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Germany Eats Bitter Meaning of Defeat

BITTER LESSON IMPRESSED ON ARROGANT GERMAN MIND

London Press Comments on British Occupation of Rhine Provinces—Utmost Efforts of Army Have Been Beaten in the Field.

London, Dec. 9.—Commenting on the presence of the English troops in Cologne, The Times says: "The flag of the contemptible little army floats over the towers and steeples of Cologne. Four years ago the German war lord in his pride back his mighty hosts trample them underfoot. They stayed and drove back his armies on the Rhine and today their successors look down as conquerors upon the German Rhine, and hold in their safe keeping a main part to their fatherland."

"Cologne and the bridgehead across the river are among the pawns which the allies have been constrained to take for the gain of a trial of the power which swart traitors do not bring. The occupation of German territory is also an object lesson to all classes of German people."

"It will bring home to them the fact that the utmost efforts of their soldiers have been beaten in the field, and that in the day of trial the whole system in which they put their trust has been shattered. Nothing else in the terms dictated to them—not even the ignominious surrender of the Rhine—could have taught that lesson effectually to the German mind, and particularly the Prussian mind."

"Placed Confidence in Allies." "The Germans and Prussians in their hearts did not rely upon ships and sailors for victory; they placed their real confidence in their armies. It is the collapse of these armies, de-

veloped by the increasing labor of half a century, increased by the ardor of the highest military science which the best brains of the nation could evolve, that has to be demonstrated to the German people. The spectacle of the chief passage across the Rhine in the hands of the allied troops should drive the truth home."

The Daily Mail says: "The occupation of the Rhine Province of Prussia is an epoch making event, and the march into Cologne is actually the consequence of two great manifestations of British power. The first was the blockade of Germany by the British navy; the second was the series of terrific attacks which the British armies carried out with unflinching success from Aug. 8, 1918, until they drove in the enemy's front at the beginning of November, immediately before the armistice."

"On the eve of the German collapse, our losses approached 150,000 men a month, and the figure was the measure of our efforts."

The Morning Post says: "No incident could be better calculated to bring home the sense of military defeat to the German mind than the occupation of territory along the Rhine. A few months ago no German would have allowed himself to regard it as possible."

UNION STATION ADDED BEAUTY

Simplicity, Grandeur, Dignity and Finish of New Depot.

The new Union Station will be ready for occupancy by the first of May, 1919, and Toronto will then have one of the most imposing and important buildings of its kind in Canada. The man in the street sees its massive frontage apparently complete, and he gets the idea that there is not much more work to be done, but a visit to the interior will disclose an intricate network of scaffolding, through which glimpses of the inside finishing can be seen.

There are at present four hundred workmen employed on the interior work, and with the plentiful supply of labor which is now available the building will be pushed to completion as rapidly as possible. It is of simple Roman architecture, with wide horizontal lines, and its whole aspect gives an impression of simplicity and massive grandeur combined. The dignity and beauty of the main entrance is enhanced by a pediment supported by two great columns, which are constructed in three sections, each section being a single stone. These stones weigh in their finished state about nineteen tons each; in their rough state they weighed thirty tons each. They are the largest stones ever turned in Canada. The exterior stonework is of Bedford limestone.

The interior of the rotunda and ticket lobby will be finished in Zambro Travertine, and it will be the first building in which this kind of stone has ever been used in interior work. The rotunda ceiling, which is eighty feet high and eighty feet wide, will be done in Italian Travertine. The light in color and pleasing in effect, and is built in small square tiles and cemented into place. The process of constructing this work is a secret which is known only by one firm, the Gustavino Co. of Boston, Mass. The work is exactly similar to that in some of the great buildings of ancient Rome. This ceiling is one of the most striking features of the building.

GERMAN COLONIES MUST BE RETAINED

Cities of South African Union Pass Resolutions When Tale of Atrocities is Told.

London, Dec. 9.—Following publication in the Union of South Africa of the report of Edmund H. L. Georges, acting secretary of the union, giving details of the atrocities committed by the Germans in their African colonies, resolutions urging retention of these territories by the entente allies have been adopted at mass meetings held in the union's principal cities. Resolutions similar in tone were passed at meetings held in Cape Town, Johannesburg, Kimberley, Port Elizabeth and other large places. Representatives of the subject peoples of the former German colonies were present in the union's principal cities. Viscount Buxton, governor-general in an address at Pretoria, pointed out that seizure of the colonies by the Central Powers would have meant a grave menace to the Union of South Africa. This menace, he explained, consisted in part of the native army maintained in lines and the submarine stations on the east coast adjoining the union.

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Canadian Soldiers Train Russian Troops in Siberia

GERMANS CONSIDER ECONOMIC PROGRAM OF SOCIALIZATION

Leaders Agree That It Will Have to Be a Matter of Time. EVERYTHING IS LACKING Raw Products and Food Scarce, and National Railways Show a Deficit.

Berlin, Dec. 9.—The commission appointed by the present government to work out a plan for economic socialization has held its initial session, but beyond organizing it has adopted no specific program of procedure. The Berlin bourse and banking and industrial circles, so far as the correspondent has been able to ascertain, do not expect the immediate execution of radical measures. The impression prevails that the Hohenzollern government will continue the present political and economic situation is inauspicious. This seems to have been confirmed by recent utterances of the leaders of both wings of the Social Democracy. Eduard Bernstein, who represents the revolutionary government in the national ministry of finance, and who, with Carl Kaatky, under-secretary of foreign affairs in the soldiers' and workmen's government, shares the intellectual leadership of the independent socialists, in a speech last night said the most urgent problem at present were maintenance of the nation's economic system.

"Socialization cannot come overnight," said Herr Bernstein. "It can only be carried out gradually, but it is bound to come, for the people now are sovereign. Our important weapon is suffrage reform, which is now a fact. We will completely reconstruct society and eventually lead to state control of important industries."

Herr Bernstein said he was opposed to confiscation of property by the present situation is most critical—more so than most of us realize," he declared. "We are lacking in raw products, foodstuffs and other commodities, to procure which we shall require immense amounts of money. We cannot solve these problems at present, for then the whole system of production would become paralyzed. Our state railways in the course of years netted a surplus of 6,000,000 marks. Now they show a deficit of 9,000,000 marks. Our credit abroad is undermined, the Dutch and the banks refusing us accommodations because of the instability of our economic conditions."

TO DEMOBILIZE ROYAL CANADIAN AIR SERVICE

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Notices have just been issued by the department of the naval service for the demobilization of the Royal Canadian Air Service. Steps were taken to organize this division some time ago, and a number of cadets were entered in training. Some of these have been sent to England and some of them have been sent to the United States to take a preliminary course in the special schools and then take up the flying training which was to be given by these air-men having now been discontinued, the cadets are being brought back to Canada where they will be demobilized and returned to their homes. It is expected that the cadets now training in the United States will be demobilized in the week of December 16 and that the cadets who are now in England will be demobilized at the end of December.

Plan to Abolish Conscription, Plank of British Government

London, Dec. 9.—An official statement issued by the government today says: "The coalition government is going to the peace conference with the intention of proposing the abolition of compulsory military service throughout Europe. Winston Spencer Churchill, minister of munitions, made a similar announcement in a speech at Dundee, Dec. 5, declaring that the British representatives at the peace conference would demand general and absolute abolition of conscription throughout Europe."

CHILDREN'S FURS.

Furs for the children at this season of the year are a necessity. The weather is going to school these sharp, frosty mornings would not be unbecomingly warm. A set of furs will keep the little girl warm and will not interfere with her freedom when playing. The Dineen display in children's furs affords a splendid choice. Every fur is well lined and being made in the Dineen workrooms, is a sure guarantee that they will be right in design. Dineen handles everything in furs. A gift selected here will be appreciated at Christmas.

SOLDIERS ARRIVE AT NOON TODAY

The troop train carrying soldiers from S.S. Araguaya will arrive at North Toronto Station at 12.30 noon today.

ENGLAND WILL BE SELF-SUSTAINING

Overseas Agriculturists Say They Will Be Able to Grow Own Cereals.

Guelph, Dec. 9.—Dr. G. C. Creelman, Ontario Agricultural College, commissioner of agriculture, was the speaker today at noon at the first of the luncheons given by the directors of the Winter Fair. Dr. Creelman, who recently returned from England, spoke in conditions in the old country and in France. Dr. Creelman stated that horses are higher in price over there than ever before, and work horses averaged from \$500 to \$750 each. In France, horses are scarce, owing to war conditions. He predicted a splendid market for Canadian horses.

Cattle are scarce and an effort is now being made to get back to beef type is being kept well up. At William Duthie's big sale in Scotland, \$21,000 was paid for a Shorthorn bull, while heifers averaged \$5,000 each. Junior calves alone brought \$105,000. Breeding stock was a better business in England today than ever before. "Concentrated foods are wanted, however," said Dr. Creelman, "for the revolutionary government in England is being paid for by the sale of beef type is being kept well up. At William Duthie's big sale in Scotland, \$21,000 was paid for a Shorthorn bull, while heifers averaged \$5,000 each. Junior calves alone brought \$105,000. Breeding stock was a better business in England today than ever before."

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The speaker told of how all the idle land in England had been plowed during the war, the increase being 10,000,000 acres, with wheat as the principal crop. The breeding of hogs in England, he said, had been completely stopped, owing to the food controller's orders that prohibited food being given to the hogs. Their hog meat from now on must come from other countries, principally Canada and the United States. No hog meat can be purchased in England after the first of January next.

CALL FOR CONFERENCE TO PROLONG ARMISTICE

Berlin, Dec. 9.—Matthias Erzberger, head of the German armistice delegation, announced today that the French Government has requested the German army command to designate plenipotentiaries to confer regarding the prolongation of the armistice. The delegates will meet at Tressen in Rhineland Prussia, Dec. 12 and 13.

WILL NAME LIEBKNECHT AS REPUBLIC'S PRESIDENT

Basle, Dec. 9.—Rumors are current in Berlin, according to a despatch from that city, that the Spartacist group of socialists would on Monday night name Dr. Liebknecht as president of the republic.

CARS ACROSS VIADUCT NEW LINE NOW READY

Next Thursday Sees Completion of Big Work and Inauguration of Long Awaited Cross-Town Service.

Mayor Church: The Bloor-Danforth viaduct will be opened next Thursday for sure. It should have been finished long ago. Fred Hubbard, assistant to general manager of Toronto Railway Co., that the viaduct is ready, fact, have been ready for a long time to put on a car service the moment we receive word from the city to do so. Works Commissioner Harris: We have notified the Toronto Railway Co. that the viaduct is ready for a car service at the end of the week. Mr. Hubbard: Then we'll be ready to run the cars. Chairman Hiltz of the civic works committee: I will see about the details in connection with the opening tomorrow.

The last piece of rail was spiked into place yesterday afternoon, completing the double line of car tracks on the Bloor-Danforth viaduct, extending from the head of Broadview avenue to Bloor and Sherbourne.

DESPERATE EFFORTS TO QUIT THE WAR MADE BY AUSTRIA

Offered Germany Galicia if She Would Surrender Alsace-Lorraine.

Vienna, Dec. 9.—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, today told a correspondent that Austria, in 1917, made desperate efforts to withdraw from the war, even to the extent of offering Germany the empire's richest coal and oil province, Galicia, if Germany would surrender Alsace-Lorraine.

ATTEMPTS BLOCKED

Hun High Command Even Threatened to Declare War if She Withdrew.

Count Czernin added that Austria's efforts always were defeated by either General von Ludendorff, the German chief, quartermaster-general, or other high German officials, who even went to the extent of asserting that they were willing to declare war on Austria if Austria made a separate peace.

CANADA'S REVENUES IN NOVEMBER INCREASE

Dominion's Net Debt Reaches One and a Third Billions at End of Month.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—Dominion revenues and expenditure for November both show increases over November of last year. Revenue on consolidated fund account last month was \$29,518,892, as compared with \$24,322,946 in November, 1917. For the eight months period, revenue was \$193,932,828, as compared with \$170,922,008 for the same period last year. Expenditure on the same account was \$26,834,011 last month; in November last year it was \$12,922,632. War expenditure for the month was \$21,768,261 in comparison with \$18,714,472 for November of last year. Net debt during the month increased by over twenty million dollars. On November 30 the net debt stood at \$1,307,429,461.

CATALONIAN AUTONOMY IS OPPOSED IN SPAIN

Madrid, Dec. 9.—A great demonstration, in which it is estimated that 100,000 persons took part, occurred in Madrid today in opposition to the demands of Catalonia for autonomy. Similar demonstrations will take place in other cities throughout Spain.

Counter-Revolution Outbreak Is in Full Swing in Potsdam

Copenhagen, Dec. 9.—A counter-revolutionary outbreak is in full swing in Potsdam, according to news reaching here.

TRIAL OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS HAS COMMENCED IN CALIFORNIA

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 9.—The trial of 47 alleged I. W. W., charged with a conspiracy to obstruct the war activities of the federal government, was begun in the United States district court here today. Judge Frank H. Rudkin of the United States district court for eastern Washington, presided.

BRITISH MAILS.

British and foreign mail (via England), letter and registered matter only, will be closed at the general postoffice as follows: Regular ordinary letter mail, 6 a.m., Dec. 10, 1918. Supplementary ordinary letter mail, 2 p.m., Dec. 10, 1918. Regular registered mail, 12 midnight, Dec. 9, 1918. Supplementary registered mail, 1 p.m., Dec. 10, 1918.

STEAMER ARRIVALS.

Dec. 9. At From. Brit. Admir. Avonmouth, Port Arthur. B.I.T. Beacon, Thameshaven Philadelphia. British Isles, Belfast, New York. Sardinian, St. John, Liverpool. Orsova, Liverpool, New York. Genoa, Genoa, New York. Chicago, New York. Bordeauxaux Taormina, Gibraltar, New York. Grempan, Liverpool, New York. War Carpent, New York. Quabron Charlybis, New York. Bermuda.

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Britain is Faced With Cotton Spinners' Strike

CANADA'S TROOPS TRAINING NATIVES IN NORTH RUSSIA

FIFTY MILLION SPINDLES IDLE Strike of 100,000 Cotton Spinners in Lancashire is in Full Swing.

Manchester, Dec. 9.—The strike of 100,000 cotton spinners for an increase of 40 per cent in current wages is in full swing in Lancashire. Only a few firms have conceded the men's terms. Fully fifty million spindles are idle. As the stock of yarn is low, the weaving sheds will soon have to close, throwing out of employment an additional 200,000 persons.

ARABS IN FAVOR OF BRITISH HELP

Transformation Effected at Kut-el-Amara and Other Places in Mesopotamia.

London, Dec. 9.—In a despatch describing the transformation effected by the British at Basra, Kut-el-Amara, Bagdad and Mosul by the construction of wharves, the introduction of sanitation, electric lights, tramways and telephone systems, and above all, by a just administration, the representative of the British press with the forces in Mesopotamia says: "Prosperity abounds, and the people are settling down to a life of security and peace, but they are anxious regarding the future of the Irak state."

One-Third of Siberian Force Joins With Allied Soldiers in Affording Protection From Bolsheviks.

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—A cable from the director of public information states that the Canadian contingent employed in northern Russia consists of three parties. The first and third parties are engaged in training and leading the local forces raised in Archangel and Murmansk and in administrative duties. The second party, some part of the allied expeditionary force operating from Russia, and including, in addition, British and Canadian contingents, American, French and Russian troops, whose object it is to protect the Russian people from the ravages of the Bolsheviks and to maintain the status of the allies. The following extracts from the diary of an officer serving with the Canadians gives a good idea of the nature of the campaign: "October 4.—Starting loading guns and vehicles on barges and reported ready to move at 11 a.m., sailing. Postponed until 3 p.m. as no tugs had shown up at 3.30 found the naval transport officer and the reason for the delay in the form of the captain and the steamer Basher, who absolutely refused to start until his stipendium was accepted, viz., a revolver, two thousand cigarettes and a case of Scotch. By spending an hour and a half using a combination of diplomacy and vocabulary, got him to agree to start."

INCREASE SOLDIERS' POST-DISCHARGE PAY

Important Intimation Given by General Meunier, Minister of Militia.

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