



EBERT CANNOT SEE PATH TO DOOM FOR HIS FORMER CHIEF

Children Demand Place in New Government

MAKES PLEA FOR PEOPLE

English Squadron Fires on the Bolsheviks

By Associated Press

London, Dec. 17.—Friedrich Ebert, Socialist premier of Germany, declared in an interview yesterday that he did not know of any legal method by which William Hohenzollern's surrender could be forced.

"I cannot think of any provision in law upon which the former emperor would have to be given up," he said. "But that is not a question which closely concerns us. We have separated ourselves from him, and now desire only that guilt for the outbreak of the war should be finally fixed in order that he may be exposed, once for all."

As to his view of the future, Ebert said: "I am optimistic, but you must remember that our influence upon the course of events is limited. We cannot create bread for the German people."

"If the nation is allowed to starve then the inevitable will follow. That a nation can be brought to a desperate pass and burst through all restraints has been shown by the experiences of the past year. "Our old system came to the ground as a result of Prussian events which it, itself, provoked. It is poor consolation, however, that in falling the old system dragged the ground. To us any other solution would be preferable."

Boys and Girls Demand "Their Rights"

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Several hundred boys and girls paraded through the streets of the city yesterday on their way to the Reichstag building, where the Soldiers' and Workmen's Congress is being held. They demanded, among other things, votes for persons under eighteen years of age, the abolition of corporal punishment in schools and the participation by children in the administration of the government and schools. The marchers carried red flags and incendiary placards.

A seventeen-year-old lad made an address warning the executive committee of "terrible consequences" if the juvenile program was not carried out. The chairman of the executive committee declared his sympathy with the children's demands. Later the procession gathered in front of the Reichstag building, where youthful orators demanded the removal of Premier Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann from office, opposed the convening of the national assembly and threatened a juvenile strike throughout Germany if their demands were not immediately accepted.

Turkish Positions Bombarded by Allies

Athens, Dec. 17.—The situation in Smyrna is extremely critical, according to newspaper dispatches from Mitylene. Young Turk officials have posted armed bands at various places about the town and these have been bombarded by the Allied fleets.

German Troops Fire on Helpless Prisoners

Zurich, Dec. 17.—(Havas)—German soldiers at Cracow are reported to have fired upon Russian prisoners who refused to work, killing six and wounding seven, according to the Stuttgart Tagblatt. It is stated that the incident occurred since the signing of the armistice between the Allies and Germany.

English Fleet Fires on Bolshevik Positions

Stockholm, Dec. 17.—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, according to the report.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Fair to-night and Wednesday; little change in temperature; lowest to-night about freezing. For Eastern Pennsylvania: Fair to-night and Wednesday; no change in temperature; fresh and strong northeast and north winds. River. The main river will continue to rise slowly this afternoon and to-night and begin to fall Wednesday. All branches will fall slowly or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 5.8 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Wednesday morning.

PUNISHMENT IS DEMANDED FOR WAR'S GUILTY

London, Dec. 17.—Responsibility for punishing the former German emperor and other high German officials for crimes committed during the war must rest with governments and not with jurists, according to the Marquis of Crewe, former secretary of state for the colonies. He writes: "The atrocities in Belgium, the ill-treatment of prisoners and the executions of Captain Fryatt and Miss Edith Cavell are acts that can be brought home to the individual persons concerned, and punishment can be inflicted by tribunals. When, however, we go beyond these persons, responsibility is altered. "The former German emperor and the higher German politicians should be surrendered first and then punished by executive acts. For this procedure there are most ample precedents. "These criminals can be put away where they will have no further chance of bringing mischief on the world or they can be executed."

PLACES TO BE FOUND FOR THE RETURNED YANK

Businessmen Asked to Look After Soldiers Who Served During the World War

COMMITTEE IS NAMED

Chamber of Commerce to Canvass All Employers to Gain Support

Preliminary steps to place discharged soldiers at profitable employment were taken to-day by the executive committee of the Manufacturers' Council of the Harrisburg Chamber of Commerce. It is planned to secure for every soldier who went from Harrisburg and vicinity a position at least as good as the one he left when he entered the service. At a conference between the executive committee, Jacob Lightner, director of the State Employment Bureau, and representative of the United States Employment Bureau, and Warren R. Jackson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, plans were formulated for the work of placing the soldiers. The plans will be carried out at once. Every businessman employing ten or more persons in his establishment will be requested by letter to inform the executive committee how

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Sterling Bakery to Be Managed by Member of Noted Baking Firm

The former Schmidt bakery in Eighteenth street will be renamed the Sterling Bakery and will be managed by Charles Gunzenhauser, now of Lancaster, who will remove his family to this city and take charge January 6. The plant will be thoroughly renovated and new machinery installed. Mr. Gunzenhauser is a member of the famous Gunzenhauser Baking Company, of Lancaster, where his family have been engaged in the business for many years, the son following their father in the industry. The Gunzenhauser Company took over the Schmidt plant in Eighteenth street last week. "It is our purpose to maintain the same high standards here that have made our bakery famous in Lancaster county," said Mr. Gunzenhauser today. "We shall be out in January with a loaf of bread as it is possible to make." The Gunzenhauser plant in Lancaster is said to be the best between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh.

ASH COLLECTION CONTRACT HELD UP BY CITY COUNCIL UNTIL BUDGET IS PREPARED

Paving and Water Mains Considered by Commissioners; Dr. Hassler Authorized to Take Over Water System in New Fourteenth Ward; Unanimous For Wide Street

Action on awarding a contract for the collection of ashes and rubbish next year was postponed by council to-day until the 1919 budget is completed and the total expenses for all city departments have been estimated. Commissioner S. F. Hassler at the session of Council submitted the bid received from Stees, Simonetti Company for the collection work. The firm asks \$6,500 for each of the six winter months when weekly collections are to be made, and \$3,500 for each of the other months when semi-monthly collections are required by the specifications. After the proposal was read he suggested no decision should be made now but action should not be delayed any longer than necessary to prepare the appropriation ordinance. Final arrangements to take over the water main system in the Fourteenth ward are provided in an ordinance introduced by Commissioner Hassler. The measure authorizes the payment of \$13,500 to the Dauphin Consolidated Water Company for the lines in the ward. Dr. Hassler announced city water would be furnished to residents there after January 1. Another ordinance which he proposed

Anything But Repentant



\$244 IN LIBERTY BONDS FOR EACH PERSON IN CITY

More Than Eighteen Million Dollars Held Here in Loans

For every man, woman and child in Harrisburg, there is \$244 in Liberty Bonds. In other words if the bond holdings were evenly distributed each person, figuring the city's population at 75,000 would have \$1 invested in each issue. Harrisburgers own a total of \$18,300,050 worth of Liberty Bonds of the four issues. The figures were announced at the headquarters of the Harrisburg district of the Liberty Loan this morning. In Steeton an equally patriotic record for the purchase of bonds was made. In the small town, a total of \$3,406,750 was saluted away. Over Every Time

Both Harrisburg and Steeton greatly oversubscribed all of their quotas. The four quotas in Harrisburg were first \$2,000,000; second, \$4,000,000; third, \$2,500,000; and fourth \$6,000,000. The total oversubscription was \$2,800,050. The amounts raised in the four loans were as follows: First, [Continued on Page 6.]

MORE TROUBLE IN SPAIN

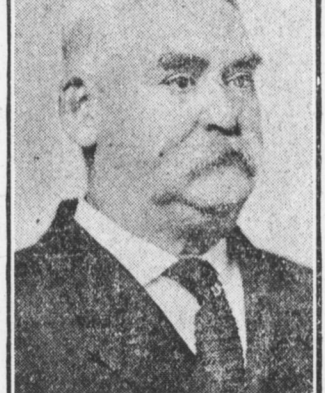
Madrid, Dec. 17.—Premier Romanones, after a cabinet meeting called to consider serious outbreaks in Catalonia, has issued a note declaring that the King had been asked to sign a decree suspending Parliament.

CHOOSE FINLAND REGENT

Helsingfors, Dec. 17.—The Finnish Diet has elected General Mannerheim regent of Finland.

LONG PROMINENT HERE AS DENTIST

DR. W. H. PAINTER, LONG A DENTIST OF CITY, DIES TODAY



Had Big Practice Before He Retired, Several Years Ago

Dr. William H. Painter, aged 65 years, retired dentist, who has been prominent in the city for many years, died early this morning at his home, 2311 North Fifth street, after a brief illness. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. S. W. Herman, pastor of the Zion Lutheran church, will conduct the service. Burial will be in the Paxtang Cemetery. Graduating from the Pennsylvania Dental School in 1881, Dr. Painter began his practice in Harrisburg shortly after leaving school. During his many years of service here he won a large circle of friends by his great personal charm and his remarkable professional talent. He retired from active service eight years ago after a long and successful career. Dr. Painter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Harriet Painter and two daughters, Mrs. James D. Rhoads and Miss Sara Painter. He was widely known throughout Harrisburg and Dauphin county and was a leading figure in the community since his practice was opened here.

BELGIUM CONSULATES REOPEN

Washington, Dec. 17.—The United States consulate at Antwerp, Belgium, has been re-opened with Horny Morgan, formerly consul at Hamburg, in charge. The State Department also announced to-day that other consulates in Belgium are being re-opened.

CITY KEEPS A TIGHT GRIP ON DOLLAR BILLS

Loyal Women Workers Angered by Apathy Shown in Drive

Harrisburg is not coming up to what Washington and Philadelphia headquarters expected of it in the Red Cross Christmas drive for members. A panic seized the many hundreds of women workers this morning when it became known that for two days volunteering and for one day a solicitation the city had only 11,000 members to show, while Steilton, much smaller than Harrisburg, has nearly half that many members. The women workers, grasping the fact immediately that the honor of that portion of the hat for two days is endangered because the men will everlastingly crow if the women workers do not go over the top, declared on starting out to-day that [Continued on Page 6.]

NEED 200,000 MEN FOR NAVY

Washington, Dec. 17.—Two hundred thousand men must be recruited for the navy next year to take the places of men enlisted for the war who will be demobilized.

PLANS MATURING FOR RIVER SURVEY CONFERENCE HERE

President Hershey Appointing Committeemen; Major Gray Writes of Cost

Ell N. Hershey, president of the Harrisburg Rotary Club, is rapidly completing the makeup of the committee which will inaugurate the campaign for a survey of the Susquehanna river valley with a view of having the stream made navigable. It is expected that a meeting will be held in Harrisburg about the middle of January at which time the project will be discussed and plans made for getting the preliminaries under way. Major William B. Gray, who is responsible for starting the movement, has continued to make a study of the costs of the survey and concludes that it can be completed in all its details for about \$1,200,000. In a letter written to the Telegraph [Continued on Page 10.]

REVOLT BREAKS IN BULGARIA

Amsterdam, Dec. 17.—A revolution has broken out in Bulgaria, according to information received by the Lokal Anzeiger from Bulgaria by way of Hungary.

PRESIDENT MOVES ABOUT IN PARIS PREPARING TO SPEAK FREELY AT PEACE SESSIONS

New Pretender Rises

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—At a monarchist meeting in Vienna yesterday which was attended by a number of generals, Archduke Maximilian, brother of former Emperor Charles, was nominated as the successor to the crown. The Socialists, a dispatch from Vienna adds, intend to take sharp measures against the monarchists.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 17.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, commander of the German forces in Rumania, has been invited by the Hungarian government, according to the Az Est of Budapest. The Hungarian government is reported to have informed the German leader that his interment was demanded by the Allies. Other dispatches received here from Hungary say that the Rumanians have disarmed and interned the rear guard of Field Marshal von Mackensen's forces.

SOLDIERS FROM CAMPS GET BACK TO OLD LIFE

Scores Take Places Without Waiting to Don Mufti Discarded During War; Hundreds to Be Home in Time For Their Christmas Dinners

Hundreds of boys from Harrisburg and suburban towns have already returned to their homes after receiving their discharges from army camps. The number is expected to grow steadily. The announcement by the War Department that more than 15,000 soldiers are being discharged daily, and that this number will probably be doubled in the near future, promises to bring many of the boys to their home firesides for Christmas.

The demobilization from camps, cantonnements and training schools, has brought the khaki uniforms on the streets of the city in great numbers. Many of the large stores and some of the smaller shops have taken on a martial atmosphere by the appearance of uniformed men behind counters. As one customer remarked, she was "so glad of the opportunity to buy something from that nice soldier."

But the boys in khaki are to be seen elsewhere than in the shops. Almost every line of business now has one or more of its returned boys who have slipped back into their old jobs and are again helping the wheels of industry and commerce to keep running. The colleges are turning out their companies of the Students Army Training Corps, and virtually [Continued on Page 10.]

Finds Conference Cannot Commence Until January

Paris, Dec. 17.—After the conference he has had in Paris and the personal examination he has made into the situation here, President Wilson has come to understand fully why the peace conference cannot get under way before the first of the year. The mere physical proposition of getting the American mission to the conference settled in its officers is a tremendous job.

PLAIN WORDS ON PROGRAM

Wilson Seeks to Work Out His Own Method

President Wilson's visit to the American troops at the front and his review of them in Paris will be out of the way by the first of the year. Meanwhile the informal conferences which mean so much in laying the ground work for the task before the peace conference, will continue. The President is seeking to get acquainted with the men with whom he is to deal so that he may discuss with the greatest freedom the problems arising and develop the value of the personal equation.

Plain Things to Be Said From the President's viewpoint, it is indicated, there are plain things to be said and he wants to say them and avoid antagonisms because, despite all the points to be cleared up and the wide divergence of opinion which have been expressed as representing public opinion in England and France, he is confident that an acceptable agreement will be [Continued on Page 17]

Clothing Dealers to Remain Open Evenings

Downtown clothing and haberdashery dealers at a meeting yesterday afternoon decided to keep their stores open evenings beginning tomorrow evening, every night until Christmas. It was explained that the trade is so heavy it cannot be handled satisfactorily during the usual hours and that in order to accommodate everybody the extension is necessary.

THIRTEEN MISSING IN TRAIN FIRE

Winnipeg, Man.—Advices received here to-day tell of the destruction by fire of a tourist coach on a Canadian Pacific train which left here at 9.10 p. m. yesterday on Toronto and say that thirteen passengers aboard the coach are missing.

YANKEE SQUADRON NOT AT POLA

London.—The Italian embassy here states that the report from Laibach to the effect that an American squadron had arrived at Pola was unfounded.

QUIT RIFLE MAKING AT EDDYSTONE

Philadelphia.—Production of rifles at the Eddystone plant of the Midvale Steel and Ordnance Company will cease on January 11, affecting approximately 10,000 employees.

POLES LOYAL TO ENTENTE POWERS

Havas.—The Polish government is preparing to adhere completely to the Entente alliance.

CHURCH FEDERATION MEETS HERE

Harrisburg.—A meeting of the Federation Churches of Pennsylvania is being held in Zion Lutheran Church to-day. It is probable as a result that a local Federation will be organized here. Prominent members of the clergy and laymen of the city are interested in the movement. They will meet at an evening dinner this evening to consider the organization of a local body.

LANSING MEETS DELEGATES

Paris.—Secretary of State Lansing was in conference yesterday with members of the American peace delegation in an effort to organize the working force.

MAIL PLANES REACH CLEVELAND

Cleveland.—Two mail planes which will begin a regular service to-morrow morning between Cleveland and Chicago, arrived here to-day at 11.30 a. m. The machines, in charge of Pilots Eversole and Davison left Bellefonte, Pa., at 9.10 a. m.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

John Hess, Harrisburg, and Theresa M. N. Wilson, West Fairview, Harrisburg, were married at Harrisburg, Pa., at 9.10 a. m.