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**The Weather.**  
Northwest to southwest gales, much colder tonight; Saturday local snow falls.

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## THE SPARTACUS ELEMENT IS GRADUALLY LOSING GROUND IN BERLIN

**The Ebert Government Reported to Have the Best of the Situation—Has Complete Control in the Inner City—Large Forces of Troops Being Brought in by the Railways—The Spartacans Still Active in the Suburbs.**

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—The government forces are in complete control of that section of the inner city between the Brandenburg gate and Friedrichstrasse. It has issued an order prohibiting all processions.

The Ebert government is steadily gaining control in Berlin and the Spartacus element is gradually losing ground, though still showing great determination, according to the latest news from the German capital. Fighting raged through Tuesday night and up till noon on Wednesday in various parts of the city, and there were a number of casualties.

Gustav Noske, who was placed in charge of the government's defensive measures, seems to have matters well in hand. He has gained control of the railways and is bringing large forces of troops into the city, where a state of siege has been declared.

**As the Despatches are All Censored, it is Difficult to Tell Just What is Going On.**

Great difficulty is found in establishing the sequence of events at Berlin with any approach to accuracy, owing to the fact that a great number of the despatches received have been without dates. It is assumed that all were censored, and therefore it would be premature to presume that the struggle was ended. According to the Neuste Nachrichten, of Leipzig, the government has the upper hand in the centre of the city, but the Spartacans hold the east end and the suburbs.

During recent days there have been various reports of the Ebert government resigning and the possible occupation of Berlin by Entente troops, but none of these rumors has been confirmed.

**Little Chance of the Rival Parties in Berlin Reaching a Basis of Agreement**

Berlin, Jan. 10.—With the definite breaking off of negotiations between the government on the one side and the independent socialists and the Spartacans on the other, the renewal of the sanguinary conflict for control of the situation seems unavoidable. When Gustav Noske, in charge of the government measures of defence, proclaimed martial law, there was a break in the negotiations between the two parties and the government is reported to have declared there was no chance whatever of effecting a compromise. Despite this, however, Hugo Haase and Herr Breitscheid decided to make another attempt at a settlement. A nominal truce existed between the government and the independent socialists during the negotiations, although the Spartacans would not agree to observe one. Now the latest attempt to effect a compromise seems definitely to have ended in failure.

## TWO GERMAN SUBMARINES WERE SUNK BY THIS "SAILING VESSEL"

**How the Mystery Ship Mary B. Mitchell Allowed Enemy Submarines to Come Close Before Opening Fire With Concealed Guns.**

Falmouth, England, Jan. 2.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Two German submarines were sunk in one day by the Mary B. Mitchell, a sailing vessel, one of the "mystery ships" of the war now exhibited here. This craft was one of the first, if not the first, of the decoy ships which played havoc with the U-boats. This vessel went into the decoy service early in 1916, under command of Lt. John Lowrie. All her officers and crew volunteered for the hazardous work. She was provided with a twelve pounder and two well-concealed six pounders.

She sighted the first submarine three miles away and loafed along awaiting a chance to bag it. The German craft followed at a safe distance for a time, but finally crawled closer and after satisfying itself that it had superior speed and gun power, opened fire.

Failure of the mystery ship to return fire at once baffled the German officers. They were quiet for fifteen minutes, and then resumed fire. When the submarine came sufficiently close and was in good position ahead, the concealed guns of the sailing ship were brought into play and landed six mortal hits on the submarine, which was unable to fire an additional shell. Just

three minutes after the first hit, the submarine was blown up by a shot which holed it just below the foredeck and caused an explosion which threw a vast column of water high into the air.

Later the same day another German submarine approached the Mary B. Mitchell and opened fire at a distance of about two miles. After the sixth round the mystery ship was stopped and a boat put off. To all appearances the craft was abandoned. The submarine approached the supposed wreck at full surface speed. Then it submerged for a time and suddenly rose to the surface again.

The gunners of the Mary B. Mitchell landed a shell just below the conning tower and pierced the side one foot above the water. A flash of brilliant blue flame and a dense yellow smoke came from the hole. Almost instantaneously another shell struck forward and the submarine was enveloped in black smoke and sank into the water bow foremost, with a loud gurgling and hissing.

The official report does not say that the Mary B. Mitchell was filled with wood to keep her from sinking, but this was doubtless the case, as other mystery ships were so equipped and were able to float in spite of any dam-

## ENTERTAINMENT FOR SOLDIERS AT OPERA HOUSE

**MUSICAL PROGRAMME LAST EVENING**

**Another Entertainment to be Held This Evening at the Military Hospital for Patients.**

An entertainment was given last evening at the Opera House to the soldiers and was well attended. Capt. Ross delivered a very excellent solo which was followed by one of the soldiers with the Highland Fling. Mr. C. D. Holder and Mr. Bonn gave several excellent banjo and piano selections. Mr. W. J. Smith, A. R. C. O. furnished the music for a "sing song" which was very heartily joined in by all the soldiers present. Patriotic and popular songs were sung.

Miss Eva Brewer sang a cigarette song throwing cigarettes to the soldiers at the time. Afterwards cigarettes were distributed to the soldiers. These were donated by many of the citizens of Fredericton and were collected by Miss Morgan.

The song "Old Fashioned Wife" was sung, Miss Eva Brewer, taking the part of the wife while the chorus consisted of Pauline McLeod, Hilda Gregory, Molly Barry, Mrs. Corbett, Mary O'Neill and Mary Chestnut. Mr. W. A. Walsh gave several choice selections. Another entertainment is to be given to the patients at the Military Hospital this evening. The success of the entertainment last evening was due to the hard work of those who planned the affair among them being Capt. T. R. McNally and Mrs. A. H. Tweedie.

Hon. E. A. Smith of Shediac arrived last evening and is at the Queen.

## MUNICIPAL HOME FOR MARYSVILLE DEVON AND OTHER PARTS OF YORK TO BE PROMOTED NEXT SESSION

**County Council Passed Motion to Promote Legislation—Some Regret That Entire County is Not in Scheme—Several of the Parishes Not Willing to Participate—R. W. McLellan Presented Claims of Salvation Army Drive—Coun. Fred Sharpe, of King's County, Heard by Council.**

The County Council of the Municipality of York this morning by resolution supported the promotion of legislation for the incorporation of the Towns of Marysville and Devon and any other portion of the county into a district for the establishment of a Municipal Home. This matter has been before the council for ten or twelve years past. This morning regret was expressed by some councillors that the county as a whole was not embarking in the project. Several of the parishes however, are not willing to take part at this time.

An appeal was made by Mr. R. W. McLellan of Fredericton on behalf of the Salvation Army Soldiers' Home-Caring Campaign who was heard with interest.

**Friday Morning**  
The council resumed at 11 p. m. Friday.

Leave of absence for the session was granted Coun. Allen of Marysville who is ill.

**Municipal Home**  
Coun. Seymour moved the following resolution:

Whereas the County Council of the Municipality of York is in favor of the erection of a Municipal Home,

And whereas the said County Council or a portion thereof feels that a special act of the legislature should be passed creating the County of York or a portion thereof and the Towns of Marysville and Devon a district for the purpose of the establishment of such Home,

Therefore be it resolved that a committee of three be appointed by this Council for the purpose of meeting of Councils of the Towns of Marysville and Devon,

And further resolved that said committee request the councils of the said Towns of Marysville and Devon each

age inflicted on them by torpedoes and shells, their guns were frequently hidden behind doors in the sides of the ship which could be swung open.

## Colonial Representatives to Attend Peace Conference

### MEDICAL BOARD SITTING TODAY

**Col. A. C. Jost in the City to Organize a New Staff for Short Notice Discharges.**

A medical board is sitting this afternoon at the Officers' Quarters to rush through 100 men on short board notice for their discharges. The idea is to let as many men as possible out on short notice discharge while the remainder are being put through the ordinary discharge. The men who are let out can then be called in and given their discharges almost immediately. A number of officers from St. John are in the city today to aid in giving the discharges. Among the officers are Col. A. C. Jost, and Major Magee of the St. John Headquarters staff. Major Cecil Mersereau and Lieutenants McIntyre and Cameron are also in the city for the same business.

The soldiers who are quartered in the city have been complaining that they wish their discharges rushed through as soon as possible and as the discharges have been moving on very slowly matters were finally brought to a head by the formation of a new medical board which is sitting this afternoon.

**DECLARED INSANE.**  
Port Arthur, Ont. Jan. 9.—Romeo Fee, who killed Karlo Kauri, at Ignace by hitting him with an axe was found not guilty of murder, because of insanity, at the assizes here today.

**Sir Robert Borden, Premier Hughes and General Botha Have Been Named—Will Take Their Seats When Questions Affecting Their Dominions Come Up for Consideration—Delegates Will Go to Paris on Saturday.**

LONDON, Jan. 10.—Premier Lloyd George, Andrew Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer; A. J. Balfour, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and George Nicoll Barnes, Privy Councillor, have been appointed plenipotentiaries to the peace congress by the British cabinet, according to the Express and the Mail. Sir Robert L. Borden, Premier of Canada; William M. Hughes, Premier of Australia, and General Louis Botha, Premier of the Union of South Africa, will be colonial representatives, who will have seats when the congress takes up business of interest to the Dominions they represent, it is said. According to the Express, an important decision was reached by the cabinet in providing that the Dominions will appear at the peace conference as small nations.

The delegates will go to Paris on Saturday for the purpose of attending sittings of the Inter-Allied conference.

**Premier Hughes a Believer in the League Of Nations and the Brotherhood of Man**

Premier Hughes of Australia, speaking at a luncheon today at the Holborn restaurant on the eve of his departure for the peace conference, said he was a firm believer in the league of nations and the brotherhood of man, but we ought not to forget it was the sacred name of the Prince of Peace which the Huns invoked when waging this bloody and barbarous war, and that the Bolsheviks had drenched Russia in blood in the name of the brotherhood of man. Therefore it was necessary to guard against being deluded by empty phrases.

Like many another criminal, Germany had turned "king's evidence," had denounced her ruler, pretending he and his advisers alone were to blame, and had alternately fawned, blustered and wept in the hope of escaping the consequences of her crimes; but he hoped all this would be in vain. She had only put on a new garb and still had the same heart. There was no volte-face of which she was not capable, even to the reinstatement of the Kaiser, if such a course would help her in escaping the just penalties of her crimes.

**General Botha Emphasizes the Great Part Played by South Africa in the War**

London, Jan. 10.—General Botha's speech on the occasion of his being made a freeman of the Skinner's Company, emphasized the great part South Africa, in proportion to its population, had played in the war.

He reminded his audience that while there were 50,000 South African troops in German East Africa, a South African Brigade at the same time was maintained in France, while thousands of South Africans fought with the Imperial Forces, including three thousand in the air force.

Referring to the peace conference, he said that while he could not enter into details regarding the line the Dominion's representatives would take, he believed that if the deliberations were animated by the same spirit and object as was exhibited in waging war, there would be no reason to despair of the future.

## BLOODY RIOT REPORTED IN BUENOS AIRES

Buenos Aires, Jan. 10.—A general strike was declared throughout Argentine Republic at midnight.

Reports early tonight show that there have been more than two hundred casualties as a result of the disorders incident to the general strike.

Disorders were reported today form virtually every part of the city, but the most serious fighting was at the Vazena Iron Works, where troops and strikers clashed.

Four members of the directorate of the Vazena company went to the works today to arbitrate the trouble, but were surrounded by the strikers, who were alleged to have tried to capture them.

There were all British subjects and when they realized their danger they telephoned the British Minister, who appealed to President Irigoyen.

Former Minister of War Gonzalez was designated by the President as Chief of Police to fill the existing vacancy in that office. A force of mounted police, under command of Minister Gonzalez, went to the works and rescued the directors.

It is charged that the strikers then began shooting and the government rushed three hundred infantrymen, with machine guns and two cannon to the scene. In the meantime the strikers are said to have sacked a private-

## PLAIN TALK FROM TORONTO TORY PAPER

Toronto, Ont. Jan. 10.—In an editorial headed "Making Bolsheviks," the World, dealing with the sentencing by Magistrate Kingsford yesterday of former policeman Charles Watson to three years in penitentiary, and the payment of a fine of \$500 for having in his possession literature in contravention to an order-in-council says this morning:—

"The section taken is the finest kind of propaganda for the Bolsheviks, and merely justifies all their assertions about the conditions of the tyrannical government. People are, or were, sent to Siberia or locked up in jailing autocratic countries in Europe for just such offenses. Immigrants from these countries are told by the Bolsheviks that things are no better in Canada, and behold magistrate Kingsford endorses the Bolshevik view."

"The stratford sentence on Skidmore was cancelled by the Department of Justice. There is just six times as good reason for action in the present case."

ly owned gun shop and supplied themselves with arms and ammunition.

The battle was still going on at nine o'clock tonight.

King's County Experience  
Coun. Sharpe said that King's County had had a Home for so many  
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