

BERLIN CHIEFS DISCUSS PLAN TO END CRISIS

Ludendorff, Kuehlmann and Czernin Confer at Capital

STRIKES ON WANE THROUGHOUT EMPIRE

Death Threat of Military Authorities Forces Workers Back to Plants

NEW TRIESTE WALKOUT

Socialist Gets Six Months' Sentence at First Court-Martial of Agitators

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 4.

Austrian Foreign Minister Czernin, German Foreign Secretary Kuehlmann and Quartermaster General Ludendorff were due to arrive in Berlin today to participate in a series of deliberations on political and economic conditions.

This meeting was regarded here as part of the plan for co-operation of military and political officials in the Central Powers to put down the general strike. It was reported from the frontier that the German military authorities at a conference on Sunday had decided to treat all agitators who attempt to prevent strikers from returning to work today as traitors.

The general strike seems to be waning, according to German newspapers received here today. Thousands of workers were reported to have returned to the factories Sunday, although in isolated sections some more small walkouts were described.

DEATH THREAT EFFECTIVE

A copy of the Vossische Zeitung received here declared that on Sunday night strike leaders counseled resumption of work in the face of the death threat by military officials. In Magdeburg, Ludwigschaven and Breslau, it was said, the strikers followed this advice and flocked back to the factories.

"Conditions are normal" in Essen, the newspapers said.

The Vorwaerts, describing the first military court-martial of strike agitators in Moabit, a suburb of Berlin, said the building was heavily guarded by troops and that citizens were excluded. The first case called was that of Heinrich Schultze, an Independent Socialist. He received six months' imprisonment for distributing strike literature.

In Cologne the president of the labor organization attended a strike meeting to convey the demands of the Imperial Chancellor. After a short debate the strikers decided to return to work.

WANES IN EASTERN SAXONY

The Lokai Anzeiger declared that in eastern Saxony "the strike is waning." Half the employees of the Krupp plant who struck have returned to work. A partial strike occurred in the Gotha airplane factory at Dusseldorf. Many small, isolated strikes are said to have ended.

The Cologne Gazette carried a statement from the management of Krupp's saying that only 400 of its employees quit work.

The Tageblatt reported a new strike at Jena, a third of the workers there quitting.

Efforts of the conservative press to show that British agents are fomenting the strike are regarded here as foolish.

Dock and factory workers at Trieste, the Austrian naval base, who walked out last week only to return within a few days, have struck again. It was reported here today.

Several corps of German soldiers home on leave are said to have been among those fomenting the strikes in Germany. They have been recalled to the front.

DISOBEY ORDERS

There were socialistic manifestations in Berlin and the industrial suburbs on Sunday despite the order of the Government prohibiting public gatherings and processions, according to meager news from the frontier. They indicate that there were clashes between the military police and the strikers, but no details were forthcoming.

The outpouring of rations for the families of strikers has aroused the working classes to a high pitch of anger. A number of strikers who protested against this procedure were arrested. Socialist members of the Reichstag

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A Camera Trip Down the "Clyde of America" to Hog Island and Chester See the Full Page of Photographs in this Edition of the Evening Public Ledger Pictorial Section

GETS LETTER FROM SON, THEN LEARNS OF DEATH

Mrs. Rosina Haastie Learns of Son's Death in France While Reading First Note From "Over There"

As Mrs. Rosina Haastie, 131 East Luray street, happily read a letter from her son, William M. Haastie, in France with Company C of the Sixth United States Engineers, she received a telegram from the War Department informing her of her son's death from pneumonia on January 30.

The letter, which was dated December 26, was the first word she had received from him since he sailed for "over there" on November 23. As she read the letter she learned that her son was "well and happy" in the telegram. Haastie, who was thirty-four years old, served with the old Second Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard before he enlisted in the regular army at the outbreak of the war. He was with the Second on the Mexican border, serving as mess sergeant. He is survived by a widow, two daughters, his mother and two sisters.

M'ADOO COMMANDEERS SIX RAILROAD PIERS

Takes Over Wharves of Lines With Terminals on Jersey Side to Facilitate Loading

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Railway Director McAdoo today commanded the piers of six railroads with terminals on the New Jersey side of New York harbor. The action was taken to facilitate ship loading by eliminating unnecessary lighterage to the New York side of the harbor. The six railroads have thirteen piers and these will accommodate approximately twenty-five ships.

The New York Central has four piers at Weehawken that will care for nine ton vessels; the Erie, four piers at Weehawken, three of which are devoted to Belgian relief steamers, leaving accommodations for one other vessel; the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western has two piers at Hoboken, for three steamers; the Lehigh Valley has one pier for four vessels at Conestoga Hook; the Central Railroad of New Jersey has one pier at Jersey City. The American dock at St. George, Staten Island, controlled by the Baltimore and Ohio, also was commanded.

SEES DISCRIMINATION IN FUEL-SAVING ORDER

Pastor Objects to Closing Churches on Sunday While "Movies" Are Permitted to Remain Open

ATLANTIC CITY, Feb. 4.—The Rev. Henry Merle Mellon, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, one of the wealthiest in the city, wants to know how it is that movies, pictures, theaters and proprietors of vaudeville shows manage to get coal enough to run wide open on Sunday, in violation of State laws, when churches, constantly are being urged by coal administrators either to omit or combine their services in the interest of fuel saving.

The Rev. Mr. Mellon dropped a shell into the ranks of the fuel-saving movement by declaring that if the State and Government are willing to permit the movies to use fuel on Sundays they should not embargo the churches. "I haven't any fault to find with the local fuel administrators, who presumably are carrying out faithfully the orders of Washington," he said, "but there must be something wrong with the regulations. If the movies can run on Sunday then the churches should be permitted to burn coal regularly and not hamper the cause of God."

The city Ministerial Union will demand an explanation.

HIGH WINDS DUE

Warm Wave Came, but Soon Gave Way to More Winter

Storm warnings were displayed by the Philadelphia Weather Bureau and by others all the way from Delaware Breakwater to Eastport, Me., on orders from Washington.

Forecasters Bliss said the storm will not be severe here. The warning is for the benefit of shipping and fishing.

Since midnight, however, when a cold wave from Canada, that due to liners for several days arrived the temperature has steadily fallen. At noon today the thermometer registered 14 degrees. It will get still colder, dropping to about 10 degrees during the night.

PUNCHBOARD GAME UNDER MAYOR'S BAN

Director Wilson and Superintendent Robinson Told to Break Up Gambling

Mayor Smith today summoned to his office Director of Public Safety Wilson and Superintendent of Police Robinson and gave stern and emphatic orders that henceforth and from now on such notorious operators of vice as punchboards in cigar stores, whereby devotees of the Princess Nicolette are accustomed to taking a chance on getting a five-dollar box of cigars for the small sum of a dime are to feel the heavy hand of the law. All such devices and all such operators are to be destroyed and their operation the slightest element of uncertainty or risk are to be confiscated wherever found.

The order of the Mayor is understood to have resulted from the fact that in the past the police have been inclined to look with a lenient eye on the punchboards and raffish devices so common in cigar stores and other places where men habitually congregate. Boards have been returned to the owner after a vigorous kick to the ward leader.

Now Mayor Smith says they must be absolutely and positively stopped, and that he means it.

Grand Jury Sworn In

Before Judge Thomas P. Finletter, in Quarter Sessions Court, the Grand Jury for the February term, was sworn in today. The judge appointed Oscar W. Wall, a designer, of 3513 Comly street, foreman of the body.

SAMMEES WIN FIRST VICTORY WITH BIG GUNS

Demolish German Defenses by Terrific Rain of Projectiles

HUNS FORCED TO FLEE

Five Thousand Shells Fired in Twenty Minutes — Americans Lose Only Two Dead

By HENRI BAZIN Staff Correspondent Evening Public Ledger with the American Army in the Field, Feb. 4.

Today saw the American troops working cool and unconcerned among the shell-pitted roads and battered ruins as if in the quiet of their own towns and villages in the good old U. S. A.

Yet a few hours earlier a rain of German high-explosive shells and shrapnel killed two Sammees and wounded sixteen in a fierce duel of cannon that justly may be called America's first artillery victory of the war. That the Sammees won their first artillery duel with the Germans was the opinion today of high officers who witnessed the destruction wrought Saturday night on the Toulon line—three dugouts demolished, together with part of the first-line trenches, and great lanes churned open in the barbed-wire entanglements.

The Germans suffered heavy losses, it is believed certain.

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The general in command took me to an observation post, where through long-range field glasses we could see the fatal marks our artillery left on the German defenses. So virile was our command that in places the Germans deserted their front-line trenches, unable to endure the heavy toll of dead and wounded. Great gaps showed in the enemy barbed-wire entanglements and trenches today, witness to the accuracy of our fire.

The American guns hurled more than 5000 shells into the German trenches in twenty minutes. Five thousand shells alone sent 280 projectiles screaming across No Man's Land in that time. The first gun was fired sixteen seconds after the barrage was called.

Feverishly keeping pace with our gunners' output of destruction, the Germans used up more shells during the bombardment than they have fired on this sector in months. But it was fire that, whereas the Sammees' fire wiped out part of the Boche defenses, the American treatment was not materially damaged; the destruction was in villages in the rear of the American lines.

DEBRIS FILLED IN VILLAGES

Debris-filled streets and walls caved in. In the village of Poesch, east of the village of Lorraine, the Germans were to the violence of the bombardment on this Lorraine front. A call on a column near the front of his dugout in an orchard to be full of holes resembling new-made wells. Exploding shells threw a fresh pile of rock from the nearby barbed-wire entanglements by the explosions. Through all this hail of steel, stone and splinters of wood, the colonel led his dugout and went to an observation post to assure himself that all was well with his men. The fierce duel of guns began just as the sun was setting over the hills. Its blood-red light glimmered in the western stretches of No Man's Land. A red rocket sent up from the German lines was the signal for the enemy barrage. So quickly did the Sammees' command fire that in several weeks this sector, front as one of the quietest on the Toulon line, was engulfed in the din of heavy cannonading.

FOE CONCENTRATES FIRE

The German fire gradually increased in intensity, picking out a small sector for a terrific barrage of high explosives and shrapnel. Prompt to answer, here it was that the American gunners scored their first hit, blowing up with one shell a German machine gun nest. The German fire-line trenches. Ger-

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COLD SNAP GREETED HEATLESS HOLIDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4. A cold snap, following in the wake of forty-eight hours of warmer weather, again swept the eastern States today as the third—and probably last—"heatless holiday" went into effect.

The more serious conditions now exist in the New England States, most other sections east of the Mississippi affected by the recent fuel shortage having improved somewhat under the closing and embargo orders of Fuel Administrator Garfield and Director General McAdoo.

Today Garfield met with the State fuel administrators of the New England and other States relative to determining upon further conservation measures where they are necessary.

Tomorrow Garfield and Director General McAdoo will make and co-ordinate a plan for dispensing entirely with the heatless holiday. Following this meeting announcement of the date for general abandonment of the heat embargo is expected. It is probable that heatless day will be stopped in some sections of the country before it is stopped in others.

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PRUNING KNIFE WILL BE USED AT HOG ISLAND

High Salaries to Be Cut and Superfluous Labor Dispensed With

BOWLES TO REORGANIZE

Number of Shipways Will Be Reduced to 32 in Interest of Efficiency

A complete shake-up of the organization and plans of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, including the pruning down of salaries considered exorbitant, the throwing into the discard of several thousand employees believed to be superfluous and the curtailment of the elaborate program of construction originally projected is forecasted as a result of the disclosures made in the investigation made by the Senate Committee on Commerce into the operations of the Hog Island shipbuilders.

Admiral Bowles, assistant general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, has announced that sweeping changes are to be made in the arrangements for the Hog Island shipyards. In the first place it has definitely been decided that the plans contemplated by the contract between the Government and the American International Company are too elaborate for efficiency and that operations conducted on a smaller scale will be productive of better results. Instead of fifty yards, as planned, there are to be thirty-two, and the construction of these will be under the personal supervision of Admiral Bowles.

It is also announced that Admiral Bowles will lop off more than a third of the employees now engaged in work at Hog Island. These employees now number about 17,000, and it is stated that this number will be reduced to 10,000 as one of the first steps toward reorganizing and readjusting the work of the corporation.

LABOR FLOCKED TO HOG ISLAND. The reckless and indiscriminate employment of labor with little regard to the amount of wages asked is said to have been one of the most serious of the offenses of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation. According to industrial experts, this has had the effect of causing labor to flock to Hog Island, leaving big employers in Philadelphia and the surrounding country without the necessary help to put through Government work of equal importance with that being done at Hog Island.

Salary salaries are also to go, according to the announcement that has been made. Just what officials are to suffer cuts and what the extent of these cuts are to be has not been given out, but it is definitely stated that when the work of reorganization is completed, salaries will more nearly represent the actual value of services performed than they have in the past.

Officials of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation in Philadelphia insist that the reorganization is a necessity before the Senate committee and the criticism contained in the report of General Manager Piez, but from authoritative sources it is stated that the committee will be the desire of Government officials to subordinate all other considerations to that of speed.

It is declared that under ordinary circumstances much time would have been taken to permit of exhaustive surveys of the land on which the yards are to be built in order to be sure that it conformed in the smallest particular to the engineering requirements of the situation. Government officials, they claim, did not want to lose this valuable time from the actual