

KEY FALLS BEFORE ATTACK OF POLISH AND UKRAINE ARMY

Campaign For Possession of City Temporarily Successful — Bolsheviks Brought in Russian Marines and Chinese Troops.

London, May 8—Polish and Ukrainian troops captured Kiev on Thursday night, according to an official statement issued at Moscow yesterday and received here by wireless.

The text of the statement says: "In the Kiev region during the night of May 6-7 our troops engaged superior enemy forces northwest and southwest of Kiev. Toward evening the enemy broke into the outskirts of the town but were held up by our counter attacks. Later our troops, in accordance with orders started to withdraw in order to the left bank of the Dnieper river.

"In the direction of Piatyok our troops repulsed an enemy advance 20 miles south of Kravny. In the direction of Izum (east of Minsk) the enemy attempted to cross the Beresina river near Beresina village but was driven back across the river."

Reports that Kiev had fallen were current in Warsaw on Monday of this week but subsequent developments showed these reports to have been erroneous. Today's advices from the Soviet side, however, seem to leave no room for doubt that the Polish campaign for possession of the city has been at least temporarily successful.

The latest advices from Warsaw on the Kiev campaign are two days old, the news received this morning having been filed on the Polish capital at 8:30 p. m. on Thursday. The reports available in Warsaw at that time indicated that the fight for the approaches to the city was still in progress during the day Thursday.

Kiev, a city of 250,000 or more population before the war, is the capital of the Ukraine. The town has changed hands several times during the fighting between contending groups in Ukrainian territory and the conflict between the Denikine forces

and the Bolsheviks. The latter have been in possession of it since last December, taking the city during the collapse of the Denikine army in southern Russia.

Kiev, in addition to its importance to the Ukraine as its chief city, has also been looked upon from the entente side as a valuable outpost at strategic point against the advance in central Europe, along the extended line stretching from the Baltic to the Black Sea.

Warsaw, May 6—(By The A. P.) (delayed)—Russian marines and Chinese troops have been brought up by the Bolsheviks for the defense of Kiev according to the latest reports received here from the front. The marines are defending the ground north of Kiev. The Chinese, the reports indicate, are being used in the front line in places. The reinforcements sent in by the Bolsheviks, it is stated, also include Bolshevik Lettish troops, some of whom were captured by the Poles.

The ground held by the Poles at various places in front of Kiev was taken by bayonet charges, the Bolsheviks defending the villages and the entrenchments on the hills until they were killed or taken prisoner.

Fighting northwesterly toward the Dnieper the Poles and the Ukrainians crossed the Ros river and captured Bialostok, 40 miles south of Kiev, representatives, he declared, and will be in the Skvira region, continuing eastward and then northeasterly as part of the encircling movement about Kiev.

Bialostok was the Polish gateway during the Tartar invasions. There stands the Polish defending castle built in 1515, which the Bolsheviks used against the Poles. The castle was taken in hand to hand fighting, the Bolsheviks finally withdrawing northward toward Kiev.

The newspapers of Warsaw say it has been ascertained that half of the 360 Ukrainian officers who surrendered to the Poles were Germans. These were part of the 12,000 previously fighting with General Denikine, who surrendered soon after the Polish offensive was begun.

LOGDE 116 CHANGES NUMBER

According to reports the so called reinstating of Lodge No. 30 has turned out to be the old lodge 116 of the American Federation of Labor, which during the day Thursday changed its lodge number to Lodge No. 30.

EMPLOYEES TO ABSTAIN FROM USE OF SUGAR

East Palestine, O., May 8—Five hundred employes of a tire and rubber company here have signed an agreement not to use sugar in their coffee or tea until the prevailing high price of the sweetening commodity declines.

SHOOTING PARTY IN TAILOR SHOP

No One Injured and One Held For Another Hearing.

At 12 o'clock last night, Officer Stephen Kelly broke up a rather boisterous party in a tailor shop at 54 East Main street. A number of men who had participated in the affair dispersed in several directions and the trouble was thought to be over. A short time later, however, one of the men returned with a .32-calibre automatic revolver and fired a number of shots. The firing occurred in Stephen Kelly's street between Gilmore and Pembroke streets and resulted in Sergeant Dennis Kabone and Patrolman William Levin giving enthusiastic chase to the shooter.

The officers caught up with their man after a short pursuit, but could not find the revolver on his person. At police headquarters the prisoner gave his name as Michael Ram, of 53 Gilmore street. The officers learned the names of the men who had participated in the party, and in a short time rounded up the entire gang. Benjamin Pafaro of 34 Steuben street was arrested on suspicion after the men had been examined.

In the city court his morning, Ram and Pafaro were both charged with breach of the peace. Pafaro's case was nolleed, and Ram was held for another hearing on Tuesday, under \$30 bonds. The automatic which Ram threw away during the fight was later found by the officers.

FRED ENOS IS SERIOUSLY ILL

Fred Enos, head of the Union Business college, is confined in the Bridgeport hospital with a serious attack of illness. Mr. Enos was for 15 years collector of customs here when the district comprised only the Port of Bridgeport. He served as collector for a short time after the district was extended to include the entire state, and was succeeded by James L. McGovern, the present collector. Mr. Enos was for many years head of the old Board of Trade, which consolidated with the Chamber of Commerce. His complete and speedy recovery is hoped for.

ATTORNEY BEERS DIES SUDDENLY

South Norwalk, Conn., May 8—Thomas I. Sherwood, for fifty years engaged in the coal, real estate and contractor's supply business in South Norwalk, died this morning. Attorney Louis S. Beers, clerk of the City Court, and prominent attorney, was stricken on a trolley car while going to his office, and died before he could be removed to the office of a physician.

GO TO WEDDING IN AN AIRPLANE

London, May 8—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium, who left Brussels for England by airplane at 10 o'clock this morning, landed at Farnborough, in Kent, at 1:57 o'clock this afternoon. The Belgian royal made the trip to attend the wedding of Lady Cynthia Curzon, daughter of Earl Curzon, the foreign secretary, and Lieutenant Oswald Ernald Mosley, coalition-united member of the House of Commons for the Harrow division of Middlesex. The wedding will be held in London, next Tuesday.

REVERSE VERDICT IN STEEL SUIT

Judgment is reversed and the case remanded to the Court of Common Pleas of Fairfield county by a decision of the Supreme Court of Errors today in the case of the Crucible Steel Co. of America against the Premier Manufacturing Co. of Newtown. The Supreme Court finds there was error in the judgment. The decision is given with the direction to enter judgment for the plaintiff in the sum of \$169.82 with interest from the date of the writ.

Action was brought in October, 1918, for \$176. Judge Walsh in Common Pleas Court decided for the defendant company. The case came up over payment for some champion high speed steel and the defendant company claimed the material was not delivered in time to be of use.

MAY SEND PRESS DESPATCHES

Madrid, May 7—Press despatches may be sent between Germany and Spain by wireless, according to an announcement made today. Most German correspondents, however, have recently left the country and consequently the service will be used principally for German propaganda here, it is asserted.

Washington, May 8—Census figures issued last night give Bridgeport a population of 143,152. This is an increase of 8,088, or 6.0 per cent, since 1910.

DISCOVER \$5,000 IN BAD BILLS

Believe Duland Leader of Band of Counterfeiters.

Counterfeit bills in large denominations, aggregating over \$5,000 were discovered this morning in a room at the Morehouse hotel, in Pequonnock street, which was occupied Thursday night by Paul Duland, of New York City, who shot Traffic Officer Halpin, yesterday noon, at the corner of Main and State streets. The money was found by detectives and United States secret agents who were searching the man's room. It was concealed in a suitcase.

The finding of this huge amount of counterfeit currency has led the police and federal agents to believe that Duland is a principal figure in a gang of counterfeiters who have been flooding New York city with fake \$20 and \$50 bills for some time past. All of the spurious bills have been confiscated by the government officers.

Duland was arraigned in the city court this morning on charges of assault with intent to kill. He was bound over to the Superior Court and bonds were fixed at \$10,000. This sum is thought to be sufficiently high for holding the alleged counterfeit. After the state concludes prosecution of the case, Duland will then face a government charge of attempting to pass counterfeit money. It appears at the present time as if Duland were in for a considerable sojourn in jail.

It was brought out this morning that Sergeant Joseph P. Coughlin, of the local police force was mainly responsible for the apprehension of Duland. The sergeant was in the Star Luck room in State street yesterday afternoon, when the clerk from Fine's Men's Shop entered the store and requested the proprietor to purchase the bill which Duland had given him in payment for some underwear. The officer noticed the strange appearance of the money, and told the lunch-room man to examine it. The discovery was then made that the bill was counterfeit. The chase after Duland, his arrest and the shooting of Officer Halpin followed. It is understood that both Sergeant Coughlin and Traffic Officer Halpin will be officially commended at Monday night's meeting of the police commissioners.

REORGANIZATION OF FIELD FORCE

Collector Walsh Makes Five Divisions in State.

Hartford, May 8—Collector of Internal Revenue James J. Walsh has his arrest and the shooting of Officer Halpin followed. It is understood that both Sergeant Coughlin and Traffic Officer Halpin will be officially commended at Monday night's meeting of the police commissioners.

Division headquarters, where offices will be open during business hours every day, will be located in New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, and New London, and, of course, the main office in Hartford.

The five divisions have been subdivided into zones. Division number one, which comprises Hartford, part of Tolland and Middlesex counties, has been divided into three zones, the headquarters of the zone being Hartford, New Britain and Middletown. Division number two, which comprises the greater portion of New Haven county, is also divided into three zones, with zone headquarters at New Haven, Meriden and Ansonia. Division number three which comprises Fairfield county and part of Litchfield county, is also divided into three zones with zone headquarters at Bridgeport, Stamford and Danbury.

Division number four which comprises part of New Haven county and part of Litchfield county, is divided into two zones with zone headquarters at Waterbury and Torrington. Division number five, which comprises New London county, Windham county and part of Tolland county, is divided into three zones, with zone headquarters at New London, Norwich and Willimantic.

It is believed by Collector Walsh that by this arrangement the work of the department will be expedited and the taxpayers and citizens of the state will be better served.

CHILD DROWNED.

Ansonia, Conn., May 8—Stephen, the two year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, was drowned late yesterday afternoon in a small brook which runs through the yard of his home here. The child was last seen playing about the yard and later was found in the brook.

ONE AMERICAN DEFEATED.

New Castle, County Down, Ireland, May 8—In matches played today preliminary to the British Ladies Golf Championship tournament which begins next Tuesday, one of the American entrants was defeated and one was victorious. The matches were between married and single women. Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck American, was beaten by Miss Jackson, Irish. Miss Marion Hollins, American, easily defeated Mrs. Hulston, Irish.

STRIKERS AND EMPLOYERS ARE DEADLOCKED

Waterbury, Conn., May 8—Resolutions protesting against actions of the police in arresting strikers and interfering with strike pickets were adopted at a mass meeting of over 2,500 strikers this morning. It is further stated that the strike leaders will accept no further responsibility for disturbances which may occur.

BREAKS HEAD OF FELLOW WORKER

Mas' In Critical Condition From Fractured Skull.

As the result of being struck on the head this morning by an iron bar which was wielded by Louis Rada, of Rostwick avenue, John T. Mas, of 583 1-1/2 street, is in a critical condition at the Bridgeport hospital. The man is suffering from a fractured skull, and his recovery is doubtful.

Both men are employes of the American Tube & Stamping Co., and it was at this factory where the fight occurred. Up until noon today the police had secured no information as to what started the fracas. Rada was placed under arrest by Special Officer Blakesley, immediately after the fight. He was arraigned in the city court this morning, on a charge of assault, and the case was continued until May 15, pending the outcome of Mas' injuries. Bonds were fixed at \$2,000.

PETTY ROBBERIES KEEP POLICE BUSY

No Sign of Let-Up—Four More Reported Today.

Members of the Detective Bureau for some time past have been exceedingly busy in running down petty thefts and burglaries, and there is no sign of a let-up. More reports of robberies continue to pour in.

The Lexington Pharmacy, at 23 Lexington avenue was entered by burglars recently and 100 grains of morphine pills and \$10 in cash was taken.

Mrs. Helen Starkey of 87 Summerfield avenue, reported that thieves entered her home yesterday and stole \$23 worth of jewelry and \$3 in cash.

Sneak thieves entered the room of Charles Tornjak, 572 Main street, and stole \$180 from a trunk.

Early this morning, Sergeant Poland discovered a light burning in the Strand theatre. He investigated, and was just in time to see three men run from the building. The policemen fired a shot to halt the fugitives, but they made their escape.

18 BRIDGEPORT CASES LISTED

Three Murderers To Be Tried At May Term of Court.

Three murder cases, all from Stamford, are scheduled to come up at the May sitting of the criminal Superior Court which opens Tuesday morning at the County Court House. There are 18 Bridgeport cases listed and the most important of these are the cases of Jose T. Villa, Frank Ballista and George Maurh, three men arrested in the recent vice raids. There are four cases of robbery, four of burglary, one theft and one bigamy case. The list of prisoners follows:

Athens Vergorakis, theft; Peter L. Charity, bigamy; George Lesko, robbery; Stephen Hesse, robbery; John Dunst, robbery; Albert E. Gaborey, robbery; Harry Cline, burglary; Charles Lucas, burglary; Joseph Barwick, burglary; Stephen Ropko, burglary; Jose T. Villa, living off prostitute; Frank Ballista, living off prostitute; George Maurh, living off prostitute, all of this city.

Roman Howanice, murder; Beni Looshnick, murder; Charles Mielonak, murder; Yoni Bennett, high robbery; Harry Himes, carrying weapons; Philip Cohen, carrying weapons; George Anderson, false pretense; Louis Devesto, living off prostitute; Matthew Gaffney, indecent assault; Fred Lockwood, indecent assault of Stamford.

William H. Semmore, burglary, Norwalk; Louis Lang, embezzlement, Greenwich; George H. Ashton, burglary, Greenwich; Charles Anderson, robbery, New Canaan; Leonard Chamberlain, seduction, Stamford; Eugene Connelly, non-support, Westport.

Albert Miles, burglary; Andrew Marsh, burglary; Thomas Smith, burglary; Michael Blawut, burglary, all of Danbury.

William Holleran, intent to murder; Peter Nagy, deserting family; George Linehan, burglary; John Clark, burglary; Benny Simon, statutory rape, all of Bridgeport; Paul Veres, assault, Fairfield.

GERMAN DELEGATES MAY NOT ATTEND SPA CONFERENCE

Must Be Assured They Will Be Given Hearing—Germany is Far From Being Bankrupt Says Minister of Finance.

Berlin, May 8—Germany's delegates to the Spa conference will refuse to attend that meeting if not assured they will be given a hearing, said Dr. Wirth, Minister of Finance, speaking at Dresden yesterday.

They will be prepared to lay the true state of affairs before allied representatives, he declared, and will be able to demonstrate that the economic position of the continent depends upon that of Germany.

"It will show the door to anyone suggesting to me that Germany is bankrupt," he asserted. "The fact of the German mark is also the fact of the French franc. We are going to Spa to give a straightforward, honest explanation. We have nothing to hide. If, however, we are only to listen to deliberations of others we will not go."

Paris, May 8—Reports of a possible postponement of the Spa conference between allied and German delegates from May 25 to June 10 have caused a universal protest from editors of newspapers here. They fear the meeting may be deferred indefinitely.

REPORT REBELS HAVE TAKEN MEXICO CITY

El Paso, Texas, May 8—Three state capitals in Mexico fell into the hands of revolutionists today through the revolt of Carranza garrisons coincidentally with the unconfirmed report given out by revolutionists here that Mexico City, capital of the republic, had been taken by General Benjamin Hill.

From various parts of Mexico, especially immediately south of the Texas border, east of Ojinaga to the Gulf of Mexico, reports of revolutionary gains have come pouring into El Paso during the last 24 hours.

Matamoras, opposite Brownsville, Texas, and Piedras Negras, across the Rio Grande from Eagle Pass, Texas, were wavering, according to claims made by agents of the liberal constitutionalist party here. Camargo, Tamaulipas, already has fallen into the hands of President Carranza's enemies, and Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, was seriously menaced, it was said.

\$2,500 Yearly For Support Of Family

Washington, May 8—A minimum of \$2,500 a year is necessary for the support of an American family of five, W. Jett Lauck, consulting economist for the railroad brotherhoods, asserted today before the railway labor board. Mr. Lauck, who yesterday charged corporate profiteers with being chiefly responsible for present living costs, presented today a demand on behalf of the 2,500,000 rail-way employes for the establishment of a minimum wage throughout the industry. He presented to the board a compilation of budgets on the cost of living based on studies made under his supervision and by federal and state agencies.

"It is impossible," he said, "for a family of five in the United States to maintain itself even in decent poverty under existing conditions for a penny less than \$2,500 a year."

His estimate, he said, was supported by government agencies and quoted by the estimate made by Professor Royal S. Meeker, commissioner of Labor Statistics, in August, 1919. The estimate was \$2,275. The estimate for May, he insisted should be \$2,533.

Mr. Lauck in his statement declared that "the fundamental cause of all economic instability, all industrial unrest, all interruptions of production and distribution has been high prices and profiteering by organized capital and middlemen and retailers."

In concluding, the brotherhood spokesman requested that the board curtail its examination of wage data and proceed immediately to the determination of the question of what constitutes a living wage.

TRY TO GET BEST APPEAL

Pontiac, Mich., May 8—Anson Best, convicted last night of the murder of Vera Schneider, a telephone operator, and sentenced to life imprisonment in the northern Michigan prison immediately by a movement to finance an appeal by popular subscription, begun immediately after the verdict, was being continued today.

In his statement before sentence was pronounced, Best asserted vehemently that he was innocent, and a purse was immediately started. It was said to contain \$1,000 this morning.

The prisoner in his direct testimony and on cross-examination maintained he had never known Miss Schneider and that the confession offered by the prosecution was obtained from him under duress.

CAPTAIN DOUGHTY DEAD.

Noank, Conn., May 8—Captain William Doughty, 64, former commander of the steers yacht Rosalie, owned by the late Senator Hooker of Hartford was found dead in his bed early today. Death was caused by heart failure.

Cairo, Egypt, May 8—Searches of houses here have resulted in the discovery of "black hand" documents indicating a widespread seditious conspiracy in the provinces, according to the authorities. A number of students have been arrested in connection with the alleged plot.

newspapers here. They fear the meeting may be deferred indefinitely. Premier Millerand's visit to London next week for the purpose of conferring with Premier Lloyd George as to indemnity payments will be important, it is indicated, as the British premier is believed to favor the payment of a lump sum by Germany in place of the present plan by which the allies would be paid an indeterminate amount.

The Germans have not yet made any formal request for the postponement of the conference but the question was raised informally by Dr. Mayer, the German charge during his conversation with Premier Millerand on Thursday. The charge intimated that such a request might be made.

It is pointed out in official circles that if the Spa meeting should be held up pending the result of the German elections a delay of several months next ensue, the belief being advanced that if a postponement were allowed now the Germans would not only wait to await the result of the Reichstag elections on June 10 but until a date subsequent to the presidential elections weeks or months later.

On the theory advanced here is that the Berlin government was disappointed at the result of the San Remo conference and that it prefers to go into the election campaign without having previously risked the result of the Spa conference which might rob the German people of all illusion as to the revision of the treaty of Versailles, and cause dissatisfaction with the government.

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BITTER ATTACK MADE ON ADMINISTRATION

New York, May 8—An attack on the administration of President Wilson and a prediction that the Socialist party would poll more than 2,000,000 votes in the 1920 presidential campaign were made today by Morris Hillquit, elected temporary chairman of the Socialist National Convention at its opening session here today.

In his speech, which was regarded as the keynote address of the convention, Mr. Hillquit, one time candidate for the New York mayoralty, predicted that the party survive the ferociousness and lawlessness, made on it in the last year by "all the powers of darkness and oppression in the country."

Turning then to the present administration, Mr. Hillquit declared that the last three years have furnished the most striking and abhorrent proof of the fallacy of the "good man" theory in politics.

PULLMAN MAY SUCCEED BISHOP

Teachers who will be engaged to teach in the public schools for the ensuing year will be elected at the meeting of the school board Monday night. Two assistant superintendents, John B. Wynkoop and E. E. Cortright, will also be elected as will the office assistants. It is expected that Attorney John S. Pullman will be chosen a member of the board to succeed the late Nathaniel W. Bishop, deceased.

FIREMAN KILLED AND 4 INJURED

Baltimore, Md., May 8—Charles Parks, a fireman, was killed and four other members of the fire department were injured at a blaze which wrecked the interior of a retail clothing store in Baltimore street near Calvert early today. The Emerson Hotel, two doors away, was menaced for a time but there was no panic among the guests. The loss on the building and the stock of the clothing company was estimated at \$150,000.

150 GO ON STRIKE.

New London, May 8—About 150 local men employed at the state pier in unloading fruit and loading flour went on strike this morning. The men have been getting 43 1-2 cents an hour and they demand 50 cents. Unless the strike is settled the steamer Clarkburg loaded with linseed from Rio Janeiro, will be taken to some other port to be unloaded.

LADY HAMILTON, AMBASSADRESS.

Romey's "Emma" had her portrait painted as an ambassador just after her marriage to Sir William Hamilton, and before starting for Naples. The beauty of the picture is exceeding. Poor "Emma" whom England left starve!

UPPER SILESLIA EXPECTS TROUBLE

Berlin, May 8—Whatever the outcome of the elections in upper Silesia there will be trouble, in the view of a large number of Upper Silesian Germans and Poles with whom an Associated Press correspondent talked during an extensive tour of the Silesian zone. This also is the view of many neutrals who have studied the situation, which is regarded as one of the most interesting and complex in central Europe.

Entente officials in Upper Silesia were reluctant to discuss the question of the future of that great mining district, but it is said some believe that, if the Poles will undertake the removal of 50 of the most active German agitators from the district would ensure peace.

The Inter-Allied Commission now is the subject of sharp criticism by Polish sympathizers who complain that it failed to take the necessary measures Sunday last to protect the Polish demonstrators from German attacks.

INCREASE STOCK \$35,000,000

Ottawa, May 8—The Bell Telephone Co. of Canada has been granted permission by the railway commission of the House of Commons to increase its capital stock from \$30,000,000 to \$75,000,000, it was announced today. An abnormal increase in the demand for telephones and the prospect of even larger business during the next five or ten years were the main reasons for the increase, according to C. P. Cise, vice president and general manager of the company, who stated that the commission expected to expend \$50,000,000 within the next five years in extending and improving its service.