

WILL NOT TRUST RUHR ZONE TO GERMAN ARMY

France Refuses Ebert Government Its Permission Which Had Been Expected, and Force Advanced

Paris, March 19.—The request of the German Government that it be permitted to send troops to the Ruhr district, in the neutral zone near the German border, has been denied by the Government of France.

Conversations over the German request have been in progress between Premier Millerand and Dr. Von Mayer, the German Charge d'Affaires, in Paris. M. Millerand yesterday indicated he would give the German Charge an early reply, and it was handed to Dr. von Mayer to-day.

The reply read:

"Replying to your note of yesterday, I have the honor to confirm to you the conditions to which the Government of the French Republic desires to subordinate its eventual authorization to permit German troops to enter the Ruhr valley.

"Such an authorization, which would constitute a derogation of articles 43 and 44 of the treaty of Versailles, could be justified only by imperative and evident necessity. The commission charged with the control of the execution of the protocol of Aug. 21, 1919, has expressed to me, as I informed you in our conversation yesterday, its formal opinion, confirmed, also from other sources, that military intervention in that region at present would be useless, as well as dangerous."

"Thus, circumstances do not permit me at this time to grant the request of your Government. I must, therefore, reserve my definite reply to the proposition which you made me yesterday."

Premier Millerand concluded by expressing the earnest desire of the French Government to do everything not inconsistent with the defence of French interests to facilitate the task of the German Government.

Berlin has evidently been under the impression that permission would be granted Germany to use troops for the purpose of restoring order in the Ruhr region under certain conditions and for a limited period.

GERMAN TROOPS ADVANCE

Berlin special cable: Government troops in the Ruhr region have been pushed forward, the time limit fixed in the ultimatum from the Government to the workers there having been reached, says a despatch to the Abendblatt.

Removal of the Erhardt naval brigade, which took part in the Kappist revolt of March 19, from Doberitz, has been prevented, because of opposition from railwaymen in the Altona district.

SOCIALIST ULTIMATUM

Berlin cable says: (Havas)—Leaders of the three Socialist parties here have sent an energetic ultimatum to the Government, requesting that it respect the Bielefeld convention and immediately suspend all military measures in the Ruhr valley. The Government is given until 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon to either accept or reject this request. Should it be rejected, immediate proclamation of a general strike will follow, Chancellor Mueller was informed by a Socialist delegation.

FEAR A RED EASTER

Berlin cable says: All eyes to-day are centred upon the crisis in the Ruhr region. The general strike movement has broken out only at a few places, such as Bochum and Elberfeld, so far as the early advice showed.

The general strike at Hagen has again been called off in Dusseldorf 200 revolutionists evacuated the Town Hall, it is stated, as the result of negotiations with the authorities there.

Whether the Ruhr mining and industrial district near Germany's western border is to witness a red Easter appeared to-day to be wholly contingent upon the pacifying abilities of the Prussian Minister of the Interior. His task is to mollify the labor elements, and otherwise nullify the effects of the methods adopted in the Ruhr by General von Watter, commander of the Government forces.

Herr Severins, the new head of the Interior Ministry, has gone to Essen, possessed of far-reaching powers, the granting of which gives rise to the belief that the military element has been wholly eliminated from the negotiations with regard to the situation in Westphalia.

REDS ADMIT DEFEAT

Dusseldorf cable says: Most of the revolutionary leaders in the Ruhr district admit defeat to-day, but many of them are declared to be resolved to pursue a course of sabotage with regard to the mines, and possibly one of destruction of the factories, if the Reichswehr really advance upon them, as was threatened in the Government's ultimatum.

No disorders have occurred in connection with the restrictions of the other revolutionary measures.

The Krupp plants, which are declared to be turning out munitions for the red army, are said to be the only ones in operation.

DROP EFFORT TO GET EX-KAISER

Allies Accept Last Note From Holland

And War Lord Will Escape Trial.

London special cable says: The Allies have accepted Holland's last note regarding the former German Emperor, according to an Amsterdam despatch to the Daily Mail.

The Dutch Government, on March 1, for the second time, refused to deliver the former German Emperor to the Allies for trial. This determination was set forth in a note addressed to the British Premier, which, however, declared that the Dutch Government would take all necessary measures to minimize the liberty of Wilhelm and prevent him from endangering the world's peace. The communication stated that precautions to this end would be taken on the spot. It was assumed that this meant that a close guard over the former German Emperor and a strict censorship would be instituted while Wilhelm occupied his estate at Doorn.

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NOT EXACTLY A TRIUMPH.

Arthur (bitterly): "I suppose you consider it a triumph to make a fool of me?"

Joan (sweetly): "Oh, no! A triumph means accomplishing something that was very difficult."

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Nett—He said my voice had the flexibility of a violin. Belle—Was he hinting to your beau, or just trying to string you?

SHORT ITEMS OF THE NEWS OF THE DAY

Gen. Wood Alleges Plot to Divide Allies and U. S.

NEW FIELD MARSHAL

Thorold Man Survives Charge of 12,000 Volts Electricity.

A special M. C. R. train made the 225-mile run from Windsor to Buffalo in 184 minutes.

M. J. Milliken, C. P. R. section foreman at London, dropped dead while playing with his children.

John Powies, an Indian employed by the Canada Cement Co. at Point Anne, Ont., was found dead in a clay pit, having been struck by a steam shovel.

The Women's Auxiliary of the Cobalt branch of the I. L. P. held a successful tag day to raise money to support the cause of Angus McDonald, Labor-Farmer candidate in the Timiskaming by-election.

About 800,000 Jews banded together at New York to resist rent profiteering and formed the Jewish Tenants' League.

A New York messenger disappeared with \$118,000 worth of bonds from Harriman & Company, of 111 Broadway.

General Sir William R. Robertson, former Chief of the General Staff, has been made a Field Marshal, according to the Daily Mail.

Sixty-three settlers and four cars of stock and effects were shipped from Michigan to Western Canada by M. V. MacInnes, Canadian Government agent.

Lightning struck the barns on the farm of Geo. Hall, Ottonabee Township. The main barn and outbuildings were totally destroyed, including a quantity of machinery and grain. A small amount of insurance was carried on the building and contents.

Mr. Lucien Cannon, Dorchester, was informed in Commons that there are 105,998 Indians in Canada. There are 1,625 reserves and a grand total of 38,101 buildings on these reserves.

Law Powers, three-year-old son of Mr. Mrs. Frank Powers, died in Hotel Dieu, Windsor, of injuries received when he fell from the veranda of his home. His skull was fractured.

In the Commons A. N. McCoig was informed that it is not the present intention to continue the Wheat Board. There were 12 members on the Canadian Wheat Board an from seventy to seventy-five employees.

During the thunderstorm which passed over Kitchener Sunday night the barn of John Heimricks, near Lexington, containing a large quantity of grain and hay, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed.

Mrs. Emily May Favre, formerly of Chatham, who shot and killed her 12-year-old daughter at New York Feb. 7, has been adjudged insane and committed to Matteawan Hospital for the Criminal Insane, a commission appointed to examine her announced.

To have 12,000 volts of electricity go through his body and yet survive is the experience of Charles Richardson, employed in a Thorold factory. He was working in the power-house when he touched a high power wire. Though severely burned, he will recover.

An 18-year-old girl, Millé Bolland, has broken the French record for looping loops. She did the feat 25 times in succession in a bi-motor glider machine. The hair-raising stunts were officially recorded by observers of the Aero Club.

Tony Gingo, Italian, was committed for trial at St. Catharines by Magistrate Campbell on a charge of assaulting Clara Morton, whom, it is alleged, he followed to her home the night of March 16. He was remanded on charges of assaulting two other girls. Gingo has a wife and five children.

Reports sent to the Saskatchewan Provincial Government from the south-east of the Province of grasshoppers have been greatly exaggerated, according to M. P. Tullis, Commissioner of Weeds and Seeds for the Provincial Department of Agriculture, who has reported after a trip of inspection there.

Charges that an intricate system of ropasand to break down the friendship of the United States with the allies had taken effect were made by Major-General Leonard Wood in a Presidential campaign address at Lake Linden, Michigan.

W. Miller baker in Nicholl's Bakery, Wingham, had his left hand almost completely severed from his arm Sunday night while operating the power bread-mixer. By some mischance the hand became caught in the machinery, and it was with difficulty he was able to prevent his entire arm from being drawn in.

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PRIESTS SLAIN. R. C. Missions Suffer in Armenian Massacres.

Rome cable says: According to reports received by the Vatican, the Catholic missions which suffered most in the recent massacres in Armenia, were those entrusted to the Franciscans of the Holy Land.

Father Joseph Achilman died at Adana, Asia Minor, from exhaustion. Father Materno Mure, Dutch superior of a mission, remained for several days in a grave mental state because of the terrible experiences he went through. Father Emmanuel Garcia Pardo, superior of another mission, had a miraculous escape from death while protecting Christians under his care. The fate of other missionaries and the pupils in the schools and orphanages is unknown, but the worst is feared, it was said at the Vatican today.

FRANCE'S COSTS ARE ENORMOUS

Is Spending 139,000,000 Francs Each Day.

Ten Times That of Year War Broke.

London special cable says: Lord Marsal, Minister of Finance, speaking in the Chamber of Deputies to-day on the financial position of the country, said:

"The daily expenditure of France was 41,000,000 francs in 1914, 68,000,000 francs in 1915, 82,000,000 francs in 1916, 104,000,000 francs in 1917, 127,000,000 francs in 1918, and 139,000,000 francs in 1919."

The deputies listened breathlessly as the Minister dealt with the formidable figures, giving the total expenses for 1920 as 60,052,000,000 francs, of which 22,000,000,000 were recoverable from Germany. This year's deficit was 8,000,000,000 francs. The treasurer's disposable amount at the Bank of France was 700,000,000 francs.

Foreign treasuries are closed to us, and we cannot consider the possibility of raising an important loan abroad."

The Minister explained the high cost of living by the inflation of paper money, the Bank of France's advances, and the issue of National Defence Bonds. He said that as France multiplied in the face of continued decreased production, the purchasing power of the franc diminished.

The deputies murmured with indignation as M. Marsal spoke of the heavy imports of jams, cakes and coffee. He said that coal and raw materials must be reduced to a minimum; that useless services must be suppressed, and that State employees, where they were not indispensable, must disappear. He added that Germany must fulfil her engagement to France.

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In Reply to Allies' Invitation That U. S. Participate in Parleys.

NO HOLY WAR

As Result of Expulsion, is His Belief in the Case.

Washington despatch: Vigorous expression of President Wilson's opinion that "the often-expressed intention of the Allies that the anomaly of the Turan in Europe should cease," should be carried out in framing the Turkish treaty, characterized the United States rejoinder to the recent Allies note transmitting information as to the status of treaty negotiations.

While the strength of arguments for retention of the Straits in Constantinople was recognized, the note said the United States Government believes that "the arguments against it are far stronger and contain certain imperative elements which it would not seem possible to ignore."

The belief that the exclusion of the Turk would be the spark that might start a holy war by the Moslem world is not tenable, in the opinion of the President, who declares that the Mohammedan people not only witnessed without protest the defeat of the Turk, but aided substantially in it. He says:

"It is noted with pleasure that the question of passage of warships and the regime of the Straits in war time are still under advisement, as the Government is convinced that no final decision should or can be made without the consent of Russia."

An independent Armenia, with an outlet to the sea at Trebizond is suggested by the President. He also disagrees with the Allies on the boundary they have fixed for Arabia and on the disposition of Thrace, the northern part of which he believes, should be given to Bulgaria, and the eastern part to Greece. Bulgaria would thus be compensated for the land taken from her to provide Serbia with a strategic frontier, according to the President.

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Result of Wage Increase to Men.

New York despatch: The action of President Wilson's Coal Commission in granting bituminous mine workers a wage increase of 27 per cent. means the price of coal at the mines will advance 65 cents to \$1.25 a ton, bituminous coal operators announced here to-day.

The mine workers' representatives refused to make any comment on the proposed increase in coal prices, except to state that the new wage agreement would only "involve 25 cents a ton average increased expense."

The new wage agreement embodying the awards of President Wilson's Bituminous Coal Commission probably will be ratified to-morrow by the operators and mine workers of the central competitive fields, according to statements made here to-night by members of the anti-committee in making the negotiations.

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H. R. H. Being Feted On His Trip Through Panama Canal.

Panama despatch says: Prominent members of the British colony here presented an address to the Prince of Wales abroad the Renown. Most of today will be spent in sightseeing. In the evening the Panama Government will give a state banquet in honor of the Royal visitor, which will be followed by a reception and formal ball.

The Renown will sail Thursday for San Diego, after taking aboard 3,000 barrels of oil at Balboa.

From San Diego, where the United States State Department will send a representative to again welcome the Prince of Wales to the country, the Renown will proceed to Honolulu, where she will arrive April 16, and thence to the Fiji Islands, New Zealand and Australia.

Blasting operations in the Culebra Cut section of the canal were necessary yesterday before the Renown, with the Prince on board, could proceed through the great waterway. As the Renown neared the point where landslides have recently occurred, boats went ahead and made soundings, discovering a rock fifty feet square directly in the course to be taken by the vessel.

After a wait for two hours, the rock was removed, at the risk of dislodging more landslides, and then the Renown was towed over the dangerous and narrow channel.

This was the only hitch in the programme arranged for the Prince's visit to the Panama Canal. When the Renown arrived at the Atlantic end of the waterway, it was boarded by Governor Harding, President Lefevre, American and French representatives, and commanders of the United States military, naval and Isthmian forces.

When Gatun Dam was reached, Governor Harding explained the operation of the canal, the Prince expressing astonishment at the magnitude of the engineering feat accomplished there.

A luncheon was given on board the Renown, the only toasts being to King George and President Wilson. The British Minister gave a dinner reception and dance in honor of the Prince at the Hotel Tivoli last night.

Crowds greeted the Prince as his ship proceeded through the canal, while airplanes whirred overhead and served as escorts. The Prince appears to be in better health than when he visited Canada and the United States.

GIRLS' TEETH ROUT BURGLARS

Robber Shoved Gun Into Her Mouth.

She Got It, Turned It On Them.

Newark, N. J., despatch says: Miss Lena Grabnow, 26 years old, reverted to the ancestral, cave-woman type to-day, and with her teeth routed several burglars.

About noon to-day three men entered her little confectionery shop. One ordered a bar of chocolate, and tendered a \$20 bill in payment. Miss Grabnow turned to the cash register to make change.

As she did, one of the men pulled a revolver and commanded her to throw up her hands. Instead of complying, Miss Grabnow opened her mouth to scream. The thief shoved the revolver into her mouth.

Quick as a flash, Miss Grabnow closed her mouth over the muzzle of the gun, and throwing her head back, pulled the weapon from the man's hand.

Stepping back she turned the pistol on the robbers, who ran out of the store. Miss Grabnow started in pursuit, and fired a shot in the air, but the highwaymen escaped.

Miss Grabnow returned to the shop \$20 and a .32 calibre revolver to the good.

NO ARMISTICE. Poles Will Not Accept Soviet Terms.

Warsaw cable says: (By the Associated Press)—Willingness to commence peace negotiations with Poland on April 10, and proposals for an armistice over the entire front, are contained in the reply of the Russian Soviet Government to the Polish note of March 27, the reply being received here this morning.

The Soviet note suggested that the peace conference be held in a neutral state, preferably Estonia, instead of Borisovo as proposed by the Poles. It is understood that it is probable the Polish Government will refuse to agree to an armistice, and will also insist upon Borisovo as the place where Russian Polish delegates will meet to conduct negotiations.

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