

**GERMAN OFFICERS
FIND NO WELCOME
ON ARRIVAL HOME**

Doors of Hospitality Closed and Vanquished Soldiers Are Told to Seek Vermin Eradicators.

STREETS FULL OF BEGGARS

People in Germany Laugh and Jeer at Wilhelm in Holland Trying to Excuse Himself.

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Special Wireless to The Journal and Chicago Daily News

Stockholm, Sweden, Dec. 16.—"Lieutenants' pay has been reduced to 125 marks (\$31.25) a month in Germany," says Erik Julema, Swedish author, who has just returned from Berlin.

"This inflicts a great hardship on the returning officers, who are especially dejected at their reception. No rich Berlin home now hospitably opens its doors to the soldiers. Large placards on the streets urge them to go immediately to vermin cleaning establishments and to specialists in social diseases. "If they want food, they can buy at high prices at the railroad stations a stein of thin ale and a bit of bread. They are permitted to lie on the hard floors and benches in the stations, whereas formerly they were given the softest beds and the best food."

Hindenburg's Statue Stands

"In Siegenallee still stands Hindenburg's giant wooden statue, but it is only three quarters full of nails, and the bare wood is cracking, decaying and falling apart. Nobody heeds this symbol of what is now a cracked and decaying German army. The most enterprising soldiers procure cigars and cigarettes and stand selling them along the sidewalks. In Potsdamer platz uniformed cripples dance to the music of a concertina, a blind invalid sings a mournful song, a man with a distorted eye, his partly masked face holds out his soldier's cap, begging; agents solicit the homecoming troops, and the whole way along Leipzigerstrasse blind, legless and armless soldiers hawk postal cards caricaturing the kaiser.

"'Sic transit gloria mundi' is written over the German empire. In Holland sits Wilhelm trying to excuse himself like an apprehensive child; in Germany they are laughing at and jeering him for his wriggling. It was curious to see the faith the frightened mob placed in street cars when the fighting broke loose just after the revolution. The people rushed to the stalled cars like scared children to their mother's skirts. It seemed grotesquely impossible that machine guns should spray with bullets homely things like the local street cars.

Many Elements Prominent

"In Siegenallee Liebknecht thundered against the government; in Wilhelmstrasse the crowds shouted that the humble saddlemaker, Ebert, should become the president of Germany, while in the Tiergarten the little Jewish cripple, Rosa Luxemburg, flung her soaked phrases like bombs into the mob.

"Berliners expect the French to enter through the Brandenburger gate. 'Let them come,' say intemperate Germans. 'It is a childish pleasure which we should not have denied ourselves in Paris had we been the victors.' Poles are already seen walking in Unter den Linden, while Germans in field gray and French and English soldiers now wander arm in arm past the Brandenburger gate."

Deception Avals Nothing

Copenhagen (by wireless via London), Dec. 16.—"At the behest of the entente we disarm ourselves and we are ready to take the consequences," Philip Scheidemann, the German majority Socialist leader, declared in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Berneke Tidende.

"There is no occasion for alarm and foolish attempts to throw dust in the eyes of America, England and France," continued Scheidemann. "Such attempts might as well cease. They do not deceive anyone. Those countries are astute enough to procure information on the real condition from reliable sources of their own."

"Therefore, I say that the political situation in Germany is improving."

"If only some 50 persons were arrested, probably the whole Spartacus movement would be suppressed. The new government, however, will not use violence, although eventually we will have to disarm the supporters of the Spartacus extremists."

"Herr Liebknecht is not a normally constituted man, and the executive committee (of the soviets) is only a provisional institution."

Ebert Forces Raid Radical Paper

London, Dec. 16.—The Ebert government, according to exclusive information reaching here, has raided the offices of the newspaper Die Rote Fahne (Red Flag), Berlin's principal radical organ. This action is regarded by diplomats here as the first sign of real stability on the part of the German government, indicating that Ebert has decided upon sterner measures against the Spartacus group.

Returning Troops Oppose Extremists

London, Dec. 16.—(I. N. S.)—German troops arriving at Berlin from the front have taken sides against the terrorists and have driven out the marines that had established themselves in the ex-kaiser's castle, said a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam this afternoon.

Renewal of Civil War in Western Siberia Reported

London, Dec. 16.—A delayed cable dispatch from Tien Tsin says telegraph communications with Western Siberia are interrupted and that it is feared civil war has again broken out there. The dispatch quotes reports to the effect that the native populations apparently are disinclined to trust the motives of the allied joint expedition. Rumors are current that the allies are not working upon a concerted plan.

From Vladivostok comes a report that General Semenov's defiance of all authority except his own is aggravating the situation and may result in serious disorder. Dispatches from Vladivostok, speaking of all shades of political tendencies, are pessimistic.

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