adjournment that Mr. Ferguson, Sir Sam Hughes and Rev. Mr. Palmer would be given opportunity to look over the departmental files relating to the matter.

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—The hearing into the Guelph novitiate charges opened here a little after 11 o'clock this morning with the entrance of Judges Middleton and Chisholm, the commissioners appointed to conduct it. First the charges were read by the clerk, and then Commissioner Middleton asked Mr. Ferguson whether he was ready to proceed at once with the investigation.

Mr. Ferguson replied that he was not. He had, he said, regarded this as a merely formal opening. He could not proceed very far without calling witnesses, and they were not present because he had been given no authority to subpoena witnesses.

Mr. Ferguson—"Not necessarily?" Commissioner Middleton then said that he would give authority to Mr. Ferguson to summon any witnesses who were material and necessary.

Another question which arose, said Mr. Ferguson, was that of conduct for the witnesses. Should not the crown pay their expenses if they were summoned? The chief commissioner referred this question to Mr. Newcomb, who replied that he thought the crown would be required to pay the expenses of any witnesses who were material and necessary. He wanted assurance, however, that this was the case.

Mr. Ferguson said that both Sir Sam Hughes and Mr. Palmer had understood from the prime minister that the expenses of necessary witnesses would be defrayed. The expenses, he said, would not be very great if the commission would sit in London and if certain files material to the case were produced.

JAPAN AND CHINA. Tokio, Aug. 22.—It is reported that at this time a visitation of imperial edicts, upholding the opinions advanced by the military element in the governments, decided to insist upon the exclusion of Manchuria and Mongolia from the consortium by which Great Britain, France, the United States and Japan will assume a dominant position in the finances of China. It is said that negotiations will be resumed with the powers on that basis.

ANOTHER DEFEAT FOR REVOLUTIONISTS. San Salvador, Sunday, Aug. 24.—Honduran revolutionary forces have been defeated and scattered, with a loss of many killed, wounded and missing, by government troops in the neighborhood of Santa Rosa, near the Guatemalan frontier, according to an official Honduran dispatch.

MURDERED AND HIS \$800 GONE

Body of Galician Found on C.P.R. Track in Ontario. Kenora, Ont., Aug. 25.—W. Polodovsky, a Galician, was murdered yesterday morning on the Canadian Pacific Railway near the town of Norman by some one unknown. His vest and shirt were torn open and a belt which, his friends say, contained about \$800 in bills, was removed. His gold watch and \$18 which he had in a pocket in his pocket were touched.

REDS REPORT THAT INSURGENTS HAVE CIRCLED VLADIVOSTOK. Vladivostok, Aug. 14.—Siberian forces retreating on the East Russian front have planned to make a stand on the Ishim River, which crosses the trans-Siberian railway, about 175 miles west of Vladivostok. Reports hitherto have stated that the Siberian retreating would stop on the line of Tobolsk, about ninety miles further west.

MILLIONS FOR PULLMAN RENTAL. Washington, Aug. 25.—The railroad administration today signed a contract with the Pullman Company calling for annual rental of \$11,750,000.

THINKS U. S. SHOULD HELP GERMANY WITH FUNDS. Berlin, Sunday, Aug. 24.—(By the Associated Press)—George Muech, financial writer on the staff of the Tagelblatt, scores the United States for failing to assist Germany financially, and asserts that Americans are even guilty of machinations to depress the value of the mark artificially.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturp, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis.—The barometer is high to the west of the Great Lakes and relatively low over the St. Lawrence Valley and the Atlantic coast. Showers have occurred in Quebec and northern Ontario, while in other parts of the dominion the weather has been fair.

Showers. Maritime—Fresh to strong south and southwest winds, cloudy and unsettled with showers tonight and on Tuesday. Gulf and North Shore—Fresh to strong southeast to southwest winds, unsettled and showery today and on Tuesday.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight, cooler in the interior; Tuesday, fair, moderate west winds.