

REDS GAINING STRENGTH IN GERMANY

CONSERVATIVE ELEMENTS MAKE COMMON CAUSE IN REESTABLISHING ORDER

Ebert Back in Berlin, From Which the Reactionary Leaders Have Fled to Escape Arrest, Taking Their Armed Forces.

London, March 18.—Rumors are current in Berlin that Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who was head of the reactionary government set up in Berlin last Saturday, and who resigned yesterday, has committed suicide, according to a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam. The reports were received by telephone in Amsterdam from Berlin.

London, March 18.—President Ebert arrived in Berlin last night, according to a telephone message received by the Amsterdam correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph company from Berlin.

President Ebert has ordered the imperial court at Leipzig to bring action against the leaders of the revolution, Dr. Kapp, General von Luettwitz, Gottlieb von Jagow, Admiral Trotha and Captain Erhardt, the correspondent says.

The collapse of the reactionary dictatorship in Berlin has been quickly followed by the resumption of authority on the part of the old government. Its chief task for the moment, it appears, will be to deal with the disordered conditions which the spartanacs are endeavoring to prolong for their own purposes.

Back in Berlin.

Dispatches stating that Minister of Defense Noske, the strong arm of the constitutional regime, is back on the scene in Berlin, have been followed by reports that President Ebert has returned to the capital from Stuttgart. Pending his return Vice Premier Schiffer of the Bauer cabinet took over the directions of affairs relinquished by Dr. Kapp when he gave up his effort to establish a new government.

Suicide Not Confirmed.

There are reports current in Berlin that ex-Chancellor Kapp had committed suicide, but these so far lack confirmation. His prosecution, together with that of other leaders of the reactionary movement, is said to have been ordered by President Ebert.

Little Real News Gets Out.

Paris, March 18.—The situation in Germany is more obscure than ever this morning. Little reliable news came out of that country during the night, but the position of the Ebert government seems to be growing stronger while the element led by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp has definitely collapsed.

President Ebert seems to be facing a situation almost as difficult as when spartanacs first raged in Berlin, but it is evident the old government does not intend to lose any time in acting. Orders were given for the arrest of Dr. Kapp and General von Luettwitz last night, according to advices received here, but they seem to have avoided arrest, reports stating they had left Berlin.

Try to Unite Radicals.

The foreign office reports declared that the von Luettwitz party, under the cover of the spartanac movement, was endeavoring to form a coalition ministry, including independent socialists. According to the plan Lieutenant General Berthold von Diemling, who was one of the active commanders of the Verdun front, was slated to be chancellor.

The spartanac movement was reported continuing in the suburbs of Berlin, but the impression was that its strength was being exaggerated by the military element, which was using the menace as a weapon in dealings with the other parties in an effort to force them to permit cooperation in the formation of a new ministry.

Dr. Schiffer in Charge.

The German peace delegation received today official confirmation of the report that General von Luettwitz left Berlin at the same time that ex-Chancellor Kapp quit the city. The direction of affairs, the dispatches stated, was now in the hands of Dr. Schiffer, the vice chancellor in the Bauer government, this showing that the regular government had again begun to function in Berlin.

Reports that a soviet government had been proclaimed in Berlin were denied by the delegation. Calm prevailed there, its members declared.

Fighting in Leipzig.

Copenhagen, March 17.—Advices from Leipzig state that armed workmen who yesterday and this morning, have advanced toward the center of the city, which is being defended by volunteer troops. Live fighting has been going on in the streets since 4 o'clock this afternoon.

Many Soviets Let Up.

The Hague, March 17.—Soviet republics have been formed at Dortmund, in Westphalia, and at Gera, 12 miles southwest of Leipzig, according to dispatches received here.

COLBY LANDS A FAIR KNOCKOUT ON OPPOSITION

So Senator Hitchcock Says After Committee Interview.

Washington, March 18.—Bainbridge Colby made an extensive statement to the senate foreign relations committee today regarding the information on which the committee is delaying action on his confirmation as secretary of state.

Those present maintained the silence which has surrounded all previous hearings on the subject, but it was said the nominee would not be asked to appear again. The committee will meet again tomorrow.

Mr. Colby declined to talk about the matters discussed. Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, said he considered Mr. Colby's statement "a complete knockout for the opposition."

ALL DIVIDEND STOCKS TAKE A SUDDEN FLIGHT

Houston Views on Excess Profits Tax Ascribed as Cause of Heavy Buying.

New York, March 18.—Heavy trading in speculative issues in the stock market here today resulted in one of the busiest morning sessions in recent weeks, shares with stock dividend possibilities scoring gains of 2 to 18 points. The heavy buying and extensive short covering was caused, financial experts agreed, by the recommendation of the secretary of the treasury urging modification or repeal of the excess profits tax. Sales of the first hour exceeded 500,000 shares.

Motors Go Kiting.

The leaders in the advance included motor, railway, equipment, leather, textile and shipping shares. Stutz Motors rose 18 1/2 points to 187. General Motors 9 to 334 1/2. American Woolen 6 1/4 to 149. American Car 4 1/4 to 146. Crucible 3 1/2 to 237. United Fruit 4 1/4 to 206 1/2. Atlantic Gulf 3 to 167. Endicott-Johnson 9 1/2 to 118. Texas company 5 1/2 to 215 1/2. and Reading 3 points to 88.

Much Interior Buying.

These were supplemented by food shares, tobacco and numerous unclassified stocks, the movement embracing a wider variety of issues than at any time since the early weeks of the year. A very large part of the early trading originated with commission houses and indicated that a considerable volume of the buying power came from interior points.

KALAMAZOO WINS FIRST IN SERIES

Chicago, March 18.—Kalamazoo, Mich., high school defeated Coubatohigh, Shreveport, Iowa, 32 to 22 today in the first game of the second annual middlewest interscholastic basketball tournament held by the University of Chicago.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, academy, defeated St. Mary, Winona, Minn., 25 to 17.

Stivers high school, Dayton, Ohio, defeated Altoona, Pa., 39 to 17.

Czar's Sister Lives in Box Car, in Dire Want

Washington, March 18.—Grand Duchess Olga, sister of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia, has been found by American Red Cross workers, living in a box car near Norovrossiak, south Russia, it was announced today at the headquarters of the American Red Cross here.

Authority of Federal Liquor Agents Cut to Merely Finding Stuff

Chicago, March 18.—Prohibition agents under Major A. V. Dalrymple, dry commissioner for the six central states, are relieved of all power except to locate contraband liquor by an order issued by John F. Kramer, national prohibition supervisor, shortly before his departure from Washington last night.

Mr. Kramer directed that the prohibition sleuths should make no searches or seizures without the approval of the district attorney; that they should obtain warrants from the United States commissioner before making raids; that they should be accompanied by a United States marshal on all raids, and that confiscated liquor should be placed in custody of the marshal, and not held in Dalrymple's office or warehouse.

731 INCOMES IN THIS DISTRICT OVER MILLION

Rich Pickings in Chicago Area for Federal Collectors.

Chicago, March 18.—Incomes of \$1,000,000 or more for 1919 were reported by 731 individuals and corporations in the Chicago district, officials of the internal revenue department inspecting income tax returns announced today. Thirty-one Chicagoans were added last year to the ranks of those whose incomes exceeded a million dollars.

One corporation was reported to have paid \$6,000,000 as the first installment of \$24,000,000 due the government as income tax. Another corporation's quarterly payment amounted to \$2,500,000.

TROOPS GUARD, PLANES FLY, AS COUNCIL OPENS

Stuttgart Quiet as German National Assembly Undertakes Transacting Business.

Stuttgart, March 17.—(By The Associated Press.)—Two hundred and fifty members of the German national assembly met in the art hall here this afternoon. Military forces occupied the great open place before the hall. No disorders occurred while the members were assembling.

Alplanes flew over the city warning the people against demonstrations.

Strike Ends.

The strike called in this region in sympathy with the Ebert administration has ended and traffic and communications have been restored. Several thousand Ebert troops are guarding the public buildings but it is asserted that this is not because trouble is feared.

Noske Explains Flight.

Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the Ebert government today said the Ebert administration was back in Berlin within a week. He explained his failure to use force before departing from Berlin for Dresden by declaring his generals had abandoned him.

Is Foundation of Peace.

"The president seems to feel that the foundations of the league rest upon our participating, subject to approval of congress on use of force, in an obligation to preserve the territorial integrity and political independence of its members against aggression. Without entering upon this method of prevention of aggression, I believe a great foundation of peace does lie in the continuous functioning of a body of great international representatives sitting outside the pettiness of day to day international relations engaged upon conciliation, the mitigation of antagonism, the very effective boycott of disturbers through refusal of public opinion against them and through it the immediate undertaking of disarmament of the world to a simple defensive footing."

Lack Voice in Own Affairs.

The United States need not be "involved in scores of treaty commissions dealing with purely European matters," he said, "yet the powerful economic body in the world, is conducting without our vote, a control that affects our trade. . . . Naturally, with us outside the treaty, we must expect the commission to at least neglect our interests. . . ."

AMERICANS AT LEIPZIG WIRE ALLEN FOR AID

Coblenz, March 18.—(By The Associated Press.)—Two hundred Americans who have been attending the fair at Leipzig have telegraphed and telephoned Major General H. T. Allen, commanding the American army of occupation, urgently asking for help to leave Leipzig, where they describe conditions as dangerous to their lives. General Allen is sending a special train to bring them away.

Mostly American Buyers.

Firing is almost continuous in various parts of Leipzig and all the light and water service has been cut off, according to the Americans, who are principally buyers from various parts of the United States. General Allen has directed the German railway company of the Rhine and provinces to prepare a train, which will be in charge of a detachment of American soldiers.

SOUTH AMERICAN RAILROADS TIED UP BY EMPLOYEES

Rio Janeiro, March 17.—Eight thousand employees of the Leopoldina railway, serving Rio and two adjoining states, walked out, completely tying up the system.

HOOPER LINING UP WITH G. O. P. FOR A PURPOSE

Printing of Old Letter Throws Light On His Aspirations.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—Herbert Hoover is gunning for the Republican presidential nomination, or rather, to use political vocabulary, his friends are doing the gunning. The latest proof of Mr. Hoover's Republicanism has just been issued in the form of a hitherto unpublished letter dated April 11, 1919, which shows that the former food administrator approximates the position of Senator Lodge, if not Senator Fall, on many phases of international policy and that while he advocates a league of nations, his conception of what the measure of American participation shall be differs considerably from that of President Wilson.

Just what is the purpose of these revelations of letters written a year ago but bearing on the situation today cannot be discovered from the Hoover supporters but other revelations are promised. Before long it will be disclosed:

Friend of Farmer.

That Herbert Hoover is not the foe of the farmers but that he is their friend and that he had nothing to do with the fixing of the price of wheat, which fact was the work of a commission appointed by President Wilson and which was entirely independent of Mr. Hoover's control or influence.

That Herbert Hoover doesn't approve of the seven years of Wilson administration, especially its domestic policies.

And, finally, it is averred that Mr. Hoover is more closely identified with the Republican than Democratic point of view.

Now it must be clearly understood that Mr. Hoover is not defining his political affiliations or inclinations. He has naively asked "what is going to be the difference this year between the Republican and Democratic platforms—I shall wait and see which is progressive and which is reactionary."

PARTLY RAISE EXPRESS BANS

Chicago, March 18.—Partial lifting of the embargo on express shipments, imposed as the result of a strike of Chicago express workers, was announced today. The American Railway Express company removed restrictions on outgoing shipments, except ordinary parcels, to Texas, Oklahoma and other southwestern points, and on all through shipments from Boston, Philadelphia and Baltimore, via New York.

WHOLE CON-CO WILL CONSIDER I AND R CLAUSE

Springfield, Ill., March 18.—Formulation of an initiative and referendum proposal for submission to the Illinois constitutional convention was left today to a sub-committee of five members by the whole committee on initiative and referendum and recall.

MINNESOTA IS MOSTLY LEFT UNINSTRUCTED

St. Paul, Minn., March 18.—Complete reports compiled today from the Republican conventions in 86 counties decided not to formally endorse a candidate for president; 27 counties instructed their delegations to cast their vote for Major General Leonard Wood at the state convention here Saturday; five counties endorsed Governor Frank O. Lowden, and the other two went to Hiram Johnson.

Comparison of the county convention reports with the reports from the presidential preference primary held Monday shows that Wood received a majority of the delegates in the counties which voted to send uninstructed delegates to the state convention and to the district conventions.

Campaign managers for Major General Leonard Wood declared today that the fact that county conventions did not formally instruct their delegates to the district and state conventions would not have any effect upon control of the district and state conventions.

Lowden Gets Four.

Rosnoke, Va., March 18.—Four delegates at large and four alternates were instructed for Frank O. Lowden by the Virginia Republican convention.

The Weather

Rain tonight, probably clearing Friday morning. Warmer tonight with the temperature above freezing. Colder Friday. Strong shifting winds. Highest yesterday, 40; lowest last night, 32. Wind velocity, 12 miles per hour. Precipitation, none. 12 m. 7 p.m. 7 a.m. yester. yester. today Dry bulb temp. . . . 31 36 33 Wet bulb temp. . . . 25 31 29 Rel. humid. . . . 65 57 78 River stage 4.6, a fall of .7 in the last 24 hours. J. M. SHERIER, Meteorologist.