

BRITISH HOLD RHINE BRIDGES AT COLOGNE

Germans Are Curious When Scotch Troops Enter City.

LITTLE HOSTILITY SHOWN

Boche City Presents Holiday Air and Stores Are Brilliantly Lighted and Offering Much.

COLOGNE, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—British troops today 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 eastern 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 10 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.

In going, the Germans cut the electric wires in the towers of their end of the bridge leaving the eastern side in darkness. There was no other reason for this, according to army officers, than to cause annoyance to the British if possible.

The arrival of Scotch infantry in the city today caused the greatest excitement among the sightseers as the kilts swung through the streets behind their waving bagpipes.

Scotch Attract Attention.

Thousands of folk hastily collected to see the strange soldiers in kilts, of whom Cologne had heard with unbelieving ears.

So eagerly did the people press forward that at times traffic was practically halted. Certainly for a moment the crowds forgot for a moment their hatred of the allies as they had at any time in four years, for the Highlanders made a great bit and drew a smile to many hard faces.

While feeling considerably grieved over being under British rule, Cologne is still exhibiting keen interest in the proceedings of the troops. Thousands of persons dressed in their holiday best thronged the streets, and wherever officers or soldiers appeared, the civilians would see great crowds of people eager to get their first glimpse of the men in khaki.

It was the same sort of curiosity which one might see in almost any large city. It drew the people about the enemy troops and, even though there might be bitterness in the Germans' hearts, the uncontrollable inquisitiveness of the inhabitants won over all else. The crowds exhibited no hostility and in some cases were inclined to be friendly.

Rhine Bridge Fortified.

Traffic of all sorts is passing over the bridges across the Rhine, especially on the big Hohenzollern bridge, which carries streetcar lines over the river and has massive towers as superstructures. The eastern end of the bridge was found to have been elaborately prepared for defense. From the design of the towers they appear to have been built with great shutters through which the bridge could be raised and the western end of the bridge is a veritable fortress which is being occupied by British soldiers whose machine guns dominate both the bridge and the road to the Cathedral.

Almost under the muzzles of the rapid fire stand mammoth equestrian statues of ex-emperors William and Prince Bismarck, on either side of the entrance. One could almost imagine that the ex-emperor today looked particularly fierce, especially when the Scotch pipers went marching by.

Veterans in Cologne.

It is an interesting coincidence that the troops guarding the Hohenzollern bridge, who were the first to cross the Rhine, also fired the first shot in the war for Great Britain and Belgium and killed the first German accounted for by the British.

Cologne presented a holiday air this afternoon, with the throngs in the streets crowding the passageways. The stores are offering a great assortment of goods, and their brilliantly lighted windows might be those of any other big town.

The British troops probably will move still further eastward from Cologne on Tuesday.

GREAT NAVY IS DEMANDED

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vorably in power with those of any other nation, pointing out that the six battleships soon to be laid down are designed for a displacement of 43,000 tons, of 23 knots speed, a main battery of 15 16-inch guns and are heavily

armored. They will be the most powerful vessels in the world, he said.

The Admiral stated that provisions for 163 destroyers is made in the 1920 three-year programme. There are now 25 either built or being built, he said, and in 1925 there will, therefore, be a total of 160 compared with England's 116 at present.

Submarines Are Desired.

The submarine programme calls for 31 fleet submarines of 1465-ton type, 24 anti-submarine and 42 mine-layers," he said. "There are now built, building or authorized a total of 150 coast submarines and 12 fleet submarines. The general board estimates that a total of 394 S-type boats are required and recommends that 75 be authorized now.

The British navy has now built or building 223 submarines, of which about 75 are of large or fleet type.

Admiral Badger emphasized the need for additional mine sweepers and patrol vessels, and spoke of the developments during the war of the airplane carrier. Fleet engagements will be preceded in the future by operations in the air, he stated, and the general board recommends that the fleet be provided with facilities to carry on such operations.

Disposition of the ships surrendered by Germany rests with the peace conference, Admiral Badger stated in response to questions at the close of the meeting as to whether or not he thought these vessels should be destroyed, returned or distributed among the allies.

An account of the development and scope of activities of German submarines was given by Admiral Badger. Ten years ago the submarine was not larger than 150 tons, could cruise less than 500 miles and was very vulnerable. Today they are 30 times larger and can make trips of 7000 miles and more. They have destroyed hundreds of vessels and have laid mines in sea lanes and in harbors, making constant sweeping operations necessary. No one knows, the Admiral said, how much further the development will go.

SEA FREEDOM IS DEFINED

VISCOUNT GREY PRESENTS ATTITUDE OF BRITAIN.

Englishman Says League of Nations Will Bring About Full Agreement Between Two Countries.

DESBURY, England, Dec. 11.—Viscount Grey, former secretary of state for foreign affairs, speaking here tonight, devoted a part of his address to a discussion of the freedom of the seas.

"This is a matter which, it is feared, may create difficulties between President Wilson and the British government. I think it is a great pity that so much has been said about the freedom of the seas without it being defined."

"Freedom of the seas in times of peace? If so, we agree. The United States, I think, has some rule forbidding foreign ships to carry goods between the United States and the Philippines. Some other countries have rules of the same kind. We never had a regulation like that. The United States is more completely for the freedom of the seas in times of peace than any other nation."

"If the question is one of the freedom of the seas in times of war, then I would say this: 'The United States, as we all most gratefully recognize, has taken part in the last two years of the war. Without the United States we could not have had the success the allies have now won. I cannot emphasize that too much. The British government admires it. But since the United States entered the war she has not only acquiesced, but I believe most strongly in carrying out the blockade of Germany.'

"Suppose this situation should exist again. It is impossible to suppose that the United States would agree that the blockade which was so essential for success should not be allowed. That would stultify everything America did in this war."

"This is so, we come to this, that probably what was in President Wilson's mind is that freedom of the seas should be secured to any nation serving the covenants of a league of nations and should be denied to any nation breaking those covenants. If that is so, then a league of nations is the solution to the whole question, and cannot be discussed apart from it."

"On these grounds, I believe there may be a complete agreement between the two countries only if a league of nations is formed."

EUGENE OPENS CORN SHOW

BIG TERRITORY AND MANY VARIETIES REPRESENTED.

Displays Demonstrate to Farmers Quality of Product Is Equal to That of Middle West.

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—With exhibits far superior in quality to those of any previous show, the annual Western Oregon Corn Show opened here this morning and will continue throughout the rest of the week.

Arranged on the long exhibit tables in the Chamber of Commerce rooms are some of the finest specimens of corn ever seen in a show of this kind.

Experts who have visited the exhibits during the day say the grain is equal to the best grown in the corn belt of the Middle West.

In extent the show of this year falls short of the mark set by the record fair of last year, but the exhibits represent a wider scope of territory and more varieties.

One fact which is being strongly brought home to the farmers by the show is that successful corn production in this part of the state is not limited to one or two particular varieties. Excellent samples of Wisconsin No. 12, Hackberry yellow dent, Ross yellow dent, Minnesota 23, and Leaning, from practically every county of Western Oregon, demonstrate that there is a suitable corn for every kind of soil in this section. A Burbank variety of black sweet corn for table use is attracting more than passing attention. An exhibit of wild corn from South America, from which the edible product is claimed to have been developed, is one of the unusual features.

Polk Urges Aiding Consular Force.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Increase of the consular force and appointment of 25 economic assistants to aid American industries in extending their after-the-war foreign trade was urged yesterday by Acting Secretary of State Polk before the House foreign affairs committee.

Warehouses Not to Be Built.

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 12.—Extensive plans of the War Department for establishing a number of warehouses near Fort Wingate, N. M., for storing high explosives have been abandoned and all preliminary work stopped, according to the statement of Army officers here today.

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AUTHORITY OF DOCKE REDS RAPIDLY WANES

Soldiers' and Workmen's Organization Loses Power.

HUN "HEROES" COME HOME

Troops Returning From Ravaging Belgium and France Greeted in Berlin as Men Undefeated.

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official denial was made today that the government was considering the convening of the Reichstag. The Tagblatt earlier had reported that the cabinet was to convene the Reichstag in order to give the government a parliamentary basis in dealing with the allies. It added that the Reichstag session probably would begin next week.

The authority of the cabinet as a whole appears to be greater than it was last week. The Spartacus organ, the Red Flag, indeed declares that the executive committee of the soldiers' and workers' council has been stripped of all its power, despite the fact that it would remain in power. The power should reside in its hands. The newspaper says the committee protested against the march of troops into Berlin yesterday and today, but that its protest, like its demand that the troops be disbanded, was ignored by the cabinet.

Radicals Lose Power.

The Red Flag apparently exaggerates the situation, but there seems no doubt that the executive committee, which has been drifting steadily to the extreme radical side, no longer occupies the dominating position which it had in the first days of the revolution.

While the authority of the cabinet has been gaining in strength there has been a serious shift of power within the cabinet itself. The position of the Ebert-Scheidemann group has been especially strengthened as against that of the Barth element by various factors.

The Independent Socialist members of the cabinet have been noticeably quiet. They took no part in the reception of the troops. In many quarters the belief is held that the cabinet, with so many factors favoring him, and his colleagues, shortly will take a decided step to alter the conditions which he characterized last Sunday as intolerable.

Dr. W. S. Solf, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has handed in his resignation, which has been accepted by the cabinet.

Retirement Is Expected.

The Foreign Secretary's retirement does not come as a surprise, as his relations with the Independent Socialist wing of the Ebert-Haase cabinet reached the straining point some time ago.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 11.—Berlin's welcome to the Prussian Guard 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 Über Alles," and not revolutionary airs.

Brandenburg Gate and the streets through which the soldiers marched were decorated with evergreens and flags. The officers and men were decorated with national rosettes of flowers and wore their iron crosses. The soldiers in the procession participated in the last battle of the war and suffered tremendous losses, some detachments being reduced almost to the vanishing point, it is said. The ranks, however, were filled with men from other detachments.

Huns Welcomed as Heroes.

Freiherr Ebert, the Premier, welcomed the soldiers. He declared, it is said, that a new government had been established in Germany and that the army would be its strongest support. In behalf of the troops, a sergeant replied to the effect that the watchword now must be "Quiet." He said that the soldiers desired the convening of the national assembly at the earliest moment and did not want to be led away from the "secure path of quiet and order" by Dr. Karl Liebknecht or other dreamers.

Premier Ebert's speech to the soldiers is reported as follows: "Your deeds and sacrifices are unexampled. No enemy overcome you. Only when the preparation of our opponents in men and material grew ever heavier did we abandon the struggle."

"You endured indescribable sufferings, accomplished incomparable deeds, and gave, year after year, proofs of your unshakable courage. You protected the homeland from invasion, shielded your wives, children and parents from flames and slaughter and preserved the nation's workshops and

fields from devastation. You can return with heads erect."

HUN WORKMEN SUSPICIOUS

Scheme of Socialization Does Not Meet Hearty Welcome.

BERLIN, Wednesday, Dec. 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The employees of the Ventski Agricultural Implement Works at Graudenz, West Prussia, have declined to take over the plant, which the owners voluntarily agreed to surrender for socialization purposes, according to the Danzig Gazette. The workmen are said to be of the opinion that the present economic situation in Germany is not favorable to the carrying out of socialistic theories.

"In our opinion," says the Berlin Tagblatt, "in commenting on this development, 'this single instance is typical of the existing economic situation which has prompted the majority of the workmen to view the whole scheme of socialization with a certain suspicion.'"

PUPILS ABHOR EX-KAISER

Teacher Who Placed Wilhelm's Picture by Side of Wilson's Resigns.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Children in the McAlpin School, several miles east of Salem, protested when their teacher, Miss Wilhelmina Doerflinger, posted a picture of the ex-Kaiser alongside that of President Wilson on the wall of the schoolroom, and as a result of the protest she resigned today.

She states she had no disloyal motive in pasting up the picture of the former Emperor, but placed it on the wall with pictures of other prominent men in the world's strife to give the pupils an idea of their appearance. However, inasmuch as a protest was made, she stated she would resign.

FIFTEEN ARE DISCHARGED

University Students Released From Army Training Corps.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 12.—(Special.)—Fifteen men of the Students' Army Training Corps, discharged today, probably will be the last men released from the training corps. Colonel W. M. C. Bowen, commanding officer, said this morning. Twenty men had been discharged up to this morning.

The contract surgeons, Dr. S. M. Kerron and Dr. W. B. Neal, are giving the men their physical examinations. Discharge papers of work in progress under the direction of Lieutenant R. S. Zimmerman, assistant personnel officer. The number of men who will be discharged by December 31 is 324, exclusive of the men of the naval unit.

SALMON PRICES TO DROP

Maximum Quotations Will Be Removed Saturday.

Maximum salmon prices, established by Food Administration officials for the fall run in Oregon, will be removed Saturday. Permission to take off the price restriction came from Washington yesterday to Acting Food Administrator Newell. Letters will be sent out today notifying all buyers, canners and fishermen's associations. The maximum price for fresh steelheads has been 94 cents and that for silversides, 84 cents. These prices have been in effect since August 25.

RUSSIAN GOLD IN PARIS

Germans Surrender \$60,000,000 Taken From Their Neighbors.

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Gold received from Russia by the Germans, amounting to more than \$60,000,000, has arrived in Paris and been deposited in the Bank of France, the French Ministry of Finance announced today.

The money is credited to the common account of the allies in conformity with the terms of the armistice.

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Fine sheer lawn handkerchiefs, daintily worked with white or colored embroidered design or metal. They come 3 to a fancy holiday box and priced this sale at, a box25c

Handkerchiefs Specially Priced at 10 Cents Each, or Three for 25 Cents

An extensive variety of sheer lawn and shamrock handkerchiefs in printed, embroidered and initial styles—attractive values at 10c each or three forTwenty-five cents

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Embroideries and Laces at 10c Yard

Swiss, Cambric and Longcloth Embroideries, Edges, Insertions, and Beadings—Imitation Filet Lace, Bands and Edges—Normandy Val. Edges, Points and 12-inch Flouncings, narrow Venise Edges, etc. All on sale at, yard, .10c

Holiday Neckwear in Choice Selection at 50c

The most desirable styles in Collars, Gimpes, Sets and Vests of fine Organdie, Nets, Georgette, Satins and Lace—a charming gift.

Laces and Embroideries for Christmas Sewing on Sale Friday at 25c a Yard

An endless assortment of all sorts of desirable Laces and Embroideries, including 17-inch Swiss and Cambric Flouncings, Corset Cover Embroideries—9 to 12-inch Skirtings, Swiss Edges, Sets and Beading Gallons—34-inch Shadow Allovers—17-inch Shadow Flouncings—Venise Edges and Sets—Metal Bands and Edges—Cheney Edges, Bands, etc. All at, yard25c

Ribbons Specially Priced at 25c Yard

Xmas Ribbons in all desired widths and colorings for hairbows, bags and fancy work—light and dark patterns, plaids, stripes, novelties and plain shades in 5 and 5½-inch widths. On sale Friday, yd., .25c

Hair Bows at 35c Each, Three for \$1

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