

NEWS IN POLAND
ASK HOME RULE

Nationalist Party Has Aspirations Like Czechs, Leader Declares

OWN SCHOOLS DESIRED

Polish Military Chief Asserts Both Races Must Make Sacrifices

By the Associated Press
Warsaw, Dec. 17.

General Joseph Pilsudski, the military head of the Polish Government, spoke freely with a correspondent relative to the situation in this country.

"The Jewish question is most difficult for Poland," he said, "and it will need great effort and sacrifices on the part of both Poles and Jews to reach a solution. One of the best proofs of our tolerance toward the Jews may be found in the fact that they were permitted to participate in the recent election."

"A special commission is investigating the alleged pogroms at Lemberg. It has been established that the first act of the Ukrainians after occupying that city was to release prisoners from the jails. These prisoners began to pillage the city and disorders naturally arose."

Place 1500 In Jail

"When Polish patrols entered the Lemberg ghetto they were fired upon from windows and hot water was poured upon them. At the beginning of the trouble the forces of Polish regular troops in Lemberg were unable to cope with the situation but when re-enforced, restored order and placed in jail 1500 persons, many of whom were Ukrainian soldiers."

Noah Prilucki, a leader of the Jewish Nationalist party, said to the correspondents:

"The trouble between the Poles and the Jews is the outgrowth of the industrial revolution of the Poles to meet our demands in the light of President Wilson's declarations. The nationalist idea has been growing for fifty years, but has developed among Jews only recently. We have aspirations similar to the Czechs and Serbians but lack territory. Anti-Semitic agitation began forty years ago when Poles were urged to take up lands, open small stores and overcome Jewish competition."

Jews Seek Freedom

"Jewish nationalistic aspirations took form nine years ago, being stimulated by the Russian revolution. After the present war broke out the Jews hoped to gain political freedom, but friction between the Poles and Jews began again. When German occupation came the Poles accused the Jews of co-operating with the Germans, owing to German promises. The Germans permitted Jewish newspapers, which had been suppressed at Warsaw, to reappear, allowed us to open our schools and gave certain liberties to both Poles and Jews. It was then that Warsaw elected its first municipal council."

In this council began the formation of parties which now exist. Our Nationalist party seeks autonomy for the Polish people, recognition by the Polish State, with home rule; the right to have our own schools and libraries and the privilege of using Yiddish in the schools and to study Polish history and the Polish language."

Asks for Home Rule

"We have no objection to the Polish flag, but we wish to have the right to regulate matters affecting Jews. We have no desire to interfere in foreign diplomatic matters, and we wish to vote with the Poles on all public matters, including parliamentary elections."

"Regarding the accusation that we made money during the war by food speculation, I may say that this is no truer than other charges against us, those who did make money were the rich Jews, not the poor people. Our newspapers have always opposed speculation. Our poor suffered hunger the same as Christians."

"The Jews here are largely Socialists, but are opposed to Bolshevism. Also, unlike German Socialists, we are not internationalists. It is not true that Jews acted as spies for the Germans; it might be remarked that Austrians hanged Jews before the war ended."

"It is true that jails were opened at Lemberg, but Polish soldiers began the disorders by setting fire to the homes of Jews and then thieves came."

Paris, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—In discussing the severance of relations between Poland and Germany, the Petit Journal foresees an alliance in the near future of the Polish Government with the Democratic party of Posen (Germany). The Polish Government, the newspaper continues, is preparing to adhere completely to the Entente Alliance.

ALLIES HAVE ADOPTED WILSON

Rome Newspaper Welcomes President in Great Tribute

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Rome, Dec. 17.

"For the first time in the political history of the world the head of the great American democracy has called for the new continent toward Europe to participate in the annals of a great war and a great peace," says the Messaggero, in welcoming President Wilson to Europe. Praising the high qualities of the President, it continues:

"The King of the Belgians, Cardinal Mercier and the heads of the Allied Governments were all noble figures, but Wilson is something more—different. Therefore, the peoples of the belligerent nations have recognized in him the spirit of justice. The Allied nations have adopted him. The enemy nations have had to accept his conditions. Wilson will go down in history as the author of the armistice sent to him by Germany and Austria."

Italy desires the principles of democratic civilization to be respected; whereas she defeated Austria. She greets Wilson with faith and sympathy, and awaits him with deep friendship."

U. S. NAVY EFFICIENCY DISPLAYED AT BREST

More Than 1,000,000 Men Landed in 304 Days From 301 Convoys

By CHARLES H. GRANTY
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Paris, Dec. 17.

Visitors to Brest had an opportunity to see something of the work of the American navy. It constitutes one of the most brilliant chapters in the American performance. From January 1 to the signing of the armistice an average of about one convoy a day was brought into Brest. To be exact, there were 301 convoys in 304 days. These convoys were all troops and stores. More than 1,000,000 men were brought in, not counting those aboard ships coming via England.

Not a single passenger was lost. No incoming ship with troops on board was torpedoed. It is confidently believed by the navy officers at Brest that with two exceptions, no German submarine ever saw one of our convoys. These marvelous results under Admiral Wilson's management were achieved by thorough organization and keen, hard work.

If the details are ever printed, they will prove perhaps the most interesting reading of the whole war. The traditional efficiency of the American navy probably reached a maximum in the Brest operations. Our officers and men there worked most harmoniously with the French, and Admiral Wilson is probably the most popular man in Brest, although he has used his authority firmly in regulating the port and town. The personnel under his command numbered 7480 men and 600 officers. A large number of these Americans have come into contact with Brest, and aroused among the people there a new hope and spirit. This influence will figure largely in the future development of this wonderful natural port.

BRITISH SHELL FINN COAST

Squadron Attacks Bolshevik on South Shore of Gulf

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—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, says the report. The text of the statement reads:

"An English squadron in the Gulf of Finland bombarded front and rear positions held by Bolshevik forces. The enemy's advance on the Asserion front has been stopped. The mobilization of the Estonian army is progressing satisfactorily, and Allied support is strengthening the spirit of the people."

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TRIED TO KEEP PRUSSIA

Flight to the Netherlands Only Consented to After Much Persuasion

By LEONARD SPRAY
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Rotterdam, Dec. 17.

A personage in the entourage of William II has communicated the following particulars of what took place at Spa immediately before the Kaiser's flight to the Netherlands. On November 8, in the Renon, long discussions took place. One of his adjutants was asked by the Kaiser to give his view, and replied: "If I personally had to decide, I would remain in for the troops will not defend your majesty, then we can form a body-guard of officers and we can occupy all the posts."

At 10 o'clock in the evening Hintze, representing the foreign office, urged the Kaiser's departure. "Once more, Your Majesty," he said, "in a few hours it may be too late." He referred to the disquieting reports from various towns. At last the Kaiser took the momentous decision. At first Castle Brühl, near Cologne, had been thought of as a place of sojourn, and there was also a question of the Kaiser joining the Crown Prince with his army. But the roads were no longer open to Brühl, and reports were brought that the roads to the Crown Prince's army were not safe. The narrator says that the Kaiser had considered the probability that the Entente would never conclude peace with him, and declared finally:

"I will not let the Netherlands make it easy for my people to obtain peace. If I went to Germany it might be assumed that I wished to form a new party to make a risk in my favor."

He also expressed the view that from the moment he laid down the position of the highest war lord he was without power of command. He was purely a private person, and the troops would not fight against their advancing comrades, he felt that the army had abandoned him, and thus the possible reproach that he had abandoned the "WHITE BOOK" ALMOST READY

Germany's War Cause Revelations Expected in Few Weeks

Paris, Dec. 17.—(By A. P.)—Germany's "white book" which will contain official documents bearing on the origin of the war, will be ready for the printer in about three weeks, according to advices received here.

It will be printed in three or four volumes. Carl Kaubitzky, an Independent Socialist leader, is preparing the data, having unusual facilities for doing the work, being an under-secretary in the Foreign Ministry. It is said that many important documents to be published will be those of Count Tschirsky and Bogendorff, German Ambassador to Austria at the time the war began.

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PORTUGAL CHOOSES NEW HEAD OF REPUBLIC

Admiral Canto y Castro Elected President to Succeed Paes, Who Was Murdered

By the Associated Press
Lisbon, Dec. 17.

Admiral Canto y Castro has been elected President of Portugal in succession to Dr. Sionilo Paes, who was assassinated late Saturday night.

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Lisbon, Dec. 17.

Following the murder late on Saturday night of President Sionilo Paes, numerous arrests have been made, among those seized being Margalhas Lima. Several letters compromising high personages were found on the body of the assassin.

The President was at the Rocio station to take a train to Oporto and was talking to several of his ministers, when he was attacked by a young man, who wounded him in the head. President Paes raised his hands to his head and fell into the arms of the ministers. Secret servants who surrounded the President killed the assassin.

President Paes was hurried to the San Jose Hospital, where he died in five minutes. The body was embalmed and later removed to the Belen Palace, where it will lie in state in the Louis XV room until next Saturday, when the burial will take place. Yesterday large crowds filed past the catafalque, among them being the ambassadors of Spain and Italy.

The Government has issued a proclamation appealing to the patriotism of the people to maintain law and order in interest of the national defense. Parliament has been summoned, and will decide whether the new President shall be elected by direct vote of the people, as Doctor Paes ordered after the successful revolution of last year, or by Parliament, as provided by the Constitution.

LONDON TO WELCOME HAIG

Royal Luncheon and Brilliant Military Parade on His Return

By the Associated Press
London, Dec. 17.

Douglas Haig, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, will arrive in England next Thursday morning with a staff of distinguished officers. After landing at the dockyard in Dover, Sir Douglas and his party will be driven from the sea front to the Admiralty pier station, where a civic address will be presented by the field marshal. Later he will drive to the town hall. Lady Haig will be present.

Leaving Dover the field marshal is expected to arrive in London in the early afternoon, where he will be met by the Duke of Connaught, on behalf of King George. An imposing military

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London, Dec. 17.—Casualties in the British Indian army during the war totaled 101,439, of which number 33,032 were killed, died of wounds or are missing. The wounded totaled 69,396 and 9952 were taken prisoner. The majority of the casualties were suffered in Mesopotamia.

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