



YANKS HALT WHILE BIG GUNS COME UP

Americans Now Well Within Belgian Territory.

GERMAN BORDER IS NEARED

Great Quantities of Stores Fall Into Doughboys' Hands.

TOWNS LITTLE DAMAGED

Women Don Best Garments in Honor of Yankees' Arrival and Shops Are All Open for Business.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Well into Belgium and within a few hours' march of the German frontier on the south, Major-General Joseph T. Dickman's Army gathered itself today for another jump into evacuated territory. The line was unchanged. In accordance with plans, the march has been halted for a short time while the heavier artillery, supply service and other elements can be brought up. However, General Dickman's headquarters were moved on to Longuyon tonight and corps and division commanders made similar advances.

As the Germans withdraw, the concentration of the army of occupation is increased and not for a moment has vigilance been relaxed. All possible tactical advantages are carefully taken and the forces are so deployed that the peaceful march might easily, in the presence of the enemy, be converted into a hostile operation.

Huns Seem "On Square"

The second day of the advance served to confirm the belief at the American headquarters, however, that there was no thought of treachery in the minds of the German general staff and that the terms of the armistice will be faithfully carried out.

There have been a few isolated cases where surrendered materials have been damaged, but it is not thought such damage was wrought under orders of German commanders. The surrender of damaged airplanes at the airfields in Tellaumont is regarded as a case where individual avarice determined to put their machines out of commission, rather than have them fall into the hands of an enemy, much as a cavalryman would shoot a favorite horse to save him from a like fate.

Big Stores Are Taken

Enormous stores of ammunition and many guns left at Longuyon were little impaired and the machine shops there had not been damaged. The electrical machinery in the shops was fully wired and the tools were of the best.

The railway yards at Montmedy and other places along the line that served the Germans as one of their main arteries of communication during their last stand were filled with locomotives and cars ready for use, while great quantities of general stores not mentioned in the terms of the armistice had been abandoned to the allies. Undamaged stores left behind on every road over which the Americans advanced bear evidence of the great retreat.

At Virton was found a great salvage dump, where tons of clothing, gas masks and helmets had been thrown by the German troops.

Along the road near St. Legu over which the correspondent drove just behind the evacuating armies was so thickly covered with big iron German helmets that at times they interfered with the operation of his automobile.

Towns Are Undamaged

However, it was not the litter of a battlefield that one saw, or even that of a disorderly retreat under fire. It was merely the evidence of the passing of a tired, disheartened foe, who was going home.

The country generally presented a strong contrast to that fought over for so many years. The Americans camped today in towns most of which bear no trace of warfare.

Here and there was one which showed evidence of the fighting at the time the French attempted to check the German march through Belgium. In most of the towns every house was intact. Among the exceptions are Longuyon and Montmedy, where a few town buildings tell of the French and American air raids and aerial photographs of whose scars have long been on file at American headquarters.

Roads in Good Shape

The roads over which the Americans traveled are in excellent condition due to their distance from the old German lines and the limited use made by the enemy of motor trucks. This, coupled with the almost constant work of the roads by the Germans, kept them in a condition almost equal to those of France before the war. The retreating army left on the roads dozens of steam rollers, which had been working almost to the day of its departure.

Although early victims of the war, Belgium's inhabitants in this quarter appear better off today than the French civilians a few miles back.

When the American Army entered Virton, restaurants were being operated and demands for coffee brought not only this commodity, but also sugar and cream to go with it. Meat was scarce. One meat dealer told how the

AFTER-WAR PROBLEMS URGED UPON CONGRESS

NATIONAL BOARD TO AID IN READJUSTMENT PROPOSED.

Republican Senators Adopt Resolution Urging Legislation Necessary for Reconstruction.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Appointment of a National Board to aid the Government and the country's industrial and commercial interests in formulating readjustment policies, necessitated by a return to peace conditions, was urged upon President Wilson in resolutions made public tonight by the Merchants' Association of New York.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Reconstruction problems were considered today at a conference of Republican Senators and a resolution was adopted which leaders said would serve notice upon the Administration of the attitude of the next Congress, controlled by Republicans.

The resolution, approved unanimously, follows:

"Resolved, that the Congress should assert and exercise its normal and constitutional functions, including legislation necessary for reconstruction.

The conference also adopted a plan for Congressional investigation and disposition of reconstruction problems. The resolution provides for six committees to deal generally with the subjects of demobilization, foreign trade, interstate transportation, domestic business, relations of employers and employees and National resources.

Continuation during the reconstruction period of at least some of the functions of several of the civil agencies of the Government organized for the prosecution of the war is under consideration by the heads of these organizations. Conferences now are being held to determine what legislation is necessary to make the new plan effective and what activities should be pooled.

Officials today refused to discuss the plan, but it is understood that it contemplates the co-ordination of some of the functions of the War Industries Board, the War Trade Board, the Food Administration and the Fuel Administration.

PERU BLAMES ENEMIES

Anti-Government Demonstration Takes Place on Liberty Day.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Samuel E. Piza, secretary in charge of the Costa Rican Agency here, said in a statement today that enemies of the existing Government were responsible for incidents at San Jose which gave rise to reports that hostility had been shown toward Americans during the celebration of the signing of the armistice. According to Mr. Piza, a group of enemies of the Tinoco Government, which never has been recognized by the United States, made the celebration the occasion for an anti-government demonstration.

'YANKS DID IT,' ADMITS HUN

'America Underestimated,' Says Civil Governor of Brussels.

GHENT, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Baron von der Lancken, the German civil governor of Brussels, when seen by the correspondent, seemed quite cheerful.

"Germany," he said, "enters a new era. The Kaiser is dead. Long live the republic."

Asserting that Germany would have won if it had not been for the Americans, Baron von der Lancken added: "We made many mistakes during the war, but the greatest mistake was when we underestimated America."

FOOD PRICES LEAP UPWARD

Increase Is 16 Per Cent in Past Year, 75 Per Cent in Five Years.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Retail food prices were 2 per cent higher during October than in September, the Bureau of Labor Statistics announced today.

An increase of 16 per cent was reported for all articles of food during the past year and, in comparison with prices for the five-year period from October, 1913, to last month, showed an average increase of 75 per cent.

VILLA RELEASES IOWA MAN

Bandits Demanded \$20,000 Ransom From Mine Owner.

DES MOINES, Ia., Nov. 19.—Frank Knott, of Atlantic, Ia., a mine owner of Chihuahua, Mexico, has been released by Villa bandits, who had demanded \$20,000 ransom, according to word received here today from his brother, now in Mexico. Details of his release were not given.

BELGIAN CABINET TO QUIT

Brussels Lawyer to Be Asked to Form Coalition Government.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The Belgian Cabinet will resign after King Albert meets the Parliament this week, according to a dispatch to The Daily Telegraph from Brussels.

M. Delcroix, a Brussels lawyer, will be asked to form a coalition government, the message adds.

ARMY OFFICER KILLS SELF

Bruce Robinson Dives Under Moving Train at Fort Dodge.

CAMP DODGE, Ia., Nov. 19.—Lieutenant Bruce P. Robinson, of Cleveland, stationed at this cantonment, killed himself today by diving under a train at Grimes, near here.

Military authorities did not give the reason for his act.

DEPUTY SHERIFF IS KILLED BY ROBBER

Frank Twombly Shot as He Pursues Auto.

BRIDGETENDER IS HELD UP

Desperado and Woman Companion Flee in Car.

POLICE HURRY TO SCENE

Shooting Takes Place at Union Avenue and Portland Boulevard in Presence of 3 Witnesses.

Frank W. Twombly, deputy sheriff, was shot and almost instantly killed at 1119 P. M. yesterday at Union avenue and Portland boulevard by a robber who had held up C. G. Herrman, bridge tender on the Oregon end of the Interstate bridge, and robbed him of \$123, and was speeding away in an automobile with a woman companion.

Twombly, who had been assigned to chase speeders, pursued the robber because the automobile was exceeding the speed limit. The deputy knew nothing of the hold-up.

The hold-up was one of the most sensational in recent years. The robber drove his machine to the approach of the bridge, left his woman companion in the car, walked up to the tender's hut, and forced Herrman to hand over the money.

Herrman Forced Under Bridge

After the robbery the highwayman forced Herrman to walk under the bridge, where he left him with a caution to be quiet.

"I'd kill you anyway if it wasn't for that other automobile approaching," Herrman says the robber told him, pointing to a machine approaching from Portland.

With that the robber disappeared. His automobile, with a woman sitting alone inside, was seen by two soldiers who were walking back to the barracks. The soldiers reported to the Military Police that something was wrong, and an officer drove over in an automobile to investigate.

Twombly Goes in Pursuit

Meantime Twombly and Jack LaMonte, another Deputy Sheriff, who had hidden behind the Standard Oil Company's filling station where Darby street intersects the Vancouver road, saw the robber go by at a high rate of speed.

LaMonte was repairing his motorcycle.

"You chase him, Frank," said LaMonte. "I'll have my machine fixed by the time you get back."

Twombly sped away in pursuit. He overtook the machine at Portland boulevard and Union avenue. Several persons saw the shooting. They say the motorcycle darted up alongside the automobile. The deputy held up his hand, signaling the chauffeur to stop. Three shots rang out. The motorcycle was disabled.

SOLDIER'S SENTENCE LONG

Private Who Refused to Carry Coal to Servo 15 Years.

CAMP MEAD, Md., Nov. 19.—Because he refused to carry coal for the kitchen at the base hospital here, Private Russell R. Powell, of Pennsylvania, has been sentenced to 15 years in the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

LEWIS QUILTS POST AS STATE ENGINEER

PERCY A. CUPPER APPOINTED TO FILL VACANCY.

Governor Plans to Abolish Office of Water Superintendent at Saving of \$2400 Annually.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 19.—(Special.)—John H. Lewis, State Engineer, today submitted his resignation to Governor Withycombe to become effective immediately. He has held the office for nearly 14 years.

Governor Withycombe announced that he will at once appoint Percy A. Cupper, Assistant State Engineer, to succeed Mr. Lewis. This move was recently elected superintendent of Water Division No. 1. As a result of his appointment today Governor Withycombe will recommend to the next Legislature that the office of the water division superintendent in the Western District be merged with the office of State Engineer. This move will top \$2400 of the state payroll.

In addition, it is the plan, as soon as adjustments are finished, which will probably be within the next few years, to abolish the office of water division superintendent entirely. Mr. Cupper will accept the appointment under those conditions, he announced today, and will take charge of the two offices at once.

Mr. Lewis resigns to become chief engineer and manager on the Warm Springs Irrigation project in Eastern Oregon and with his family will leave tomorrow for Vale to take up his new duties and his residence there.

Work will commence next week on the construction of an arch concrete dam 100 feet in height at Riverdale, 70 miles above Vale, on the Warm Springs project. Mr. Lewis announced. The proposed reservoir will impound sufficient water for the irrigation of 40,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Vale and Ontario, in Malheur County, including a full water right to some 12,000 acres now inadequately supplied from the direct flow of Malheur River. Over 150 miles of main canals will be required to distribute this water, including many miles of lateral canals. This is generally conceded to be one of the best irrigation projects in Oregon.

For nearly 14 years Mr. Lewis has occupied the position of State Engineer. He was appointed by Governor Chambliss in May, 1905, when the office was created. He was subsequently reappointed, and has also been twice elected by the people.

QUAKE JARS LOS ANGELES

Tremor Extends From Redondo Beach to Santa Monica.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Nov. 19.—An earthquake, sharp enough to rattle windows and doors and jar dishes from shelves, was felt today in the southwestern part of the city and along the ocean front west of here from Redondo Beach to Santa Monica, a distance of more than 15 miles.

The tremor lasted more than half a minute.

THE INTRUDER'S PRECARIOUS POSITION.



WILSON WILL STAY AWAY INDEFINITELY

Absence Likely 'Til Most of Peace Work Is Done.

14 TERMS TO BE WATCHED

Interpretation of Freedom of Seas Clause Interests.

NATIONS' LEAGUE FAVORED

President Understood to Regard Proposed Union Essential to Future Peace of World.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—Democratic Senators who conferred with President Wilson tonight for two hours left the White House with the impression that the President now plans to remain in France indefinitely, or at least until the major portion of the work of the peace conference has been completed.

The President was understood to be especially interested in the application, in the framing of the treaty, of the principle of the freedom of the seas, which he enunciated in his 14 terms, and on which the allies, in agreeing to discuss peace with Germany, have reserved the right of freedom of action at the peace conference.

League of Nations Favored

The plan for a league of nations was another subject to which the President was said to have given much study. He was understood to regard this essential for the maintenance of the peace of the world.

During his absence from the United States the President plans to continue to exercise all the functions of his office. He will keep in communication with Washington by wireless while at sea, and by cable, and if necessary by dispatch boats while he is aboard.

Embassy to Be Used

While in France the President was said to plan transaction of any necessary executive business in the American embassy. Technically he then would be on American soil. Should he visit London or any of the other allied capitals the embassies there would become his executive headquarters.

Besides discussing his plans for his trip abroad, the President was understood to have taken up with the Senators problems of reconstruction and necessary legislation. It was said that he opposes creation of a reconstruction commission, either executive or Congressional, preferring that the work be done by existing agencies, such as the War Industries Board, the Food Administration and the War Trade Board.

Senators in Conference

Senators attending the conference included Simmons and Overman, of North Carolina; Pomeroy, of Ohio; Walsh of Montana and Swanson of Virginia, all chairmen of important committees. During the day the President

GERMAN INSURANCE FIRMS TAKEN OVER

AFFAIRS OF FIVE COMPANIES WILL BE LIQUIDATED.

A. Mitchell Palmer Will Sell Premium Accounts of Concerns At Auction, It Is Announced.

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Treasury licenses permitting German-controlled insurance companies to continue in operation under their original managements for the purposes of liquidation have been revoked and the companies have been taken over for liquidation by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien property custodian. Mr. Palmer announced here tonight. Taking over of the companies was authorized by President Wilson in an order dated November 12.

Mr. Palmer also announced the appointment of Harold Herriek, of New York, former president of the Niagara Fire Insurance Company, as manager and liquidator of the companies which, he said, have annual premium accounts of \$16,781,424.

The first of the companies to be liquidated will be the International Insurance Company, with premium accounts of \$7,000,000, which Mr. Palmer will sell at public auction tomorrow. This company is a subsidiary of the Hamburg Assurance Company.

Other companies which have been taken over by Mr. Palmer include the Nord-Deutscher Versicherungs Company, Mannheim Insurance Company, Swiss National Insurance Company, Cologne Re-Insurance Company, Prussian National Insurance Company, South German Insurance Company and Munich Re-Insurance Company.

A recent investigation of the companies, Mr. Palmer said, disclosed plans of some of the German interests by concealments and evasions of the law to perpetuate their control of the companies during and after the war.

LUMBERMEN WILL CONFER

National Association to Meet in Chicago, November 22.

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 19.—Readjustment of the lumber industry to peace conditions will be considered at a series of meetings of lumbermen of the country to be held in Chicago beginning November 22.

A call for the conference was issued by John H. Kirby, president of the National Manufacturers' Association. Regulatory measures planned by the Government for the reconstruction period will be outlined at one of the sessions by Judge E. B. Parker, priorities commissioner of the War Industries Board.

HOLLAND FAVORS GERMANS

Dutch Allow Fleeing Huns to Cross Netherlands Territory.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—(Havas.)—It appears to be a fact, says the Temps, that German troops returning to Germany from Belgium crossed the Dutch Province of Limburg and that they passed the frontier with the sanction of the Holland authorities.

This free passage of Dutch territory granted to one of the belligerents, the newspaper contends, constitutes a precedent of which the other belligerent powers would be justified in taking advantage.

HUNS SEEK INTERNMENT

12 Aviators, Who Land on Swiss Soil, Claim to Have Lost Way.

BERNE, Friday, Nov. 15.—No less than 12 German aviators landed on Swiss soil Wednesday and Thursday. They said they had lost their direction, but it is believed that some of them came to Switzerland to be interned.

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PEOPLE ARE TOLD TO CHOOSE

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BRITISH SUSPECT FOE PLOT

Fear Expressed That ex-Emperor May Seek to Re-enter Germany and Stir Up More Trouble.

LONDON, Nov. 19.—A report that an airman had bombed the palace in Holland in which the former German Crown Prince is interned is published in the Telegraph, of Amsterdam. This report, however, is denied by the correspondent of the Associated Press in the Dutch capital.

ZEVENAAER, Holland, Nov. 19.—The German Minister at The Hague and a Queen's commissioner have arrived here in anticipation of the coming of Augusta Victoria Hohenzollern, wife of the former German Emperor. Her whereabouts at present are unknown.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 19.—A semi-official dispatch received here from Berlin said the former German Emperor is temporarily remaining at Berlin at the request of her husband.

PARIS, Nov. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—In order to end the discussion as to whether William Hohenzollern has really abdicated as German Emperor it is understood the German Government intends to publish his decree of abdication. This consists of an attempt to justify the war on the ground of Germany's isolation.

Throne Is Renounced

The abdication decree, according to the correspondent at Zurich of L'Information, concludes with these words: "To avoid difficulties and to put an end to the mourning and suffering of my people I renounce the throne and leave a government which seems to them most compatible with honor and to their interest."

LONDON, Nov. 19.—The rumors that William Hohenzollern, the former German Emperor, may possibly return to Germany, as supported by the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger's hint that he would not be refused an entry to that country, have created a considerable stir here. They are featured by several of the morning newspapers as creating an uncertain situation which is rendered more doubtful by accounts of the activity of German propagandists in several countries.

The fear mainly is that the former Emperor would sooner or later become the center of a reactionary movement in Germany when the present revolutionary storm has blown over.

On the other hand the fact of the former ruler's placing himself or being placed in the hands of the new rulers of Germany would be welcomed in other quarters.

There is everywhere agreement in the idea that the ex-Emperor's residence in Holland is intolerable and it is insisted that he must somehow be made impotent to do further mischief. Belated advices from The Hague show that the Dutch Socialists reiterated in Parliament on Friday last their objections to his presence and demanded that he be deported.

Ex-Emperor Is Wanted

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from The Hague reports that the German soldiers' council in Antwerp on Thursday last adopted a resolution that the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council in Berlin demand extradition of the ex-Emperor and the ex-Crown Prince, as well as certain generals. The resolution expresses belief that the ex-ruler forms the center of counter-revolutionary intrigue.

The Daily Express sees the possibility of a plot to trick the allies and create a federation far exceeding in strength and resources the former German Empire. This newspaper contends that the former Emperor is back of Chancellor Ebert, former Chancellor Maximilian of Baden, and Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, and it lays emphasis upon the fact that the Emperor signed no formal abdication and issued no valedictory message.

Hun Good Faith Questioned

A number of leading allied diplomats and statesmen, including Lord Robert Cecil, under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, believe that something is brewing in Germany in the direction of a plot to trap the allies, the Express declares. The facts appear to indicate, it adds, the existence of a plan to provide for the eventual return of the former Emperor to Germany, to restoration of the old regime and the formation of a greatly extended German Federation.

Such a federation, with William Hohenzollern at its head, the Express argues, would carry the seed of another world war. It insists that the late ex-Emperor must be seized and his activities prevented.

The Daily Chronicle in an editorial makes a similar demand.