

THE SPARTACANS LOSING HOPE

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WITH MANY SUPPORTERS OF EICHORN THE CHIEF.

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(Canadian Press Despatch.) Berlin, Jan. 9.—Government forces are in complete control of that section of the inner city between the Brandenburg gate and Friedrich Strasse. It has issued an order prohibiting all processions. The Government has scored a decided victory in the capture of police headquarters, which has been one of the Spartacan strongholds. The building was taken by the Fusilier Guards after a short fight. Government forces took the building with few casualties. Eichhorn, the Spartacan police chief, escaped, but many of his supporters were made prisoners.

In issuing its order against processions, the Government gave warning that its troops have orders to fire without waiting for the Spartacans to begin and to shoot to kill. The Spartacans apparently are losing hope. They failed to summon a mass meeting of their supporters to-day and the streets are almost deserted.

200 Are Dead.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Berlin, Jan. 10.—It is estimated that more than 200 persons have been killed in the fighting in Berlin since Monday. Charity and other outlying hospitals cared for 300 wounded yesterday. The fighting, which the Berlinische Tidende describes as a victory for the Government, began on Wednesday afternoon, when the Spartacans were defeated in an attack against the Foreign Office. At midnight the battle was raging in the southwest and central Berlin. Government troops attacked the Spartacans at the Silesian railway station with bombs, and sixty-five persons were killed. Government forces were aided by rioters. Later the Government troops attacked the Lohrer railway station on the north bank of the Spree opposite Tiergarten.

Police Quarters Retaken. (Canadian Press Despatch.) London, Jan. 10.—Advices from Berlin to-day said the police headquarters were now again in the hands of the Spartacans faction.

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS IN BRIEF FORM

Tidings From All Over Told in a Pointed and Pithy Way.

Winston Churchill becomes minister of war. Other changes are made in the British cabinet.

The peace conference is assuming definite shape. There is every indication of an early beginning.

The Stan Fein has announced the constitution of the Irish republic and states it will fight for it.

Etienne Victor Lamy, member of the French Academy, and its permanent secretary since 1913, is dead.

Two London nurses, Miss Bessie Georgehan and Miss Vada Leach, of Victoria Hospital, succumbed to influenza.

A deputation is to go to Ottawa to ask for a grain elevator for Ontario of a capacity of at least one million bushels.

George Geeler, a G.T.R. trackman, was instantly killed by a snowplow during a terrific storm on his beat near Harriston.

Berlin is still ablaze. Fighting and rioting continues. It is believed in London that the Ebert government is gaining ground.

Stocks of nitrate of soda manufactured in France for war purposes are being pined at the disposal of agriculturists by the Ministry of Armaments.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has signified his intention to be present at a convention of Liberals from Central Ontario, which will be held in Toronto on 21st inst.

Rev. Dr. R. W. Knowles, Petrolia, administered by the London Methodist Conference, has been extended a unanimous call to the Devine Street Church, Sarnia.

Baron Alaric von Dem B. Muench, nephew of Count von Bernstorff, was sentenced at San Francisco to three months in jail for having a forged passport.

An attempt has been made at Prague to assassinate Dr. Karl Krausz, the Czech-Slovak Premier. Right revolver shots were fired at him, none of which, however, took effect.

HAD LOCK OF NELSON'S HAIR.

Adolphus Consett, of Fighting Stock, Dead Near Perth.

Perth, Jan. 10.—Adolphus Consett, of the Scotch Line, died at his home on Tuesday morning at the age of eighty-one years. Deceased was born in England, but came to Canada when quite young, and is a descendant of the fighting strain of Consett of the Napoleonic wars. He has in his possession many relics of the past, including a lock of hair from the head of the renowned Nelson which is encased in a beautiful locket, and suitably inscribed. Mr. Consett was one of this section's most estimable citizens. Two sons and four daughters survive.

In connection with the death of Mr. Consett a noted incident is brought to mind. His brother, Alfred F. Consett, barrister, of Perth, and who is in his eighty-fourth year, is the oldest practising barrister in this section.

SHIP OFFICERS DENY

That Northland Conditions Were Below the Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—At the Northland enquiry to-day the purser, chief steward and other officers of the ship denied that conditions aboard ship were below the standard, as sworn to by returning soldiers who have given evidence. If the stewards were selling food they said, they must have stolen it from the galleys, and the officers knew nothing about it. The chief engineer explained that water was scarce on the last few days of the trip because for fear of freezing he had to turn it off at the tanks. When the ship was loaded, one ton of fresh water was taken in for every man on the ship.

DISAPPOINTING TO SOCIALISTS

The Elections to the National Assembly in Baden.

Copenhagen, Jan. 10.—The results of the elections to the national assembly in Baden have been disappointing to the Socialists according to an admission made by the Freiheit of Berlin. Out of a total of nearly one million votes the independent Socialists polled less than 15,000 and failed to elect a single representative. Bourgeoisie parties elected seventy-two representatives against thirty-nine for the Majority Socialists, who polled less than one-third of the popular vote.

ACTIVITY IN RUSSIA.

Allied Troops Capture the Town and Burn It.

Archangel, Jan. 10.—Activities were renewed by the American and Allied forces on the Kadish front yesterday. According to incomplete reports to headquarters here, the Americans burned the village of Kadish, retired from it and then went forward and occupied the ruins.

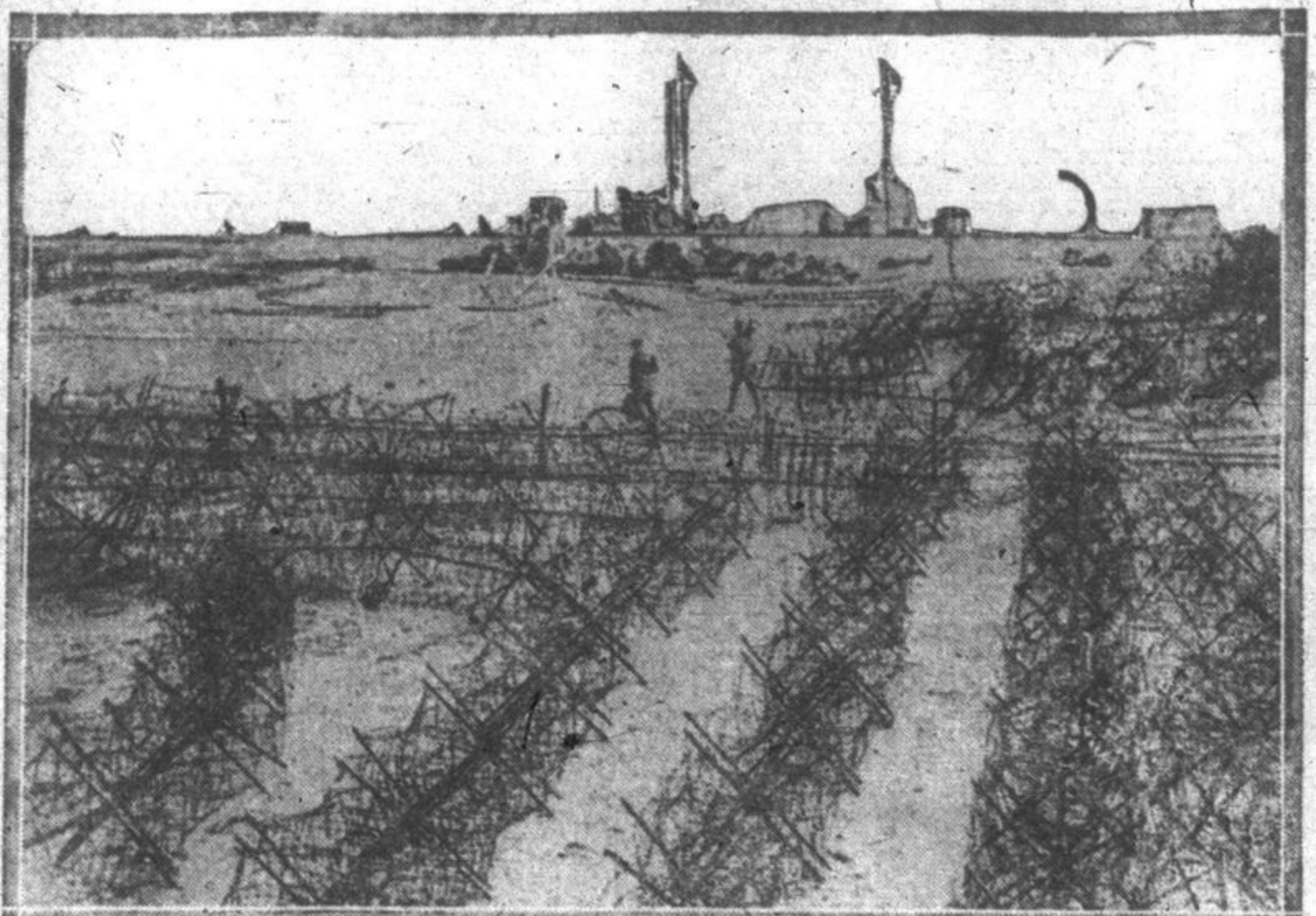
Will Not Pay Bachelor Tax

Montreal, Jan. 10.—More than three hundred bachelors, who are determined to resist payment of the ten dollar tax levied by Montreal, are pledged to support one of their number against whom action has been entered by the city, assembled at the Edinburgh Cafe to effect an organization to be known as the Bachelors Defence Committee.

Stops Bible Use for Oaths.

Hamilton, Jan. 10.—Judge Gault announced that in his court the Bible will no longer be used in swearing witnesses. They will instead, hold up the right hand while taking the oath.

THE MOLE AT ZEEBRUGGE, WHERE THE JACKIES FOUGHT GLORIOUSLY



This shows the strength of the wire entanglements which caused many casualties in the attack the night the channel was blocked.

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SERB PRISONERS BRUTALLY FLOGGED

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London, Jan. 10.—Evidence has been received from British officers who have been prisoners of war in Bulgaria of cruel treatment and tortures which they say the Bulgarians inflict upon Serbian prisoners and interned civilians. The evidence shows that civilians were half dead from exhaustion, were clothed in rags, and were almost barefooted when they arrived in Bulgaria. The interned civilian used to visit the British prison camp in order to collect respectable pebbles to eat.

Most of the British officers witnessed the brutal flogging of Serbian prisoners. They particularly mentioned the commandant, Ivan Nikolov, who himself ordered the floggings and personally struck prisoners as they lay on the ground. Women were flogged until their backs were lacerated. In several cases the victims died from the treatment they received.

The British officers report that they professed to be the Bulgarians said the victims were subjected to such treatment because they were Serbians. The mortality among the Serbians was so great that they were buried without coffins and with no religious services.

The treatment spoken of is it is declared, was continued even after the signing of the Bulgarian armistice.

LABOR TO FIGHT BOLSHEVIK MOVE

Samuel Gompers Says a Victory Over the Menace is Assured.

New York, Jan. 10.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, declared last night that American organized labor will fight the spread of Bolshevism with every energy at its command. Mr. Gompers made the statement on the eve of his departure for Paris to attend the international labor conference of the peace envoys.

"Bolshevism," Gompers said, "is as great an attempt to disrupt the trade unions as it is to overturn the Government of the United States." He added that victory over the menace was assured, however, because of the same Americanism of the American Federation of Labor.

ONE FUR COAT \$75,000.

12 Men Worked Three Months to Satisfy Woman's Vanity.

New York, Jan. 10.—Mrs. W. E. Corey, wife of the steel man, will soon wear the costliest fur coat ever bought in America or perhaps in any other country. It is of Russian sable.

A firm of Brooklyn furriers is making it for her, and when she receives it in Paris she will pay to the firm \$75,000. Insurance in transit and the cost of transportation probably will add several hundred more.

The order was placed for the garment many months ago. The furriers were instructed to spare no expense or effort in making it absolutely incomparable. The entire world was searched for skins which would blend perfectly into one coat.

SNOWSHOED 100 MILES.

V. C. Winner's Difficult Journey to Enlist.

London, Jan. 10.—Captain John Macgregor, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, who was recently awarded the Victoria Cross, was a native of Cawdor, Nairnshire, Scotland, where his mother lives. At the outbreak of the war he snowshoed a hundred miles to enlist. For leading the charges at Vimy Ridge in 1917 he received the D.C.M. and his commission, and in January of last year won the Military Cross and a captaincy for his determination and gallantry at Hill 70.

MORE PAY FOR TEACHERS.

Increase Voted To Those in Ottawa Separate Schools.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—Salary increases were voted to all separate school teachers at the inaugural meeting of the Separate School Board last night. The salaries of the secular teachers are increased \$50 per year from January 1st, 1919, an additional increase of \$50 a year thereafter until the maximum of \$550 is reached.

PULVERIZED FUEL

Will Be Subject of Research Council Bulletin.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The Council for Scientific and Industrial Research has been gathering information as to the recent developments in Great Britain and the United States in regard to the growing use of pulverized fuel by railways and for steam plants. A bulletin will be issued by the research council in co-operation with the mines branch of the Interior Department, indicating the potential Canadian development of the use of pulverized fuel.

WON'T SIT WITH GERMAN WOMEN

National Council of Women Executive Settles a Vexed Question.

THE GOLDEN RULE BROKEN

BY GERMANY WHICH EXPRESSES NO REPENTANCE.

Therefore the Canadian Women Cannot Participate With the Women of Germany and Her Allies. At the meeting of the executive of the National Council of Women on Thursday afternoon the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the object of the National Council of Women is the furtherance of the application of the Golden Rule to society, customs and law, and whereas the German nation has repeatedly broken the Golden Rule and has expressed no repentance for such action, therefore it is not possible to contemplate that Germany and her Allies while they are unrepentant, should continue to participate in the work of a society whose object is to secure the enforcement of a law which they have broken, and therefore this executive committee requests the president of the International Council after peace is signed to call a meeting of Allied and neutral councils only, since the National Council of Women of Canada are unwilling to be associated with the women of the councils of Germany and her allies."

GERMANY IS PAYING

10,000,000 Marks for American Army of Occupation.

Coblenz, Jan. 10.—Ten million marks arrived here from Berlin by special train, this sum being the first payment by the German Government of the 25,000,000 marks due in January for the expenses of the American army of occupation. The arrival of to-day's shipment makes a total of 64,000,000 marks, which has been turned over to the American authorities for the current expenses of the American army of occupation. The arrival of to-day's shipment makes a total of 64,000,000 marks which has been turned over to the American authorities for the current expenses of the occupying forces.

THE BY-LAWS CARRIED.

Carlton Place Will Soon Be on the Hydro Circuit. Carlton Place took another long stride forward when the ratpayers by a good majority carried the three important by-laws submitted, viz. To connect up with the Hydro-Electric Commission; to purchase the local power and plant for \$100,000, and to fix the assessment on the Hawthorn mills for a term of years at \$25,000 per year.

CAPT. MARTIN BATES

Passed Threescore Limit, Although Weighing 360 Pounds. Medina, Ohio, Jan. 10.—Capt. Martin VanBuren Bates, aged 74 years, world famous as a giant, died at his home at Seville, near here, on Wednesday. Bates, who toured the world with a circus, was seven feet four inches tall, and weighed 360 pounds. He was married twice, his first wife being over eight feet tall.

Earned Much With Pen.

Oyster Bay, Jan. 10.—The will of Colonel Roosevelt will be filed at Mineola in the near future. It was said by a friend of the family. The will is said to be very brief. Colonel Roosevelt's fortune has been estimated at between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000, but little is definitely known on the subject. The Sagamore Hill estate is said to be worth about \$150,000. Since he left the Presidency Colonel Roosevelt's earnings, with his pen have been very large.

Gen. Hemming's Picture Free

The Whig has prepared a finely mounted copy of a splendid portrait of the late Major-General T. D. R. Hemming, which it will be pleased to present free of cost to any adult caring to call at this office for it. This is a large-sized and very fine picture of the late general, and is mounted on heavy gray paper, suitable for framing. It measures about fourteen by eleven inches. The cost of wrapping and mailing to any outside address will be 10c. Copies of this picture will not be given to children. It will be ready for distribution Saturday afternoon.

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