

RUSSIANS' ADVANCE SOUTH UNHINDERED

Reds Disarming Poles but Taking No Prisoners.

ARMY IN FULL STRENGTH

Polish Line Northeast of Warsaw Withdrawn—Hard Fighting on Bug River Reported.

JOHANNESBURG, East Prussia, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The right wing of the Russian army, which swept by near the frontier here yesterday, today had disappeared to the south, and the only information of its movements came from confused reports of Polish and Russian refugees who agreed that its advance was not hindered.

German newspaper men declare that the reds have forbidden alcohol and they assert that the bolsheviks are taking no prisoners but are disarming and freeing captured Poles. Advances say the soviet armies are advancing in full strength, with cavalry leading.

Increased vigilance is being shown by the security police, despite information that the Russians do not intend to violate German neutrality. No person is allowed to cross the frontier without permission of the inter-allied commission.

Reports from German agents in Poland say Polish soldiers have been plundering towns they evacuated, but that the Russians are taking steps to stop looting. The death penalty is said to attach to violation of any bolshevik order.

WARSAW, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Military attaches were told that the Polish army headquarters today that the Polish line northeast of Warsaw had been withdrawn to about 60 miles from the capital. Owing to this withdrawal, which was below Ostrow, the Poles were out of contact with the bolsheviks at various points. Hard fighting was reported along the Bug river, where Polish resistance was said to be stiffening.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Ostrolenka, 60 miles northeast of Warsaw, is still being attacked by bolshevik forces, says an official communique from Warsaw today. These attacks, as well as others, have been repulsed, with the capture of prisoners and machine guns. Partial evacuation of Terepol, four miles west of Brest-Litovsk, is recorded.

WARSAW, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Removal of the secret files and other records of the American legation began today. The first shipment, in charge of J. C. White of the legation, was guarded by eight soldiers of the American typhus expedition. J. P. Moffatt, secretary of the legation, is remaining and will accompany the Polish government if it leaves Warsaw.

The exodus of the population is continuing. All women Red Cross workers will depart today. Nearly all Y. M. C. A. workers have left. The American Relief association continues in operation.

BERLIN, Aug. 7.—The alleged movement of French troops through upper Silesia, reported in a Breunau telegram published in the Zwoelfuhrblatt, is denied in a semi-official statement received today.

It said that the inter-allied commission in upper Silesia has issued no order to the railway authorities to stop troops that additional troops would be moved through that station.

The only allied troops which have entered upper Silesia, it continued, were sent to relieve occupation troops. The report that excitement prevails in this district is denied.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—A wireless dispatch from Moscow says that Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of the Russian soviet government has sent a note to the Roumanian government, saying Russia is prepared to resume peace negotiations with that country. The minister accuses the break in the previous negotiations to a misunderstanding.

WARSAW, Aug. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—An official statement issued by the minister of foreign affairs declares that the note which Poland addressed to the soviet accepting the proposal to send delegates to Minsk for negotiations has been dispatched, the Moscow wireless having refused to accept it, fixing other hours than the customary ones for reception of messages.

POLES ANXIOUS FOR PEACE Government Sets Forth Terms Essential for Negotiations.

WARSAW, Aug. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Pilsudski of the terms of peace Poland would agree to were set forth in the Sunday night wireless to Minsk, and that by accepting the soviet proposal to send delegates to Minsk to negotiate an armistice and peace.

The note declared that Poland was compelled, however, to demand formal guarantees that the Polish delegates would be permitted to have direct communication with the Polish government by wireless and couriers.

The government also said that because of the fact that the soviet has previously refused to negotiate an armistice, hostilities should now cease on both sides from the moment of the beginning of the negotiations at Minsk.

The note stated that Poland could not accept any terms that would be an attack on her sovereign rights or interfere with her internal affairs, and she asked for an answer that would be the basis for future peace terms.

The note added that the fact that the first armistice negotiations were broken off because the Polish delegates were empowered to negotiate only an armistice and not peace compelled the government to conclude that the soviet would make an effort to continue military operations, and that therefore the Russians must take all responsibility for the continuance of hostilities. The Polish government was making every effort to win the war, the note asserted.

PREMIERS TO CONFER TODAY Decision Regarding Russo-Polish Situation Expected Soon.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Premier Lloyd George, British ambassador and Field Marshal Sir Henry Wilson, left London this evening for Berlin, where tomorrow they will hold a conference with Premier Millerand of France, Marshal Pilsudski and other Polish officials with regard to the Russo-Polish situation.

expectancy the decision of this conference, which is expected to be announced formally by the premier in the house of commons Monday. The newspapers generally are striking a note of optimism, although not disregarding the gravity of the crisis.

GERMANS SEE OPPORTUNITY

Paris Visions Tenton Designs in Polish Situation.

PARIS, Aug. 7.—Dr. Goepfert, head of the German peace commission, delivered to the French foreign office yesterday a note relative to the organization of a special German military force in East Prussia. The Berlin government, according to this morning's newspapers, announced that armed groups will be formed in that province out of fear of the bolsheviks and in the interests of public order. The government is obliged to take a hand in the organization of this militia.

The note delivered by Dr. Goepfert further recalls the request recently made to the council of ambassadors for permission to send German troops into the plebiscite territory at Marienwerder and Allenstein.

Editorial expressions profess to see in this an attempt by Germany to take advantage of the situation to violate the Versailles treaty.

"Everything," says the Petit Parisien, "shows that an imposing force will be ready at the German-Polish frontier to hold up the hands of the bolshevik advance guards."

POLISH-AMERICANS AROUSED

Demonstrations Planned to Obtain Aid for Native Land.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—American citizens of Polish birth or descent assembled today from eight states, planned demonstrations in nearly 100 American cities August 15 to obtain American aid for Poland.

The delegation planned appointment of committees to call on President Harding and Governor Cox to urge upon them the need for this country intervening for Poland.

CHICAGO, Aug. 7.—Representatives of American cities of Polish descent in seven middle western states today laid plans to raise money and recruit men to help Poland.

RELIGIOUS FERVOR AROUSED

Polish Refugees Pray for Deliverance of Country.

CZESTOCHOWA, Poland, Aug. 5.—Religious fervor has been aroused against the bolshevik advance into Poland.

Streams of refugees have reached this city and purpose to climb the high hill outside the city limits to worship at the ancient shrine of Yanno Gora, Poland's patron saint, and pray for the country's deliverance.

Poles Appeal to League.

WARSAW, Aug. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Polish foreign office has sent to the league of nations a peace presenting the Polish side of the peace and armistice controversy with the soviet government of Russia.

A proclamation calling for a quiet in the Polish people, asking them to remain calm and to support the government, will be issued by government officials.

Reds Advance on Wrangel.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—Bolsheviks have begun an offensive against General Wrangel, anti-bolshevik leader in southern Russia, who has advanced to the distance of 100 miles from his base in the Crimea. In Friday's official statement from Moscow the soviet government claimed to have further advance by the soviet troops.

PAUL RIGGS TO BE CADET

Portland Boy Leaves to Take Up Studies at Annapolis.

Paul H. Riggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Riggs, left for Annapolis last Wednesday to take up his work at the United States Naval academy, to which he has been appointed by Congressman C. McArthur, having examinations conducted here and at Bremerton.

From childhood the young man has been intensely interested in the life of the sea and in military and naval affairs. He enlisted as a member of the junior militia during the war and in the summer of 1913 took a course of 30 days in the junior student officer course at the University of Oregon.

When examinations were held in Portland recently he passed with the highest grade of the four successful applicants in the class of 20 who took the tests. He was 18 last January, was born in Omaha, and has been a resident of Portland for several years.

11 Pass Engineer Examination.

Nine mining engineers and two civil engineers successfully passed examinations conducted by the state board of engineer examiners at Baker Friday, according to City Engineer Laugaard, chairman of the board, who returned to Portland yesterday. One mining engineer failed to pass. The next examination will be held on August 27 at Medford. The board is composed of Olof Laugaard, F. D. Weber, Frank S. Bailie and W. B. Dennis.

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FORMER AMBASSADOR FLAYS DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

Fletcher Says Treaty of Versailles, Signed by Wilson, Destroys Chart of Peace.

SHADE GAP, Pa., Aug. 7.—Article 21 of the league of nations covenant was attacked as a betrayal rather than a safeguard of the Monroe doctrine by Henry V. Fletcher, former ambassador to Mexico, in an address today at a county reunion. He declared that the democratic party, through its endorsement of the league covenant, was seeking to set up "a vain, visionary and vanishing scheme of world regulation and interference based on an arbitrary disposition of the lands and peoples of the earth."

"The treaty of Versailles, as signed by the president, submitted to the senate and endorsed by the democratic national convention," the former ambassador asserted, "absolutely and completely destroys the great chart and charter of peace with freedom which we Americans signed under the name of the Monroe doctrine."

"The Monroe doctrine forbids American participation in the political affairs of Europe. The treaty requires it."

"The Monroe doctrine forbids outside interference in American affairs. The covenant provides for it."

"Article 21 of the treaty of Versailles," Mr. Fletcher continued, "is the famous article of the covenant which we were told would safeguard and protect the Monroe doctrine."

"There are two versions of the treaty; one in French and the other in English. Both are authentic. Apparently the French text of this article was prepared for European and the English text for home consumption."

"The English text of article 21 reads: 'Nothing in this covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of international engagements, such as treaties of arbitration or regional understandings like the Monroe doctrine, for securing the maintenance of peace.'"

"A literal translation of the French text of the same article, however, reads: 'International engagements, such as arbitration treaties and regional treaties like the Monroe doctrine, which assure the maintenance of peace, are not considered as incompatible with any of the dispositions of the present pact.'"

"But both of these explanations or reservations of the Monroe doctrine are only meditated make-believe or sugar-coated dope. They do not safeguard or preserve the doctrine at all. They betray it."

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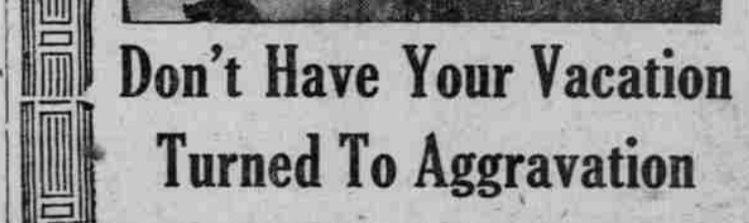


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