

GERMANS MIGHT RESTORE KAISER. THINKS BARTH

Teuton Socialist Leader Says "Michael is Strange Individual;" Has Suspicions as to Groener.

London, Jan. 1.—Richard Barth, secretary of the German independent socialist party, regards General Groener, the successor of General Ludendorff, as the leader of a militaristic counter-revolutionary movement, according to the Express, which prints an interview that its Berlin correspondent secured with Barth.

General Groener, it is stated in the interview, is thought to have been given secret orders by the military leaders with the intention to restore the monarchy, but Barth could not say whether, after the former emperor's "cowardly flight," it would aim at restoring the Hohenzollerns to power.

Asked by the correspondent whether the people were likely to support a monarchist government, Herr Barth is quoted as saying: "The German Michael is a strange individual. He adores today what he detested yesterday."

Discord Overcome. Announcement of the retirement of three independent socialists from the Ebert cabinet and the appointment of Gustave Noske and Herr Wissel, social democrats, has been made by Germany in a wireless received here. The first part of the proclamation reads:

"Paralyzing discord overcome. The government of the empire is again formed in unity. It knows only one law for action—the welfare, stability and indivisibility of the German republic before every party consideration."

Premier Ebert and Philipp Scheidemann, secretary of colonies, set forth in the proclamation their program, which includes the creation of a military force, the disarming of persons not entitled to carry weapons, the attainment of peace as speedily as possible and the dispatch abroad, as representatives of the German republic of "new men filled with the new spirit."

Distant Earthquake is Recorded at Washington

Washington, Jan. 1.—Seismographs of the Georgetown university recorded heavy earth shocks last night, beginning at 10:18 o'clock and lasting until after midnight. The distance was estimated at 2,300 miles from Washington, but the record was partially obscured by that of a lighter quake between 9 and 10 o'clock.

New Manager.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 1.—Appointment of J. B. Parrish as general manager of the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad was announced last night by George W. Stevens, federal manager of the road. Mr. Parrish succeeded to the place made vacant by the death of J. Paul Stevens.

Edsel Ford, 24 Years Old, To Draw \$150,000 Salary

Succeeds Father as Head of Ford Motor Company; New Minimum Wage Announced.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 1.—A new minimum wage scale of \$6 a day, a flat increase of \$1 a day for approximately 28,000 employees throughout the country, was announced today by the Ford Motor company. Employees of the Ford tractor interests also are included in the increase. The new wage minimum becomes effective today.

Twenty-three thousand other employees of the Ford interests already receive \$6 or more a day. Coincident with the announcement of the wage increase, it was made known that Henry Ford has formally resigned as president of the Ford Motor company and his son, Edsel Ford, elected to succeed him at a salary of \$150,000 a year.

Mr. Ford in tendering his resignation gave as his reason his desire to devote more time to the tractor industry. He retains, however, his seat on the board of directors of the company in an advisory capacity. Edsel Bryant Ford, who becomes the executive head of a corporation representing an investment of close to \$200,000,000, is only 24 years old. He entered the shops of the Ford plant when he was 16 years old to gain a working knowledge of his father's business.

Concerning the wage increase Henry Ford said today that it was "only a just reward to the men who remained loyal to the company during the war period."



HENRY FORD.

Sailor Killed in Riot Following New Year's Frolic in Norfolk, Va.

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—One sailor was killed, another dangerously wounded and several citizens received minor injuries early today in a disturbance which started after a midnight frolic of enlisted men from the army and navy on shore leave.

While the streets in the business section were filled with crowds, men in uniform held up street cars, hurled missiles, raided restaurants and looted show windows and pawnshops from which weapons were obtained. The police opened fire on a number of men caught looting a jewelry store window, after which fighting became more or less general.

F. H. Rossen, a seaman, stationed at the naval base, died at a hospital from a bullet wound in the head. J. F. Carroll, a chief petty officer, was stabbed in the body, and Bryce Custer, a seaman, in the leg.

Foch Sends Greeting to U. S.

Paris, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Marshal Foch, commander in chief of the French forces, yesterday gave the correspondent the following New Year's greetings to the people of the United States. "On the morrow of the struggles in which the United States army has taken so glorious a part and in which it has shown magnificently qualities of valor and skill, I am particularly happy to send to the American people my cordial greetings and wishes for their prosperity. (Signed) FOCH."

PALESTINE DRIVE BRILLIANT FEAT, ALLENBY SHOWS

Commander of British Forces Makes Report of Campaign Which Wipes Out Turkish Army.

London, Jan. 1.—(British Wireless Service.)—Details of what was, perhaps, one of the most spectacular operations of the war became known today when General Allenby's report on the Palestine campaign was published. British, Indian, French and Italian contingents participated in the fighting and, in addition, Arab forces from east of the Jordan rendered effective assistance. The British navy also had a share in the operations.

General Allenby's plan was ambitious. He sought to break the Turkish lines, send his cavalry through and encompass what he describes as a "rectangle 45 miles in length and 12 in depth," in which the Turkish troops were crowded. By this stroke he planned to cut the enemy's communications and complete his discomfiture by joining hands with the Arabs.

Great Gap in Line. A force vastly superior to the Turkish armies was gathered against the right wing of the enemy's army, near the Mediterranean coast. On the morning of September 19, after an intense bombardment lasting only 15 minutes, the allies attacked. The great gap was torn in the Turkish lines and through it were sent masses of cavalry, which had been held in leash until the moment had arrived.

"Within 36 hours," says General Allenby, "all the main avenues of escape for the Seventh and Eighth Turkish armies had been closed. All organized enemy resistance ceased and roads were blocked by retreating men and transport. Then the allied air forces hurled themselves at the huddled masses of Turks."

"The Turkish armies melted into nothingness," says the report. "A junction was made with the Arabs and the way to Damascus and Aleppo was open."

British Revenues Show Heavy Increase in 1918

London, January 1.—Revenues of the United Kingdom for the past nine months aggregated 509,165,805 pounds, an increase of 108,515,502 pounds for the corresponding period of 1917, according to a statement from the British treasury today. The total expenditures for the same period chargeable against revenues were 2,049,993,006 pounds, compared with 2,029,435,062 pounds for the same period last year.

Lodgeman Dies.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 1.—Manford W. Saxon of Topeka, major general commanding the Modern Woodmen of America Foresters, uniform rank, died of paralysis after a protracted illness.

U. S. Officials Expect No Great Differences at Peace Conference

Paris, Jan. 1.—American officials here today expressed the belief that when the full significance of Premier Clemenceau's declaration before the Chamber of Deputies becomes apparent there will not be any difference in the principles involved.

The impression apparently is growing that the progress is disposing of the details of the questions regarding peace conditions has been so satisfactory that the actual sessions of the conference have been appreciably shortened.

It is now anticipated that many questions which at first it was supposed would command the attention of the conference for a long time, such as boundaries of states and racial determination, will be made the subject of joint investigations the result of which will be presented later for ratification without the conference being held in waiting for them. The same is supposed to be true concerning the bill of damages against Germany, which may be assessed by a commission on which the belligerents may be represented.

When the peace commission has disposed of the question of actual damages, the question of punitive indemnity may be raised. The impression of some of the Americans who have been studying this matter is that when actual damages have been assessed the bill will run so high that the collection of indemnity will present a perplexing problem.

Mexico Places Heavy Tax on U. S. Flour and Sugar

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 1.—Beginning at midnight last night the Mexican government placed an import duty of \$1.10 a hundred pounds on flour and sugar shipped from the United States. This became known last night when shippers at Naco, where several cars are waiting to be sent across the line, sought to make arrangements to pass their goods free.

It was announced a recent order of the Mexican governor. It is understood that similar duties have been placed on other foodstuffs, which the people of Sonora badly need and which mostly are procured from the United States.

Allied Forces Are to Occupy Constantinople

London, Jan. 1.—A battalion of French troops has been detailed to occupy the Stamboul district of Constantinople, while a British battalion will occupy Pera, the European quarter. Italian forces will occupy another district of the city.

Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—Large forces of Italian troops are concentrated near Innsbruck, Austria, and, according to reports from Berlin, it is presumed the concentration is directed against Munich. The Berlin reports say that if bolshevism breaks out in south Germany the Italian troops will occupy that region.

Kaiser Burned All His Letters Before He Left Potsdam, Says Kautsky

Paris, Jan. 1.—All the correspondence of the former German emperor which was kept at Potsdam had been burned, as well as a number of documents dealing with internal questions, according to a statement made to a correspondent of the Matin by Carl Kautsky, who is preparing a white book dealing with the origin of the war.

Kautsky said the book would contain all diplomatic documents bearing on the war from the assassination of Francis Ferdinand to the invasion of Belgium. It would be in three or four volumes and the first volume would appear within 15 days. The book will contain many papers, annotated in pencil in the handwriting of the former emperor. Kautsky said that not one paper was missing from the foreign office.

Kautsky would not say who, in his opinion, appeared to be most compromised.

Swiss Protest Treatment of Legation by Russians

Berne, Jan. 1.—The Swiss government has telegraphed a strong protest to the soviet government of Russia relative to the latter's action in preventing the departure of the Swiss legation and staff from Russia. Switzerland declares it will hold Russia responsible for all delays and demands immediate answer.

Allies Are to Investigate the Vienna Food Situation

Berne, January 1.—An inter-allied commission charged with the investigation of the food situation in German-Austria has left here for Vienna.

Soldiers and Sailors at Norfolk Celebrate New Year With Riot

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 1.—Soldiers and sailors celebrating the beginning of the new year, caused so much disorder in the business section of Norfolk, this morning that the local police appealed to naval authorities for marines to quell the disturbance. Several shots were fired, trolley cars held up and civilians roughly handled.

Two hours after the disturbance started there were unconfirmed reports that one soldier had been stabbed to death. The enlisted men raided stores, broke show windows and forced restaurants in the business district to close. Paint was spread over windows, buildings and other objects on the streets.

San Francisco Holds Its Last Real New Year Fete

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—The uniforms of American, French and a scattering of other entente soldiers gave a new note of color to this year's celebration in the traditional style because of impending prohibition legislation. There were many soldiers and sailors in the crowds, nearly every one accompanied by at least one girl. They generally served as focal points for the merriment.

Theater and dinner parties, noise and "just ordinary sight seeing" on the streets, where an impromptu carnival was staged, were the order of the evening. A huge siren constructed for the occasion led the noise making, its echoes being audible at all the San Francisco Bay cities.

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