

# EBERT CHANCES FOR REELECTION SEEM TO GROW

Fehrenbach Likely to Be Contending Man for German Presidency.

## SOCIALISTS ARE SPLIT

Personal Prejudices and Ambitions Mostly Guide Leaders of Party.

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 Berlin, April 2.—Election prophets are expecting the vote next June to substantiate the outcome of the ministerial crisis last week, reestablish the coalition Government, intensify socialization efforts and assure a period of work and quiet. In the main, these will be the three streaks preached to the German voters.  
 The Conservatives will campaign against the use of the general strike as a political weapon. The coalition will campaign against reactionaries, and the Radicals will campaign for a united labor government within parliamentary limitations.  
 The Conservatives are very much on the defensive and while in considerable strength even to the extent that they should defend Dr. Wolfgang Kapp's motives back of the coup d'état of March 13, all but the country districts want no more Conservative philosophy. The Conservatives will

argue that Dr. Kapp wrung from the coalition the early election promise, chose experts for the ministries and secured to the people the right to elect their President—a right which the coalition was attempting to turn over to the Assembly.  
 They will argue that the general strike as a political weapon is intrinsically a negation of parliamentary government. Indeed, if it were not for the fact that Major-General Baron von Luetwitz and his Baltic soldiers are just as incompatible with parliamentary government, the Conservatives would stand some chance of gaining a hearing on their belated conversion to parliamentary methods.

### Centrists Lose Strength

In the coalition, the Centrists, as usual, do the most quiet work. As a Catholic party it draws its support from divergent strata, partly rural party labor. The Centrists will suffer most from the inability of Unter Slesia to participate in the election, as in the old days it dominated among the Polish workers there.  
 The Democrats, hopeful of making big gains, expect to win many seats in the National Assembly, chiefly from the Volk's party, formerly the National Liberals, and some from the German National party. They base their expectations on the belief that many Germans, until last week, were not sure that the people as a whole did not wish to return to a monarchy and consequently voted for the Conservative candidates, whereas they now feel that Germany has turned her back finally on old traditions and they will vote with the tide and take part in the Government. Such voters, it is held, will not join the workers' party.

The Democrats will wage their campaign on a simple platform of parliamentary progress without domination by any class.

There is small prospect of new union within the ranks of the socialists, such leaders as Edward Bernstein and Karl Kautsky are working for party solidarity but personal prejudices and ambition seem more than party dogmas stand in the way. Socialist leaders in the provinces appear to have lost the faith of the rank and file within the party, but they are fighting hard to regain their old footing.  
 Gussak says, "Some Ministers were overturned last week. Gustav Noske, Minister of Defense, who was forced out of the Bauer Cabinet, and Dr. Hermann

Musler, the present Chancellor, seem foredoomed to lose their hold. Philipp Scheidemann, who quit as Chancellor rather than sign the Versailles peace treaty, is reckoned as the shrewdest politician in the Majority Socialist party, and already has opened fire on his former colleagues. In turn, he is being attacked by them as being a half-way Independent Socialist, or, in other words, as not being a Majority Socialist wholly, but leaning half way to the Radicals.

### Independent Socialists Split

If the Independent Socialists themselves were not divided they would have a chance of being the largest party in Parliament. As it is, however, they are content of winning many seats from the Majority wing, but do not expect to gain supremacy. They will go before the workers with a platform calling for a united workers' government for the destruction of militarism and for sweeping socialization; but they have dropped the workers' councils.

There is some prospect of the Communists entering Parliament for the first time, although they are undecided yet whether they will take part in the elections. Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg, who were killed by a mob on January 15, 1919, were in favor of parliamentary action by the Central Communist in Berlin. But today the Communists are split into more cliques than is any other party in Germany. If they decide to take part in the elections they will recruit many followers from the Independent Socialists, who resent the refusal of their leaders to try to achieve more revolutionary results from the general strike.

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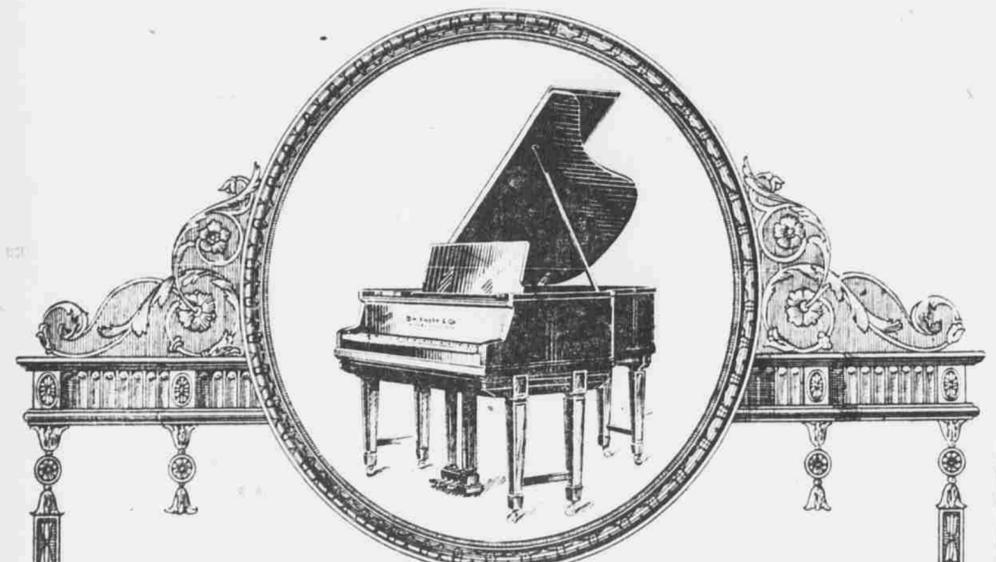
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