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## GERMANY REFUSES HER MERCHANT SHIPS

COMES BACK WITH COUNTER PROPOSITION OF GUARANTEED QUANTITY OF FOOD TO COMBAT WITH BOLSHEVISM

## NEGOTIATIONS AT SPA BROKEN OFF

By Associated Press  
Paris, March 7.—Germany has refused the proposition for the use of her merchant ships made by the Allies Armistice Commission. The Germans propose that they should release the shipping desired in return for definite assurance that enough food will be sent into Germany to enable the government to withstand the Bolsheviki movement.

London, March 7.—Negotiations at Spa, relating to the shipping question, have been broken off abruptly, according to a German wireless received here.

## MEDALS FOR VIC-WORKERS

By Associated Press  
Washington, March 7.—Medals made from captured German guns will be awarded by the treasury to Liberty Loan workers who cooperate actively in the Victory Loan campaign. The treasury announced today that these medals will be distributed to all members of local loan committees who do conspicuous work, such as serving in volunteer collecting committees.

## HUN OFFICERS DECRY COUNCILS

By Associated Press  
Amsterdam, March 6.—Officers of the German army held an excited meeting in Berlin recently and expressed great indignation at the new War Office regulations abolishing marks of rank, says the Vossische Zeitung. They strongly denounced the system of Soldier's Councils and advocated the employment of the most drastic means in order to enforce the cancellation of the new decrees. The meeting finally passed a resolution demanding the reintroduction of marks of ranks.

## WOMEN DECLINE HOME SERVICE

By Associated Press  
London, March 7.—The need of domestic servants is so seriously felt in England since the girl servants became munitions workers that Lady Londonderry, President of the Women's Legion, is heading a well-organized movement for the employment as servants of large numbers of the Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, now being demobilized. About 9,000 of the "Wives" will be available for domestic work it is estimated. It is hoped they will help to relieve the servant shortage.

## HUN DOCTORS CONDEMN STRIKE

By Associated Press  
Berlin, March 7.—The governing board of the Society of Physicians and Surgeons has sharply criticized and condemned the strike on the grounds that it is jeopardizing public health through stoppage of all transportation and telephone service as well as public buildings. Sanitary crews, engaged in checking spotted and typhus fever declare that they are unable to work on account of the strike.

## LIQUIDATE OLD COTTON CONTRACTS

By Associated Press  
Washington, March 7.—There will be no objection made by the Bureau of Markets to bone fide cotton sales or purchases under the old style contracts for the sole purpose of liquidating actually existing long or short interests, it was announced today, provided such liquidation is accomplished not later than May first, after which date all transactions must be on the new style contracts as provided in the law approved on March fifth.

## GERMAN TROOPS BEAT BOLSHEVIKI

By Associated Press  
London, March 7.—German soldiers on the Baltic coast have severely defeated the Bolsheviki and recaptured Riga, according to a report received here.

## \$746,000,000 FOR BRITISH NAVY

London, March 7.—British naval estimates issued last night provide for the personnel of 280,000 men with a total expenditure for the year of \$746,000,000. This sum includes \$340,000,000 for shipbuilding, repairs and maintenance.

## SENATOR JAMES HAMILTON LEWIS & V. PRES. MARSHALL



This photo shows Senator Lewis and Vice-President Marshall on the steps of the Capital. Senator Lewis was on the U. S. transport Mount Vernon when she was torpedoed and says that America has amazed the world by her military achievements.

## REDS MOBILIZE PROFESSIONALS

By Associated Press  
Stockholm, March 7.—The Russian Bolsheviki government is preparing a law decreeing that all professionals and artists must work for the government, according to Petrograd advices. Even authors are to be mobilized, it is said, and their works are to be taken over as national property.

## GUARDS JOIN THE SPARTACANS

By Associated Press  
London, March 7.—A German wireless states that in addition to the volunteer and marine division and portions of the republican militia parts of the second guards regiment and guards of the fusiliers joined the Spartacans Wednesday. A dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated Wednesday, asserted that it is reported in government circles that as a result of the compromise reached at Weimar the strike may end today.

## MONTENEGRINS ARE STARVING

By Associated Press  
Rome, March 7.—The American Commission sent to Montenegro to inquire into conditions there passed through Rome today toward Paris. The situation in Montenegro is described as desperate. It was said that the population was actually dying from starvation.

## BULGARS FEAR ALLIES VERDICT

Saloniki, March 4.—The Bulgarian government and people much concerned because of the large number of reported massacres of Serbians and others by Bulgarians during the war, now that they have been brought face to face with the facts.

## BELGIUM ARRAIGNS HUNS FOR DESTRUCTION

DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO BE LAID BEFORE PEACE CONFERENCE SHOWS DETAILED ORDERS FOR DESTRUCTION

## BELGIAN POLICE FIND EVIDENCE

By Associated Press  
London March 7.—Reuter's Paris dispatch says that additional evidence will be laid before the "commission on reparation" of the peace Conference by the Belgian delegation with a full set of documents discovered by the Belgian police containing detailed instructions to the German troops for carrying out the work of destruction in Belgium.

## GERMAN FLEE FROM BERLIN

(Associated Press)  
Coblenz, March 7.—Disturbances in Berlin and other parts of unoccupied Germany has resulted in such increased numbers of civilians eager to reach the bridgehead area, where conditions are more normal, the American forces of occupation have been compelled to take steps to prevent the Germans from all parts of the country from overrunning the occupied zone along the Rhine.

## MEXICO SENDS TRADE EXHIBITS

By Associated Press  
Mexico City, March 5.—The department of Industry, Commerce and Labor has ordered the establishment of twenty-three commercial exhibits in North, South and Central America and Europe and has appointed four commercial agents who will be stationed in St. Louis, New Orleans and San Francisco and Barcelona, Spain.

## POILUS HIDE 2 YRS. FROM HUNS

By Associated Press  
Paris, March 5.—The adventures of two French stragglers, Sergeant Lesquern and Private Levesque, who, becoming separated from their units after battle of Charleroi, remained in hiding for more than four years in German occupied territory are told in the newspaper La Victoire. In the early days of the war, civilians helped the two soldiers but as the German domination became weightier, they took to the woods.

## CRIME INCREASE IN ENGLAND

(By The Associated Press)  
London, March 6.—Crime has been on the increase in England since the signing of the armistice and, in official quarters, particularly Scotland Yard, it is attributed to a great extent to soldiers on leave. It is the natural result of idle hands, the officials say.

COTTON MARKET			
	Old Contract	New Contract	
Mar.	22.90	-----	not pucted
May	21.75	-----	22.30
July	20.90	-----	21.35
Oct.	19.75	-----	20.00
Dec.	19.65	-----	19.90