

ENGLAND IS PREPARING FOR GERMAN INVASION

Government and Inhabitants Actively Engaged in Arranging Defensive Works to Meet Landing of Hostile Troops--Believed That Island Is in Danger Even Though British Fleet Controls the Sea--Mobilization of Home Army.

London, Dec. 10.—All England was aroused today when orders originating at the war department, were given that no delay be allowed in the work of preparing the British island for a probable invasion by Germany.

Notwithstanding the conclusions formed by the imperial committee of defense some years ago that an invasion of England would be an impossibility while the British fleet remains in being, incursion by Germans is now considered a distinct possibility.

Both the governments and the inhabitants of the seacoast counties are preparing actively to meet a landing of hostile troops. The military preparations have been conducted on a large scale since the beginning of the war.

The home army, which is commanded by General Sir Ian Hamilton, who carries a broken wrist as a souvenir of the Boer war has for its special function the repelling of an invasion. This army consists mainly of territorialists of which there are some 400,000 now under arms in the United Kingdom and a part of the so-called Kitchener's army undoubtedly would be employed in case of need as well as any Canadian and other colonial troops who might be in the country.

The territorialists were organized by Lord Haldane when he was minister of war and under the terms of their enlistment cannot be ordered abroad although many of the regiments have volunteered for foreign service and some on the continent under General French.

The military experts consider it wholly possible that the Germans may make a desperate excursion upon the British coast even with the expectation of losing a large proportion of their men for the moral effect the presence of invaders would have in throwing the population into panic and preventing the war office from sending troops to reinforce the firing line in France.

Network of Trenches. It is thought the Germans might attempt to land two or three contingents as widely separated bases for the purpose of dividing the British defense army and might send their smaller expedition in advance of the main one to create a diversion. The home army has been operating with a view to being prepared to meet such demonstrations.

Several thousand laborers have been employed digging trenches and making other defensive work on the strategic lines between the eastern and southern coasts. The preparations of the railroad controlled by a committee of railway managers who have military rank during the war have been made for moving large bodies of men and guns quickly. A practice mobilization was held a few days ago and a rumor of invasion immediately became current.

What citizens may do to defend their homes against an invader within the recognized rules of warfare has become a burning question within the last few days. A meeting was held in the guild hall in London this week to hear from Lord Desborough well known as the foremost amateur sportsman of England, a statement of the purpose of the central association of volunteer training corps for promoting the military training in spare time of men ineligible for service in the regular forces. The lord mayor, the Duke of Norfolk, the Duke of Devonshire, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, H. G. Wells, the author, also members of the parliament and retired army officers took part.

Lord Desborough said that the war office informed him that there was a force of nearly a million men moving with spare time to drill. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle said that those who were too old to join the army felt they would be of no use to the country unless they had some rudimentary knowledge of rifles.

Defense Opinions Differ. This volunteer training corps is a successor to the historic old Train band. Lord Desborough said he hoped there would be a regiment of many battalions in every county, under the disposition of the Lord Lieutenant who would act under orders and advice from the military officers commanding the district. It is possible that the German army would refuse to recognize the civil guard of Belgium.

A red armband stamped with the letters "G. R." (Georgius Rex) is proposed as the insignia for the volunteers and it is a debated question whether that would constitute a dis-

"The Money It Has Cost Me to Look Like That!"



WILLIAMS MAY SIDE STEP SELECTION OF BANKERS FOR COMMISSION PLACE

Efforts on the part of the State Bankers' association to prevent an active political supporter of Governor-elect Williams from securing the appointment as state bank commissioner may be frustrated by the politicians, according to plans that are being suggested.

TO AID PICTURE MEN

Alleged Trust Entered Into for Self Preservation Is Testimony at Trial—To Advance Art.

Philadelphia, Dec. 10.—Self preservation was the principle upon which the alleged motion picture trust entered into uniform agreements in 1902, according to the defense offered in the United States district court by Charles Kingsley, attorney for the Motion Picture Patents company to the government civil suit to dissolve the corporation. The object or thought of a monopoly of a restraint of trade in moving pictures was "prominently absent," he said.

GREAT SHIPPING FIRM WILL NOT FELL TO U. S.

London, Dec. 10.—A Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam says that the Hamburg-American line has issued a statement to the effect that the company has no intention of selling the ships of the line which are tied up in American ports as a result of the war.

THE WEATHER

For Oklahoma City and vicinity: Partly cloudy and continued cold tonight with temperature about 30 degrees. Friday generally fair and somewhat warmer.

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 7 a. m., 8 a. m., 9 a. m., 10 a. m., 11 a. m., 12 noon, 1 p. m., 2 p. m., 3 p. m.

Light snow flurries have been general in the Lake region, upper Mississippi valley and Plains States as far south as northern Oklahoma, and light rains have fallen in the Ohio and Tennessee valleys and Middle Atlantic States. Generally fair weather has prevailed in the southern, far western and northwestern districts. A large field of high barometric pressure, attended by moderate cold weather, overpreads all of the territory between the Rockies and Appalachians.

that the bankers' convention adopted a resolution endorsing the work of the present bank commissioner and banking board leaves the way open for the next governor to permit Mr. Lanford to remain in office if he so desires.

WILSON WANTS NAVY INCREASE

President Relieves in Steady Development Says Secretary Daniels—Some Suggestions Extravagant.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Secretary Daniels was a star witness before the house naval investigating committee today.

PRESIDENTS DAUGHTER TO SPEND CHRISTMAS AT HOME

Washington, Dec. 10.—Mrs. Frances B. Sayre is expected at the White House for Christmas and to remain there for some time afterward.

OKLAHOMAN A VICTIM OF MISSOURI TRAIN WRECK

Joplin, Mo., Dec. 10.—Seventeen persons were injured, four of them probably fatally, when St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train No. 9, running between St. Louis and Wichita, Kansas, was derailed east of Joplin early today. All but the engine left the rails, with the tender, the mail car, baggage car and combination smoker and day coach going down the 20-foot embankment. The chair car and sleeper remained upright.

soon as he secured repeal of the restrictive provision, proceed to select his bank commissioner from the wide field of the bankers of the state.

BUSINESS IMPROVING

F. N. McCullough Discusses Commercial Situation—Says Farmer Can Expect Better Prices.

"While general business conditions in the country are not good they are continually improving," said E. W. McCullough, secretary and general manager of the National Implement and Vehicle association with headquarters in Chicago when asked how he viewed the commercial situation.

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M. W. Latimer, Joplin, internally injured, may die; Sarah Jackson, 72, Sibley, Ill., internal injuries, may die; J. C. Glover, 65 years old, Meridian, Ok., skull probably fractured and internal injuries, may die; T. R. Reynolds, Coffeyville, Kan., several ribs broken and other internal injuries, may die. The train was running behind time and was rounding a curve when derailed. Spreading rails caused the wreck. It is believed. According to Engineer Dwyer, the train was running about 40 miles an hour.

HARD COAL COMBINE DIFFICULT TO SHATTER CONGRESS HEARS OF ITS SYSTEM

NOISES CAUSE INSANITY. Washington, Dec. 10.—City noises are responsible for much insanity, declared Mrs. Imogene B. Oakley of Philadelphia in a plea for an anti-noise campaign before the American Civic association. She urged the association to try to reduce the amount of noise in American cities.

KAISER ILLNESS NOT DANGEROUS

Most Reliable Information Indicates Ruler Is Recovering From Attack of Influenza.

London, Dec. 10.—The British public is manifesting fully as keen an interest in the reports of the German emperor's illness as in the news of the naval victory. From late dispatches received here it appears that Emperor William was seized with an attack of influenza while on a secret visit to Emperor Francis Joseph. The most reliable sources of information, by way of Holland and Copenhagen indicate that he now is making progress toward recovery.

German newspapers which have just arrived here, make no mention of the name beyond brief announcement that he had returned to Berlin. This apparently indicates that the news of his illness was suppressed until danger was passed.

The admiralty has preserved silence as to the make up of the squadron that sent the German cruisers Scharnhorst, Gneisenau and Leipzig to the bottom off Falkland Islands and news of the progress of the pursuit of the cruisers Dresden and Nürnberg is awaited anxiously. A dispatch from Tokio intimated that the squadron that defeated the Germans was all British and that it was greater in numbers and equipment than the Germans.

Paris, Dec. 10.—An official statement issued by the war department today says:

"The day of December 9 passed quietly in Belgium and the Arras region.

"In the region of Loquesnoy, and around Andechy we advanced from two hundred to six hundred yards.

"In the Alsace region in Champagne there was no change. German artillery yesterday evidenced increased activity, but was again mastered by ours. In the environs of Rheims the heavy French pieces compelled the Germans to evacuate several trenches.

"In the Perthes region, the enemy endeavored to recapture the intrenchments he lost December 8 but was repulsed.

"In all the Arzonne region we continued to make progress. We have occupied new trenches there and repulsed six counter attacks.

"On the heights of Meuse we have a distinct advantage in an artillery duel.

"In the forest of Lepretre we have taken new trenches."

Petrograd, Dec. 9.—(Delayed)—An official communication today says:

"On the left bank of the Putila on the evening of December 7 the Germans began a stubborn offensive movement along the entire front from flow to glow. The attack was repulsed again and again, the Germans advancing in solid columns.

"Aided by searchlights, our fire demoralized the enemy who was everywhere repulsed.

"Next day desperate fighting was resumed on the Lovtzev line without success to the enemy.

"The fighting south of Cragov has continued in alternate offensive and defensive movements. Two attempts of the Germans to break through were repulsed."

Berlin, Dec. 10.—Today's official communications says:

"In the district of Sauslin the French yesterday confined themselves to heavy artillery firing.

CONGRESS HEARS OF ITS SYSTEM

Attorney General Gregory Wants Legislation to Limit Power of Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Attorney General Gregory made his first report to congress today as head of the department of justice. He recommended several amendments to existing laws and gave a comprehensive review of the work of the department for the fiscal year. His principal recommendation was for an amendment to the commodities clause of the interstate commerce act designed to block the way of any common carrier which seeks to transport products over its lines in which it has any interest whatsoever.

In asking for such legislation the attorney general referred to the difficulty the department has encountered in attempting to break up what is known as the "hard coal combination" controlling a large part of the anthracite fields in eastern Pennsylvania.

He told congress that railroads in that field have met recent supreme court decisions, interpreting the commodities clause, by the organization of corporations whose stock is distributed ratably among stockholders of the railroad, with its management dominated by the railroad.

To such a corporation, he says, the railroad in question sells coal at the mines under a contract which puts the new corporation "largely, if not completely, within the power of the railroad." This plan has been challenged by the government.

Railroad Amendment. "I recommend," wrote Mr. Gregory, "an amendment which will prohibit a railroad from transporting in interstate commerce articles which it manufactured or produced or which were manufactured or produced by any corporation controlled by it or affiliated with it by having the same controlling stockholders, irrespective of whether such railroad or such controlled affiliated corporation has an interest in the articles at the time of transportation."

It is also necessary if transportation and production are to be completely divorced, that congress prohibit any railroad owned or controlled by a producing or trading corporation and not operated merely as a plant facility, from transporting in interstate commerce articles produced or owned by such corporation.

The attorney general recites at length the enforcement of the Sherman anti-trust act during the last fiscal year. Speaking of the negotiations with the New York, New Haven and Hartford railway company, he informed congress that the department "while intent upon enforcing the law" realized that it must proceed so as to cause the least embarrassment to investors and to the unsettled industries of New England.

The department's bureau of investigation investigated during the year white slave cases in which 435 indictments were secured, with 357 convictions, 53 acquittals and 46 discontinuances. During the preceding year there were 232 indictments and 290 convictions. The bureau investigated on the average 41 complaints of violation of the anti-trust act each month, compared with 36 last year.

CALLS BOND ELECTION

Mayor Grant Issues Proclamation Calling Election January 15 to Vote on \$240,000 Water Bonds.

A proclamation for the special election on the proposed water bonds was issued by Mayor Grant this morning. The election will be held the afternoon of January 15 for the purpose of voting bonds which aggregate \$240,000 and in case the vote is favorable they will have effect immediately, as stated by the emergency clause added to the proposition by the city commissioners at the time it was passed.

These bonds will provide for the building of a lake or reservoir west of the present water plant and a pumping station above the present one. This lake and station will stock up during the flood seasons and hold in reserve enough water to last over the dry periods. The plan is a modified form of the project number 7 as advocated by the board of engineers which investigated the system and made a report to the commissioners two years ago.

This proposition was decided upon in preference to several deep well schemes laid before the commissioners as the most practical, of more lasting value and at a lesser cost than any other plan. The bonds are called for \$10,000 less than the engineers figured the project would cost.

FIGHTING FRED RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND IN TEXAS

Texas City, Tex., Dec. 10.—According to advices to headquarters of the Second division from Washington, General Funston has been relieved of command of the Fifth brigade at Galveston and the belief is that he will not return to Texas. His successor it is said will be Brigadier General George Bell, Jr., now at Fort Custer Barracks, Washington.

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