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GERMANY SEETHING WAR POT

CONDITIONS IN GERMANY ARE DESCRIBED AS SERIOUS WITH CIVIL WAR LIKELY ANY TIME

(By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS.)

Berlin, March 21, (Delayed)—Conditions in Germany were described by the ministry of defense this morning as extremely serious.

"You cannot paint the situation throughout Germany too black," an official at the ministry declared to the correspondent after a survey of the reports that had come in during the night.

In Berlin.

The situation itself was characterized as "bad." In one case a company of volunteers had been overpowered by Spartacist forces, its officers killed and their bodies mutilated. The government forces recaptured two places from which they had been driven, killing twenty of the Red troops and capturing twenty-four others, who were promptly executed.

Unrest Spreads.

The southern and eastern parts of Germany are reported quiet, although unrest was said to be spreading among the agricultural population in Pomerania and Mecklenburg. The Communists were still in charge today at Stettin. At Kiel, which the troops had left, conditions were reported quiet.

To the north of Spree in the Berlin district, the outposts of the regulars have been withdrawn, leaving detachments to guard the stockyards and railway stations.

Kapp Troops Gone.

The marine brigade and the Baltic troops which occupied Berlin during the Kapp regime have been cleared out and have joined the other military units at the Doberitz camp here, and all are refitting. These troops, it was stated, will be counted as the chief protectors of Berlin. The workmen's residence quarters in the suburbs where disorders occurred Saturday, have been quieted by government troops' activities.

Eight Thousand Dead.

Paris (Havas), March 22.—Eight thousand persons have been killed since the German revolt broke out on March 13, according to advices received here. Of this number, 850 were killed in Berlin alone.

Punish Traitors?

Berlin, March 22.—Regarding punishment of the Kapp leaders and the expectation by some that the state of siege would make necessary the execution of all the guilty, President Ebert declares:

"Those guilty shall feel the full weight of the law. All officers of responsible position and all leading civilians who joined will be regarded as guilty, be charged with high treason and may be punished with penal servitude."

Regarding executions under martial law, Herr Ebert said: "The law will determine. Perhaps some will be executed besides the confiscation of their property. We want to punish the leaders, but to spare those who were forced into the movement or acted through ignorance."

Summary of German Revolt, by The Associated Press.

March 22.—Berlin, notwithstanding the return of the Ebert government to control there, still presents pretty much the aspect of an armed camp with the food supply short and sanguinary fighting occurring at intervals in the suburbs.

Serious trouble occurred in the Mebits industrial quarter Sunday night and in one conflict reported Sunday, twenty Spartacists were killed in an engagement and twenty-four others who were captured were summarily executed.

In the Ruhr industrial region, immediately adjoining the allied zone of occupation, there is veritable civil warfare with opposing armies of Communists and government troops drawing up their forces in line for battle. Govern-

EXACT STATEMENT OF PLAY FINANCES

Total Amount to be Given Mercy Hospital is \$484.31.

An exact statement of the receipts, expenses and net proceeds of the Katcha-Koo entertainment has been submitted to the Chamber of Commerce, and shows \$484.31 as the amount which Mercy hospital will receive as a result of the play.

The statement shows total receipts of \$1,413.05; expenses, \$414.44; net proceeds, \$998.61; John B. Rogers, Producing company, \$484.30; hospital benefit, \$484.31.

Those in charge of the hospital benefit fund wish to extend a vote of thanks to all who had any part in the play and to the various committees who so ably assisted in arranging the many details.

APPOINTS WOMAN MEMBER OF CIVIL SERVICE BOARD

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 22.—Helen Hamilton Gardner of this city, widow of Colonel S. A. Day and author and lecturer, was nominated today by President Wilson to be a member of the civil service commission. She will succeed Charles M. Galloway of Columbia, S. C., who was ousted from the commission last year after the president had determined to reorganize it.

NATION FACES A BIG BOOST IN RAIL RATES

Washington, D. C., March 22.—Demands for wage advances totaling \$1,300,000,000 were presented by the leaders of 1,850,000 railroad employes to the joint conference of managers and workers which met here at the call of President Wilson today.

The consideration of these demands, which were pressed unsuccessfully on the eve of the return of the roads to their owners, will test the efficacy of the machinery provided by the new railroad act designed to prevent strikes and bring about amicable settlement of wage disputes.

The granting of the new billion dollar wage demand would under the law mean a further 25 per cent advance in freight rates on top of the 25 per cent advance about to be considered by the interstate commerce commission, or a total raise of 50 per cent.

ment detachments have been defeated in some preliminary skirmishes. Leipzig has quieted down after the government victory there.

The agricultural population in some sections of northern Germany shows increasing unrest.

Southern and eastern Germany reported fairly quiet. There is a threat, however, of a renewal of the general strike in Bavaria because of dissatisfaction over some of the terms of the settlement.

SHIPPING COMPANY AT BLAIRSBURG

Farmers of That Community Organize for Shipping Produce.

A Livestock Shipping association has been formed at Blairsburg by farmers of that community for the purpose of obtaining reasonable prices and securing the best possible results in the marketing of livestock and farm produce. The company was organized with twenty-five members, and Clifford Conway has been named local manager of the concern.

Officers and directors of the new company are as follows: President, Ed Eppard; secretary-treasurer, R. R. Stafford. Directors, Robert Peiz, William Oakland, and O. O. Schroeder.

"SAVE MONEY ON MEAT" IS SLOGAN IN IOWA THIS WEEK

(By The Associated Press.) Des Moines, Iowa, March 22.—"Save Money on Meat" week will be observed in Iowa this week under the direction of H. G. Larimer, federal fair price commissioner for the state.

Because in Iowa the difference in prices of fore and hind quarter cuts is not as great as in some other localities, the situation is not the same as in other cities, Mr. Larimer said.

In cities and towns of the state where there is no fair price commissioner, the mayor has been asked to conduct a week's campaign. The public has been asked to buy the cheaper cuts of meat and packers and retailers have been asked to cooperate in pushing the sale of such meats.

NO LET UP IN MERCHANT SHIP BUILDING

(By The Associated Press.) Philadelphia, March 22.—There has been no sign of a let-up in the American shipbuilding industry since the government lifted its ban forbidding shipbuilders from accepting orders from private concerns, says E. H. Rigg, naval architect of the plant of the New York Shipbuilding corporation. "Vessels aggregating 1,250,000 tons have been ordered since the government ban has been lifted," said Mr. Rigg in an address the other day to the members of the Engineers' Club. "But," he added, "it will be 18 months or two years before the world's merchant tonnage is back to normal."

Meeting to Study Child Training

(By The Associated Press.) Topeka, Kan., March 22.—Child study and child training the world over will be reviewed by speakers at the twenty-seventh annual convention of the International Kindergarten union, to be held in this city April 12 to 16. Officials of the organization expect 600 delegates representing all the states and some foreign countries will attend.

Seize 450 Gallons of Whiskey From Mexico

Wichita Falls, Tex., March 22.—Federal officials seized 450 gallons of whiskey alleged to have been smuggled here from Juarez, Mexico. Five men are held in jail. The whiskey was taken from five automobiles said to have been driven overland from El Paso.

RAILROAD MEN TO ORGANIZE SENATE FIGHT

Senator Cummins of Iowa is Marked, According to Railway Conductors.

AFTER HIS DEFEAT

Oppose him Because of the Anti-Strike Provision in Bill.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 22.—Senator Cummins, Republican, Iowa, is one of the members of congress that organized labor will attempt to defeat in November, according to L. E. Sheppard, acting president of the Order of Railway Conductors who is in Washington today attending the railway wage conference.

Senator Cummins was author of the anti-strike provision of the railway bill which was thrown out in conference. The headquarters of the railway conductors is at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and it is said that this union will organize the fight against Senator Cummins. Mr. Sheppard said, however, that union labor had not yet decided on a candidate to oppose Senator Cummins, whose term will expire next March.

COL. BROOKHART OPPOSES CUMMINS FOR NOMINATION

(By The Associated Press.) Des Moines, Iowa, March 22.—Announcement of the candidacy of Colonel Smith Brookhart of Washington county for the Republican nomination of United States senator from Iowa was published here today. He will oppose United States Senator Albert Cummins.

GIVEN MEDAL FOR REVIVING STEEPLEJACK

(By The Associated Press.) Sheffield, Eng., March 22.—For applying artificial respiration to an unconscious steeplejack at the top of 150-foot chimney, three men have been awarded the Edward Medal for bravery.

The steeplejack and a boy assistant were painting the brickwork at the top of the chimney when the man was overcome by gas fumes. Whelpton, Naylor and Ball, recipients of the medal, who were not steeplejacks, ascended a ladder, climbed over the projecting chimney crown and applied artificial respiration to the unconscious man for twenty minutes. Then they lowered him to the ground in a canvas ambulance sling, which had been passed up by means of a rope.

Churches Urged to use More Advertising

New York, March 22.—A publicity manual designed to instruct pastors in the preparation of paid advertising copy for newspapers has just been issued by the department of publicity of the New Era movement of the Presbyterian church. The manual explains the necessity for church advertising and urges its more extensive use.

Russian Reds Take 21,000 Prisoners

London, March 22.—A Bolshevik communication received here today says: "In the direction of Novorossisk we have reached the River Kuban and captured 6,000 prisoners and twenty guns. In the region of Yekaterinodar we have taken 15,000 prisoners and a large number of guns and much booty."

Germans Prepare World Propaganda for Revision of Treaty of Versailles

(By The Associated Press.)

Paris, Mar. 22.—The Germans are preparing a formidable world propaganda in favor of a revision of the Versailles treaty and the holding of a new international conference at which vanquished nations might be represented for the object of changing or eliminating many clauses of the present treaty between the allied nations and Germany, according to a Geneva dispatch.

A book entitled, "The Greatest Crime of Humanity," has been especially prepared, and 10,000,000 copies printed for free distribution, especially in America, England and France, and it is said that millions of other pamphlets along the same line will follow.

DECIDED DROP IN EXPORTS OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF FEBRUARY STATEMENT OF BUREAU OUT TODAY

Foreign Trade Smallest Since October of Last Year.

Washington, D. C., March 22.—(Special.) A decided drop in exports was the outstanding feature of the February foreign trade statement issued today by the department of commerce. February exports amounted to \$646,000,000, the smallest since October of last year, against \$722,000,000 in the preceding month of January and \$585,000,000 in February of last year. Exports during the eight months ended with February were \$5,231,000,000, against \$4,383,000,000 in the eight months of last year.

Imports.

February imports amounted to \$467,000,000, against \$474,000,000 in January of this year and \$235,000,000 in February a year ago. Imports during the eight months period ended with February amounted to \$3,235,000,000, against \$1,933,000,000 a year ago. The imports during these eight months, representing two-thirds of the current fiscal year, exceeded by \$140,000,000 the imports during the entire fiscal year ended with June, 1919.

Imports of gold during February were unusually small, amounting to only \$4,473,000, against exports of \$43,000,000. For the eight months period ended with February, gold imports amounted to \$43,000,000, against exports of \$362,000,000. Silver imports amounted to \$12,000,000 in February and \$68,000,000 in the eight months, while silver exports were \$10,000,000 for the month and \$137,000,000 for the eight months ended with February.

"SAND LOT" BASE BALL IS TO BE BOOSTED BY NATIONAL FEDERATION TO INTEREST CITIES IN THE SPORT

To ask a National Department of Recreation in Capital.

Detroit, Mich., March 22.—Plans to arouse increased interest in "sand lot" base ball were considered at a meeting here today of the National Baseball Federation. A campaign will be conducted this season, it was announced, to interest the larger cities in the United States in organized juvenile baseball, and group the cities into regional districts.

One of the aims of the federation is the establishment at Washington of a national department of recreation which would provide the means for all athletes in the country unable to purchase their own equipment. New rules reducing the size of balls and bats used by boys under sixteen years of age, and providing for seven instead of nine inning games probably will be adopted by the conference here.

Lynch-Dailey Match.

Detroit, Mich., March 22.—Joe Lynch, New York bantam, and Frankie Dailey, have been matched to box ten rounds here March 31.

Added Money Purses.

Toledo, Ohio, March 22.—The Toledo Driving club for its first meeting of 1920 in the Grand Circuit has determined upon a new policy that is proving popular with the big line reinmen, according to officers of the club who are busy booking the entries.

The new plan of adding \$1,000 to the moneys gathered from the entry fees in the Willys-Overland stake for 2,303 pacers and the Maunee stake for 2,303 trotters will be tried out according to the program arranged recently.

Under the plan there will be no deductions from the fees and the total amount depending upon the number of horses entered, will be increased by the added \$1,000. The meeting is to be held the week of July 12, the second meeting to follow the week of August 2d.

\$77,223 Estate Left by Ella Wheeler Wilcox

New Haven, Conn., March 22.—An appraisal of the estate of Ella Wheeler Wilcox has been filed in the probate court at Branford. It places the total value at \$77,223.

BENSON SAID AS SOON FIGHT ENGLISH AS HUN

Rear Admiral Sims Tells Senate Committee Benson was Man who Said It.

EVE HIS DEPARTURE

Statement was Made to him Just Before his Squadron Sailed.

(By The Associated Press.)

Washington, D. C., March 22.—Rear Admiral William S. Benson, then chief of naval operations, was the official who told Rear Admiral Sims "not to let the British pull the wool over your eyes; we would as soon fight them as the Germans," Admiral Sims testified today before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

Admiral Sims said the remark was made just after he had received his final instructions from Secretary Daniels, preparatory to his departure for England on the eve of the entry of the United States in the war. He added, however, that it was not made in the course of formal instructions, but during a conversation in the office of Rear Admiral Palmer, chief of the bureau of navigation.

Repeated Admission.

The witness told the committee that Admiral Benson repeated his admission during a conversation the following day and that he made the same remark six months later in London.

Admiral Sims says he did not pay particular attention to the statement at the time because he believed Admiral Benson was intensely anti-British. He added that this belief was entertained generally throughout the service.

Reluctant to Give Name.

The witness was reluctant to give the name of the officer, but Chairman Hale insisted.

Admiral Sims said he included Admiral Benson's remark in his letter to Secretary Daniels on Jan. 7, regarding the navy's part in the war because "if a man has a prejudice against men fighting along side of him it has an unconscious influence on him."

NEWTON MAKES A FINE SHOWING IN CENSUS WITH 6,627

(By The Associated Press.) Washington, D. C., March 22.—Population statistics announced today by the census bureau included: Newton, Iowa, 6,627, an increase of 2,011, or 43.6 per cent. Keokuk, 14,423, an increase of 415, or 3 per cent.

U. S. Buying own Clothes From Norway

Christiania, Norway, March 22.—American representatives are trying to repurchase dry goods and wearing apparel bought from the United States from 1919 to 1920 for re-export to the United States, as the prices of these commodities is 50 per cent lower than those now prevailing in the American markets.

Spring Vacation.

Next week is to be spring vacation in the Webster City schools and the pupils will have the entire time in which to have spring fever, get out their bath bats and gloves and hunt up their jumping ropes without any worries about reading, writing and arithmetic to bother them. School will resume on Monday morning, April 5, and continue from that time until the summer vacation in June.

White rags wanted at this office.