

STRASBOURG SEES POILUS' TRIUMPH

Flower of French Army Enthusiastically Welcomed into Alsatian City

PETAINE HEADS PAGEANT

German Woman, Seeing Progression, Realizes Why Her Countrymen Were Defeated

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If there was any doubt as to the genuineness of the rejoicing in Alsace over the prospect of being French again, it would have been dispelled by the enthusiasm of the reception given Marshal Pétain, attended by Generals Fayolle and Gouraud, as he drove through Strasbourg Monday followed by the flower of the French army.

I watched the procession pass through the square of the eleventh century cathedral that had witnessed the triumphal entry of Louis XIV. After the general in automobile came picked battalions of the colonial army, led by bayonets with red shoulder straps banked on either side by a long file of girls in bright-colored Alsatian costumes. Then came a file of veterans of 1870.

I talked with one afterward, a man of seventy-six, whose limp is a memento of a bullet wound received at Mars-la-Tour. He was almost overcome with emotion in his gratitude to heaven that he had lived to see the day when French soldiers again marched through the city of Strasbourg.

One woman in the crowd beside me watched without moving a muscle or uttering a cry. Suddenly she turned to me and said in broken French: "That was why you beat us. Look at those and at these!" and she pointed to two soldiers in German uniforms nearby, whose tricolor cockade showed their Alsatian origin.

"Yes, I am German," said the woman in reply to my question, "and I have a right not to be ashamed of it, for I have given two sons to my country. One fell on the Marne and the other before Verdun. When victory changed this summer to disaster I could not understand it, but now I know. Our army was worn out; we had taken the very children and old men to fight for us, and we could do no more. They lacked food, guns—everything—and the French, the whole world was helping them."

"We thought the French army, too, was war-weary and exhausted—look at them! Only look at them!"

From the lips of an enemy the truth had been spoken. The grit and spirit of the poilu had won the victory.

SOLDIER KING'S BRUSSELS ENTRY A STRIKING PICTURE

Million People Line Streets When Albert Comes Back to His Capital, Bringing His Queen and Family—Welcomed by Brave Burgomaster

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Brussels, Nov. 27.—(By courier to Dun-

king, delayed.) Just one hour ago King Albert halted his white horse at the Flatters gate of his capital city of Brussels and Burgomaster Max stepped from the throng of municipal councilors to greet him. By the King's side was the Queen, a slender figure in a fawn-colored riding habit, with a close-fitting fur toque. During the burgomaster's short speech of welcome and the King's reply, the Queen raised her hand from time to time to shield her eyes from the sun, which was dazzling in a cloudless sky, where scores of airplanes wheeled like gleaming birds.

It was a striking picture that the soldier-king made sitting motionless on his horse in the uniform of a general, with a khaki helmet. He wore two rows of decorations, including that of the French Legion of Honor, military medal and war cross. Not a word could be heard on account of the thunderous roar of the multitude, which never ceased for a moment.

The enthusiasm of the people was delirious, indescribable. Fully a million people must have lined the route through which the procession passed. They were everywhere—on the housetops or perched on ledges from the first story to the fourth attached by ropes to windows. Each lamp-post bore two or three, and on a telegraph pole at Flatters gate there was a boy hanging insecurely by his sash who somehow managed to wave and cheer without breaking his neck.

King Deeply Moved

Although his words were lost, the King's face showed deep emotion as he replied to the burgomaster, and twice he gestured strongly with his right hand. Two paces behind him was Prince Albert of England in the uniform of the Royal Air Force, with the Belgian princess and the princess just beyond. In the grand stand to the rear of the burgomaster stood a number of American and British officers, including General Farnsworth, commander of the Belgian armies in Flanders, whom I saw chatting with the burgomaster a few minutes before the arrival of the royal party.

When the stone ceremony was ended the King and Queen wheeled their horses to greet a party of Allied generals on horseback. Then as the procession moved forward, it seemed that the noise increased, as if that were possible, and so King Albert entered Brussels riding along a narrow street where flags made an avenue of color before him and flowers fell about him in a bright rain. The Belgian princess and her sister rode abreast, Leopold in the center, a slim boy in the plain khaki of the Belgian police. On his right was Charles, a stocky youngster, in the uniform of an English naval cadet. Princess Marie Jose was on the right, a smiling child in a gray dress, with her golden hair in fuzzy plaits beside each ear. As she passed a youth on a telegraph pole, she laughed and waved to him. The crowd

FOE PROPAGANDA HARDENS BRITISH

German Efforts to Evade Truce Terms Create Further Distrust

NO STABLE GOVERNMENT

Associated Powers Face Necessity of Establishing Order During Occupancy

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Opinion in England continues to harden, as it has done in France, with regard to the German efforts to evade the terms of the armistice and create an atmosphere favorable to German designs at the peace conference.

The situation in both Germany and Austria-Hungary has its disquieting side for the associated Powers. Bolshevism threatens in Berlin, Saxony, Hamburg and Bremen. Elsewhere throughout the former central empires the political and social unsettlement grows.

The Chronicle editorially says: "The peoples which a month ago composed the central empires are the debtors of the allied victors. Restitution and reparation must be sought from them on a colossal scale. It is out of the question that Belgium and France should be left to repair unaided the damage done to their countries by the German nation, simply because the Hohenzollerns have gone out of business."

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BALLIN PLAN ADOPTED Germany Likely to Build Merchantmen for Entente

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Kotterdam, Nov. 27.—According to

Berlin papers, Albert Ballin devoted his last hours to drawing up a program to enable Germany's shipping to survive his country's military collapse.

Ballin, after deliberation with the ship owners' associations, had written a memorandum based upon an understanding that Germany would retain at her free disposal her commercial navy, by way of compensation she would undertake to build merchantmen for the Entente, and especially for England, during a certain period to the exclusion of all other shipbuilding. The prices and terms of delivery were to be settled by agreement. This plan does not prejudice the essential chartering of German ships for the transport of foodstuffs for the Entente.

The project has already been forwarded to the new government, which discussed it with experts. It is rumored that the government has adopted

TURKS FEEL IRON HAND Wails From Sublime Porte Follow Stern Action of Allies By WARD PRICE

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Constantinople, Nov. 27.—The Turks

are beginning to feel the iron hand inside the velvet glove, and it is hurting them a little. Turkish officials and the press are full of consternation because the Allies found it necessary to occupy certain barracks around Constantinople as depots for provisioning the Bosphorus. They even show chagrin at the landing of 400 men of a Middlesex regiment as an embassy guard.

"We thought," said a high official at the Sublime Porte today, "that the Allies were coming here as friends, not as conquerors. But we see things differently. Constantinople, which has been occupied by British troops since 1848, and the British occupied Mosul."

Poch's refusal to consider any modification of the armistice terms entails Germany's entire compliance with the conditions imposed upon and accepted by her. Noncompliance would precipitate action which it is all to Germany's interest to avert, and which the Allied forces, undoubtedly will not take if it can be avoided.

It is suggested in some quarters here that the associated Powers have strong cards to play so long as the blockade remains, and Germany's need for overseas supplies is acute. The announcement by President Wilson and the associated powers that food would be furnished only if public order were maintained was a step which was based on the assumption that conditions in Germany were as bad as Solik had reported them to be. A postcard received from Antwerp by your correspondent says that the writer, who had just gone there from London, enjoyed the best lunch he had eaten in four years.

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