

# OCCUPATION NOT RESENTED

### Workers Show No Dissatisfaction; Factories in Operation

### SOME SHOWING RELIEF

### Promise of Better Food Supply Warms Germans To Troops

DUESSELDORF, March 9.—Twenty-four hours have passed since allied troops marched into the new zone of occupation. Not the slightest untoward incident has occurred and General Degoutte, in command, has returned to Mayence.

"One could almost say our arrival is the fulfillment of a long cherished hope," commented a high allied officer today.

Workers show no signs of dissatisfaction. Socialist leaders say that the army has promised to respect their organization; that is all they ask. If the army rides them of the hated "green devils," as the state police are called, they promise to live on the best terms with it.

At Duisberg and Ruhrfort ferment is apparent. The walls are plastered with placards headed with the red flag. The soldiers had occasionally to disperse sullen featured groups but it seems a passing show of all-humor, for the factories are working full blast while sections of the population appear to feel relief.

The occupation assures the maintenance of that order so dear to the German heart, while General Degoutte's proclamation, in promising a better food supply, has made an excellent impression.

The most conspicuous evidence of the occupation of this city are two British tanks at the Hindenburg wall, near the Rhine, around which crowds gathered today, among them two soldiers who examined the machine. Interest in the troops had largely diminished today, inhabitants showing mostly what General Gaucher termed "benevolent indifference."

Many Germans are calling at the French headquarters and offering to enlist in the foreign legion.

The first real cash payment on reparations was collected yesterday when the allies seized all money in the cash boxes of the customs houses on the French and Belgian frontiers. It will be turned over to the reparations commission.

The censorship announced in General Degoutte's proclamation

applies only to local publications. It is said to be intended only to prevent propaganda which might prove dangerous for the troops of occupation. The proclamation informed the populace that the army of occupation would hinder business as little as possible. With regard to the giving up of arms within 12 hours, the proclamation announced a penalty comprising a fine and imprisonment for failure to comply.

The French troops today began opening soup kitchens in the poor quarters, where they found suffering. The Security police, numbering 1100, will be reduced tomorrow to 300. The ordinary police will continue on duty.

General Gaucher today received the town notables and told them that the conditions of occupation would be as lenient as possible. He added that the desire was that normal conditions be restored as soon as possible. Among the first callers on the French commandant were representatives of labor unions who informed General Gaucher that they had rejected the proposed general strike and that they considered the occupying forces as "bailiffs who have come to collect a legal debt."

Crowds around the headquarters listlessly watched German workmen re-painting the black and white sentry box red, white and blue.

Some of the spectators saluted French officers as they entered. Several inhabitants interrogated today mostly gave the opinion that Dr. Simons, German foreign secretary, should have accepted the Paris decisions.

## CHILEAN INDIAN SINGS IN OPERA

### Chief Caupolican Makes His Debut With Metropolitan Co.

NEW YORK, March 9.—The chasm between unmelodious Indian war whoops and the smooth strains of operatic singing was bridged tonight when Chief Caupolican, a native Araucanian Indian of the Chilean Andes, made his debut with the Metropolitan Opera company in the leading role of "The Polish Jew." The large audience gave the "big chief" a rousing reception.

The stentorian voice of his Indian father and the musical appreciation of his French mother have been blended into an operatic baritone of rare richness, personified in the Indian chief.

U. S. Mediation May Replace League Action

### Jamaica Appropriates Money to Pay War Debt

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Mar. 9.—The legislative council today passed a measure providing an appropriation of \$50,000 annually for 40 years, to help the liquidation of the mother country's war debt.

## HOUGH TESTIFIES IN OWN BEHALF

### Forged Bonds Under Death Threats Says Junior Partner

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 9.—Taking the witness stand in his own behalf, Jay F. Hough, testified in superior court here today that only under death threats by his late partner, John B. Millholland, did he forge bonds, through which it is alleged, James F. Callahan, wealthy Wallace, Idaho, mining man, was defrauded out of \$400,000.

Hough declared to the court that on two occasions Millholland threatened to kill him unless he signed the securities. He is now being tried for the forgery of \$50,000 worth of improvement bonds of Liberty county, Montana.

After Hough completed his testimony several witnesses were called by defense attorneys who gave testimony intended to substantiate that of Hough concerning the alleged death threats.

The defense before the opening of court today secured a ruling that bars the introduction of Hough's purported confession to authorities concerning the alleged embezzlement in the present trial.

Again today large crowds of people were present at the trial.

### De Havilands to Be Used for Forest Patrol

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Mar. 9.—Ninety De Haviland airplanes will be utilized by the ninth and 91st aero squadrons in forestry patrol operations in California and Oregon this summer and autumn. It was announced today by officers at Rockwell field.

Forty of the De Havilands have already been shipped to Mather Field near Sacramento, from Rockwell. The other 50 machines are now being overhauled and assembled and will be ready for shipment before the first of April.

Authority has been requested of the war department to organize two more aero squadrons to supplement the work of the ninth and 91st this summer. Officers and men for the squadrons will be obtained from the various flying fields and bases on the Pacific coast.

Mather Field, Rockwell Field, Red Bluff and Fresno will be the principal operating bases of the forestry patrol squadron this summer.

### Railway Brotherhoods Contest Wage Decreases

CLEVELAND, March 9.—The four railroad brotherhoods will contest general wage reductions by going before the railway labor board and "showing there is no justice in such action." W. S. Carter, president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, said tonight.

"I take it that the Pennsylvania railroad proposes to proceed with negotiations as prescribed by the transportation act," he said. "That means that if no agreement is reached in the conferences between the management and the employees, the latter may appeal to the labor board. That means long drawn-out hearings."

### Marshall Makes Plea For Democratic Ideals

CLEVELAND, March 9.—A plea for the rejuvenation of democratic ideals in American life and the leveling of all class distinction was made here by Former Vice President Marshall today.

"America is the hope of the world," he said, "and America rests upon the heart that is in the breast of every American—man and woman.

"The world cannot go on as it has. Disarmament must come some day.

"Let us live our democracy—let us level all distinctions in class and make this America really democratic."

### Anglo-Russian Trade Agreement Unlikely

LONDON, Mar. 9.—The conclusion of an Anglo-Russian trade agreement was rendered unlikely through a proposal by Leonard Krassin, bolshevik commissioner, to insert political clauses in the preamble virtually constituting recognition of the soviet government. It has been authoritatively learned.

It develops that Krassin returned from Russia with amendments which would change the complexion of the treaty. These amendments, it is said, are considered impossible even of serious

consideration, and a breaking off in the negotiations will follow if they are persistently urged.

### Record of Forestry Men Will be Kept

PORTLAND, Or., Mar. 9.—The United States forest service has decided to prepare and maintain a permanent record of the men of the service who lost their lives in performing official duties, according to word received by the local office today. The roll of honor will be deposited in an appropriate place in the Washington, D.C., office. All field officers have been called upon to prepare such lists.

The Washington office also is preparing a bronze memorial tablet for all men connected with the forest service who lost their lives in the great war.

### 1000 Drowned in Wreck Of Chinese Steamship

AMOY, China, March 9.—One thousand persons were drowned when the steamship Hong Moh was wrecked off the port of Swatow, March 3, said reports received here today. The vessel struck rocks and sank immediately. There were few life boats on board and no wireless. The steamer which was a coolie carrier bound from Singapore for Amoy, carried 1200 passengers.

Captain Holms and Lim Peng Siang, a millionaire of Singapore, were among those lost.

### Pershing Recommends Health Check For Boys

WASHINGTON, March 9.—An annual survey through local and state health boards to determine the physical conditions of young men was advocated by General Pershing today in addressing local high school students. He said an annual check on the physical condition of young men would go far toward improving the health average.

### LYNCHING TREE FALLS

YORK, S. C., Mar. 9.—The village lynching tree, a white oak, near here, where five negroes were hanged a quarter century ago, after the murder of a white boy, has been blown down by a high wind. Since it attained its place in history the tree has been sprouting a crop of police clubs annually for North and South Carolina officers.

### President Asked to Aid American in Ireland

BOSTON, March 9.—President Harding and United States Sena-

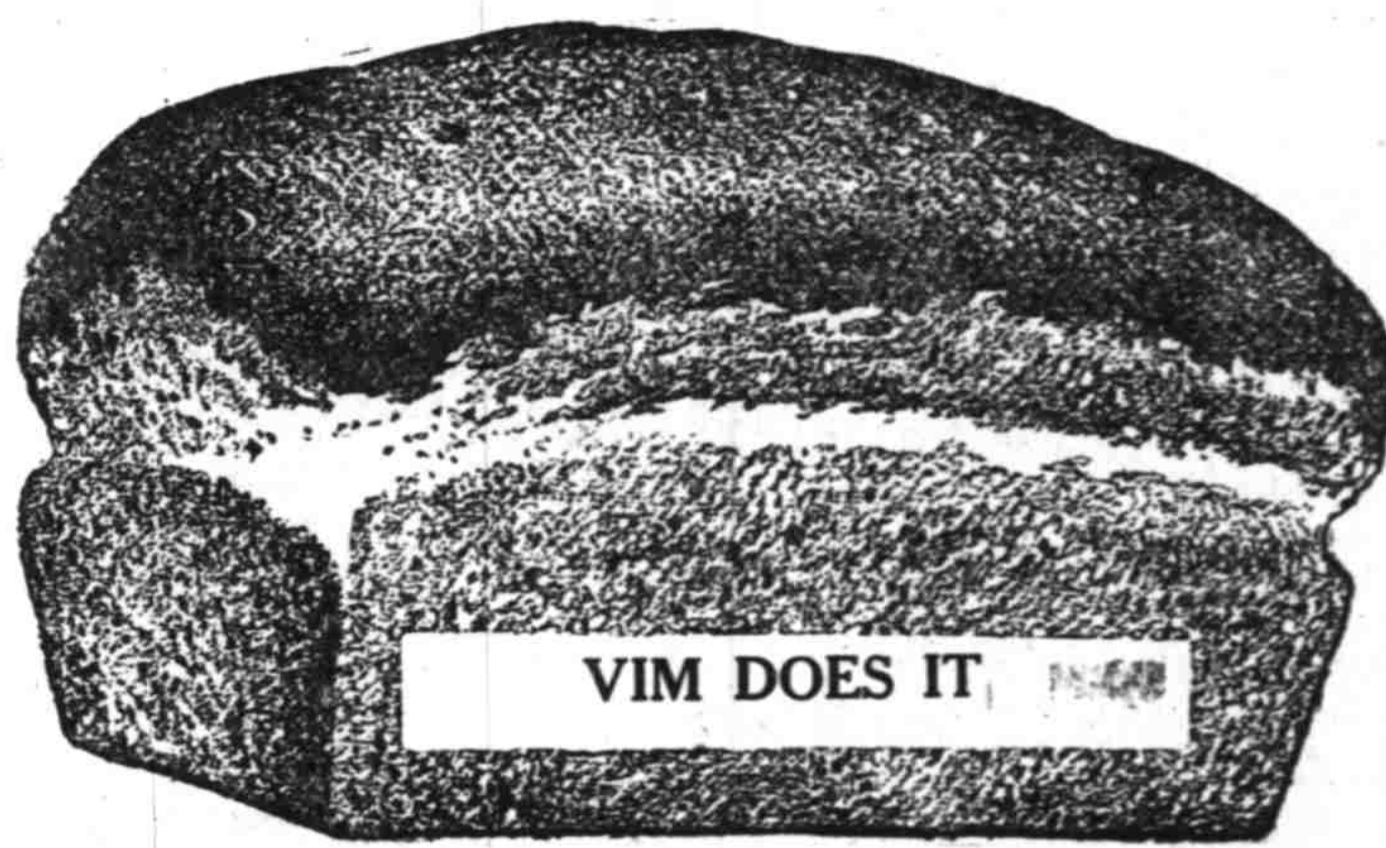
tor Walsh were asked to act immediately in behalf of Peter Moylan of this city, an American citizen, said to be in jail at Galway, Ireland, in messages sent today by the Massachusetts council of

the Association for the Recognition of Ireland. Moylan is said to have been arrested on a murder charge in November.

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### IRISH HOMES BURNED

CARRICK-ON-SHANNON, Ireland, Mar. 9.—Several private houses and other buildings were destroyed by fire or explosion tonight.



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