

GERMAN FACTIONS IN BLOODY CLASH

Troops and Radicals Stage Battle in Streets.

NEWSPAPER OFFICES STORMED

Armed Forces Seek Surrender of Executive Council.

PREMIER EBERT CHEERED

Herr Auer Forced to Resign Post at Point of Revolver—Workers Demand Equal Fallo.

BERLIN, Dec. 8.—The casualties in the fighting at Berlin Friday amounted to 180, according to latest Berlin advices received here Saturday. The Spartacus or radical Socialists are reported to be defending with machine guns three sections of the suburbs of Berlin.

The workers' and soldiers' committee has become more organized and refuses to use arms.

Street fighting is reported by the Cologne Gazette to be going on in Mayence, capital of the province of Rheland Hesse and one of the principal fortresses of Germany. Many persons have been killed.

BERLIN, Dec. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The clash between government troops and the followers of the Spartacus, or radical group, resulted in from 12 to 14 persons being killed, according to various reports. The number of wounded is not expected to exceed 50. Several girls who were passengers on a streetcar were among those killed.

It appears that the audience from one of the three meetings of deserters from the army was marching northward in Chaussee Strasse to join the audience from a meeting held in a hall further north. The Fusilier Guards were drawn up at the intersection of Invaliden Strasse and the commander warned the people to disperse.

Newspaper Office Stormed.
The marchers were crying "Forward! The soldiers won't shoot their comrades." The marchers tried to pierce the line whereupon the order to fire was given. Besides the wounded, several were badly hurt rushing through broken show windows seeking cover.

A group of soldiers stormed the editorial rooms of Karl Liebknecht's newspaper and attempted to destroy the plant. Frustrated in their raid on the newspaper office by government orders, the soldiers then attempted to arrest the members of the executive committee of the soldiers' and workers' council, the soldiers apparently laboring under the misapprehension that their officer had been ordered by the government to make the arrests.

Opposing Troops Clash.
This occurred at the same hour as the clash between the government troops and the Spartacus insurgents. The executive committee was holding a meeting in the former Prussian House of Deputies. The chamber was invaded by the armed forces and a demand made for the surrender of the council.

People's Commissioner Barth, who also is a member of the committee, faced the invaders with a challenge for their authority.

Meanwhile, inquiry was made at government headquarters and resulted in the detention of the leaders of the insurgent forces who were armed with hand weapons and flame throwers, for the purpose of establishing responsibility for the attempted revolution.

Raid Complete Fiasco.
It developed that the men had been invited by unattached officers to meet at a given hour at the Brandenburg Gate for the purpose of the German revolution. He modestly declined to seriously consider the proposition, urging that the Cabinet for the present was concerned in problems of immediate urgency, such as the food situation and demobilization.

The streets tonight are deserted; the university is closed, as its buildings on the Unter Den Linden have been requisitioned for the purpose of quarantining troops there.

Premier Ebert Cheered.
Yesterday evening Berlin foot guards and soldiers marched to the former Chancellor's house and called out Premier Ebert, who made a speech urging the men to keep their military units intact for the purpose of responding to hurry calls. Premier Ebert was cheered as the coming President of the German republic. He modestly declined to seriously consider the proposition, urging that the Cabinet for the present was concerned in problems of immediate urgency, such as the food situation and demobilization.

MUSTERING OUT HUGE TASK AT VANCOUVER

MORE THAN 100 EXPERTS ARE ENGAGED IN WORK.

Between 100 and 250 Men Will Be Discharged Daily Under Plan of Military Officers.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Demobilization is proceeding here according to programme, and from now on between 100 and 250 men a day will be discharged from service. There are 30,000 men to be demobilized, and it will take considerable time for them to pass through the demobilization tests. More than 100 experts are laboring night and day to return the men to civilian life. It requires about four days for a man to pass through the military procedure, after entering the demobilization office.

The government pays the enlisted, drafted and volunteer men 2½ cents per mile to the point from which they entered to service. A railroad ticket office has been established near the big depot plant, where soldiers may secure their tickets and Pullman accommodations.

As fast as the men are mustered out here, others will be brought in from the rural camps. It is expected that about 12,000 men will be held at this point for an indefinite time.

When a soldier gets his discharge, he packs his belongings, says goodbye, and leaves on the first train.

SHELL-TORN LAND VISITED BY EDITORS

140-Mile Trip Taken Along British War Front.

GHOSTLY RUIN EVERYWHERE

Territory Denuded, Homes Ruined, Fields Ravaged.

WAR'S HORRORS DEPICTED

By Edgar B. Piper.
RADINGHEM, France, Nov. 15.—(Editorial Correspondence.)—We were not sure about Lille. It had been for four years and four days in the German possession, and the evacuation had occurred but five days previously. The Hun has an unpleasant way of leaving behind him reminders of his occupation, and of his reluctance to get out, in the shape of buried mines with time fuses, or deadly gas deposits, which overcome those who chance to encounter them.

OREGON BOYS RETURN SOON

65th Regiment, Coast Artillery Corps, Included in Late List.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—Included in the list of regiments soon to be returned from abroad, as announced by General P. C. March, Chief of Staff, Saturday, at Washington, was the 65th regiment, Coast Artillery Corps. This regiment went from the forts on Puget Sound, and was largely made up of Oregon and Washington men, formerly members of the Oregon and Washington Coast Artillery.

The 63d and 69th regiments, Coast Artillery Corps, both organized at Puget Sound forts, were announced a week ago to be returned to this country soon. These regiments were recruited principally from the Northwest states.

YANKS LIKE FOOD SERVED

No Complaint Is Made at Camps Containing 300,000 Soldiers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The food served to the American soldier in camp and in the field has been "universally satisfactory," Brigadier-General Wood said in his annual report today.

General Wood said one inspector reported not a single complaint regarding food had come to him during one trip, which included visits to camps of 300,000 soldiers.

CAMP FREMONT TO CLOSE

Most of 5000 Men at Cantonment Will Be Demobilized.

SAN JOSE, Cal., Dec. 8.—Camp Fremont is to be definitely abandoned as an army cantonment January 1. This announcement was made officially at headquarters there Saturday. It was stated that 5000 men now quartered there, most of them belonging to the development battalions, will be demobilized as rapidly as possible and that the camp will be discarded as soon as this work is finished.

STEEL SHIPS LAUNCHED

Seattle Floats 89 Vessels Since January 1, 1918.

SEATTLE, Dec. 8.—With the launching of two steel and one wooden vessels here Saturday, Seattle's total launchings since January 1, 1918, reached 89 steel and 33 wooden ships. Launchings today were the 9,500 ton Edgeland and 8,900 ton West Elcajon by the Skinner & Eddy plants, and the wooden steamer Allenhurst, by the Allen Shipbuilding Company.

SPAIN TO EXPEL HUNS

German Ambassador and Members of Embassy to Go.

PARIS, Dec. 8.—"La Liberté" today prints a dispatch from Madrid, saying that the new Spanish Premier, Count Romanones, intends to expel the German Ambassador, Prince Natibor, and also several members of the German Embassy who have been notoriously engaged in spying and supporting the anti-dynastic agitation.

KING GEORGE AT LILLE

Enthusiastic Demonstration Greets British Ruler.

LILLE, France, Dec. 7.—(Havas.)—King George of England paid a visit to Lille today. He arrived at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, greeted by an enthusiastic demonstration from the crowds assembled all along the way he traveled. He proceeded to the general headquarters of the British Fifth Army, where he received the local authorities.

HUNS READY TO EVACUATE

Representative at Warsaw Sends Word to Polish Government.

BERNE, Dec. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—What promises to be a decisive battle for the elimination of partisan politics in the soldiers' and workers' councils throughout Germany has already been precipitated by the announced determination of the soldiers' and workers' committee to

Official Casualty Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Today's casualty list is the largest yet issued in any one day, containing 3856 names, classified as follows: Killed in action, 486; died of wounds, 173; died of accident and other causes, seven; died of airplane accident, three; died of disease, 20; wounded severely, 1915; wounded (degree undetermined), 227; wounded slightly, 656; missing in action, 253.

The total casualties to date, carefully revised by the War Department and taking out the duplications due to the same soldier being twice reported, gives the following summary, which includes those reported today:

Killed in action (including 296 at sea) 23,431
Died of wounds 9,991
Died of disease 12,933
Died of accident and other causes 1,888
Wounded in action 96,794
Missing in action (including prisoners) 12,569
Total to date 119,823

OREGON.
Killed in action—
Clostermann, Albert M. (Lt.), George Clostermann, 466 East Sherman St., Portland.
Ray, Lee G., Myrtle Point, Or.
Missing in action—
Hardin, James P., Cottage Grove, Or.
Sikavits, Nicholas, Marshfield, Or.
Died of wounds—
Buchanan, Paul E., Baker, Or.
Died of disease—
Roberson, Charles A. (Lt.), Mrs. Vira Roberson, 1529 Sandy boulevard, Portland.
Williams, Ray E. (Lt.), Forest Grove, Or.
Dorris, Ben. F. (Lt.), Eugene, Or.
Lee, Arthur T. (Lt.), Roseburg, Or.
Scott, Roy, Heggen, Or.
21st St., Portland, Or.
Wounded—
Kraus, Henry, Heggen, Or.
Tureman, Burr H., John Day, Or.
Beery, James, Union, Or.
Goubeau, Jimmie C., Mrs. Louise Goubeau, 188 Twenty-second street, Portland, Or.
Frost, Phillip L., Oswego, Or.
Conlan, John J., Cascade Locks, Or.
Grano, Adolph, Dominio Grano, 424 Second street, Portland, Or.
Nielsen, Nels P. C. S. Speler, Northwestern Bank bldg., Portland, Or.
Langner, Joseph C., Troutdale, Or.
Glinzer, Robert J., Mrs. Jennie Willingham, 572 Taylor street, Portland, Or.
Wounded—undetermined—
Lindemann, Robert C., Rufus, Or.
Turner, Raymond H., Ione, Or.
Thomas, Clifford H., Newport, Or.

Only One Bright Memory Remains, Optimism of People Taking Up Life Anew.

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Country All in Ruins.

For 20 or more miles the party traveled through a completely denuded territory—ruined homes, ravaged fields, leveled trees, miles of ghastly trenches, endless stretches of barbed wire, the debris and of war. The eyes grew tired with the monotony of ruin and ceased to be attracted by even the most freakish performance of shot or shell.

The roads, however, were kept in fair repair—basalt blocks, mostly, laid in endless stretches of barbed wire, were always going or coming. Usually they kept to the right of the road, where they belonged.

There is a town of Loos, which is a suburb of Lille, somewhat remote from that other Loos which has so often figured in the war news. As we neared Loos, a lone woman was seen hunting for something in the field. She was the first of the kind to be discovered in many, many miles.

German Signboards Not Removed.
Here and there was a signboard of some kind, in German, marking the roads, or the headquarters of a regiment, or pointing the way to a hospital or amusement center, or carrying the characteristic and strictly German "verboteen." No one had yet had the time or the interest to remove these offensive relics of the German occupation. After awhile there was a garden, a cheery oasis in the vast stretches that seemed able to produce nothing but

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CABLE, TELEGRAPH, PHONE POOL URGED

Theodore N. Vail Presents Recommendations.

ONE HEAD FOR ALL WANTED

Dismemberment of Properties Not Contemplated.

WORLD COMPETITION AIM

Telephone Head Advocates Better Means of Communication With Other Nations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Pooling of the telephone and telegraph facilities of the country on one hand and the marine cable lines on the other, each with a comprehensive operating organization under a single executive head, is recommended by Postmaster-General Burtell by Theodore N. Vail, president of the American Telephone & Telegraph Company. In his letter, made public today, Mr. Vail said the pooling arrangement would be brought about without dismemberment of the properties and in such a manner that they could be turned back to private owners at the expiration of the period of Government control.

"What should be done to create an ideal system," said Mr. Vail, "cannot be done because of existing laws, nor would complete consolidation be justified since to undo, such a consolidated system into its former units would lead to unwarranted waste.

"There are, however, many things which can be done which would not produce waste, and which might, by improvement of service, help further to educate the public and create an actively favorable attitude toward some co-ordination of operation and regulation and restriction through some combination of governmental authority and private ownership of operation, retaining all the advantages and incentives of both."

Land Systems Discussed.

Mr. Vail, who is acting as confidential adviser to Postmaster-General Burtell in the control of the wire system controlled by the Government, discussed the land and marine systems separately. If the United States, he said, is to become a commercial and industrial world center, an American cable system consonant with the obligations and opportunities of the country must be organized.

"There must be a United States system which will place this country directly in communication with every country with which we have or hope to have important commercial relations," declared Mr. Vail.

"As it is now we are on one side of the world system. We must be made one of the centers of the world system if we expect to compete on even terms"

STOLEN AUTOS RECOVERED

San Francisco Has Record for Pacific Coast Cities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Of 485 automobiles stolen in San Francisco from July 1, 1917, to June 30, 1918, all but 633 were recovered by the police, according to a report made to Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson.

In Los Angeles the report shows that 1837 automobiles were stolen last year and of this number 267 were not recovered.

In Portland, during 1917, 702 machines were stolen and 645 recovered.

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A TERRIBLE DISAPPOINTMENT.



PRISON BREAK FOILED BY WARDEN STEVENS

WILLARD TANNER FOUND AFTER FOUR HOURS' SEARCH.

George Demont, Co-partner in Attempted Escape, Sentenced From Clatsop County for Burglary.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—An attempt at a penitentiary break on the part of Willard Tanner, notorious as the partner of Hazel Erwin in the slaying of a man named Wallace in Multnomah County. By coincidence he was recaptured after a four-hour search by Warden Stevens and his men. Tanner and Demont had been given the freedom of the yard inside the big walls for exercise. When noses were counted the men were missing and a search instituted. They were found cowering down in a cold storage house awaiting an opportunity to make a break across the yard and go over the wall.

Tanner has been at the prison since September 27, 1917, serving from one to 15 years for manslaughter, from Multnomah County. By coincidence he was arrested under the regime of Warden Stevens, when the latter was Sheriff of Multnomah County, and his partner in the crime, Hazel Erwin, was captured here after hiding out several days.

Demont is serving from three to 10 years from Clatsop County for burglary. He is also a parole violator.

McADOO FACES MORE LOSS

Director-General Must Work Two Weeks for Nothing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Secretary McAdoo, who quit the Cabinet because his salary was insufficient, now faces the predicament of working two weeks for the Government for nothing. He will retire as Secretary of the Treasury December 16 and his pay at the rate of \$12,000 a year will stop. Until January 1, however, he will continue as Director-General of Railroads, and for this service receives not a cent, although his regional directors receive \$40,000 a year. Consequently from December 16 to January 1 he will be off the payroll.

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RED FLAG ADDRESS ROUSES UNIONISTS

I. W. W. Remarks Cause Members to Revolt.

H. H. LAMBERT HOOTED DOWN

Four Men Desert Ranks of Shipwrights and Joiners.

STRIKE BALLOT IN BALANCE

Seventeen Hundred Workers Assemble at Ice Palace and Vote on Federal Wage Award.

With assertions that the meeting favored too much of Bolshevism and that the speaker was un-American, a group of members bolted yesterday afternoon from the session of 1700 shipwrights and joiners, at which a referendum vote on the matter of a strike against the Macy award was taken, and announced they will quit the union.

When he arose and attempted to protest against what he considered remarks of an I. W. W. nature, H. H. Lambert was denied the floor and was hooted down, according to statements of Mr. Lambert. Thereupon he and a group of followers quit the meeting and declared they would have nothing more to do with the organization.

Members Surrender Cards.
"If there had been an American police officer or a Government officer in the hall," declared Mr. Lambert, "the speaker would not have dared make the remarks he made. He would have been taken out in a hurry. He started to give high praise to the Russian Bolsheviki and to stir up workers in America as compared to the Russian Reds. I'm an American citizen and don't stand for that kind of I. W. W.ism. Neither do the boys that went out with us and there were lots of others who felt the same way, though they did not leave."

"I am through with the outfit and will turn in my card, and the boys here with me will do the same, won't you boys?"

The young men whom he addressed gave their names as E. E. Smith, E. Westover and E. P. Scarvell and declared they would quit the union. All four of the men said they are employed in the Grant Smith-Porter Ship Company's yard.

STRIKE VOTE IN BALANCE

The session was that of Union No. 1020, Shipwrights and Joiners. R. A. McInnes, secretary of the Maritime Council of the Columbia River and Marshfield sections, presided. It was held at the Hotel Hippodrome, with approximately 1700 of the union's 2400 members present.

Result of the strike vote taken will not be made known until canvass of the referendum of all interested unions of the Northwest is made in Portland. This will take place probably on Wednesday or Thursday of this week, officials say. There is little doubt in the minds of those knowing the temper of the unionists that yesterday's vote favored the strike in protest against the Macy award and calling for a 44-hour week.

ST. HELENS MAN SPEAKER

Yesterday was the date originally set as the limit to which the unions of the Northwest would wait for promise of readjustment of the difficulty. A walkout was to take place today. Deferment of the strike was brought about by request of labor representatives now in Washington.

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