

ALLIES TO DECLINE OLD GERMAN GUNS

No Heavy Calibres Made Previous to 1902 Will Be Accepted.

U. S. BOARD INSTRUCTED

Prince Albert of Britain Is Guest of Major-Gen. Dickman.

By the Associated Press. CORONA, Dec. 30 (delayed).—The old fashioned heavy artillery which is being offered the American Army by the Germans will be declined, according to a decision by the Allied Armistice Commission.

In reply to a message from the United States receiving commission at Coblenz, engaged in taking over material from the Germans under the terms of the armistice, asking what limitations should be placed upon the material offered by the Germans, the armistice commission at Spa said that the majority of the guns which the Germans delivered must be modern.

The armistice commission's instructions to the Americans were that they should not accept 10 centimeter guns of models previous to 1904, 15 centimeter guns without cylinder record mechanism, 150 millimeter howitzers of models previous to 1902, or 110 millimeter models of a date previous to 1910. The guns

of the calibres specified have been arriving from Berlin, Essen and other points, many of them fresh from the factories after being remodeled.

The armistice commission decided that the reception of material should continue after January 1 and until new instructions were received. Upon the ultimate fulfillment of the armistice conditions regarding materials to be turned over the material not accepted will be returned to the Germans.

Prince Albert, the second son of King George of Great Britain, to-day visited the various parts of the American bridgehead area and inspected American troops. He came to Coblenz by automobile from Cologne and had luncheon with Major-Gen. Dickman, the American commander.

The Prince, who formerly was in the British Navy, was in the air service when the armistice was signed and is now acting as a liaison officer. He was accompanied on his inspection trip by several American officers.

FLORIDA BECOMES DRY.

Heavy Penalties Are Provided for Intoxication.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 31.—The entire State of Florida became "dry" at midnight to-night with the taking effect of the recently adopted amendment to the State Constitution making sale, manufacture or transportation of liquors, wines or beer illegal and providing heavy penalties for intoxication.

The city of Tampa was the last real stand of the liquor interests among the larger cities of Florida. In only one other county has the sale of liquor been legal for several months. Mail order houses here sold the last remnants of their stocks to-day.

The new law provides for a fine of \$500 or six months imprisonment, or both, as the minimum penalty for intoxication on the first offense, and a fine of \$3,000, or three years in jail, or both, as the minimum for the second conviction.

BOLSHEVIKI TAKE VILLAGES IN NORTH

Report "Enemy" Has Landed 500 Men and Four Guns in, Esthonia.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—Forces of the Russian Bolsheviki Government have captured two villages in the region of Reval, according to a Russian wireless message received here to-day. The "enemy," it is added, has landed 500 men and four guns (evidently on the Esthonian coast in the region of Reval). The wireless message reads:

"On December 28 in the Reval region we took the villages of Bikhona and Karkus. The enemy has landed 500 men and four guns."

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 31.—The American cruiser Chester, which arrived here yesterday with the American destroyers Wickes and Aylwin, left here to-day for Danzig, the port of German Poland. The destroyers have gone to Lubek, also a German Baltic port. The warships will take on board sick Americans.

The situation in Posen is extremely critical, according to the *Vorwaerts* of Berlin. The German Government has been asked to send troops there, and Herr Landsberg, Secretary of Publicity, Art and Literature in the Ebert Cabinet, has gone to Posen to negotiate with the Poles.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The attitude of the peasants in the region of Moscow is

alarming the Lenin Government, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the *Journal*. Early in December, he reports, the peasants actively revolted and it was a week before they were subdued.

The Bolsheviki Red Guard broke down opposition with the utmost severity. The peasants were poorly armed and were forced to surrender in large numbers. Numerous villages, the correspondent adds, were razed by artillery and large numbers of peasants were massacred.

The peasants, however, the correspondent continues, maintain their attitude of opposition to the Bolsheviki.

DENIES U. S. TROOPS FACE ANNIHILATION

Baker Says Men in Russia Occupy Good Positions.

SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—All information in the possession of the State Department and the War Department is directly at variance with the charges made by Senator Townsend (Mich.) yesterday that the American troops at Archangel were imperiously clothed, improperly cared for and in danger of annihilation.

Secretary Baker stated that the winter equipment for the men was complete and that everything possible had been done for their comfort and welfare. The expedition was arranged by Gen. Pershing and Mr. Baker takes no stock in the reports that the Americans were outnumbered 15 to 1 and in a dangerous position.

The State Department has just received a report from G. A. Martuzaine, representative of the Archangel Government, who has arrived in Washington, and this shows that the American troops there occupy good strategic positions, that casualties have been remarkably low and that the Bolsheviki troops although offered by Germans and well supplied with artillery are not

CONTROL OF COAL LASTS UNTIL FEB. 1

No Formal Statement, but Garfield Probably Will Act Far Into Spring.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—William Russell, director of the educational section of the Russian division of the committee on public information, returned to-day on the steamer *Columbia* after spending several months in Siberia.

The Bolsheviki element went through the country destroying school houses, stealing endowment funds and breaking down established educational standards, Russell said.

"The Bolsheviki stand only for complete disruption of Russia. Their agitators may prate about universal brotherhood of man and uplift of humanity, but there can be no uplift where there is no education," he said.

EUROPE NEEDS U. S. PORK. HOOPER CABLES URGENT DEMAND EXISTS IN WAR ZONES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Europe needs every pound of pork that can be shipped from the United States before next July, said a cablegram received to-day at the Food Administration from Herbert C. Hoover at Paris.

As soon as the initial chaos of the sudden economic change from war to armistice can be overcome, Mr. Hoover said, there will be overdemands for pork.

Another factor in the situation to

which consideration has been given is the feeling that the period of industrial readjustment will be passed more easily if the plan of coal distribution remains unchanged and that the commercial interests of the country also will be better served if the present arrangement is kept in force until more nearly normal conditions have been restored here and abroad.

No official announcement has been made by Dr. Garfield beyond the terse statement that the prices and zones will not be cancelled for thirty days at least.

Increasing demand for American coal in South American markets and the recent exportation of considerable quantities to the West Indies for supplying sugar refineries are creating an outlet for coal that was not anticipated before the armistice.

Ways and means of taking care of this trade through a permanent arrangement are under consideration by many of the Eastern coal concerns, principally in New York city, Philadelphia and Baltimore.

The formation of an exporting pool similar to those projected for handling foreign trade in lumber, steel, copper, paper and oil is being discussed, but the application for a charter under the Webb-Pomerene law has not been filed with the Federal Trade Commission. With additional ships available it is believed that the demand for American coal in the southern markets will expand quickly beyond all previous sales and enable mine operators to maintain the rate of production established last

summer and autumn in meeting war needs.

The heavy drain on the Mexican oil wells during the war has created a lively market for American coal in that country which as yet has not been taken advantage of because of the shortage in ocean tonnage.

DRAFTING WHEAT PRICE BILL.

Dept. of Agriculture to Ask for a \$600,000,000 Fund.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Chairman Lever, of the House Agriculture Committee, announced to-night after a conference with Secretary Houston, that legislation to insure the maintenance of the government wheat guarantee price for the 1919 crop was being drafted by the Department of Agriculture and that he would introduce it in Congress within a few days.

Mr. Lever said the legislation would authorize the President to continue operation of the food administration's grain corporation or create a new agency for buying, selling and storing the 1919 crop. A revolving fund of \$600,000,000 for the use of the corporation also would be provided.

"The Government," Mr. Lever said, "will buy all of the 1919 crop and sell it at the world price whatever that may be." He added that the Government might lose a large sum by maintaining the price, but it was necessary to keep faith with the farmer.

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<p>Hudson Seal Coats (Dyed Muskrat)</p> <p>Hudson Seal Coats Straightline coats, flaring at back or belted all around. Reduced to 175.00</p> <p>Hudson Seal Coats Belted coats with large collar and cuffs of Hudson Seal Fur. Reduced to 250.00</p> <p>Hudson Seal Coats Belted coats with large collar and cuffs of seal fur. Reduced to 275.00</p> <p>Hudson Seal Coats Coats of all seal or with collar and cuffs of skunk or beaver. Reduced to 350.00</p> <p>Hudson Seal Wrap-Coats Wrap-coats of all seal or trimmed with real skunk fur. Reduced to 400.00</p>	<p>High Grade Fur Coats (Of Perfectly Matched Pelts)</p> <p>Real Scotch Mole Coats Belted coats with large cape collar of real skunk fur. Reduced to 375.00</p> <p>Real Scotch Mole Coats Belted coats with taupe fox or taupe lynx collar. Reduced to 500.00</p> <p>Black Caracul Fur Coats With collar and cuffs of Hudson seal or skunk. Reduced to 350.00</p> <p>Squirrel Coats Gray or taupe squirrel coats with large collar and wide cuffs. Reduced to 345.00</p> <p>Natural Raccoon Coats Full length model; shawl collar and cuffs of self fur. Reduced to 185.00</p>
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Canteen or Round Muffs, the Latest Models in Neckpieces

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27.00 Reduced from \$32.00 Natural Beaver	28.00 Reduced from \$35.00
28.00 Reduced from \$35.00 Real Skunk	32.00 Reduced from \$45.00
28.00 Reduced from \$35.00 Dyed Taupe or Black Wolf	32.00 Reduced from \$45.00
48.00 Reduced from \$59.50 Black Fox	42.00 Reduced from \$55.00
27.00 Reduced from \$32.00 Real Scotch Mole	30.00 Reduced from \$45.00

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Only one coat of each model

<p>Real Scotch Mole Cape Full length model with yoke collar and border of gray squirrel fur. Heretofore \$2,500.00 975.00</p> <p>Baby Caracul Wrap-Coat Full length model; cape collar of gray squirrel fur. Heretofore \$1,800.00 750.00</p>	<p>Hudson Seal Coat Full length model; collar and cuffs of taupe nutria. Heretofore \$975.00 475.00</p> <p>Broadtail Wrap-Coat Full length model with new panel back. Heretofore \$2,500.00 975.00</p>
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<p>Fur Shawl Collared Coats Also roll collars of fur; several models of heavy wool velour coating, Pom Pom Bolivia or heather mixtures; collars of French seal fur. Heretofore \$39.50 to \$45.00 27.00</p> <p>Women's Fur Trimmed Coats Also coats without fur; of Pom Pom Bolivia, suede wool velour or novelty mixtures; silk lined, interlined. Heretofore \$49.50 to \$69.50 38.00</p>	<p>Silvertone Wool Velour Coats Also coats of silver-tip Bolivia cloth; large shawl collars of taupe nutria or French seal fur; silk lined, interlined. Heretofore \$59.50 to \$79.50 47.00</p> <p>Evora Cloth Wrap-Coats Also Wrap-Coats of Velour du nord or cashmere wool velour; tailored to wear with separate furs. Heretofore \$75.00 to \$89.50 58.00</p>
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Clearance Sale of Riding Habits

For Women and Misses **18.50**

Coat and Breeches or Side Saddle Habits of whipcord, melton, broadcloth or Shepherd checks.
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