

ESSEN SMILES VERY STIFFLY

At the French Soldiers Who Occupy the City.

BULK OF THE INVADERS

Withdrawn to Suburbs—The U.S. Troops Leave Coblenz on Friday Next.

Essen, Jan. 12.—Essen was quiet today. During the night, the French withdrew from the heart of the city, and when citizens appeared about their duties this morning they encountered only an occasional blue-coated sentry pacing the downtown streets. The bulk of the invading forces had been withdrawn to the suburbs. The absence of tanks, armoured cars and machine guns was marked. German traffic police were in charge throughout the city.

Uneasiness Over Miners.

Uneasiness is expressed regarding what may happen tomorrow, which is pay day, when the miners have been accustomed to come in from the coal fields and drink rather heavily. The government's refusal to guarantee the miners pay has somewhat relieved this fear, however.

The Ammofabrik producers unions and also the customs office have moved their papers and books from Bochum, fearing invasion from the French. It has been unofficially reported that the next move of the Ruhr force would be to enclose Bochum.

Departure of U. S. Troops.

Coblenz, Jan. 12.—Next Friday has been set as the date when the Stars and Stripes come down from Coblenz flagpoles and the American army of occupation leaves to embark for Savannah. The United States' troops will entrain for Antwerp and sail on the transport St. Mihijla January 21st.

Local stores immediately blossomed out with sales of souvenirs to make last frolics into the dough-bobs' marks before their departure.

Will Not Hear Protest.

London, Jan. 12.—The British government will give no recognition to the German protest against the French advance into the Ruhr, which the Berlin government addressed to the Allies last night, and in no way will protest its effect on British policy. It was authoritatively stated this afternoon. Whenever it becomes necessary the British representatives on the various inter-allied commissions will assert themselves in order to demonstrate British dis-association with the present French action in the Ruhr. Otherwise it was added Britain would continue to act wholeheartedly with Allies.

Are Still At Work.

Essen, Jan. 12.—Forty thousand employees of the Krupp plant here went to work this morning as usual according to information officially supplied to the French economic mission in Essen by the German authorities. Strikes are reported in Bochum but the percentage of strikers is small.

France Modifies Plan

Paris, Jan. 12.—France has modified the plan for collecting cash reparations from Germany and is willing to consider a moratorium on a basis proposed by Premier Mussolini of Italy. It was learned from semi-official sources today. The next payment is due Monday. The reparations commission will meet tomorrow to consider Germany's request for a moratorium. A majority vote will decide, so if France, Belgium and Italy agree, Great Britain cannot hinder their move. This refers only to "cash reparations."

Railway Union Protest

Berlin, Jan. 12.—Directorate of the German railwaymen's union has issued a protest against the French occupation of Essen. The statement urges the workers to remain calm, saying, "since we are defenseless we must submit to force in expectation

that a protest to the conscience of the world will obtain our aim."

HIS SUICIDE A MYSTERY

Why Did Fashionable New York Rector End Life?

SHOT HIMSELF IN HOTEL

After Receiving a Special Delivery Letter—Lately Returned From Paris.

GEDDES IS A FRIEND OF DR. J. R. CURRIE

The British Ambassador Is Expected at Queen's on 23rd Inst.



SIR AUCKLAND GEDDES

In connection with the visit of Sir Auckland Geddes, British ambassador at Washington, to Queen's University, where he will receive the honorary degree of LL.D., Dr. J. R. Currie will be installed to the chair of preventive medicine. Dr. J. R. Currie and the British ambassador were personal friends in the old country. The convocation is to take place on January 23rd, providing a meeting of the War Debt Commission at Washington does not prevent Sir Auckland Geddes coming to Kingston.

Dr. J. R. Currie recently arrived from Edinburgh, Scotland. Since taking over his duties at Queen's Medical College he has made a good impression.

Died at Installation.

Cobalt, Jan. 12.—D. H. Way, veteran station agent of T. and N. O. railway system, died suddenly, last night, while attending an installation meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star at the Masonic Temple. He had been suffering from heart disease for the past two years. Mr. Way, who was born in Prince Edward County, near Picton, about fifty-two years ago, came to Cobalt from Montreal thirteen years ago.

GERMANY WILL NOT MEET VIOLENCE WITH VIOLENCE

According to a Berlin Government Note to the United States.

Washington, D.C., Jan. 12.—Germany has given her word to the United States that as a result of the French occupation of the Ruhr she will not "meet violence with violence."

This and the fact that Germany declares she will not renounce the Versailles treaty, were the outstanding points in a note from the Berlin government, which protested against French invasion of the Ruhr. While the note is an appeal to the United States to play her influence on the side of Germany, this government is contemplating no action as a result of it.

Protest To Italy.

Rome, Jan. 12.—The German ambassador to Rome has presented his government's protest against the Ruhr seizure to Premier Mussolini. The German note states that Germany's slight failures in execution of the treaty are absolutely inadequate to produce such gravity of action as that of France and Belgium. No mention of Italy's attitude was made.

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FAVERS MUST WORK MORE INTENSIVELY

Dr. Veelman at Essex Says So Much Produce Imported.

Ex. Ont., Jan. 12.—Upholding the millions of dollars expended on passing foreign farm produce as an action on the efforts of the Ontario farmer, Dr. G. C. Creelman, Ontario government agricultural expert of Ottawa, told the farmers of Essex County at the opening of the Essex County Corn Show that the farmers of Western Ontario are not working intensively enough their own calling. As a result, the production of farm products is insufficient to cope with the demands of the home market, thus necessitating heavy expenditures for foreign produce.

Dr. Veelman told his hearers that \$12,000,000 has been spent on securing farm produce from abroad, which included \$12,000,000 of corn, \$19,000,000 of fresh fruit, \$11,500,000 of meat and over \$2,000,000 for but and cheese. All these expenditures, the speaker asserted, could be overcome within a few years by the farmers of Canada who are and undertake it more enthusiastically.

Belleville G.W.V.A.

Belleville, Jan. 12.—The sixth annual meeting of the local branch of the Great War Veterans' Association was held for the election of officers and general business. Officers elected were: President, G. W. Dawes; first vice-president, Geo. Glover; second vice-president, Geo. Lancaster; executive committee, Major D. T. McManus, D. A. Moon and E. C. Roberts. Comrade Dr. Wilson, retiring president, was presented with the official gold badge of the G.W.V.A. At the close of the business a banquet was held.

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FRANCE BACK OF POINCARE

The Chamber of Deputies Votes Confidence in Him.

SAYS FRANCE WAS FORCED TO TAKE MILITARY ACTION TO WATCH ITS INTERESTS IN GERMANY.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Confidence in the government was voted by the chamber of deputies last evening, 478 to 56, after Premier Poincare had made his statement regarding French action in the Ruhr.

Premier Poincare was vociferously cheered for fully five minutes by a crowded chamber when he appeared this afternoon to make his formal explanation of the government's action in the Ruhr valley. All the deputies, with the exception of the Communists, rose to their feet to honor him. Many crowded to the open space before the rostrum to shake his hand.

The chamber plainly showed its sentiments on the current events by this enthusiasm and by its striking manifestation of indignation against the Communist deputy, Marcel Cachin, who is charged with plotting against the safety of the state. When Cachin entered, shortly after the premier, and attempted to slip into his seat unnoticed, the deputies of the right and centre rushed to the centre of the floor, pointed at him and shouted demands that he be expelled.

"This chamber cannot, with dignity, undertake any deliberations while this traitor is present," exclaimed one.

Is Protected.

M. Cachin, although facing the government's charges for his activities in Essen, where he sat with the Communist "committee of action" is protected from prosecution by his parliamentary immunity, which the government, however, has asked the chamber to suspend.

M. Poincare made no appeal for sympathy nor effort at eloquence. "If Germany," he said, "wants to make a serious appeal to the industrial interests of Germany she would have no need for a moratorium."

"After having been led from conference to conference, and after misunderstanding after misunderstanding, we came to the point where we felt we were being led into inextricable complications, and there was nothing we could do but watch our interests in Germany."

Have Been Patient.

"That is what we are going to do for the present. We may be obliged to resort to constraint in case Germany remains unyielding. We have been patient too long, but we wanted first to exhaust every means of compromise and persuasion."

"We have made every concession compatible with our own situation. Unfortunately, we have been unable to agree with our allies, the British."

"I want," the premier emphasized, "to pay the warmest tribute to the courtesy and loyalty with which Mr. Bonar Law conducted the negotiations. But to our great regret, we found the British plan was such a profound revision of the treaty of Versailles that it was impossible for us to accept it."

"It was a revision that implied the most important advantages to Germany and greater disadvantages to France. We could not accept such a construction of the situation."

HIGH SILK HAT DOOMED.

Popularity on Decline for Years, Says Hatter.

Atlantic City, N.J., Jan. 12.—The era of sensible clothes which has followed the war has doomed the high hat, said C. Harris, of Fulton, Mo., here yesterday at the fifteenth semi-annual convention of the American Association of Wholesale Hatters.

"For many years past," said Mr. Harris, who is secretary of the association, "there has been a gradual decline in the popularity of the high silk hat, until at the present time what was once the most popular form of headgear is now on the high road to extinction. Whether this change has been influenced by the assertions of medical men that hard hats produced baldness, I do not know."

Men's hats and women's corsets are running neck and neck for total expenditure, according to William V. Campbell, of New York, the latest available figures showing that \$33,000,000 was spent in this country in 1919 for men's hats and \$75,000,000 for women's corsets.

NO O.T.A. AMENDMENTS ARE CONTEMPLATED

The Government Regards the Act as Being Reasonably Effective.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—So far as can be ascertained at the parliament buildings there are no further contemplated amendments to the Ontario Temperance Act to be considered by the house at the session opening January 23rd. While pending appeals on court decisions declaring certain clauses of the act to be ultra vires may ultimately change that situation, it is understood that the government regards the O.T.A. as being reasonably comprehensive and effective as it stands.

No move is being made, nor has such been the subject of cabinet discussion, to appeal to the federal powers for authority to cut off the manufacture and sale for export of liquor in Ontario. Presumably such legislation would have to be sanctioned by the Imperial Government as an amendment to the British North America Act. The government's feeling in regard to such a last step in making Ontario dry is understood to be that there must first come a demand from a considerable body of the Ontario electorate.

Belleville Alderman Resigns

Says Favoritism Shown

Belleville, Jan. 12.—Ald. McCreary, who was a member of last year's city council and was re-elected at the recent municipal election, is tendering his resignation as a protest against the manner in which the chairmanships of the council were disposed of at the inaugural meeting on Monday last. He claims favoritism played an important part.

According to the law, Robt. Gardner will take his seat as an alderman, as he received the next highest vote to the last alderman-elect on the list voted for.

SUSPECTED CONSPIRATORS ARE UNDER ARREST

Glasgow, Jan. 12.—The police last evening arrested twenty-two men and one woman who are suspected of conspiracy against the Irish Free State officials and other persons. The arrests were made in a raid.

ONLY AN EFFORT NEEDED TO SATISFY FRANCE

Suggested That Advice Be Tendered Germany Whose Failure Is Largely Willful.

London, Jan. 12.—The Yorkshire Post expresses grave misgivings with regard to the ultimate result of the French action in sending an army into the Ruhr district, but says it will not blind the English to the provocation the French have received, or the good cause they have for representing the palpable and large degree of willful failures of the Germans to fulfil their obligations. The outlook is distinctly disquieting, the Post says, with small prospect of an immediate solution of the trouble.

The Yorkshire Post suggests that good advice to Germany from Great Britain might be of value, as there is little doubt that the Germans could, if they made an effort, fulfil their obligations regarding coal and timber, the failure of which obligation is stated to be the object of the French in taking action.

The Daily Mail says this is one occasion when a large proportion of the British public instinctively refuses to take the official view. "The masses of our people are more closely interested in the question of compelling Germany to meet her liabilities than is commonly supposed in high places," the Mail asserts.

SHIPPING HARD COAL IN IMMENSE QUANTITIES

High Price of \$14.50 a Ton Paid at Scranton by Canadians.

Scranton, Pa., Jan. 12.—Anthracite is being shipped out of here in immense quantities. Large purchases are being made by Canadians in various parts of the country. Hard coal is going to Canada very rapidly and the high price of \$14.50 a ton is being paid to independent dealers here.

It is said here direct shipments being made to Toronto are being diverted at higher prices to smaller Ontario cities.

Hockey: Toronto Granites defeat Kitchener 3 to 1 in overtime. A Nationalists' strike is suggested as a German protest.

Robert Forke, Progressive leader, advocates a broader platform for farmers. Timber wolves are exterminating deer around Sault Ste. Marie.

AN ENQUIRY INTO STRIKE

Of the Alberta Miners Is To Be Ordered.

BY MAYOR OF EDMONTON

Because of Labor Department's Refusal to Undertake An Investigation.

Edmonton, Alta., Jan. 12.—An impartial investigation of the miners' strike will be ordered by Mayor D. M. Duggan in the very near future, with the object of bringing to light all the various angles of the situation so that some definite action can be taken.

This decision on the part of the mayor is the result of the refusal of the department of labor to grant a board of investigation as was requested by council.

According to present arrangements, the investigation will be held by a committee appointed by the mayor to put before the public all of the information that they are able to obtain on the strike situation. It is expected that representatives of the Board of Trade and of the Trades and Labor Council will be asked to act.

There is no indication as yet as to the attitude of either the strikers or the operators toward such an investigation.

BRITISH TENANTS FIND A LEGAL FLAW

Vast Majority of Rent Payers, However, Not Taking Advantage of Quibble.

London, Jan. 12.—Probably too much is being made in certain quarters of the so-called rent strike. The facts, briefly, are that the House of Lords judicially decided that it was illegal for the house owner to raise the rent of tenants unless he first served formal notice to vacate.

This is a fine judicial nicety, for the Rent Restriction Act, passed when the house shortage had rendered both owners and tenants well nigh desperate with anxiety and exasperation, permitted certain increases in rent, but rendered any notice to quite inoperative.

The decision of the Lords, however, has been seized upon by some tenants, notably at Clyde-side, as justifying their refusal to pay further rent until the increases already levied without notice to quit, have been refunded.

The movement has spread to some parts of England, and has received the sanction of the Ramsey MacDonald, leader of the Labor Party, but Rt. Hon. J. R. Clynes, the Deputy Leader, is inclined to agree that the Government should admit that a blunder was made in drafting the act, and amend it immediately to legalize the increases retroactively. It is understood the Government is disposed to take this step. In any case there are signs that a vast majority of tenants are not inclined to take advantage of a technical quibble.

The Derby Tenants' Association has refused to attempt to profit by a legal loop hole. Labor members of parliament who might be inclined to support tenants in resisting what has been stigmatized as house owners' rapacity, are obliged to remember that the movement will certainly hit the thrifty working classes, many of whom, especially in the north of England, purchase a couple of houses, living in one and renting the other. Such folk do not appreciate the law's pitfalls, but the big concerns, owning large blocks of tenements, backed by legal advisors, took no chances and served notices to quit.

Incidentally, there has been a remarkable drop in the cost of house building. Recently tenders have been made for building houses at £350 each, which would cost £1,000 each two years back.

SOVIETS FEVERISHLY REPAIR RAILROADS

Would Re-establish Direct Connection Between Russia and Germany.

Riga, Jan. 12.—The Rigaische Nachrichten, one of the leading German papers in the Baltic States, asserts the Soviets are feverishly repairing their railways on the western front, so as to re-establish direct communication between Russia and Germany by way of Lithuania. A double track railway is being rebuilt between the port of Libau and Moscow via Minsk, in West Russia, northeast of the old Polish border. This road will carry German freight trains. The bridges are being strengthened and a new signal system, like that in Germany, is being established by the Soviet Commissariat of ways and communications.