Ebert Admonishes Public to Be Calm

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forceful methods of the Allies in occupying additional German territory. [illegible] protested vigorously [illegible] President declared [illegible] violation of the Treaty of Peace.

Ebert's Proclamation

The president's proclamation was as follows:

"Fellow citizens: The opponents in the world war imposed upon us an unheard of burden, both in money and kind, impossible of fulfillment. Not only ourselves, but our children and grandchildren would have become the work slaves of our adversaries by our signature. We were called upon to seal a contract which even the work of a generation would not have sufficed to carry out.

"We must not and we cannot comply with it. Our honor and self-respect forbid it.

"Now, as such a breach of the Peace Treaty is threatened, our opponents are advancing to the occupation of more German territory.

"We, however, are not in a position to oppose force with force. We are defenseless.

"Nevertheless we can cry out so all who still recognize the voice of righteousness may hear:

"Right is being downtrodden by might.

"The whole German people is suffering with those of our citizens who are forced to suffer foreign domination. With them bonds must this sorrow unite us in one sentiment, one will.

"Fellow citizens, meet this foreign domination with grave dignity. Maintain an upright demeanor. Do not allow yourselves to be driven into committing ill-considered acts. Be patient and have faith. The imperial government will not rest until the foreign powers yields before our right."

Occupation of Dusseldorf, Duisberg and Ruhrort by allied forces will not be opposed by the German Government, it was indicated here this morning.

The cabinet was in session until 11 o'clock, and then dispersed without taking action calculated to meet the situation which has arisen between Germany and the allied nations.

It had been hoped that some means of avoiding a final break might be found, in view of the informal conferences between Dr. Walter Simons and Premiers Lloyd George and Briand during the last three days.

Speaking of the allied penalties, a cabinet member stated after the adjournment of the meeting:

"We must bear them with dignity."

Cabinet Members Are Resigned

Details of the last session of the reparations conference in London had not been received here at midnight. The last news received from Dr. Simons indicated the German delegation had prepared to leave London this morning.

Members of the cabinet who were willing to talk viewed the situation with a show of resignation, and declared nothing would be said or done until the effect of the Entente invasion had been demonstrated practically.

Information was received at the chancellery late yesterday afternoon that Belgian billeting squads had appeared near Neuss. Early last evening the government was advised that contingents of French troops had moved to the edge of the occupation zone, and were ready to advance, while others were coming down the Rhine on river boats.

Germany's coal deliveries to the Allies may be affected by the present situation, it was indicated. Although Entente troops may seize important coal-shipping points, they will have to go still farther into the interior of the Ruhr district in order to secure effective control of coal production. No information had been received by the government last night regarding the operation of the customs barrier to be established as a part of the Entente plan.

Ebert Admonishes Populace

President Ebert late last night appealed to the German people to meet "this foreign despotism" with "austere dignity." He also admonished them not to commit ill-advised acts, and concluded his appeal by saying:

"Be patient, have faith, for the government will not rest until the foreign tyrants yield to our rights."

"We were ambushed in the midst of the negotiations by the declaration of Premier Lloyd George that the penalties had been put into effect, although the negotiations were still going on and were based on the informal conferences held during the last few days," one cabinet member stated after the session last night. "The Entente's procedure is not warranted by any clause of the treaty."

None of the cabinet members appeared to have any definite idea as to the next move of the Allies, aside from invading fresh German areas. The government, it was said, was certain of support from the Reichstag, in view of declarations made last Saturday, when all parties, except the Communists, went on record in opposition to the demands formulated at Paris.

London, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Sthamer, the German ambassador to Great Britain, will leave London for Berlin tonight, it was announced this afternoon.

When asked whether he would return, the German envoy shrugged his shoulders and said he did not know.

The embassy here is remaining open with the counselor in charge.

Paris, March 8.—(By A. P.)—French and German Socialist leaders are in conference at Berlin discussing the question of reparations, says a Berlin dispatch to the Journal.

Preparations for a conference of French, English and German Socialists, which is to be held in April in some of a neutral country, are being made, it is said, and the German plan to submit a program for the reconstruction of regions devastated during the war. Pierre Renaudel, M. Grumbach and Leon Jouhaux, prominent French Socialist leaders, are declared to be in Berlin.

General Degoutte, commander-in-chief of French forces along the Rhine, received orders from Marshal Foch at 8 o'clock last night to advance upon cities the Allies have announced they will take over as a result of Germany's refusal to accept the Paris plan for payment of indemnities.

A strip of land from eight to ten miles deep on the eastern side of the Rhine will be occupied by French forces, says a telegram to the Journal from Mayence.

Mayence Calm on the Surface

Dispatches from Mayence declare that city was outwardly calm, crowds of townspeople contenting themselves by commenting upon newspaper dispatches relating details of the break in negotiations at London.

No special measures were taken by the occupation troops, and no resistance to their advance had been apprehended, but belief is expressed here that all military precautions have been taken.

The Havas correspondent at London, in a dispatch timed at 1 o'clock this morning, says that the German experts continue to study new proposals, which will probably be presented to the Allies this morning.

An earlier dispatch indicated that the departure of the German delegates from London today was by no means certain.

"There seems to be a belief," the dispatch said, "that new instructions from Berlin could reach Dr. Simons, and it is even assured that the German experts have not severed all contact with allied circles."

Heart of Great Industrial Area

The scene of the allied occupation in Germany is on the river Rhine in the heart of the great industrial region of the Ruhr Valley, with Essen, home of the Krupp munition works, its center.

Dusseldorf, Duisberg and Ruhrort, to be occupied, are Rhine ports into which flow the vast traffic of the Ruhr iron region. These cities adjoin the British zone of occupation at Cologne. The American zone is at Coblenz, seventy-five miles farther south, and the French zone at Mayence, another seventy-five miles south.

The occupation does not involve marching beyond the Rhine, except in the immediate vicinity of the occupied cities.

Marshal Foch has assigned a zone to each Allies' contingent, the number of whose effectives will be only of a sufficient number strictly necessary to carry out orders and not necessitate the retention of the French class of 1919 with the colors. The holding of this class will be considered only if the measures undertaken result in untoward incidents, which it is believed are unlikely.

Sentiment in the lower classes in France was echoed in L'Oeuvre, which declared:

"Then is war going to begin again? Let us hope not. It is merely debt collecting and not our fault, if the Germans oblige us to send our best army corps as collectors."

The Communist L'Humanite asked: "Are the pan-Germans and the French Chauvinists again going to plunge the world into turmoil?"

"France did not seek a break, but the break occurred," wrote Jacques Bainville, an authority on foreign politics, in the Excelsior. "It may be said, however, we do not regret it, for, after all, it will bring a solution to the problem."

These words fairly represented the calm mood in which French newspapers received the news from London. Journals affiliated with supporters of former President Poincare openly exulted.

"It is most fortunate," said the Figaro, "that the Germans decided to break off the negotiations. First, because they avow before the whole world their unwillingness to expiate their crimes; and, second, because the Allies seemed ready to make further deplorable concessions."

Premier Briand's newspaper, the Eclair, said:

"Action must be no less energetic than the decisions the Allies have taken. The Allies would have been lost if they had hesitated to follow up their threat with a blow.

"It was a brilliant diplomatic success," declared Le Rappel, "to have thus checkmated German schemes tending to break up the Entente."

HINTS ENTENTE MAY BLOCKADE GERMANY

London, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Orders for the advance of British troops upon Dusseldorf were issued at the British war office last night, it was reported here today. There are at present 12,000 British soldiers in Germany, of whom 4000 are on temporary duty in Upper Silesia.

It is believed the forces along the Rhine will be reenforced so that they will number 12,000, four battalions being ready to go to the British section of the German occupied territory.

Any attempt on the part of the German to evade the new customs zone along the Rhine by diverting trade through Rotterdam or other ports on the North sea will be promptly countered by an allied blockade, it is declared by the Daily Mail.

This morning's newspapers, with one exception, approved of the allied decision to penalize Germany for refusing to accede to the allied plan for reparations. This exception was the Daily News, which complained Premier Lloyd George had "brushed aside solid German offers making for a peaceful solution of the situation."

"Mr. Lloyd George," the newspaper continued, "completely capitulated to France. The allied decision was a triumph for the French policy of revenge, and all the sinister implications it contains."

Should Have Awaited Plebiscite

The newspaper argued there was not legal and scant moral justification for the steps projected by the Entente, and asked why the Allies could not have waited a fortnight longer for the result of the Upped Silesian plebiscite.

It says three sequels are almost inevitable—Germany will lose the plebiscite, which will still further reduce her paying capacity; the indemnity will become worthless as an economic reality, and Marshal Foch's army will find a "convenient occasion to take over a vast industrial region which France has long coveted.

"The ultimate consequences of this reckless adventure," the newspaper went on, "may be only guessed, but Marshal Foch's advance may soon prove a march to perdition."

Some misgivings were expressed by the Daily Express, which urged that Great Britain limit its participation in military activities to the minimum.

"If this is a beginning of a lengthy campaign requiring widespread preparation and the creation of a great general staff," the newspaper declared, "it will be opposed. British taxpayers cannot support another expensive venture."

Appeal to League Not Sincere

The London Times and the Morning Post rejoiced that the conference had produced a "welding of the Entente." The Times said the German counter proposals had been rejected because they were not honest, and that the Allies by occupying German towns "would have their hands on the taps through which a large amount of German wealth passes, and they will know how to regulate the flow."

Germany's appeal to the League of Nations was characterized by the Telegraph as "a final touch of feeble insincerity, as German wire-pullers take the league about as seriously as they did Belgium's guaranteed neutrality in 1914."

The Daily Mail asserted the final speech by Dr. Walter Simons, head of the German delegation, was "impudent and cynical," and that every sentence was an "affront." Even the laborite Herald, while it called the penalties "a sheer colossal folly," said Dr. Simons' speech was "a model of tactlessness and ineptitude." The newspaper consoled itself, however, by asserting:

"From a revolutionary viewpoint, the penalties will be all for good, as the end must be a crash from which revolution will arise."

TWO BIG NATIONAL FIGURES

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The secretary of war has had a notable public career in the naval and civil services, including six years as United States senator from Massachusetts. Major General Wood has had a brilliant military record, and is said to have been in consultation with the authorities of the University of Pennsylvania regarding a tender of the post of provost of that institution, when named by the President for an important mission to the Philippines

DUSSELDORF QUIET BUT HEAVY-HEARTED

Dusseldorf, March 7. (delayed).—(By A. P.)—Heavy-hearted Duesseldorf tonight was awaiting the coming of allied troops across the great Rhine bridge.

As in the case of Duisburg, the city officials, with the approval of the industrial concerns, have telegraphed the Berlin government not to let possible damage to the city's commerce weigh against the best interests of Germany.

The city is quiet and there are no signs of disorder or of probablt resistance to the Allies, although the population since the war has grown more radical. The last elections showed a return of 20,000 Communists, as compared with 30,000 Independent Socialists.

The leaders of the women voice the fear that allied occupation may be accompanied by customs and other regulations which will interfere with the milk supply from Westphalia for children, which was recently arranged after many difficulties.

The city's port facilities now consist of seven large basins, which handle a large annual shipping tonnage. The four kilometers of docks are equipped with fifty large electric cranes. Business interests here express the fear that the regulations of the occupation forces will cut off the city from the Ruhr district and cripple or ultimately stifle trade.

OCCUPATION OPENS WAY INTO GERMANY

Occupation of the cities of Dusseldorf, Duisberg and Ruhrort by the allied armies, it is pointed out by military authorities, will give France and England a point of vantage should a further advance into Germany be deemed necessary.

Duisberg and Ruhort are situated at the mouth of the Ruhr river and the occupation of these cities places the allied powers in position to control the customs revenues that are collected in both places. The great Ruhr coal basin, one of the richest in Europe, which lies a short distance to the east, can be placed under control of the military within a few hours. From all three of the occupied towns the guns of the Allies also command the great industrial city of Essen, home of the famous Krupp gun works.

The American forces are taking no part in the advance into Germany owing to the refusal of the United States to ratify the Versailles treaty. They are stationed at Coblenz, seventy-five miles to the south.

Cavalry in Dash to Save Moscow

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Petrograd within three days, failing which the city would be bombarded.

Stockholm, March 8.—(By A. P.)—A furious wireless dispute is going on between Moscow and Kronstadt. The Moscow Government is trying to influence opinion in Kronstadt by prophesying general reaction if the rebels succeed. The Kronstadt rebels reply that no such a danger exists.

"We have formed a new, independent republic and elected a new democratic council which will guarantee the safety and interests of workers," said the Kronstadt dispatch.

Unrest among the Soviet troops on the western frontier is becoming threatening. There have been many desertions. In the western cities chaos prevails and numerous of the commissaries have left their posts. Seventeen of them have fled into Esthonia. In Petrograd social life is paralyzed. The theatres are closed and numerous arrests have been made.

The Kronstadt rebels sent an ultimatum to the Soviet government to release the families of the anti-Bolshevik laborers and seamen held as hostages within twenty-four hours, at the same time that the Kronstadt wireless sent out a dispatch saying: "Russia's starving women and children are dying under the oppressive yoke of the communists."

It is rumored here that the Petrograd-Moscow Railway has been broken. It is also reported that the rebellion in Russia is spreading and that the Petrograd workers are highly encouraged over the success of the Kronstadt sailors.

RETIRED OFFICER ENDS LIFE

Col. E. E. Van C. Lucas Dies From Bullet Wound In Head

New York, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Colonel Eugene E. Van C. Lucas, a retired United States army officer, was found in a West Side rooming house today with a bullet wound in his head. He died before a physician arrived. A pistol was found lying by his side and the police expressed the belief that he committed suicide because of ill health.

Colonel Lucas, a graduate from West Point, was a former commander of the Twenty-second National Guard Engineer Regiment of New York.

SMUGGLE ALIENS INTO U. S.

Revenue Officials Discover Conspiracy to Evade Income Tax

Detroit, March 8.—(By A. P.)—Investigation into an unusual accumulation of baggage here from points in Ohio and Pennsylvania have disclosed a conspiracy to aid aliens returning to Europe to evade payment of income taxes, John A. Grogan, internal revenue collector here, said today.

The scheme, Mr. Grovan says, was to get them across the border into Canada before his agents could question them.

Nearly 300 Russians were prevented from leaving Detroit for Canada this morning until they had visited the internal revenue office.

Questioning disclosed, according to Mr. Grogan, that they had been approached by men representing themselves as railroad agents, who promised upon payment of $10 each to get them across the border into Canada without knowledge of the revenue collector's office.

Nearly Drowned Taking Dare

On a "dare" made by a fellow-worker on a contracting job, James Worthline, eighteen years old, of Fifty-eighth street above Woodland avenue, jumped into the Schuylkill River below the Spring Garden bridge yesterday and narrowly escaped drowning.

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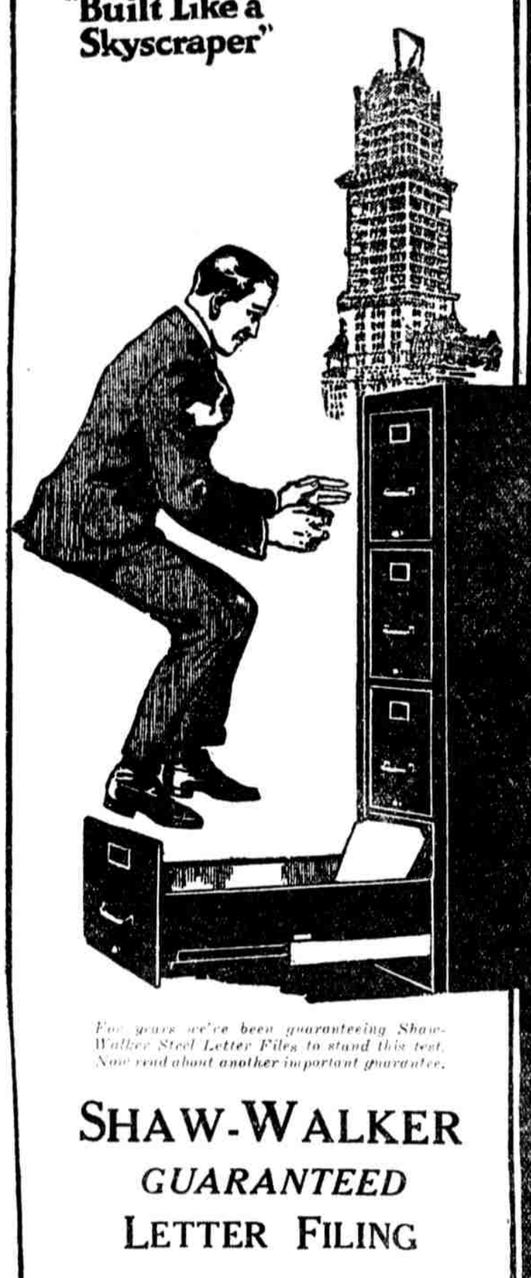

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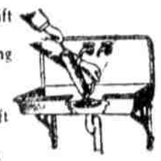

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