

of Voll, thirty kilometres from Riga and occupied the Coastal town of Shiotsk and also attacked the coastal town of Dibein, thirty kilometres from Riga. The Letts in addition to claiming to have inflicted sanguinary losses on the enemy and to have destroyed an armoured train at the Voll Station, declare they cut up two companies of Germans, with their machine-gun fire. The fighting continues on the whole front. Another despatch from Riga says the Germans attacked repeatedly during the night in overwhelming numbers and with all modern weapons but that the Letts successfully counter-attacked. The despatch adds that both soldiers and civilians are filled with enthusiasm and that volunteers are joining the ranks day and night. These include students of all classes. Lettish Soldiers who have been fighting with the British and French at Archangel have arrived at Riga by steamship and rushed to the front. While the allied battleships at Riga are preparing according to despatches to open fire upon the attacking forces. Berlin advices from Mitau 27 miles south of Riga, declare that Russian and German forces in that vicinity have reached an agreement in regard to the gradual evacuation of the country. This has been notified to the representatives of the Entente at Mitau. A Berlin telegram from Mitau states that Colonel Avaloff Bermoudt on October 8th, handed to the Entente representative a note addressed to "The Representative of the Allied Powers in Russian" and reading "in order to combat Bolshevism restore order and secure the safety of my base of action I have as head of the Russian army in my western provinces accepted an agreement with the commanders of the German army corps, occupying the country under which I guarantee the gradual withdrawal of their troops and the safety of their transportation to Germany. The present Lettish Govt. began to send a number of Lettish troops against the boundaries of my military base which violated the Neutral Zone. This evoked a number of minor collisions while my troops were replacing German posts. I had given my posts, orders despite the continual provocation not to let themselves become involved with the Letts and Esthonians. The latter interpreted my action as weakness and attacked my position."

London, Oct. 11th.—An official report of the speech of Premier Lloyd George to the miners delegation shows that he declared the nationalization of mines was a political issue which must be decided by the whole nation, and not by a section of the country. The Premier added that if his expression of the Govt's view on nationalization was unacceptable to the nation there were means, whereby the nation could not only carry out nationalization, but could also carry out the Govt.

London, Oct. 11th.—According to the "Daily Mail" the text of the essential part of Great Britain's ratification of the German peace treaty signed by King George yesterday is as follows: "We having seen and considered the treaties protocol and agreement aforesaid have approved and accepted and confirmed the same in all and every one of their articles and clauses and we do by these approve, accept, confirm and ratify them for ourselves, our heirs and our successors engaging and promising our Royal word that we will sincerely and faithfully perform and observe all and singular things contained and expressed in the treaties protocol and agreement aforesaid, that we will never suffer the same to be violated by anyone or transgressed as far as it lies in our power."

London, Oct. 11th.—It was stated in authoritative quarters here this afternoon that a German Russian attack on Riga was carried out on Friday under cover of a heavy bombardment by German guns forcing the latter to evacuate the city.

Archangel, Oct. 10th.—Two thousand lives have been lost in the wreck of a British ship on the Norwegian coast, according to a wireless despatch received here from Helsinki.

London, Oct. 11th.—Neither the Admiralty nor Lloyds have received any information relative to the wreck of a British ship on the Norwegian coast. At these sources the report is discredited.

Washington, Oct. 11th.—Both the Shipping Board and the Department of Labour took cognizance today of the Longshoremen's strike now in progress along the New York waterfront. Announcement was made by the Shipping Board that decisions of the adjournment commission would be fully supported and it was added that "every resource within the power of the shipping board would be employed to move its vessels and to sustain the decision of the commission."

Washington, Oct. 11th.—Information has reached Washington that the Italian Govt. has agreed to the creation of a buffer state comprising Fiume and adjacent coastal territory. Southward to Brescia as a solution of the Adriatic problem. The approval of the plan is conditional on the protection of Italian interests in the proposed state by the adoption of Italian methods of legal procedure and the confirmation of Italy's title to the former district of Fiume, in the interior and along the coast to the Westward. This is regarded by the Italians as absolutely necessary as a strategic military measure to insure the safety of Pola and other Adriatic cities. For the same military reason the sanction of the plan is made conditional on the acceptance of the proposal and the island of Cherso should be Italian though the island of Veglio may be turned over to the new state. Some portions of Istria too are regarded as essential to the

Italian scheme of defense at present at any rate and until such time as the league of nations has shown its ability to maintain an equilibrium in territorial matters.

London, Oct. 11th.—The Allied Powers have the hardest problem, they have encountered since the armistice, thrust upon them by the German-Russian attacks on Riga. It is believed the Lettish Govt. will expect the peace conference to furnish troops to resist Genl. Von Der Goltz and his Russian supporters but who will furnish the new armies is a serious question. Certainly there is no enthusiasm in Great Britain for embarking on more military excursions and shedding of more British blood. Latest news received by the Govt. is described as confirming the view that Germany is deliberately scheming to secure a controlling position in Russia and that she probably contemplates the occupation of Petrograd. Altogether the Baltic position is recognised as presenting acutely dangerous possibilities.

Paris, Oct. 11th.—The French Senate today ratified the peace treaty and also the Franco-British and Franco-American defence treaty. The vote on the peace treaty with Germany was 217 for ratification, none against and one abstention, that of Senator De Lahaye. The vote for the adoption of the ratification of the two defence treaties was unanimous all of the 218 votes being cast in its favour. Only the formal act of the French executive is now required to bring into effect the second ratification of the three required ratifications by the principal allied and associated powers Great Britain already having completed its ratification.

Berlin, Oct. 11th. The British fleet has left Riga for an unknown destination, according to reports received by the "Lokal Anzeiger". A Mitau despatch says that certain of the Lettish troops have joined Colonel Avaloff Bermoudt. Strong Esthonian columns are reported to be marching from Segewald toward Riga. An Esthonian transport is on the way to Libau.

London, Oct. 11th.—It is officially declared here that the Supreme Council has not yet decided to impose the blockade of Germany in consequence of the aggression of General Von Der Goltz against Riga. The Supreme Council may find it necessary however, according to the official report, to refuse Germany's request for foodstuffs and raw materials, which is now the subject of discussion.

London, Oct. 11th.—Mr. A. J. Balfour has been elected Chancellor of Cambridge university unopposed.

San Francisco, Oct. 11th.—First Lieutenant Maynard, piloting a De Havilland 4 aeroplane, leader of the Westbound fliers in the Transcontinental air Derby arrived in San Francisco from Mineola, New York, at 1.12 pm today.