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## FOCH PLACES HEAVY GUARD OVER GERMANS

10,000 SOLDIERS IN HOCH PRISONS BADLY TREATED, SOME OF WHOM ARE KILLED

## BRITISH PREPARED FOR WORST

May Sink Bolsheviks Who Display Red Flag Over What Remains of the German Fleet

Zurich, Dec. 27.—Newspapers say that a battalion of infantry has occupied Mannheim, by order of General Foch, to watch the prison camp nearby where 10,000 allied prisoners await liberation. This step taken by General Foch is due to bad treatment of the prisoners, several of whom have been murdered. Mannheim is in the neutral zone east of the Rhine provided by the armistice.

Amsterdam, Dec. 27.—A Berlin dispatch says the British admiralty is prepared to take drastic measures against the propagation of Bolshevism in that part of the German fleet remaining in German hands.

Sinking of vessels displaying the red flag and execution of the crews infected with Bolshevism is threatened, it is declared.

## BRYAN WOULD BAR WALL STREET FROM CAMPAIGN

Washington, Dec. 27.—William Jennings Bryan, here assisting in purging of the democratic party and the elimination of all Wall street and plutocratic connections, wants the resolutions, adopted at the Baltimore convention, barring Belmont, Ryan and associates from the party, enforced to the letter, and such men as Baruch and similar leaders eliminated in order to end the domination of the old solid south and Wall street. He has had many conferences here with congressmen and senators, and is for the nomination of Champ Clark or some other western man for president in 1920. Many of Bryan's friends were defeated for the next congress, and they are being instructed when they come home, to arrange for an anti-Wall street and anti-South combination of the democratic party in 1920.

## RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIKI ARE ACTIVE IN URUGUAY

Montevideo, Uruguay, Dec. 27.—The government has ordered the mobilization of units of the Uruguayan army in face of threatened labor troubles throughout the republic. Foreign agitators, principally Russians, have been busy for several days endeavoring to foment a general strike.

## STATE WORKER RESIGNS ACCOUNT OF ILL HEALTH

Salem, Ore., Dec. 27.—L. P. Harrington, state club worker under the department of education, and one of the first men in the United States to start boys' and girls' agricultural club work, has resigned due to ill health.

## PARIS HEARS KAISER BEEN ASSASSINATED

Paris, Dec. 27.—Rumors that the former emperor of Germany had been assassinated have become current here, notably in the chamber of deputies. There is not the slightest confirmation of the report up to the present.

## BOLSHEVIKI ARE TRYING FOR PEACE

Have Renewed Desire for Terms Since Christmas—Given No Consideration by Allies

London, Dec. 27.—The allied governments, since Christmas, have again been approached by the Russian Bolsheviki government, regarding peace terms. They met no response, as their appeals emanated from a government which has not been recognized by the allies. The whole Russian question is now under discussion.

## GEN. PERSHING TO SEND 20,000 MORE TROOPS HOME

Washington, Dec. 27.—Lists of units of the expeditionary forces assigned for early convoy home, cabled today by General Pershing, comprised 600 officers and nearly 20,000 men. They included the 44th, 60th, and 64th coast artillery regiments and the 49th and 331st infantry.

## SINN FEINERS VICTORIOUS IN THE RECENT ELECTION

Dublin, Dec. 19.—Correspondence of the Associated Press.—The Sinn Fein victory over the Nationalists in the recent parliamentary elections exceeded the highest hopes of the Sinn Feiners.

It is believed that when the final count is made on December 28 the Sinn Feiners will have won a majority of the Irish seats. In fact, before the election they had gained 25 seats because the Nationalists did not oppose them.

The Sinn Feiners elected will not take their seats. They will forfeit the £150 which they had to post as an election fee and which is returnable only when a member takes his oath and his seat.

## URGES EMPLOYERS NOT REDUCE PRESENT WAGES

Butte, Mont., Dec. 27.—An urgent appeal to employers not to attempt to reduce wages while the cost of living remains abnormally high is contained in a letter mailed today by John H. McIntosh, state manager of the Montana Employers' association, to the membership of the organization.

"Make no effort to reduce wages or materially change working conditions at this time," Mr. McIntosh's letter says. "Wages which were boosted disproportionately high because of war conditions must inevitably come down, and fair minded wage earners recognize that fact, but to reduce wages before commodity prices are lowered, to lessen the pay of the workers before living costs are cheaper, is a financial and moral wrong and can mean nothing but economic confusion.

"Give back to the returning soldier the job that he left when he enlisted. Some instances may arise where circumstances make this impossible, but as far as possible the man who left steady employment to fight for his country should be returned to his former place.

"It is the bounden duty of every employer to take cognizance of the changes wrought by the great war, particularly to the changes in thought and the demand for economic betterment. The business of the future will have four partners—the employer, the employe, the executive management and the public. Close cooperation between the units of this partnership means success and prosperity for all. Friction and indifference spell failure."

Mr. McIntosh terms the spread of Bolshevism "the greatest menace to America," and calls on business men to "spread the gospel that our republic is the best on earth; that, like all human agencies, evil creeps in, but that in time these are remedied through the ballot and that there is no excuse for Bolshevism nor a class government in America."

## GERMAN SAILORS WANT YANKS TO QUELL RIOTS

Believe They Will Not Have Peace "Until the English and American Troops Come to Berlin"—Don't Want the French—Socialists May Retire From Cabinet

London, Dec. 27.—"We shall not have peace here until the English and American troops come to keep order," is the statement attributed by the Daily Express correspondent to one of the riotous German sailors in Berlin. Others expressed themselves similarly.

Some of the sailors said: "Don't let them send the French or there will be more fighting."

All the lower classes are willing to see foreign troops in Berlin. The correspondent considers one of the most disquieting factors the part played by the sailors' wives and sweethearts, some of whom participated in the fighting.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—As a result of yesterday's deliberations it is believed in some quarters that the ma-

majority of the socialists will retire from the cabinet, leaving the independents in full control.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The Spartacus faction was still controlling the Vorwaerts' office late yesterday, but the government promised that they would be ejected.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The cabinet was in secret session most of yesterday. The Independents were also in conference, giving rise to the rumor that Haase, leader of the Independent socialists, would be called upon to organize a new government. The crisis is likely to continue for several days and the efforts of both factions may meet with an unforeseen solution.

## BERNSTORFF LIKES WILSON'S 14 POINTS

Paris, Dec. 27.—"All the belligerents have accepted President Wilson's 14 points and the only question to be discussed is their interpretation," said Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, in giving his opinion of what Germany's attitude would be at the peace conference, according to the Geneva correspondent of the Matin.

"Germany," declared the count, "will keep to the president's program, which grants each people of an ethnical group the right to dispose of itself."

Asked if he thought the president's program would furnish the basis for a lasting peace, Count von Bernstorff shrugged his shoulders. "This is the only one which can be proposed at present," he added, "and the attempt must be made to apply it. At any rate, we shall support it."

More than three weeks probably will elapse before the general peace conference assembles. It is unlikely that any official statement will be issued in the meantime concerning the number of governments to be represented or the tests to be applied to determine the right of applicants to participate.

## MISFORTUNE STRIKES CALIFORNIA FAMILY

Eureka, Cal., Dec. 27.—The three sons of Mrs. Charles Shepherd living near here all have lost their eyesight, either wholly or in part, as the result of accidents.

William Shepherd is in a local hospital recovering from the effects of the removal of an eye which was injured when struck by a flying piece of board in a mill where he was working.

James Shepherd, his small brother, lost an eye several years ago when struck by a jack knife while at play. The other eye became affected and the boy is totally blind.

Grover Shepherd, another brother, lost an eye in a dynamite explosion.

## WILSON HAS LONG TALK WITH ENGLISH LEADERS

London, Dec. 27.—President Wilson conferred with Lloyd George and Foreign Minister Balfour for over three hours today. A great crowd gathered at the palace to cheer Wilson. The conference is described as satisfactory.

## ARMENIANS DYING BY THOUSANDS

2,000,000 Deported From Turkey and Attempting to Reach Homes Are Perishing—U. S. to Aid

New York, Dec. 27.—An American relief expedition carrying relief physicians, nurses and supplies will sail next month for the Near East, it was announced here today by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief.

"The United States government," the statement said, "has loaned to the committee a 7,000-ton transport which will sail about the middle of January with a commission of agricultural experts, doctors, nurses, medical supplies and great numbers of modern American farm implements which will be used in increasing next year's crop."

The committee made public a series of cablegrams received by it, by J. P. Morgan & Co. and by the state department, setting forth needs of the people in the Near East and describing conditions of starvation and death.

One message signed by Charles P. Gates, president of the Robert college, said the situation was "desperate." Another said "6,000 children are destitute," and asked for \$600,000 for Red Cross purposes. Cables from Turkey said 2,000,000 deported Armenians, assembled at various towns in hopes of returning to their homes, were starving and that only 40,000 of these might survive. Without immediate relief only one-quarter of Armenia's population could live until the next harvest, the death rate amounting to 20,000 monthly. More than 200,000 were virtually unclad, the message declared, and clothing and food were imperative.

## PRES. TELLS TROOPS THEY CAN DEPEND UPON HIM

Chaumont, Dec. 27.—President Wilson today pledged himself to the American troops in the field to attain a peace which would preserve the fruits of the sacrifices they have made.

Standing with bared head in a field near Langres, over which Caesar marched with his legions centuries ago, the president told 10,000 American infantrymen that, now that they had done their part to win the ideals for which America entered the war, they could depend upon him to see that they were preserved.

## WHISKEY CAUSE OF MURDER AT LAKESIDE

Reedsport, Ore., Dec. 27.—The safe in the Milo Pierson store at Lakeside was blown open and several thousand dollars in bonds, money and stocks were stolen, the robbers leaving no clue.

Julius Brocke, an alleged bootlegger of North Bend, was found murdered there. He had been struck on the head with a piece of iron and the body thrown into the water. Trouble over whiskey is believed to be the cause of the murder. No arrests have yet been made.

## WANTS U. S. TO "BUTT IN" ON THE IRISH QUESTION

Washington, Dec. 27.—The senate held a brief session today and adjourned until Monday.

Chairman Chamberlain, of the military committee, announced that he would address the senate Monday on the disposition and treatment of soldiers abroad and in home cantonments.

Senator Phelan of California, democrat, introduced the house resolution now before the foreign affairs committee, proposing that the American peace commissioners assist in obtaining freedom for Ireland.

## SAYS CZAR AND FAMILY WERE NOT MURDERED

MAN WHO ESCAPES FROM PRISON INFORMS THE ASSOCIATED PRESS OF THE FACT

## CANNOT DIVULGE LOCATION

Claims Allied Governments Know Czar's Purported Murder Merely Bolsheviki Propaganda

Warsaw, Dec. 27.—Michael De Tchitchaef, who has just escaped from Ukraine, told the correspondent of the Associated Press that "there is no doubt that the czar and his entire family are still alive. I cannot reveal where, because the czar does not wish it. He wants to be left alone. But his whereabouts are known to the allied governments, it is in a neutral country.

The accounts of the czar's murder were manufactured by Trotzky and Lenin for propaganda purposes."

Tchitchaef said "it took much money and time, and also the lives of many army officers to accomplish the czar's escape. Among the officers killed was Count Tatischev, personal military attache, who was shot instead of the czar."

Tchitchaef said the allies should send an army of occupation into Russia to re-establish a stable government.

## MINING OPPORTUNITIES IN SIBERIA ALLURING

The War Trade Board at Washington gives out the following information in regard to the mining possibilities in Siberia:

"Siberia possesses practically all the natural resources necessary for flourishing industries, but these resources remain for the most part unexploited and industries undeveloped. The immediate and most urgent need in this respect seems to be the exploitation of iron and other metals which are necessary for the rehabilitation and improvement of the transportation system, which is inadequate to meet the needs.

"According to report, plans have already been prepared to erect steel manufacturing plants, which would use all raw materials on the spot. The Trans-Siberian railroad stimulated coal mining and it is thought that this can be sufficiently developed to supply all needs.

"Mining in Siberia has heretofore been confined principally to gold, copper and silver, whereas iron, lead and tin, large deposits of which are found, received little attention. Eastern Siberia contains large mica beds recently discovered and is rich in good graphite.

"Mining methods now used in Siberia are rather antiquated and the introduction of modern mining machinery and modern mining methods in general will greatly stimulate production."

## 68,000 SOLDIERS HAVE RETURNED FROM EUROPE

Washington, Dec. 27.—Sixty-eight thousand American soldiers had been returned from overseas up to December 21, and slightly over 500,000 in this country have been mustered out, the war department told members of the house military committee today.