

British Control Rhine Crossing.

Germany Asks Allies to do Police Work.

Norway Turns Down Bolshevism--Lord Milner Resigns--Brest Dressed to Receive Wilson.

CROSSINGS CONTROLLED BY BRITISH.

COLOGNE, Dec. 8. British troops to-day were in possession of all the great bridges across the Rhine at Cologne as a result of the sudden and unexpected withdrawal of German sentries from the western end of the crossings during the night. British soldiers yesterday were patrolling two-thirds of each bridge while the Germans were keeping their beats over the remaining third. About ten o'clock last night it was noticed that the Germans had disappeared and investigation showed they had departed, presumably to rejoin the retreating Teutonic army. While being considerably grieved over being under British rule Cologne is still exhibiting keen interest in the proceedings of the troops of occupation. To-day being Sunday, thousands of the people dressed in their holiday best, thronged the streets and wherever officer or soldier appeared there one would see great crowds of civilians eager to get their first glimpse of the men in khaki.

ASK FOR ALLIED AID.

PARIS, Dec. 12. (Havas).—Negotiations for the prolongation of the German armistice beyond the day of the Rhine, Rhenish Prussia. The Matin says that the German armistice delegates have requested that the Allies reinforce their troops at certain points in order to aid the German authorities in maintaining order. The paper adds that in cases where the German military chiefs may urge more extended occupation in Central Germany, the Allies may agree but will limit the sending of troops into German territory only to the necessities of occasions which may arise.

WILSON LANDS TO-DAY.

BREST, Dec. 12. (By the A.P.)—Brest has put on its holiday attire and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of President Wilson at noon to-morrow. The naval attaché here got in direct wireless touch with the presidential fleet which is approaching this port and which is now ten far off the coast. The weather which the fleet is experiencing is favourable to its quick progress.

RUSSIAN GENERALS SHOT.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 12. General Rusaki and Dimitrieff of the Russian army have been shot by order of the local Soviet at Prapagorsk according to an official Ukrainian statement received here from Petrograd. A. Pakoff, former Minister of Com-

merce and Communications in the Russian cabinet, was shot at the same time. General Rusaki, at the outbreak of the war, commanded the Russian troops in Northern Poland. General Dimitrieff is a Bulgarian and commanded the Russian forces which captured Przemysl.

SHUTTING OUT THE BOLSHEVICS.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 12. The Norwegian legation has left Petrograd according to the Aftenposten. The newspaper reports also that Denmark the last of the neutral countries to continue relations with the Bolshevik Government is about to sever them.

GAINING COURAGE.

LONDON, Dec. 12. In consequence of the support he is receiving from the Prussian Guards newly arrived in Berlin, Premier Ebert is taking a stiffer attitude toward the Spartacus group, the special correspondent in Copenhagen of the London newspapers are advised.

DUTCH AGITATION.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12. The people living in the south part of the Dutch province of Limburg are excited by repeated references in Belgian and French newspapers to the possible severance of a part of that province from Holland. Forty-nine Burgomasters in that region have telegraphed to Queen Wilhelmina expressing their indignation and assuring her of their firm allegiance.

SOFT IS OUT.

BERLIN, Dec. 11. Dr. W. S. Solf, the Minister of Foreign Affairs has handed in his resignation which has been accepted by the Cabinet. The Foreign Secretary's retirement does not come as a surprise, as his relations with the Independent Socialist wing of the Ebert cabinet reached the straining point some time ago.

ROYALTY STILL GETS REVENUES.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 12. The German Imperial revenues for December, it is reported, from Berlin, has been paid to all the former royal personages remaining in Germany who are entitled to them. The Vossische Zeitung says that the former German Emperor has authorized Eitel-Friedrich, his second son, to represent him in all matters concerning the former Imperial house.

NO CENSORSHIP IN GERMANY.

BERLIN, Dec. 12. The German censorship of telegrams

exists now only as a formality. The messages of the Associated Press are being passed for transmission without having been read by the censor, and on one occasion the censor's stamp was even handed to the correspondent for him to use if the censor happened to be absent when the correspondent finished the message, upon which he was working. Copies of the Associated Press messages as received in Copenhagen in transit and later available for comparison show no alternative even in messages the tenor of which was not pleasing to the government. There is no press censorship whatever, unless the sporadic assaults upon newspapers in Hamburg, Cologne, and a few other places can be considered as such. The Berlin Conservative Press writes in the same vitriolic style as during the war. The censorship of outgoing letters is confined to seeing that they do not contain bank notes or securities, the exportation of which is forbidden.

REASON FOR ARREST.

GENEVA, Dec. 11. The arrest on charges of high treason of August Thyssen, known as the Iron King of Germany, and several other manufacturers of the Dusseldorf district, according to reports received here, was due to the fact that at a meeting at Dortmund, Thyssen asked that an appeal be made to the Allies to occupy all the industrial districts along the Rhine until order was restored in Germany.

THE PERUVIAN TROUBLE.

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 11. In well informed circles here it is insisted that Peru will decline an offer of mediation by Argentina if the declaration has not been already sent. In these circles it is declared that the present status of the situation is that Peru has accepted President Wilson's offer of mediation and is inclined to reject that of Argentina; while Chile is disposed to reject the offer of the American President and accept that of Argentina if President Irigoyen assures Chile that the settlement will be confined to the present conflict.

PTE FOOTE REPATRIATED.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12. Prisoner repatriated, F. W. Foote, Carbonar, Nfld.

MONTREAL POLICE ON STRIKE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 12. 1560 men of the four organized city services at variance with the Administrative Commission on wages walked out on strike to-day. The official estimate by E. R. Decary, Chairman of the City Commission was police \$44,

firemen \$50, incineration department 150, engineers and others from the low level pumping station of the water works 16.

MILNER TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 11. The Daily Express this morning says it understands that Viscount Milner, the Secretary of State for War, is about to quit the Government.

WILL BE RECALLED.

BERNE, Dec. 11. (By the A.P.)—Madame Rosika Schwimmer, who was one of the chief members of the Ford peace mission to Europe and who has been hailed as Hungary's first ambassador to Switzerland, will be recalled by the Hungarian government, it is said.

BOXING RECORDS.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The teams of the British army and navy, the Canadian army and the United States army and navy were bunched closely at the end of the first day of the boxing tournament here. The point scores last night were British navy 21, British army 21, British navy 19 1/2, United States navy 19 1/2, United States army and Canadian 15 each with Australia, New Zealand and South Africa tailing.

KING NOT TO VISIT STATES.

LONDON, Dec. 12. Reports that King George contemplates a visit to the United States are denied here.

PRUSSIAN GUARDS REACH BERLIN.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11. Berlin's welcome to the Prussian Guard on Tuesday was solemn rather than triumphant, according to Berlin advices received here. It was generally observed that the troops marched under the German national colors and that the bands played "Deutschland Uber Alles," and no revolutionary airs. The soldiers in the procession participated in the last battle of the war and suffered tremendous losses, some detachments being reduced to almost the vanishing point, it is said. Premier Ebert welcomed the soldiers.

TO LUNCH WILSON.

LONDON, Dec. 12. The corporation of the city of London to-day passed a resolution inviting President Wilson to accept an address of welcome in a gold box and asking him to a luncheon at the Guildhall.

BACK TO YACHT RACES.

BELFAST, Ireland, Dec. 12. The Royal Ulster Yacht Club has sent a cablegram to the New York Yacht Club containing a challenge for the American cup. Sir Thomas Lipton is relying on the Shamrock IV for the challenge.

RADICALS ENTHUSE OVER PRESIDENT.

PARIS, Dec. 12. The Radical and Radical Socialist party which is numerically the greatest in the Chamber of Deputies, having 161 seats, has issued an appeal to the citizens of France to welcome President Wilson enthusiastically as a mark of gratitude to the American people. The appeal says: "To acclaim President Wilson is to acclaim the citizens of the United States who freely put on the heavy harness of war. To acclaim President Wilson is to acclaim a great American and a solid champion of a peace made durable by a society of nations. Thanks to the citizens of the United States in the last quarter hour of the struggle, the tri-color of the republic defended by you, citizens and all Democrats, emerges triumphant from the hurricane unchanged by the corrupted consciences of Berlin and Vienna."

Ravages of the Act.

Farmers of the British Empire are being urged to wage a war of extermination on rats. Viscount Chaplin and Lord Lambourne, in an appeal to agriculturists, state that the brown rat "destroys our food supplies almost as much as the submarines." "In 1908 Sir James Critchton Browne estimated the yearly damage done to food by rats in England alone at \$75,000,000. The value of that quantity of food to-day would be close on \$200,000,000. If you could afford to keep rats in 1908, you certainly cannot do so in 1918. Still less can the nation afford to keep them at a moment when every sack of corn is urgently needed. In the rush of work on the farm, which has to be done on diminished labour, rats have multiplied. They breed faster than any other vermin. The rat will breed when four months old, and has from three to five litters in a year. Her average litter is 10, but as many as 22 have been found in a nest. At that rate of increase you cannot go on feeding them. But unless you are prepared to do so it is an unneighbourly act to keep them at all. The moment you stint them of food they will swarm over your neighbour's farm. On the other hand, if your neighbour keeps rats and you have a harbour for them, they will soon overrun your premises, unless they are absolutely rat-proof.—London Times.

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The Prophet and the Prince.

Here is a striking passage from Mr. Harold Begbie's account of the Thanksgiving Service in the Albert Hall last Saturday, arranged by the Nonconformist Churches and attended by the King and Queen:—

"On the platform, a pace or two advanced from the towering phalanx of black-coated people behind him, with his face to a congregation of 8,000 men and women, the circle of light in the high roof twinkling on his white face and his beard of snow, stood an old bowed figure in a black robe and a hood of dull crimson, praying.

"At one moment this octogenarian looked like Homer, then like Darwin, then like Ulysses, and then like a nameless patriarch of Israel on whose bent shoulders pressed the burden of the ages of the world.

"Immediately confronting him, down below in the arena, knelt a young soldier in khaki, booted and spurred, the light in the roof glinting on his scarlet tabs and his gold lace, a boy with fair hair, a fresh complexion, and round eyes not yet weary of delight in the world. His head was bowed, and his hands were folded. But once he raised his head and looked with those wondering eyes of his at the old man standing above him; as if he saw in that figure something greater and more mystical than he could find in the words of the prayer.

"In this manner, John Clifford, Reformist, and Edward, Prince of Wales, confronted each other. They met in prayer to the Eternal Righteousness.

"The old man symbolised all the herculean labour by which England won her glorious freedom; the young Prince symbolised the joy which England inherits from that toil. The one was like a weary and broken ploughman; the other like a sheaf of corn, the fruit of his husbandry. Or the one was an ancient prophet still quivering with the divine fire which summoned his nation to battle; the other a young knight who obeyed that summons and has now returned with victory and a clean sword to receive the prophet's blessing.

"One saw in this twin the past of the nation and its future.

"The old white-bearded man, his strong voice quavering with age, but beautiful with deep emotion, prayed that his day might be a day of redemption to Freedom, and Justice, and Humanity, and Brotherhood—a day of redemption to the service of our Nation, and the Commonwealth, and to the service of Mankind.

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A Night Rainbow.

A most wonderful display of aurora borealis was visible on Mount Desert Island, Me., on August 15, writes David Rieaman in "Science." It had its base on a long, dark unbroken band on the northern sky. It shot upward toward the centre in innumerable streams of vast reach, lengthening and shortening and shifting like the beams of a gigantic searchlight. Suddenly, at about 10 p.m., a band like a grey-coloured rainbow darted across the heavens near the zenith, passing from north-west to south-east, and ending at a point near but not at the horizon. Though it may be common, I have never seen the aurora span the heavens in that fashion. It looked like a vast single-span bridge. It seemed to be lower than the firmament, creating the impression of pulling the sky downward and giving a limit to space. Unlike the streamers first seen, it did not suggest a searchlight, but rather a band of delicate grey veiling, shining, yet not luminous—a night rainbow. It was densest near the zenith, but even there the stars were visible through it.

For about thirty minutes little change could be noticed in it, then it broke up lengthwise and crosswise, moving at the same time still nearer the zenith. A few moments later short parallel streamers began to shoot out from it at right angles and in a northerly direction, giving the appearance of the prongs of a crown. Thereafter the long, grey bow gradually vanished, and in its place appeared irregular small greyish cloud-like masses moving swiftly to and fro.

Wooden Bicycle Tyres.

Dutch newspapers say that a bicycle dealer in the Province of Gelderland, Holland, has invented a bicycle tyre made of elmwood. It is said to have been tested satisfactorily on the clay and gravel roads of Holland. If successful, the invention will be a great boon to Holland. Probably no other country uses relatively so many bicycles—nearly a million, or a bicycle to every seven or eight people. Rubber tyres are now practically unobtainable in Holland.—Glasgow Herald.

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Rebuilding of Jerusalem.

Speaking at the Royal Institution, Professor Flinders Petrie said that in reconstructing Jerusalem there must be no building on top of the ancient city. Suburbs should be laid out on either side of Jerusalem, about two miles from the centre of the city, with which they would be connected by electric tramways. Let people be prohibited from building in the old city and the whole population would move to the suburbs in a generation or two.

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