

BRITISH LORDS ADOPT PEACE AND ALLIANCE

English Parliament Completes Its Ratification of Agreements Made at Paris

\$200,000,000 FROM BULGARS

London, July 25.—The House of Lords yesterday passed the peace treaty with Germany and the Anglo-French alliance through all stages.

The text of the treaty in respect to ratifications is as follows: "A first process-verbale of the deposit of ratifications will be drawn up as soon as the treaty has been ratified by Germany on the one hand, and by three of the principal allied and associated powers on the other."

From the date of this first process-verbale the treaty will come into force between the high contracting parties who have ratified it.

"In all other respects the treaty will enter into force for each power at the date of the deposit of its ratification."

Paris, July 25.—(By A. P.)—The arrival of the Bulgarian peace delegation in Paris will take place a day later than was expected.

Rumania and Serbia are awarded the greater part of more than a billion francs (\$200,000,000) indemnity, demanded under the Bulgarian peace terms, which are nearly finished, according to Escobier.

Vienna, July 25.—(By A. P.)—The new terms of the Austrian peace treaty are making no special impression on the general public.

CROATIANS REVOLT; PROCLAIM REPUBLIC

Thirty Killed, Many Wounded in Clash of Military Forces at Marburg

Paris, July 25.—(By A. P.)—Dispatches from Agram and Gratz report a serious military revolt in Croatia. The Croatian troops have proclaimed an independent Croatian republic.

Gratz, Styria, July 25.—(By A. P.)—Violent combats occurred Tuesday evening at Marburg, thirty-six miles south-southeast of Gratz.

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RUSSIANS IN ARMY OF ALLIES MUTINY

Former Bolsheviks Murder British Officers—Their Defection Places Archangel in Jeopardy

(The following cable dispatch was published in the Public Ledger this morning.)

London, July 25.—The British troops 200 miles south of Archangel are in a precarious position, and there is a possibility of their being surrounded and captured by the Bolshevik red army.

The regiments under General Ironside, said to include more than 5000 British, have a difficult problem before them, as there are only two to three feet of water in the Dvina river and the gunboats are struck in the mud.

Red troops, driving east from Onega and west from Pinega, are liable to cut off the British directly south of Archangel. According to apparently reliable reports, Russian regiments on the Onega front, as well as those eastward of Archangel, have gone over to the Bolsheviks.

Vivid Picture of Russia Andrew Soutar, the London Times-PUBLIC LEDGER correspondent, on Thursday returned to London from the north Russian front. He gives the following picture:

"The Bolshevik sixth army, against which we have been fighting, has not been pulverized; indeed, it has seemed to take to itself access of new strength until we are in as bad a position (or worse), as ever the old troops found themselves."

The revolt of Dyer's battalion marks one of the most tragic episodes of this expedition. Russian officers say that we have not tried to understand the Russian character, that we have been theatrical in our efforts to overcome bolshevism, and the murder of five British officers by the mutineers is the natural result of moral weakness.

Dyer's battalion was composed of Bolshevik prisoners, and among them were former Russian officers of pronounced Bolshevik views—men who had served as commissaries in the red army a month ago.

"When our command was sorely in need of soldiers and England did not appear to be in any great hurry to send out fresh troops General Ironside conceived the idea of reasoning with these prisoners, turning them from their inclinations, making soldiers of them and persuading them to fight against their late comrades."

"The Russians who criticize today say that the idea was as theatrical and utopian as bolshevism itself. The general refused to believe that a little perseverance would not achieve the results that he aimed."

Treated Like Brilons "The men were formed into a battalion. They were clothed in khaki,

fed and paid on the same scale as British soldiers and only a few short weeks ago were presented with colors in the presence of a vast crowd of Archangel citizens and thousands of loyal Russian troops.

"As I write these lines I recall General Ironside's words to me when I dared to doubt the sincerity of the battalion: 'I have placed some of my best officers in that battalion.' Today five of those officers are in their graves. They were murdered by the former Bolsheviks, among whom they had lived during the last few months."

"It availed them nothing that they had sought to treat the men as men, honoring the traditional harshness of the Russian officer. They were attacked while they were asleep in the early hours of July 7."

No Sign of Conspiracy "The battalion had gone forward up the Dvina and was to be taken into battle at Troits. They gave not the slightest sign that any conspiracy was being organized. It must not be forgotten that many of them had actually fought against their former comrades and fought so well that they were decorated."

"From Topsis to Troits the distance is not more than eight versts, and there are several straggling hamlets between the two places. In one of these the battalion rested on Sunday night and between 2 and 3 o'clock the firing began. The officers were resting in their billets, but the colonel and Captain A. F. Burke were at battalion headquarters farther back."

"Captain A. E. M. Finch, of the Seaforth Highlanders, was the first to be shot. An assassin fired at him through a window as he lay asleep in bed."

Shoot Down Officers "There were two other British officers in billet with Captain Finch—Lieutenant G. W. Gosling, M. C., and Lieutenant Bland. They rushed out into the village street, only to be killed before they could get twenty yards away."

"The next victim was Lieutenant T. C. Griffiths, and then the mutineers attacked Captain D. R. B. Barr. Barr was defenseless and made for the river. They fired volley after volley and, with ten wounds, the young officer dived into the water and swam out to a monitor 500 yards away. He subsequently died from his wounds."

"Eight or nine Russian officers were murdered before the mutineers were subdued. Nearly 200 of the former Bolsheviks escaped into the wood, but the cavalry went in pursuit and I know that thirty-five were caught."

"At one moment there was danger of another Russian battalion being infected with the spirit of revolt. The

ex-Bolsheviks, after murdering their officers, ran toward a machine company of Russians, crying, 'We have killed the officers and you had better join us.' They did not, although I am assured that they trained their machine guns on the village."

"Perhaps the hardest blow and the greatest misfortune which General Ironside has met with has been the dramatic failure of Admiral Kolchak to hold Perm."

"The news must have come to General Ironside with heart-breaking force, because it meant the changing of the whole of his plans for getting out of Russia without the loss of prestige to British arms."

SAYS U. S. INVASION FOILED VILLISTAS Newspaperman, Forced to Fight Rebels, Asserts Americans Blocked Success

Washington, July 25.—Captain Zamora Ploves, of the editorial staff of the A B C anti-Carranza newspaper of Mexico City, who was seized by Carranza officers early in June and sent to the front in Chihuahua, where the Villistas were opposing the federal troops, has written an account of conditions as he found them in the north.

FRENCH WILL ELECT ASSEMBLY OCT. 12

Six Hundred Deputies Will Be Chosen by Ballot, Testing Strength of Clemenceau

KEEP UP ATTACK ON TIGER

By the Associated Press Paris, July 25.—Elections for a new French parliament will probably be held October 2. Six hundred deputies will be elected on that date.

The election of senatorial delegates has been tentatively fixed for November 16 and the election of senators for November 23. Many necessary supplementary elections will be held November 30.

Still War on Clemenceau Premier Clemenceau's opponents continued yesterday to "shake the plum tree" in the hope of bringing down another ministerial plum like Mr. Borst, former food minister, if not the entire crop.

Yesterday they attacked the premier through Minister of Finance Klotz and

his financial policy, with the result that there was an increased government majority on a vote of confidence, the government getting 301 votes to 134.

M. Klotz expressed perfect optimism on the ability of France to emerge successfully from what he termed the debate a difficult but not desperate situation, as against the gloomy views expressed by his critics. He said he had only asked 1,852,000,000 francs (\$350,400,000) from new taxation so as not to incur reproach for making a victorious country pay the entire bill.

As to the loan, the finance minister declared, it obviously was inadvisable to announce its exact form in advance, and the confidence of Parliament was essential to permit the government to float it on the best of conditions.

Will Seek Credits Here The minister made reference to the facts that are in progress among American bankers to afford long credits to French merchants. He said a French mission would shortly go to the United States to make known the needs of France in commercial credits.

The chamber voted approval of the government's declaration on measures taken to prohibit fraudulent importation of manufactured products from Germany, which was presented by Etienne Clemenceau, minister of commerce.

In the course of a debate in the Senate yesterday hearing on the severity of tonnage, by reason of which numerous Algerian products, such as phosphates, tobacco and wines, have failed to reach the French public works, announced that he would shortly submit to the chamber a scheme whereby France's morantile tonnage would be raised in the next three years to double the present amount. The government, he added, aimed to reach a total of 5,000,000 tons. All new ships would be built in French yards.

Tipstaves' Pay Bill Voted Governor Sirois has vetoed the bill fixing \$2200 as the minimum pay for tipstaves in Philadelphia courts.

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