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ENGLISH FLEET SHELLS COAST; RUSSIANS FLEE

British Squadron Opens Fire Along Gulf of Finland—Bolshevik Forces Retreat—Don Cossacks Win Victory Over Reds—Serious Outbreaks in Ukraine.

STOCKHOLM, Monday, Dec. 16.—An English squadron has bombarded Bolshevik positions along the southern coast of the Gulf of Finland, according to an official statement issued from the Estonian army headquarters. Bolshevik forces have been repulsed, according to the report. The statement adds that the mobilization of the Estonian army is progressing satisfactorily.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Defeat of Russian Bolshevik forces with a loss of 1,100 prisoners and 20 cannon by the Don cossacks in the Voronezh region was reported in a dispatch today to the state department.

ODESSA, Friday, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—Serious rioting occurred here last night when elements opposed to the hetman of the Ukraine burned the city prison. Five persons were killed. Eight hundred prisoners, most of them adherents of the hetman's regime, were released.

ATHENS, Dec. 17.—The situation in Smyrna is critical, according to dispatches from Mitylene. Young Turk officials have posted armed bands in the town and these have been bombarded by the allied fleets.

ZURICH, Dec. 17.—(Havas.) German soldiers at Cracow are reported to have fired upon Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven, according to the Stuttgart Tageblatt. It is stated that the incident occurred since the signing of the armistice between the allies and Germany.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—At a monarchistic meeting in Vienna yesterday which was attended by a number of generals, Archduke Maximilian, brother of former Emperor Charles, was nominated as the successor to the crown. The socialists, a dispatch from Vienna adds, intend to take sharp measures against the monarchists.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—A revolution has broken out in Bulgaria, according to information received by the Lokal Anzeiger from Bulgaria by way of Hungary.

TOURIST COACH BURNS; REPORT 13 ARE MISSING

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 17.—Advices received here today tell of the destruction by fire of a tourist coach on a Canadian Pacific train which left here at 9:10 p. m. for Toronto and say that 13 passengers aboard the coach are missing. The fire, it was indicated, started in a berth occupied by a family party and quickly spread to the rest of the coach. Other cars on the train escaped damage.

The fire was discovered early today when the train stopped for orders at Bonheur station, 120 miles west of Fort Williams, Ont., according to a statement issued by the Canadian Pacific Railway company here today.

Trainmen walking along the track saw flames bursting from the front end of the tourist car. They rushed into the car and rescued as many of the passengers as they could reach. Eight rescued passengers were slightly injured. It is possible, the statement said, that several of the 13 missing escaped into the other coaches and failed to report to the conductor when the list of fatalities were made up.

PENROSE URGES PROMPT PASSAGE REVENUE BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Prompt passage of the war revenue bill was urged in the senate today by Senator Penrose of Pennsylvania, senior republican member of the finance committee.

Without debate the senate adopted the individual surtax rates as revised by the finance committee. They range from one per cent between \$5,000 and \$6,000 to 65 per cent on that over \$1,000,000.

CLEMENCEAU IS IN SYMPATHY WITH WILSON

President Is Deeply Impressed by Warmth of Premier's Greeting—French People as a Whole Are Heartily Behind Peace Program of American Administration.

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 16.—President Wilson has been deeply impressed by the magnificent reception given him in Paris, the more so that assurances are declared to have come to him that the French people as a whole are sincere in their acceptance of his principles and will uphold them. That the people are supported in this by the government seems to be indicated by the first interview between President Wilson and Premier Clemenceau. There was no lack of warmth in the French statesman's appreciation of the American position, it was declared, it being indicated, on the other hand, that his attitude was thoroughly sympathetic.

PARIS, Monday, Dec. 16.—After conferences in Paris, President Wilson has come to understand fully why the peace conference cannot get underway before the first of the year. The mere physical proposition of getting the American mission to the conference settled in its offices is a tremendous job.

President Wilson's visit to the American troops at the front and his review of them in Paris that is planned will be out of the way by the first of the year. Meanwhile, the informal conferences, which mean so much in laying the ground work for the peace conference, will continue. The president is seeking to get acquainted with the men with whom he is to deal so that he may discuss with the greatest freedom the problems arising, and develop the value of the personal equation.

Plain Things to Say
From the president's point of view it is indicated, there are plain things to be said, and he wants to say them and avoid antagonisms because, notwithstanding all the points upon which wide divergences of opinion have been expressed as representing public opinion in England and France, the president is confident that an amicable agreement will be reached before the peace conference adjourns. Diplomatic history shows that conferences of this kind usually, if not invariably, assemble without definite programs to work with and that such a conference never accomplishes precisely what is expected.

GENEVA, Monday, Dec. 16.—The frontier of French Savoy bordering on Switzerland, was illuminated with great bonfires last night in honor of the arrival in France of President Wilson. At resorts like Evian-les-Bains there was dancing on a large scale for the first time since the beginning of the war.

WILSON RECEPTION IS 'GREATEST EVER SEEN'

PARIS, Dec. 17.—President Wilson's official visit to Paris came to a close last night. The Paris edition of the London Daily Mail, in discussing the president's reception, says: "He has had one of the most remarkable receptions ever accorded a guest of the French nation, altho the president has been careful to give his view that in him Paris has only seen the representative of the American nation."

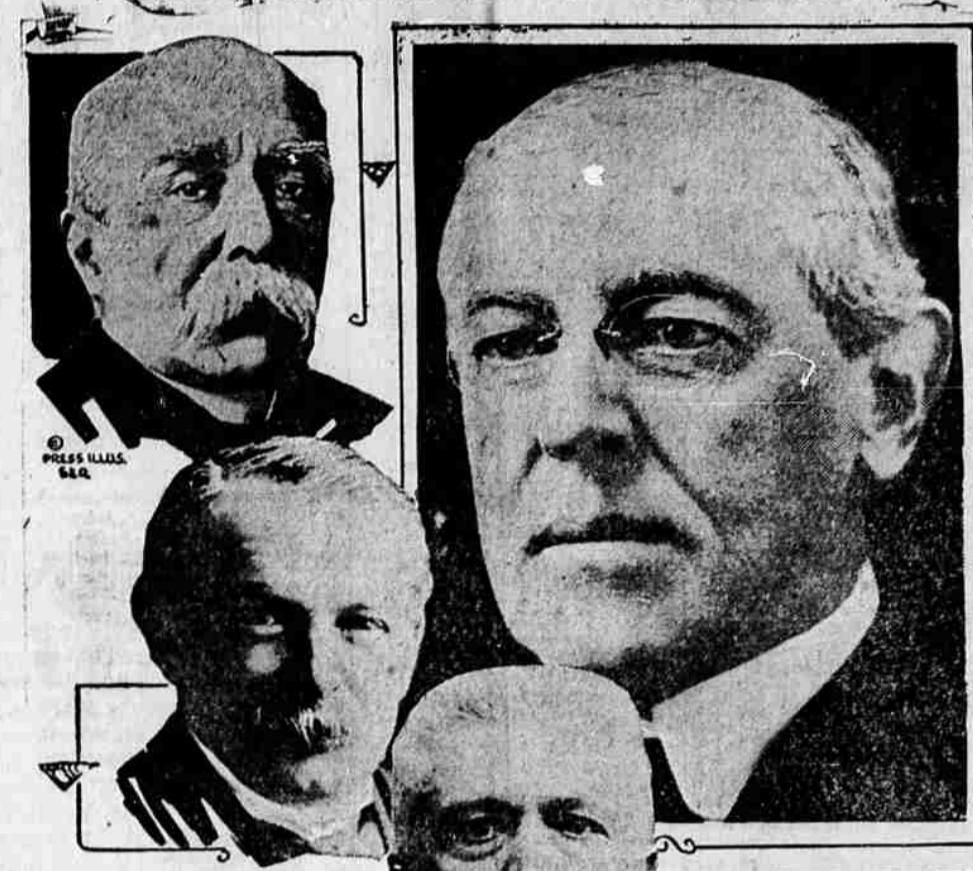
"Yesterday the ceremony in the city hall was no formal function given in honor of a distinguished visitor, but a grateful tribute to a sister republic whose aid, arriving so opportunely, assured the victory of the allied arms."

HOUSES, SHIP WORKERS DECREASE IN VALUE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Responding to a senate resolution, General Manager Piez, of the Emergency Fleet corporation, advised the senate today that from August, 1917, to November 23, last, 280 ships were constructed by that organization, aggregating 1,216,367 gross tons.

Mr. Piez also reported that because of inflated values due to the war, the normal value of many properties of the housing division of the fleet corporation, will be worth less than 70 per cent of their cost. He attributed much of the high cost to the increased freight rates and long hauls.

'THE BIG FOUR OF VICTORY!'



GERMAN RUIN DUE TO RUSSIA SAYS EBERT

Socialist Premier Declares Old System Collapsed Because of Events in Russia for Which Germany Was to Blame—Hope Kaiser's Guilt Will Be Exposed.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(British Wireless Service.)—Friedrich Ebert, socialist premier of Germany, declared in an interview yesterday that he did not know of any legal method by which William II's surrender could be forced.

"I cannot think of any provision in law upon which the former emperor would have to be given up," he said. "But that is not a question which closely concerns us. We have separated ourselves from him and now desire only that guilt for the outbreak of the war should be finally fixed in order that he may be exposed, once for all."

Asked as to his view of the future, Ebert replied: "I am optimistic, but you must remember that our influence upon the course of events is limited. We cannot create bread for the German people. If the nation is allowed to starve, then the inevitable will follow. That a nation can be brought to a desperate pass and burst through all restraints has been shown by the experiences of the past year. Our old system came to the ground as a result of Russian events which it itself provoked. It is poor consolation, however, that in falling, one man's enemy to the ground. To us any other solution would be preferable."

PAPAL SECRETARY TO CALL ON PRESIDENT

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Monsieur Corretti, papal under-secretary of state, who is in Paris on his way to the United States, to participate in the jubilee celebration of Cardinal Gibbons, will call on Colonel E. M. House today to make arrangements to be received by President Wilson. He will discuss arrangements for the visit of the president to the pope.

U. S. ARMY AVIATOR IS KILLED AFTER FLIGHT

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Dec. 17.—Lt. R. L. Campbell of New York, an army aviator stationed at March field, near here, was instantly killed here just after making a forced landing. Lieutenant Campbell was under the wing of his airplane and in crawling out he was struck on the head by the propeller which had not come to rest.

NO GERMAN WAITERS IN FRENCH HOTELS NEXT TEN YEARS

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"Altho the Mexican government claims title to all the wireless stations," he said, "the apparatus is strictly German and there have been German operators in every one of the 20-odd stations. Moreover, there has sprung up government electrical shops with German superintendents and the whole system has been supervised by German radio experts who were formerly employed at Sayville and Tuckerton, and on the German liners which were interned in this country at the beginning of the war."

U. S. SQUADRON DELAYED, HOME CHRISTMAS EVE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The American battleship squadron returning from Europe may not reach New York until Christmas eve, on account of delay in departing from the British base.

QUEENSTOWN, Monday, Dec. 16.—Great crowds gathered today to bid farewell to the fleet of 12 American torpedo boats which sailed for home. It was a pretty picture. The Stevens, the senior ship, led the way, followed by the Jenkins, Balch, Cassin, Terry, Pandine, Ammen, Caldwell, Conzham, McCall, Sterrett and Tripp.

The destroyers will go first to the Azores where they will join the tender ship Dixie, which sailed yesterday. Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard still has several destroyers here and it is reported that they, with the guardship Melville, will leave by December 23. Other American destroyers attached to this base are cruising in English or French waters.

FRENCH WOMEN ASK FOR POLITICAL RIGHTS

PARIS, Dec. 17.—Several groups of French women suffrage advocates have joined in issuing a manifesto demanding that the political rights of women be recognized by the government before the next election.

MEXICAN RADIO SYSTEM UNDER HUNS CONTROL

25 Wireless Plants in Mexico Under German Control During the War—Mexico Retained Title but German Operators Worked at Plants With German Made Machines.

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SOCIALIST LEADER IN BELGIAN DELEGATION

BRUSSELS, Dec. 17.—The Belgian government announced that its delegation to the peace congress will be composed of Paul Ilymans, minister for foreign affairs and former minister in London; Emile Vandervelde, minister of justice and socialist leader; and Baron Von Den Hysel, Belgian minister at the Vatican and former minister of justice.

14 YEAR OLD FRENCH ORPHAN A STOWAWAY

JERSEY CITY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—A home for a French war orphan who came over as a stowaway on the transport Leviathan is being sought by the Children's society here. He is Ferdinand Dormier, 14 years old, whose father was killed at Chateau Thierry and whose mother and baby brother, according to his story, also were killed by the Germans. The lad followed American soldiers who befriended him.

MOTHER CROWN! PRINCESS SAYS WAR BLUNDER

Grand Duchess Anastasia Hopes Germany Will Admit Error to World—Many Germans Opposed Military Policy—Russian People Need Help.

GENEVA, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Germany made a great blunder in entering the war and should admit she was wrong, declared the grand duchess Anastasia of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, mother of the former German crown princess, in an interview today. The grand duchess, who is a Russian and a cousin of the late Russian emperor, came to Geneva at the outbreak of the war and now is about to go to the Riviera for her health. She had many relatives fighting against one another on all fronts.

The correspondent was the first newspaper man she had talked with since the beginning of the war. Reluctant to a question about the former emperor and the former crown prince, she said pathetically: "There is a splendid maxim in your language: 'Don't hit a man when he is down.' Let us observe this principle, our conversation."

Asked why she had left Germany as soon as that country began military operations, the grand duchess replied: "Mistake Realized"

"I could not remain in a country which had declared war on my own country—Russia. This war came as a great surprise to me and my son (Frederick Franz IV, grand duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, who abdicated several weeks ago), although we were in constant touch with the royal families of Germany, Russia and Denmark. It has been said that not more than 20 persons in Germany understood what a cruel mistake it was going to be. I was one of them. However, as I never meddled in politics, I was not able to interfere.

"But I continued to think that Germany made a great blunder in entering this terrible struggle. Now she has lost all. Germany should recreate a political, financial and artistic nation by openly admitting: 'We acted wrongly and we are sorry.'"

The grand duchess said she had no news from her daughter, the former crown princess, since September, except through a letter from her eldest daughter, the queen of Denmark, saying that both of them were well. She made an appeal for help for the country of her birth, saying:

"If the allies abandon Russia, Russia is lost. About 78 per cent of the Russians have respect for only two things—God and the czar. The peasants now say 'we have no czar, whom shall we obey?'"

"It will take the population 50 years to understand the words 'republic and president. The Russian people want someone to worship because it is their custom, their religion and their lives. Let the allies take note and help poor Russia before it is too late."

MACKENSEN INTERNED BY HUNGARIAN GOV'T.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, commander of the German forces in Roumania, has been interned by the Hungarian government, according to Azest of Budapest. The Hungarian government is reported to have informed the German leader that his internment was demanded by the allies.

Other dispatches received here from Hungary say that the Roumanians have disarmed and interned the rear guard of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces.

HOLLAND BUSINESS MEN FAVOR ALLIES

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(Havas.)—There is an important movement under way in Dutch commercial, political and financial circles, according to a dispatch from The Hague to the Matin, indicating that the foreign policy of Holland will assume a new direction based on closer relations with the entente nations.

MOTHER CROWN! ASKS ALLIES TO RECOGNIZE POLISH GOV'T.

Military Head of New Nation Says Danger From Bolsheviks Is Great—Fears Deserters From German Army—Asks Military Aid From Allies.

WARSAW, via Vienna, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—The government of Poland should be recognized by all the allied powers in order to deal properly with the situation in Poland, General Joseph Pilsudski, the military head of the present government, told the correspondent today.

General Pilsudski is opposed by some groups on the ground that he is a socialist, but he says he is a democrat. The correspondent saw him in the villa of Belvedere Donskirts in the outskirts of Warsaw where he lives with his staff. He conducts the business of the Polish government in a suite of magnificently furnished rooms occupied until a month ago by the German government.

"The government now is in a period of transition," he said. "A permanent government will be established after the January election to the diet."

"I am neither a socialist nor a Bolshevik, but a democrat. I think the Bolshevik danger is imminent in Poland unless we are able to put up a fence against the Russian influence. Let me first say how happy I am that there is a united Poland. Our independence is due entirely to the allies, otherwise it would always have been friction. Now we may realize cherished ideals. Our present task is to keep peace and order while awaiting the elections."

"We need an army," he continued, "to avoid the danger of civil war and to guarantee the frontiers against Bolshevik agents or the infiltration of German troops, particularly those from the army of General Hoffman. These factors constitute a menace unless we can get help from the allies in the form of arms."

"If the army of General Hoffman breaks up, there is danger that the 200,000 men in it will drift over our frontiers, robbing and causing disorders. The Germans are inciting antagonistic elements in Lithuania and are creating trouble in Posen (German Poland). Their troops of occupation in Poland are taking an offensive attitude toward the population with the result that I have been compelled to send troops to various places."

"It is necessary that our government be recognized by the allies. At present there are certain difficulties. The Polish committee in Paris represents parties not in accord with the others here, but this internal matter is being arranged. Personally, I desire a compromise."

PORTLAND POLICE WOMAN GRABS BANK DEFAULTER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Halted by Mrs. L. J. Baldwin, Portland, Ore., policewoman, as he was about to step into his new limousine, Arthur C. Davis, said to be wanted in Portland for the embezzlement of \$18,500 from the East Side bank, in which he was a bookkeeper, was placed under arrest here today. When searched he had twenty \$50, one \$100 and one \$500 Liberty Bond and \$1500 in coin and other securities on his person, according to the police.

According to the police, Davis is 21 years old, and has a wife and two children in Portland. A reward of \$500 had been offered for his capture. Mrs. Baldwin had been here for a month, having drawn a leave of absence from the Portland police department to do war work here. She recognized Davis from a description which had been supplied her.

Celtic Arrives, 2,277 Aboard

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The transport Celtic, a White Star liner, with 2,277 troops, arrived in the harbor late today.

Marshall Presides Again
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Vice President Marshall presided over the regular Tuesday cabinet meeting again today.