PRAGUE FELT SPELL OF AWE IN GREETING FIRST PRESIDENT

Bohemians Sang and Wept in Moment When Aspirations Were Symbolized in Masaryk.

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Prague, Dec. 22.—(Delayed).—The joyous acclaim with which the golden city of Prague, welcomed Prof. Masaryk, president of Czech-Slovakia, today, was a perfect expression of the triumph of the cause of civilization. Perhaps never again in one day and place will the true significance of the great war and the sancity of the allies' cause be so completely evident.

The return of Masaryk, who was acclaimed president of the Czecho-Slovak republic while in the United States after years of absence, cannot fail to draw the attention of all entente powers to this small but great people whom we honored by calling our allies.

When Bethmann-Hollweg declared in August, 1914, that this was a war of Tenton against Slav, the Czech took him at his word and for four years waged against the German and his Magyar accomplice a war which was successful beyond belief. Abroad, a handful of indefatigable men under the leadership of Masaryk walked up and down every friendly land like the spiritual sons of Benjamin Franklin, knocked at closed doors, whispered in unwilling ears, and communicated such an electric thrill of high purpose as finally succeeded in overcoming of ignorance, selfishness and indifference.

Peasants Flock to Capital

Preparations to welcome President Masaryk had been made for days but the hearts of the people could not become tranquil until the president really arrived on Bohemian soil. A hundred thousand poured into the capital, the population of which trebled in a few days. Many came from Moravia, Silesia and Slovakia, in spite of the extreme difficulty of traveling, the great majority having come on foot. The decorations of the city are beautiful and original. Cloths are unobtainable, but every house has a banner and every person has a flag or rosette.

Allied flags and mottoes were everywhere the most conspicuous of all being thousands of portraits of Masaryk and Wilson, generally together with plaster busts of the two presidents.

All the pent-up feelings of four years restraint were put into these.

The center of activity was the railway station. Here the decorations were surpassingly beautiful. In the principal waiting room, representative men awaited Masaryk. The rectors of the university with golden chains and halbadiers in real Henry VIII costumes and representatives of the Sokol gymnastic society, which has done so much for Bohemian patriotism were quite impressive. But, in and around the station, was the whole story of our war. In the guard of honor outside appeared a company of Don Cossacks. When asked where they had been fighting, they replied: "Last of all on the Volga against bolsheviki."

War Heroes There With Medals

In the station restaurant were groups of French chasseurs, Alpines but no—they were Czecho-Slovaks who had been killing Germans in France—their breasts covered with the croix de guerre and other symbols of military valor. Nearby were groups of Italian Alpines who turned out to be Czechs who had fought the enemy nearer home at the risk of being hanged on capture. In the great hour of triumph, very few of the nations' legionaires could be spared for the festival. Only a few companies gladdened the eyes of those who had never once during the war seen their own soldiers except in enemy uniform.

Czecho-Slovak legionaries guarding our honor on four frontiers cannot be spared for rejoicing. They are protecting themselves and us from bolshevism on the east and thrice protecting themselves on the west and south from those who first declared war against us. Does the world realize that our allies were obliged to call to arms all male citizens under 50 years within the last two weeks?

Hush Falls on Assemblage.

Over this deeply religious people came a hush precedent to the supreme right moment when at 1 o'clock the boom of cannon announced the approach of Masaryk. Five minutes later the intense interval of silence was broken by the exquisite, plaintive strains of the national hymn, sung as only Slavs can sing it. It seems ridiculous to speak of a locomotive as majestic, but the engine which bore Masaryk's train decorated by the heart love of his people seemed a winged victory as it slowly steamed into the silence of the waiting multitude. First of all, a grey-haired man with haggard cheeks and most distinguished presence got down. He entered a tiny waiting room, where national and foreign representatives were assembled. Again a silence possessed everybody. It was broken by the president of the council Kramarsh, who came forward, and threw his arms around Masaryk. What words can depict the meeting of these two men who for so many years defied headsmen and conspired to free their country and meet after the great achievemnt!

People Smile Amid Tears.

After the greetings of the government, President Masaryk went into the great waiting room, where he received a welcome from Bohemia's veteran poet, Jirasek. His eyes lingered on a group of university professors from whose ranks he himself had sprung. After a brief speech, in which he stated that the new nation's poets and statesmen would work together, he went out to be hailed by the waiting thousands in front of the station, mad with joy. There began a triumphal procession which took two hours to arrive at the parliament house. Every window, every balcony and every roof was filled to overflowing and every street lined on either side twenty deep. All this multitude, most of whom had been standing for hours, had such joy written on their faces as has never before been seen and cannot possibly be described. Elders were holding children on their shoulders and all eyes were full of tears, all mouths smiling and kissing flags of the allies as they would kiss their babies.

Since the proclamation, all the young ladies of Prague have taken to the fashion of peasant costumes and several members of parliament wore the old national dress. Searchlights playing on the spires and steeples of this most beautiful Slav city now again touch the great castle, henceforth the seat of government, where hundreds of windows are ablaze with lights—the first rejoicng it has known for 300 years.

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ed five, the number previously considered probable, by the inclusion of several delegates who may exchange places with others, taking part in the conferences only when the special subjects upon which they are authorities are being considered.

Arthur J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary, who favors an increase in the number of represetnatives, made his desire known during his conference with Colonel E. M. House on Tuesday.

American representatives who probably would be among these "interchangeable" delegates are Herbert C. Hoover, the food administrator, Edward M. Hurley, head of the shipping board; Bernard M. Baruch, Admiral Benson and Vance McCormick, head of the war board.

No German Envoys Named.

Germany has not yet submitted a list of her probable peace delegates, or at least no such list has been brot to the attention of the American delegation.

Altho the American representatives have received many reports of conditions in the Baltic states and in the Ukraine, these reports are very conflicting.

The policy of the American delegation with regard to the Russian situation and its general complication with the unrest in the Balkans and in the former Russian districts has not yet taken form. The American delegates apparently do not consider that France and England either have outlined a definite policy toward Russia.

BRITISH PEACE DELEGATES NAMED

London, Jan. 2.—It is officially announced that the British delegates to the inter-allied conference at Paris will include Premier Lloyd George, Foreign Secretary Balfour, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the exchequer; Viscount Hardinge, permanent under-secretary for foreign affairs; Sir William G. Tyrrel, senior clerk in the foreign office; Sir Louis Mallet, former British ambassador to Turkey; Sir Esme W. Howard, British minister to Sweden; Sir Ralph Paget, minster to Denmark, and Sir Eyre Crowe, assistant under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, with their staffs, will accompany the delegates as advisers. Lord Robert Cecil, former assistant under-secretary, will go to France in connection with the proposed league of nations.

It is expected here that the conference will begin on January 13. A majority of the British delegates will leave London on January 4. Secretary Balfour already is in France.

With the foreign office officials, who will accompany the premier and other cabinet members, will go as representatives of the war office, the admiralty, the air board and other departments.

Former Intelligence Officer of France Is Sent to Prison

Paris, Jan. 2.—(Havas.)—Captain Georges Ladoux, former assistant chief of the intelligence bureau of the ministery of war, was arrested today and, after hearing his accusation read by Colonel Goubet, was sent to the Sante prison. He is charged with the loss of a document relating to persons likely to be implicated in one of the cases now pending concerning trading with the enemy.

Proceedings were begun against Captain Ladoux last March, when he was believed to have been connected with the cases of Bolo Pasha and M. Duval, director of the S. Bonnet rouge, both of whom were executed for treason.

U. S. Officers Running Cars in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 2.—Street cars of Kansas City, Kansas, operated today under guard of deputy United States marshals their crews also being federal officers while squads of other marshals armed with shotguns, patrolled the lines. Guards on the cars and car crews carried revolvers.

The day, the 23rd of the street car strike in Greater Kansas City, passed without reports of disorder.

Federal operation of the cars was undertaken on an order by Judge John C. Pollock of the federal court of that city.

Lloyd George Wants Way or He'll Appeal

Carnavon, Wales, Jan. 2.—The recent election has given democracy an opportunity in the present British government to change the face of the country, Premier Lloyd George declared, here, yesterday.

The premier said that, unless the government did its best to fulfill its promises, he would not remain at its head, but would go back to the people for another mandate.

BRAZIL'S PEACE DELEGATION OFF

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 2.—The Brazilian peace delegation left Rio Janiero, today, for Havre, France.

SOLDIERS AND WORKMEN REPLACE NOTABLES IN REICHSTAG

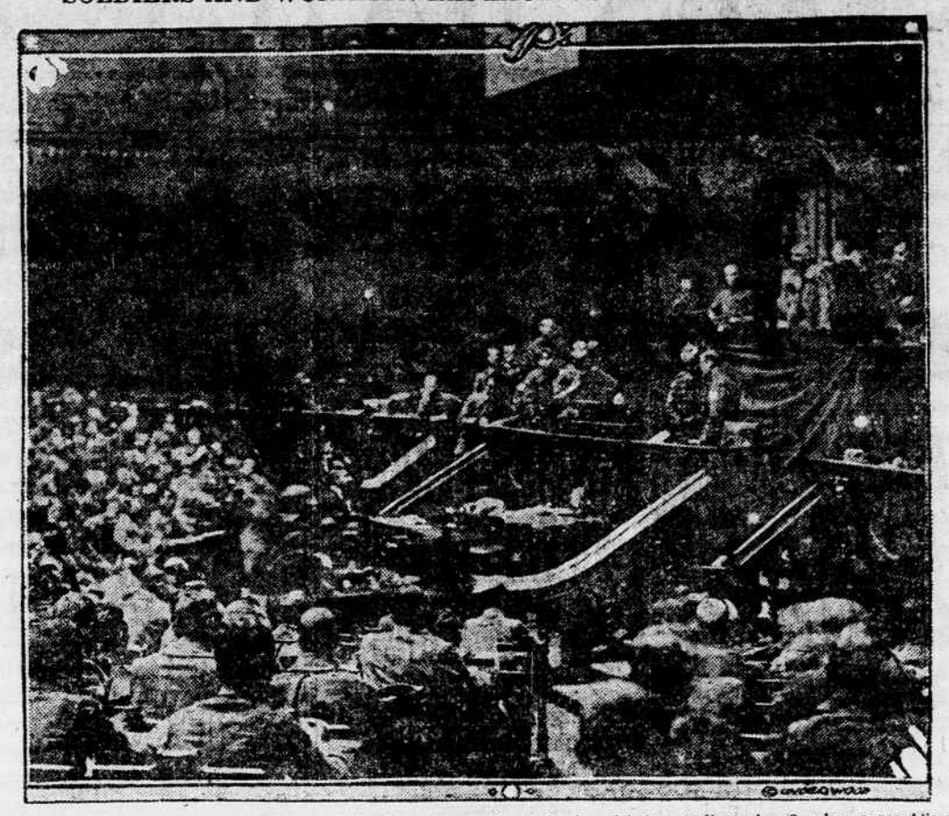

Photo shows soldiers' and workmen's council handling Germany's affairs in reichstag on November 8, when a republic was declared.

The above photo shows a much different scene in the reichstag at Berlin than was common before the close of the war. In place of the titled dignitaries and notables, workmen and soldiers occupy seats in the chamber. Soldiers' uniforms predominate. The picture shows the chamber the day the council voted to declare a provisional government and arrange for a general election.

PACIFIC OCEAN ZONED IN HUNT FOR MISSING STANDARD OIL SHIP

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—The Pacific ocean has been "zoned" for a distance of 50 miles out and from San Diego to Vancouver, B. C., by the owners of coastwise vessels, in order that these vessels may seek the Standard Oil company's tanker George W. Loomis, long overdue at Coos Bay. Each vessel, including eight Standard Oil tankers, has been given a particular route.

The tanker left here December 19, with a cargo of 5500 barrels of gasoline and crude oil for Coos Bay. When last sighted off the Oregon coast by the steamer Washtenaw, the Loomis was bucking a terrific gale

Officials of the company fear the vessel went down with all on board when Captain E. C. Lapchas failed in efforts to save both vessel and cargo.

HERR HOHENZOLLERN REPORTED VERY ILL

Amsterdam, Jan 2.—William Hohenzollern, former emperor of Germany, is very ill, according to advices from Amerongen. He cannot leave his room, it is said, and is suffering from a bad cold. It is stated that he has a high fever. An eminent specialist from Utrecht is in constant attendance.

A. C. M. SEEKS CAPITAL TO ENTER FOREIGN FIELD

New York, Jan. 2.—Announcement was made today that the Anaconda Copper Mining company will issue $25,000,000 of 10-year gold bonds for the development of South American properties. The bonds are dated Jan 1, 1919, and bear interest of 6 per cent. They will not be subject to redemption before maturity.

John D. Ryan, chairman of the board of the mining company, has issued a circular to the stockholders stating that earnings of the company from Jan. 1, 1913, to Sept. 30, 1918, have totaled $165,060,989 net, and of this $82,637,500 has been paid out in dividends, leaving a balance of $82,375,480 above dividends. Fixed assets of the company show an increase of $59,109,457.

Society of Order Hounds Established

Chicago, Jan. 2—A national organization to be known as the Exalted Society of Order Hounds, composed of order salesmen from all branches of commerce and industry, was formally launched today with the installation of Kennel No. 1. The name was taken as a tribute to the faithful hound, and the society, semi-secret and fraternal, was formed to develop scientific selling methods and higher ideals in the lives of the members. Kennel officers are senior Watchdog, Junior watchdog, official growler and big barker. "Woof! Woof!" is being considered for the password.

Schenectady Strike to Be Halted Today

Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Following the receipt of a telgram from the national war labor board tonight offering to act in the dispute of the General Electric company and its employes, 18,000 of whom have been on strike here since December 19, the executive board of the strikers recommended that the locals meet Friday and vote to return to work. Favorable action on the request is considered by the executive board to be assured ensuring the return of the men to work Saturday morning.

Wife of Miles City Clergyman Is Dead

Miles City, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Hardie, wife of Rev. Thomas Hardie of the local Methodist church, died here this afternoon after a lingering illness. Methodist clergymen from all over Montana are expected here for the funeral, which will be held Sunday. Rev. Edward Smith of Bozeman will conduct the services and a special address will be delivered by Dr. Charles Bovard of Helena.

WOULD HAVE BEEN

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no law of America, by constitution, statute or custom by which the president is under any obligation to submit what he is now doing to the senate or to any other branch of the legislative or executive body.

"I inform the negotiators, as I do all those interested, that the present undertakings of the president of the United States are as commander-in-chief of the armies. That he remains such with full power as commander-in-chief until the full treaty or compact of peace has been finally accepted and peace declared and the armies withdrawn as a result of that acceptance."

Either a League or War Later.

Drawing a distinction between treaties made by the president as head of the civil government and after the war has ended and the making of peace by protocal or agreements, the senator said under the latter condition the president serves as commander-in-chief, agreeing upon terms of peace for the purpose of withdrawing the armies, and in so doing "executes the authority of the law of the people vested in him as executive and wholly apart from the interference, the opposition, the approval or repudiation of the senate."

The Illinois senator said postponement of the proposals for a league of nations and freedom of the seas would mean that the war had been fought in vain and would bring about a repetition of the struggle.

"Each nation with claims and principles at stake, as it believes them", he continued, "seeing no method existing thru which it can secure peace and obtain its rights will turn to the only method left and which has just been adopted—war."

Not One of Them Glad.

In closing, Senator Lewis urged united support for the president while he is on foreign soil, "contesting for the supremacy of the United States".

In referring to the president's critics on the republican side, Senator Lewis departed from his prepared manuscript to say that they had never uttered one word of satisfaction at the president's safe arrival abroad or the great honors conferred upon him there. Then he added that it was not too much to believe that they would not have been displeased to find the president's name in the casualty lists.

EXEMPT.

He didn't have to go to war, because the authorities thot he was a great cataract surgeon, and hence very essential. He wrote on his questionnaire that he removed films from people's eyes. And he was only a board of censors man! — From December Film Fun.

20 WORKERS BURNED WHEN GASOLINE CAR EXPLODES AT OIL PLANT

Bayonne N. J., Jan. 2.—When a tank car containing 8,000 gallons of gasoline exploded at the Standard Oil company's plant, at Constable Hook, today, 20 men and girl employes were badly burned.

It is thot some probably will die.

The flames enveloped the building in which they were working, and they were burned while escaping.

Armistice Kept Air Raiders From Berlin

London, Jan. 2.—Via Montreal.—Major General Trenchard, commander of the Independent Air force, in his report on the work of that body, makes an interesting revelation of how Berlin narrowly escaped being bombed by a squadron under the Canadian aviator, Commander R. H. Mulock of Winnipeg.

"The 27th group was established in England," says General Trenchard, "under the command of Commander Mulock for the purpose of bombing Berlin and other centers. This group only received machines capable of carrying out this work at the end of October and tho all ranks worked night and day to get the machines ready, the signing of the armistice prevented the raid."

POLISH INVADERS

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Driesen and Poesenau and has captured a large amount of railway stock with little resistance. The Germans are rearming demobilized soldiers and fighting is expected, altho some of the demobilized troops are refusing to serve.

Large parts of the province of Posen are in the hands of the Poles and Polish troops have crossed the frontier at Skalmieryce, a town southeast of Posen and 62 miles northeast of Breslau. German troops there must, it is said, retreat in face of a superior force of the Poles.

It is also reported that the Polish government has ordered the mobilization of all Poles.

ADMIRALTY CHIEF RESIGNS.

Copenhagen, Jan. 2.—Admiral Reinhardt von Scheer, chief of the German admiralty staff, has resigned, according to advices from Berlin. His resignation, it is said, was voluntary.

ALLIES MAY CALL FORCES HOME FROM NORTHERN RUSSIA

Problem Giving British Cabinet Much Anxiety—Intervention Not in Favor.

London, Jan. 2.—Russian affairs are causing the British foreign office considerable anxiety, says the Mail. The necessity of formulating a definite allied policy as to Russia is extremely urgent, and it has been decided that the Russian question will be the first discussed at the peace conference.

"It is presumed that all the allied nations are overwhelmingly against armed intervention by an expeditionary force," says the newspaper, "preferring to encourage the creation of a stable government in Russia. In the meantime, there is no likelihood of the allied forces on the Russian coast being withdrawn."

RESCUING FLEET

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At daybreak, however, it is planned to renew the work. Life saving crews from Sandy Hook and Rockaway are planning to leave at midnight in their power boats to be on hand at dawn. With the aid of the squadron of cruisers, destroyers and naval tugs now guarding the stranded vessel, it is planned to transfer the wounded to the hospital ship Solace and take them direct to Hoboken.

Continuous rain, fog and heavy pounding by waves have failed to lower the spirits of those aboard the transport, which is now listing hard to port. The ship's band played lively airs while the work of rescue was being carried on and tonight the men were clamoring for another entertainment, such as was staged last evening aboard ship, when Private Edward Schallansberger, of Altoona, Pa., attached to the eighth trench mortar battery, was wildly applauded as he led a quartet in singing "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep."

Men Make Light of Peril.

As one soldier expressed it, "it takes more than a few 'sad sea waves' to shake the nerve of those who saw the 'real show' over in France."

Debarkation was begun shortly after noon when an attempt earlier in the day to drag the Northern Pacific from her bed on sand had failed.

A power boat from the cruiser Columbia engaged in bringing ashore troops from the Northern Pacific, capsized, this afternoon, when her engine went dead as she approached the beach, throwing all hands, nine men, into the sea. All were rescued by life guards who dashed into the breakers and dragged the men ashore.

Cottages Opened For Men.

One soldier and three of the life savers were caught under the boat. Life guards on shore rushed into the surf and after rescuing the others, dragged the boat to the beach, where the four, who were unconscious, were given treatment by the Red Cross nurses and rushed to the Y. M. C. A. hut at the naval air station at Bay Shore, where all are being taken.

The men there are mostly from the Eighth trench mortar battery, comprising five officers and 153 men who were in training near Metz at the time the armistice was signed. Most of these were brought ashore in lifeboats, followed by the fifth battalion, consisting of 28 officers and 500 men. Thirty cottages have been opened and prepared for any emergency.

The bringing of the well troops ashore was a scene of dramatic interest. Four lifeboats plied back and forth between the transport and the beach. These carried lines and all hands on shore lay to and hauled them on these voyages to shore. In the first boat to land were 17 nurses—two from Brest and 15 from Queenstown.

Fire and Food on Beach.

Because of the rough seas it was impossible for the men to come over the side of the ship on ladders. A ship's life boat was slung out from the davits and lowered to the surf boat into which the men were transferred.

The first trip from the ship to the shore was a hard one. Several times it looked as if the boat had been swamped. Only the clever work of the coast guards saved it. However, the doughboys, aside from getting wet, were none the worse for the trip.

Red Cross workers received the men as they reached shore, assembling them in the welcoming heat of a roaring beach fire and supplying them with coffee and sandwiches before they were marched away. The soldiers said that the only real hardship they underwent on board was the shortage of water. There had been no drinking water at their meals since Wednesday morning, they said, and they had to assuage their thirst with coffee and cocoa.

MICHIGAN RATIFIES DRY U. S. AMENDMENT

Lansing, Jan. 2.—The Michigan legislature today ratified the amendment to the United States constitution, providing for a dry nation.

Both houses adopted the resolution without debate, and the only opposition came in the house, where three votes were cast against the proposal.

Germans Run Train Into British Troops

Basel, Switzerland, Jan. 2.—(Havas).—Thirty British soldiers were injured when a locomotive in charge of German railway men ran into a train of British troops on the Namur-Charleroi line in Belgium recently. The three Germans in charge of the locomotive were arrested.

Berlin Dances Old Year Out and New In

Berlin, Wednesday, Jan. 1.—(By the Associated Press).—Berlin tangoed her way out of the old year, fox-trotted into 1919 and scared away bolshevism with confetti. It was the first dancing here since the outbreak of the war. In the downtown section crowds approximated those of pe ce times.

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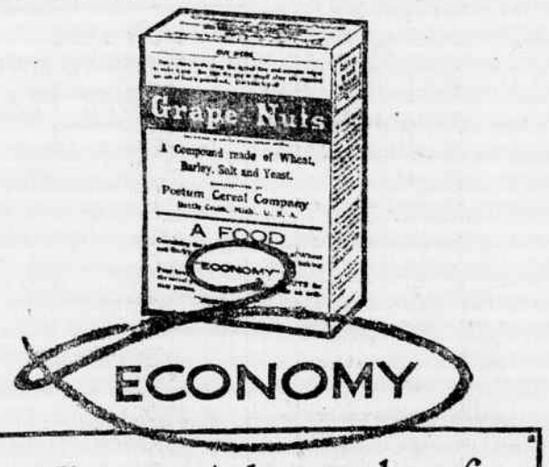

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