

The people for the maintenance of the constitution, and negotiations would only occasion distrust and confusion and would prolong disorders.

Berlin, March 15. (Delayed.)—(By A. P.)—Men who act as leaders of pickets in the general strike called in this city as a protest against the reactionary revolt are threatened with the death penalty in a proclamation issued today (Monday), by the Ebert government.

There is intense anxiety over the prospect of a continuance of the strike with a possibility of famine and epidemics resulting from the lack of sanitation and the stoppage of the water supply.

Re-enforcements enter Berlin. Heavy troop re-enforcements were received today by the Ebert government in Berlin. They marched into Berlin from nearby garrisons.

Chancellor Kapp, who was carried into office on the point of 8000 bayonets, thus far has been able to produce only military backing for his government. The basis of his political authority and the source of the support other than military which he claims continue to be matters of mystery.

Today he locked his arms with organized German labor in a struggle for mastery. If the general strike, which is already paralyzing Berlin by reason of its unexpected ramifications and which is reported to be spreading to the nation's vital industrial centers, should be maintained for only three days the view of many observers here is that it would be unresponsible to assume that Ebert will be able to establish his government firmly despite his armed forces.

Railroad strike begins. The national strike on the German railways is set to begin tomorrow morning. The railwaymen's officials have declared themselves in solidarity with the workingmen of the country. The railwaymen's central committee is moving from place to place, fearing arrest by officials of the Kapp government.

The political aspects of the situation are so extremely confused that in some quarters the opinion is expressed that Chancellor Kapp will be satisfied if he succeeds in definitely disposing of the former regime; that his coup was merely a means to that end. He is as yet lacking in the support of men of ministerial rank and he has announced that no plans for the formation of a cabinet have been made.

This morning there were recurrent rumors that formal negotiations were going on between Chancellor Kapp, on the one hand, and Premier Ebert and Premier Bauer on the other. Premier Ebert and Premier Bauer demanded that the first condition of the deliberations should be the revocation of Premier Bauer's call for a general strike.

The sitting of the Baden Landtag today developed an important crisis in favor of the Ebert government, according to messages from that state.

Food scarce in Berlin. No word capital probably ever before experienced a complete paralysis of all its living and commercial facilities as Berlin did today (Monday).

The Hotel Adlon made heroic efforts to provide food for the American, British and French missions and newspaper correspondents, but it gave up the task at 10 o'clock this morning when the last of the kitchen force walked out, leaving foreigners to shift for themselves. It was a common spectacle subsequently to see frock-coated diplomatists returning to the hotel from foraging expeditions carrying brown paper parcels of foodstuffs, oil stoves and other necessities.

Guests of the hotel, warned that the water would be shut off at noon, filled their bathtubs and washed, but defective stoppers gradually let out the precious fluid, and the guests thereafter had to rely on wines and table water. Men who are usually shaved by barbers are in an apologetic mood, tonight, and if the strike continues the male population will soon be bearded.

The city government had the appearance of another Sunday holiday, sauntering crowds filling Unter den Linden. At intervals troops with bayonets and accompanied by artillery and machine guns paraded through the streets.

Copenhagen, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, former commander-in-chief of the German armies, has made a public declaration that he is not connected with the counter-revolution, of which he disappears, says the Havnor Tagblatt.

Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the old government, has issued a decree forbidding the circulation of proclamations issued by Berlin authorities in territory outside that city.

President Ebert, in officially notifying Dr. Wolfgang Kapp and his associates in the new German government that no negotiations would be held between officials of the two regimes, declared he would direct the country's affairs with Wurttemberg as the capital, according to a dispatch received from Berlin.

Paris, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Sentiment in Baden is strong for a separation from Berlin and in favor of the union of Bavaria, Wurttemberg and Baden, according to a telephone dispatch to L. Information from Halle. It is said many Badenese are openly advocating joining the Swiss confederation.

The general strike is effective throughout Germany, and only food trains are running, according to advices. Fighting is reported from Dresden, Leipzig, Brandenburg and Chemnitz.

The Hague, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Holland so far is recognized only the Ebert government of Germany and is dealing only with the representative of that regime here. It is learned from government sources. No other action will be taken by the Netherlands government until the present chaos in Germany is ended.

Reports of negotiations for a compromise between the Ebert government and the reactionary regime at Berlin are untrue, according to a telephone dispatch from Hamburg to the Social Demokrat at midnight. It is said the rumors were spread by adherents of Dr. Kapp to "deceive the public."

Dresden, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Communications between this city and all parts of Germany are being safeguarded, said a proclamation issued here by the Ebert government.

"Certain as it is that the Berlin venture will collapse of its own weakness and confusion," the proclamation declared, "the fatal political and economic consequences of this step are to be deplored. All authorities are asked to assist German national assemblies to reach Stuttgart."

Dr. Goppert, president of the German peace commission, has declined to take orders from Berlin, stating that he maintains all the rights of the Ebert government, and that he is con-

tinuing to work for the execution of the Peace Treaty.

Madrid, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Spain will not recognize the new German Government until after that step is taken by a majority of the allied governments, according to announcement here.

London, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Eighteen meetings of Communists and Independent Socialists were held at Leipzig Sunday night and a general strike was proclaimed in that city, according to a telegram received here. After meetings had been discussed street fighting took place and several people, including two street car conductors, were killed. When this news reached other workers all street car employees left their posts, leaving the cars where they stood.

Expect Ebert Restoration. Washington Officials Discourt Seriousness of Berlin Coup.

Washington, March 16.—(By A. P.)—Here the news of the restoration of the Ebert government with sporadic Spartacist outbreaks throughout Germany is expected by military officials here who interpret dispatches from Colonel Edward Davis, military attaché at Berlin, as indicating that the coup d'etat is not so serious as at first supposed.

The calling of a general strike by the Ebert cabinet is regarded here as certain to encourage the most radical elements of the German nation to make military backing for the revolution and overthrow of "capitalistic" society.

But while the recurrence of violence in the large cities, similar to the Spartacist outbreaks of last year, and the support of the revolution in Germany are said to constitute so small a minority that serious trouble need not be expected.

Official advices to the State Department today from Berlin said some officials there had expressed the belief that Ebert and his government were sure to return to the capital soon.

Deface William I Statue. Aix-La-Chapelle Manifestants Paint Equestrian Memorial Red.

Aix-La-Chapelle, Rhenish Prussia, March 16.—(By A. P.)—A general strike order, was issued here today. Scores were closed and several streets were cordoned off. The principal streets. Crowds gathered in the center of the city to watch or take part in the demonstration.

The equestrian statue of Emperor William I stands in a conspicuous spot, was painted red by some of the manifestants.

Soviet Set Up in Bavaria. Republic Proclaimed at Hof, in Northeastern Part of Kingdom.

Amsterdam, March 16.—(By A. P.)—A dispatch to the Handelsblad from Berlin today says that a soviet republic has been proclaimed at Hof, Bavaria. (Hof is in northeastern Bavaria, thirty miles northeast of Bayreuth. It has a population of about 33,000.)

Workers are reported to have proclaimed a "council republic" at Essen and in the Ruhr district.

French Envoy at Stuttgart. Copenhagen, March 16.—A dispatch from Stuttgart, provisional seat of the Ebert government, reports the arrival there of a French diplomatic representative.

(Announcement was made in Paris yesterday that an appointment of M. Bruyere as unofficial representative of the French Government at Stuttgart.)

Tustin Changes Mind on Housing. Continued from Page One.

Courts might decide that the words "control of housing" might bring under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health all questions relating to housing conditions.

"I do not believe that technicalities would control, and we certainly would co-operate with the Department of Health should they undertake the work, or we will be very glad to take the matter ourselves if they so desire."

The director yesterday, before he changed his mind, stated emphatically that the words "control of housing" clearly referred to the Health Department as the proper branch of the city government to handle all matters relating to housing.

Asked then if that was his interpretation of the words "control of housing" in that section, Mr. Tustin replied that it was. Careful reading of this clause, however, showed that it referred to housing as relating to public health, which Mr. Tustin today conceded.

"The welfare department is not trying to sidestep anything," Mr. Tustin said yesterday, "but the new charter specifically refers to the control of housing by the Department of Public Health. Besides, the Mayor has taken up the question of real estate speculation with the Real Estate Board."

When Mr. Gruenberg thinks Frederick P. Gruenberg, director of the Bureau of Municipal Research, and one of the framers of the new city charter, was asked his views on possible functions of the public welfare department.

Mr. Gruenberg made it plain that a statement of his views was in no way designed as a controversy of the attitude expressed by Director Tustin. He said there were several angles from which the housing problem could be viewed.

"In addition to the health angle," he said, "there is, for instance, the physical safety aspect of housing. The law recognizes this in the bureau of building inspection, under the Department of Public Safety. Then there are the economic and social aspects of housing."

"For measures tending to approach the housing situation from an economic and social side the welfare department is the logical department for the task. I do not believe the director would be interested in setting the law if he took that view of it."

Isaac L. S. Smink, secretary-treasurer of the United Tenants Protective Association, has written the following letter to the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER:

"Permit me to extend to you my congratulations on the magnificent editorial, under the caption 'Spring and Speculation,' which appeared in your issue of today."

"It is the most constructive and comprehensive article ever printed on this subject, and it is certainly encouraging to know that such a comprehensive daily paper as the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER has at last recognized the danger confronting the community if this speculation is permitted to continue and has given the subject proper consideration and space."

"Keep the good work up. Give the public light on realty transactions from a financial standpoint and you will render the greatest service possible in the thousands upon thousands of afflicted rentpayers of this city."

Thomas John Nichol

Rochester, N. Y., March 16.—Thomas John Nichol, once nationally known as a railroad man, died last evening at his home here.

DEREGULATED TO BERGDOLL TRIAL

Four Philadelphians Are Subpoenaed for Defense Opening Arguments Tomorrow

INSANITY PLEA IS HINTED

By a Staff Correspondent. Governors Island, N. Y., March 16.—Indications that the defense in the Bergdoll case will be based on insanity are being strengthened today with the announcement that subpoenas had been issued for four Philadelphians.

Those subpoenaed as witnesses for the defense are Dr. Thomas E. Eldridge, vice street near Nineteenth; the Rev. H. M. Huff, 5925 Woodbine avenue; Francis N. Bertram, superintendent of the Pennsylvania State Prison; and John J. Coyle, president of the Phoenix Trust Co. and former state senator. Dr. S. M. Gregory and Doctor Jelliffe, of New York, have been ordered to appear in court.

Doctor Bergdoll was one of the physicians who adjudged Bergdoll sane several months ago when Erwin, brother of the defendant, sought to have the control of several hundreds of thousands of dollars taken from Grover's hands.

Defense Counsel Confer. Harry Weinberger, chief counsel for the defense, was associated today with Dr. Charles Gibbons and Captain Bruce R. Campbell, connected with the defense, laying plans which will be presented when the court is convened tomorrow. The prosecution completed its case yesterday and the defense was given today in which to put on the finishing touches for their fight.

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TO LAUNCH PATRICK HENRY

12,800-Ton Cargo Ship Goes Down Ways Today at Gloucester

The 12,800-ton cargo ship, Patrick Henry, will be launched at the Pusey & Jones shipyard, Gloucester City, at noon today.

This will be the last launching for the Pusey & Jones Co. at the plant, as the new owners, the Baltimore Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co., will soon take charge of the plant.

The Patrick Henry is a sister ship of the Ethan Allen, launched two months ago, and is being built for the United States shipping board.

Bluff Would Have Paralyzed U. S. Shipping in 1918, He Tells Senators

Explains Mine Barriers

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—A little "bluff" on the part of the Germans in 1918, at the crucial point of the war, would have paralyzed transportation of supplies and near entire production of the country, and Europe's Rear Admiral Sims today told the Senate naval subcommittee.

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SOUDE SKEPTICAL ON BOND ROBBERY

"Phoney," He Says Anent Theft of Securities After Questioning Watchman

EXPECT NEW DISCOVERIES

Many of the dramatic elements in the Weightman Building bond robbery are gradually being eliminated, the police believe.

In the hope of stripping away more of the movie thrills and getting down to bedrock facts Captain of Detectives Souder summoned Collins Neill, the watchman, whom the robbers overpowered in order to steal \$418,000 worth of bonds, to the Detective Bureau today and questioned him.

The discovery of \$118,000 worth of the stolen bonds yesterday in a hallway of the Baker Building, which adjacents the Weightman Building, convinced Captain Souder that the case, in the words of the police, was "phoney."

The securities were stolen on Friday from a safe in the office of the Ocean County Electric Co. and the Hydro-Electric Finance Corporation.

Skeptical, He Says. Captain Souder told Neill he was skeptical about the whole affair.

"Why did these robbers take the time to make you walk up to the third floor and lock you in a closet today," asked the captain, "when they could have locked you up on the first floor?"

"I don't know why," replied Neill, "but this is what they did."

When seen after his conference with Captain Souder, Neill asserted that many things circulated in connection with the robbery were not based on fact.

"I am not sure that the men were armed," he said. "It was dark. They did not wear masks, but had their faces buried deep in their collars."

"They did not try to chloroform me as first reported, they just put a handkerchief over my eyes and I don't think there was anything on it. They were very nice in their manner and did not appear to act like you would expect real robbers to."

New Discoveries Expected. Thomas Keckard, secretary-treasurer of the Ocean County Electric Co., said today that the \$300,000 still missing in bonds stolen from the company's office in the Weightman Building last week will be found in the next few days.

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FLEET MANEUVERS IN JUNE

Atlantic and Pacific Squadrons to Drill in Panama Bay

Washington, March 16.—(By A. P.)—The first joint maneuvers of the Atlantic and Pacific fleets will be held in Panama bay early in June, the Navy Department announced today.

It was announced also that the annual practice cruise of the mid-western fleet would include a voyage to the Hawaiian islands and to several ports on the Pacific coast.

ALUMNI ASK VOICE IN PICKING PROVOST

General Alumni Society Will Ask University of Pennsylvania Trustees to Let It Vote

WOULD HELP FIX POLICY

The alumni of the University of Pennsylvania will demand participation in the election of a new provost and urge that the future educational policy of the institution be not solely in the hands of the board of trustees.

A committee of one hundred, to represent the alumni, will call on the trustees and confer with them as to the proper choice of a provost to succeed Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, who has resigned.

This committee will also ask a voice in determining whether or not the University shall continue as a democratic school, with state financial aid, or become what some of the alumni have termed "an educational autocracy."

A decision looking to this action was unanimously reached last night at a meeting of 100 members representing the General Alumni Society. The meeting was held at the Bellevue-Stratford.

The committee of one hundred will be elected at a general meeting of the alumni to be called for that purpose in the near future. If the alumni accomplish their purpose it will be the first time in the history of the University that they have assumed an active part in the selection of a provost and had a real voice in determining the policy of Penn's educational system.

Last night's session was an executive one, but it was learned afterward that much of the debate had centered around the question of the desirability of state control. Opinion in this respect was sharply divided, but those advocating the keeping of the university in private hands the curtailment of enrollment and the establishment of a city college to take care of overflow applicants were in the majority.

It was also explained that the sense of the meeting had been that a part in the existence of the University expressed in opinion by resolution was considered no longer adequate and action alone could convince the trustees of the stand of the alumni.

Several speakers advocated that a definite policy for the University be laid down before a provost be appointed and that the post be offered to a man in complete accord with the decisions to be reached by the trustees in conjunction with the alumni.

PLAN FOR TREATY VOTE THIS WEEK

Senate Leaders Want Issue Settled to Make Way for Other Business

TO ACT ON PREAMBLE FIRST

By the Associated Press. Washington, March 16.—Senate leaders worked today for an agreement to vote on ratification of the peace treaty this week, so that the pact might be sent to President Wilson or laid aside to permit consideration of other business.

If the ratification vote fails of the necessary two-thirds majority, a motion to reconsider is expected immediately, probably by majority leaders, in the hope of stamping some of the opposition into changing their votes. It was admitted the situation held many possibilities in view of the urgent representations that have been made for ratifying the treaty to stabilize world conditions.

Adoption yesterday of the substitute reservation to Article X by a vote of 60 to 28 removed the last obstacle to a vote on the treaty itself, although a number of other questions remain to be settled first. Fourteen Democrats voted with the majority, but that number was less than half of the strength which ardent ratificationists had promised to deliver.

Administration leaders seem without fear that their forces will crumble sufficiently to enable the Republicans to ratify the pact with the objectionable reservation to Article X, which President Wilson let it be known through Senator Hitchcock he would not accept.

The preamble to the treaty is one of the minor questions to be considered before the ratification vote is taken. Another is Senator Owen's proposal that the British protectorate over Egypt should be regarded as "merely a measure to preserve the integrity and independence of Egypt during the war."

With the disposal of the Article X qualification, the limit on debate expired. In the opinion of most senators it will not be necessary to restrict speeches again.

Helen Mathers, Novelist, Dead. London, March 16.—Helen Mathers, novelist, died here yesterday.

In private life Helen Mathers was Mrs. Henry Mathers. She was born in Somerset and had written numerous popular novels.