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BRITISH FLEET SAID TO BE ON WAR FOOTING; READY IF GERMANS DON'T SIGN

London Papers Display Reports of Preparations, Including Use of The New Giant Dirigibles



This is the huge R-33 which may be used if Huns withhold peace treaty signature

London, June 19.—Morning newspapers feature British naval and other preparations in the event of Germany refusing to sign the treaty of peace and print under big headlines several unofficial reports which were current during the night. It is reported that the grand fleet has again been placed on a war footing and ready to sail for German waters at a moment's notice. It is also stated that the dirigible R-34 has been diverted from her trans-Atlantic trip, equipped with bombs and machine guns and has been sent on to the Baltic, with her commander, the R-33, steadily equipped left on Wednesday night for a cruise which will include the Kiel Canal.

A telegram from Copenhagen reports the arrival there of a dozen British cruisers, and several destroyers prepared to enforce the blockade. According to some reports, the R-34, which is now over the Baltic, is neither armed nor loaded with bombs, but is undergoing a final trial preparatory to her Atlantic voyage. The Daily Sketch says the R-34 was over Berlin at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Standard Germany refuses to sign, according to one officer, the flight of the R-34 will be hastened instead of retarded. The dirigible which was engaged in a demonstrative flight over Germany will return to its base tonight and remain there until the German declaration is announced.

"Bombs and machine guns were unnecessary in the present flight," said the officer. "Should they have to go eastward again, however, these things may be needed."

This appears to dispose of reports that the R-33 and R-34 were armed for their eastward cruises.

London, June 19.—The flight of the British dirigible R-34 to the United States is definitely postponed until Germany decides what she intends to do regarding the peace terms.

WEST END IMPROVEMENT LEAGUE-LIVE ORGANIZATION

Some Matters Deal With at Meeting Held Last Night

At a meeting of the West End Improvement League last evening the following ladies were added to the executive to assist in the supervision of the playgrounds: Mrs. A. J. Mulcahy, Mrs. Norman F. McLean, Miss E. Cochran and Mrs. J. H. Jenner. They were empowered to add two more women to their committee.

A discussion regarding the erection of bleachers showed that public opinion favored this and the following committee was appointed to look after the construction: Jerome Morris, Fritz Brittain, S. T. Walters, Charles Morris and R. H. Parsons.

Owing to a certain number of fans attending the games in the St. John Baseball League persisting in using insulting remarks to the players, the committee decided to instruct the police to put such offenders off the grounds.

The matter of water supply to West St. John was also taken up and was discussed at some length. Many present contended that the commissioners were not giving sufficient support to the proposed improved service and a resolution to this effect was drawn up and unanimously passed and will be forwarded to the members of the common council. They commended Commissioner Jones for his stand in the matter.

Owing to the large amount of work being undertaken it was decided to give Secretary B. H. Parsons an assistant and Murray Beatty was appointed to fill the position. Mr. Parsons will in future be general secretary and Mr. Beatty field secretary.

CITY AND VETERANS

Commissioner Thornton explained this morning that one of the reasons why there was no vacancy for a former member of the police force who has returned from overseas service was that he had no record of the fact that the policeman was overseas. When he took charge the department was disorganized and it was necessary to bring it up to full strength as promptly as possible. He was anxious to do something for this veteran and expected to have a vacancy for him before long.

Commissioner Fisher also had a word of explanation about the case of Mr. Goodwin who had been employed on engineering work by the city before enlisting. His position was a temporary one and no work of the same nature is in progress at present but he also hoped to find an opening for the former soldier.

SIGN THE TREATY AND END AN AGONY FEELING NOW OF BERLIN PEOPLE

That is Situation as A. P. Correspondent Sees It

OFFICIALS AGAINST THIS

Delegates Reported to Have Prepared Memo Recommending That Cabinet Refuse—Head of Delegation Said to Have Threatened Resignation

Berlin, June 18.—(By the Associated Press)—"Sign the treaty and be through with the agony," is the gist of the comment of the people of Berlin today.

After the wrath provoked by the indictment contained in the covering note of the Allied powers, the residents of Berlin seemed to have resigned themselves to the inevitable.

"Either the city will terrorize them without end," was the way one small merchant put it today.

No Decision Yesterday

Weimar, June 18.—(Associated Press)—The cabinet yesterday debated the peace terms. It was officially announced that no decision had been arrived at.

The government yesterday received Premier Clemenceau's note apologizing for the stalling of members of the German peace delegation at Versailles.

Berlin, June 19.—(By the Associated Press)—The German peace delegation has drafted a memorandum recommending that the cabinet refuse to sign the peace treaty, according to a Weimar despatch to the Zeitung Am Mittag.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the delegation, and other members of the delegation unless this view is adopted.

Paris, June 19.—The supreme court yesterday decided that the recognition of Germany is a question for the competent authorities of each country to decide, but that each country must inform the others of what action it has taken.

The Chronicle's impression is that the Germans will sign but it through internal political discussion they delay, our armies and fleets will quickly end such a delay.

The Mail expresses no final opinion. There seems to be a weakening on the part of the cabinet.

The Graphic says that the Germans escape full financial responsibility despite all Lloyd George's promises during the last election, but it is satisfactory to note that the Allies are firm on bringing the Kaiser to trial which, if fairly conducted, will do more to prevent further wars than a dozen leagues of nations.

Toronto, June 19.—Ontario's strawberry crop is large, and prices are dropping rapidly. At Eisenburg on Saturday boxes sold for thirty cents a box, and by Monday evening had dropped to twenty cents, then district rates of last evening brought on the crop with unexpected brightness, but not enough pickers to get the berries off the vines, and today berries were selling at fifteen cents, and by the end of the week present indications are that they will be twelve cents a box. The rapid decline in prices is creating a big demand for sugar. All other small berries preliminary a huge crop in this district.

SIX PRELIMINARIES TO THE BIG FIGHT

Toledo June 19.—Fifty-four scheduled rounds of boxing will precede the 12-round heavy-weight championship contest between Jess Willard and Jack Dempsey.

There will be three bouts of eight rounds each and three of ten. The first match will start at ten o'clock in the evening.

Machine Guns Clatter In Fight as German Delegates Reach Weimar

Spartacan and Communist Prisoners Attack Castle Where Members of Government Were Quartered

Weimar, June 18.—(By the Associated Press)—A special train bringing Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau and his colleagues from Versailles reached Weimar and was run into a building a little after midnight. Government troops which were arriving to strengthen the city's protection, were marching through the dark streets to the quarters of the train.

The casualties in the fighting were five Spartacans and one government guard, while twenty-eight Spartacans were captured. The men who attacked the castle had hidden a number of loaded rifles in the bushes surrounding it.

The situation was calm this morning, but at all the public buildings the guards were increased. The officials refused to give any information as to the attack.

While at Baddeck where he will spend the summer with his wife, Prof. Bell will carry on experiments. He said that he believed the tetra-hedral system of airplane construction was now to come into its own, and he looked for great developments in the way of commercial navigation by air before long.

Halifax, N. S., June 19.—Edward Stuart Graham, who expects to leave with the flying boat No. 1878, for Lake Umbagog on Saturday, made a trial flight last evening, reaching an altitude of 5,000 feet. Graham plans to hop off at daybreak on Saturday, and will fly to John's Head along the St. John river to Temisouate, making the direct flight in eight hours. He will return to Halifax in two days back to Halifax in October.

Halifax, N. S., June 19.—The following Canadians received their decorations at the hands of His Majesty at a recent investiture at Buckingham Palace:

Bar to the Military Cross—Captain Francis Hamilton, artillery.

Military Cross: Lieut. Col. T. Newcombe, R. C. R.; Captain H. Cochran and Donald Grant, R. C. R.; Douglas Higgins, artillery; Charles Kerr, medic; George Murray, 8th Regiment.

Bar to the Military Cross—Captain Warren Nelson, artillery; Frank Sawyer, R. C. L.; Lieutenants F. J. Almonrough, Harry Brownhill, Lloyd Chapman, Harry Brownhill, Vincent McKenna, John Mitchell, Frank Whitehead, Selwin Wilson, artillery, and Charles Brock, military gun.

Captain Francis Hamilton who received a bar to his M. C. was an ensign with the 3rd Brigade, 4th Canadian Divisional artillery, and is a son of Henry C. Hamilton, of the civil service in Ottawa, and grandson of the late Judge Hamilton of Dorchester. His mother was in the city recently in connection with the work of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

THE RAILWAY SHOPMEN

Montreal, June 19.—Whether to await the United States award or to strike in order to hasten negotiations with the Canadian Railway War Board, is a question start voting tomorrow.

The railway war board received a letter from the committee today, the substance of which was to the effect that a re-opening of negotiations would be agreeable to the committee.

FARMERS BRING WORD OF BERRY CROP SOLD TO MONTREAL

Some farmers who came to the city this morning from the up-river district said that the city would probably have to depend on other places than along the St. John for the bulk of its strawberry supply this year. They said that buyers from Montreal had recently been through the river counties and had bought the bulk of the strawberry crop for the season at twenty cents a box, the same price as given by canners in Ontario. These farmers were from the Belleisle district but said they had been talking to others from other parts on both sides of the river who had made similar sales. They said that the present outlook was for a very good crop.

ON HOLIDAY TRIP

J. A. McLeod assistant general manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, arrived in the city this morning from Toronto. He is here on a vacation and will go on a fishing trip with some local friends.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Hiram Hiramson, this morning, "I want to let you in on a little deal to make a dollar."

"What do you want to do?" Hiram asked.

"If you want to sell me some stock in a new company, I'll buy it, but you'll have to put your own money in it, you know."

CHICAGO SAYS \$25,000 BOLSHEVIK MONEY WAS SENT FOR WORK IN CANADA

Developments in The Strike Situation

Conference in Winnipeg Today—Saskatoon Vote For General Strike if Winnipeg Prisoners Not Released

Chicago, June 19.—Bolshevism under the management of the "committee of five" is financially prosperous in Chicago. It was asserted yesterday in connection with the arrest of R. B. Russell a Winnipeg radical, finding themselves with more money than they needed for local propaganda, sent \$25,000 through Russell and other sources to establish Soviet rule in the Dominion.

Phillip J. Barry, superintendent of investigation for the department of justice verified the information, stating the committee of radicals in charge had been sending money to Canada for several months. The funds were raised at meetings here for the purpose of converting Canada to Bolshevism.

"I am not at liberty to name the contributors or the amounts," said Mr. Barry, "but my agents have been working on the case and have detailed information."

Mr. Barry indicated that although collecting funds to be used abroad for Bolshevism might not constitute a federal violation, criminal activities would be unexcused.

Castling Credit

Vancouver, B. C., June 19.—As Vancouver swung into the third week of its general strike called by the Trades and Labor Council the pitch of the workless dollarism man began to be felt among retail stores. At a meeting of the local merchants it was decided to curtail credit to all strikers and a further move was made toward alienating credit entirely. It is now the women and children who are feeling the brunt of the strike, according to statements made by the dealers, who declare that trade in women's and children's goods has dropped within the last week fully sixty per cent.

Vancouver, B. C., June 19.—Retail shopmen in Vancouver yesterday decided to remain at work until called out by their international. This decision was reached before the notice of the cancellation of the strike order was received from Montreal. In Vancouver, the shopmen voted to remain at work.

Some of the freight handlers and clerks returned to work on the C. P. R. this morning. Those who did not automatically were deprived of their positions. Their places were filled forthwith, so it was officially announced.

The official bulletin of the citizens' league yesterday stated that the constitution of the labor defense league in Vancouver contains the following phrase: "So that when the labor comes we may be able to take over the reins of government."

The World states that 250 mounted policemen from Siberia are on the steamer Mont Eagle, due here today, and that this force will remain in Vancouver, bringing the number of mounted policemen under the jurisdiction of the Vancouver district to 400.

Conference in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, June 19.—Representatives of the strike committee were in conference with the Trades and Labor Council yesterday afternoon, discussing the question of a general strike of labor, last night. No statement was given out, but it is understood the minister went fully into the question of why advantage had been taken of the amendment to the immigration act to arrest strike leaders suspected of Bolshevism tendencies.

The explanation will be considered by the strike committee, and it is possible that a further conference with the minister will be held today.

A copy of this resolution was wired to the Secretary Albert Trades Council and the secretary of that body replied: "Men here vote solidly to stand behind strike leaders and also endorse resolution."

Winnipeg, June 19.—Railway car men took another vote last night and decided to stay on strike.

Edgemoor, June 19.—A meeting of the railway employees federation here today passed resolutions urging a general strike to secure the release of the Winnipeg labor leaders.

Moncton Strike Settled

Moncton, N. B., June 18.—As a result of the mediation of Mayor Hanford Price and City Clerk Magee, the electrical workers' strike in Moncton, so far as it affects the Moncton Tramways, Electricity and Gas Company, has been settled.

Aquitania is Not Expected Till Tomorrow

Halifax, N. S., June 19.—Wireless advices from the Aquitania state she will dock at seven o'clock this evening.

Not insurance of between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 has been taken out by Winnipeg rms and individuals.