

PRES. EBERT OF GERMANY DIED 10:30 THIS A. M.

First President of German Republic Succumbs to Attack of Peritonitis.

PERFORM OPERATION

News of Death Came as Distinct Shock to Berliners Who Had Received Reports of Improvement.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Friedrich Ebert, first president of the German republic, died at 10:15 this morning from peritonitis which followed an operation for appendicitis five days ago.
The former saddle maker, whose skill in guiding the infant republic through the first turbulent years of its existence, was acknowledged even by his bitter enemies, made a gallant fight for life. But his system had been undermined by an attack of influenza before the operation and his heart was not equal to the burden imposed by the poison which had spread throughout his system.
Around his bedside when the end came were his wife, their daughter, Annali, and her husband, Dr. Wilhelm Jaenecke, and their sole son to survive the war, Friedrich, Jr. State secretary Meisner was the only other person present aside from the doctors and nurses.
The political attacks upon the president which increased the trials of the office and the efforts to connect him with the Barrett loans scandal added greatly to the burdens imposed upon him as chief executive of a new republic. Pitches and threats of pitches and the jibes of the monarchists who could not bear the idea of a working man succeeding the Hohenzollerns had helped to undermine his once rugged constitution. But the firmness with which he managed the political crisis arising from the tangled party system and the simple dignity with which Frau Ebert met her duties as first lady of Germany disarmed many of their sharpest critics.
There probably was not another leader in Germany, his enemies admitted, who could have succeeded where he did, and his death four months before the presidential election produces more confusion in a political situation already badly muddled.
President Ebert was the first of all the patriotic Germans to forget his own misdeeds and to become necessary to check the extremists, either in the radical or conservative camps. He frequently brought curses upon his head from the one side or the other by approving measures which they, according to their viewpoints, deemed either reactionary or too radical.
His attitude won the confidence of the ambassadors and ministers accredited to Berlin and he was a powerful factor in bringing about acceptance of the Dawes plan which promises to calm the storm that has raged about reparation payment for so many years.
Herr Ebert started life as a saddlemaker, but years of experience as a labor organizer and official of unions, together with his wide training in practical politics developed him even, as his admirers pointed out, the late Samuel Gompers was developed in America.
His lack of early opportunities was compensated for by the training he won in the world of affairs. He was described as no dreamy theorist but a hard-headed, tactful leader, who made a gallant fight in behalf of the German republic and the German masses under heartbreaking conditions.
Death came to the president in the West Sanitarium. The public received its announcement through the foreign office, the American and British embassies and the government buildings along the Wilhelmstrasse.
The news came as a shock to the Berliners, as the morning newspapers published bulletins indicating a marked improvement in Herr Ebert's condition and the crisis was supposed by many to have been passed.
A meeting of the cabinet was called for today and the reichstag will be convened on Monday, when it will probably arrange a new election date in advance of the one scheduled for June. The choice of a regular successor to Herr Ebert will relieve the chancellor of the republic from carrying on the presidential duties in addition to his own office. The president's death comes on the eve of the national day of mourning, set aside to commemorate Germany's losses in the world war.
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WHO KILLED HIS CRIPPLED DAUGHTER TO END HER MISERY IS TRYING TO COMMIT SUICIDE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
DENVER, Colo., Feb. 28.—Love for his daughter who during her life of 32 years had never "grown up," coupled with a desire not to "leave her burden on the community," led Dr. H. E. Blazer of Englewood, a suburb, to put his daughter Hazel into eternal sleep by administering chloroform last Tuesday, an investigation revealed last night.

After the spirit had risen from the cramped, deformed body of Miss Blazer—known for miles around as "Hazel, the little child woman," Dr. Blazer swallowed a poison concoction which he had designed would make him in death, as in life, Hazel's constant companion. However, the quick ministrations of a physician counteracted the poison and at midnight last Tuesday it was believed Dr. Blazer would recover. Hours later when other members of the family were asleep, he slashed his throat with a razor. Once again medical skill intervened and staved off death. But the thoughts of the doctor were with his dead daughter and despite constant vigil kept over him, he schemed another suicidal attempt. It was more poison and this time physicians may have arrived too late.

Early today it was said at his Englewood home that he had only a "fighting chance" to live.
A friendly community was eagerly watching the dual edged fight—the physicians to save their patient and the patient's desire for death. But there was another group, perhaps not so friendly, but equally vigilant—the officers of the law. The county attorney had prepared a formal charge of murder against Dr. Blazer and was waiting only for the word that he would recover to serve it.

BRIGADIER GENERAL MITCHELL WRITES FOR MAGAZINES DESPITE WARNING GIVEN HIM BY COOLIDGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Secretary Weeks today told the Senate committee that Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant army air chief, had directly disobeyed President Coolidge's order in writing magazine articles without obtaining the approval of the war department.
The general, Mr. Weeks said, had the articles published without war department approval, despite the fact that President Coolidge had written him cautioning him against it.
After the 1921 tests Mr. Weeks said, the secretary of the navy objected to several articles written by the general and in order to prevent further controversy with the navy he was ordered to submit further articles for approval.
Last fall, the secretary continued, Mitchell went to the White House accompanied by a representative of the Saturday Evening Post to discuss with the president some articles he proposed to write. The president informed Mitchell he had no objection to the articles provided they were passed upon by the war department and later wrote Mitchell cautioning him against publishing the articles without permission.
They subsequently were published, Mr. Weeks said, without being submitted to the war department.
Mr. Weeks explained he had issued the order regarding Mitchell after the secretary of the navy had objected to the articles on the 1921 tests as "reflecting on the navy."
"Then there was a case of muzzleloading?" asked Representative O'Sullivan, democrat, Connecticut.
"No, it wasn't," answered the secretary.

GOVERNMENT WILL FINISH COAST ROAD

County Judge Quine and Attorney Neuner returned last night from Portland after meeting with the state highway commission and Bureau of Public Roads. They found the federal bureau greatly interested in the Roadport road, and anxious to see the project completed at an early date. The bureau stated that sufficient money will be appropriated to surface the road, making it suitable for year-around travel. Money will also be appropriated for the Tiller cut off road, if the funds can be found available, although no definite promise could be made, owing to the fact that the bureau does not yet know the exact amount of the funds which it will have for distribution.
"What is your definition of a first class plane, one built this year?" countered the secretary.
Prall gave a long definition.
"Then every machine in the list is a fighting machine," answered Weeks.
"You wouldn't say that?"
"That is what the chief of the air service says."
"Does he know?"
Mr. Weeks answered by saying that Major General Patrick was well informed about the aircraft situation except in regard to Japan.
"Has any other officer been allowed to obtain such information besides Mitchell?"
"I don't think so."
"Is he the one man who knows more first hand information from Europe?"
"He knows more of the personal observation. He didn't get much from Japan."
Asked whether he meant to give the impression "that we have 1,592 serviceable airplanes," Mr. Weeks replied:
"Oh, no."
"Then 1,592 includes all?"
"Exactly."
He added that the army has 829 "serviceable" planes and 764 classed as in storage.

LONGWORTH IS HOUSE SPEAKER 69TH CONGRESS

John Tilson of Conn. Will Be Republican Leader During Session.

DECISION IS MADE

Caucus Held Last Night Favors Lonkworth for Pocation—Democrats Caucus Tonight.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, February 28.—Nicholas Longworth of Ohio will preside as speaker of the house in the sixty-ninth congress and John Q. Tilson of Connecticut will be republican floor leader.
The present majority leader was selected by republican members-elect in the house in caucus last night as their candidate for speaker on the first ballot by a vote of 140 to 85. The caucus decision is binding on the majority members and his election to the speakership is certain.
Martin B. Madden of Illinois, for whom the 85 votes were cast, immediately offered a motion by which the selection of Mr. Longworth was made unanimous. The choice of Mr. Tilson was by acclamation.
Other selections by the caucus at which all but ten of the 244 republicans qualified to attend were present, included Representative Hawley of Oregon as chairman of the caucus and Representative Sweet of New York as secretary and Representative Vestal of Indiana as republican whip, a post he now holds.
Democrats elected to the new house will caucus tonight to select their candidate for speaker, with Representative Garrett of Tennessee, the party leader, as a certain choice. Upon his defeat when the house organizes, he will automatically continue as the minority leader.

DAWES LEAVES TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Charles G. Dawes left here today for Washington to take the oath of vice-president next Wednesday.
His party was confined to Mrs. Dawes, their children Virginia and Dana, Mark Woods of Lincoln, Neb., a life-long friend, and a few close friends, mostly associated with him in the Central Trust company, which he leads.

GOVERNOR'S WIFE EXPECTED TO DIE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SALEM, Ore., Feb. 28.—The condition of Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, wife of Governor M. Pierce, had taken another critical turn today, it was said at the executive office.
Mrs. Pierce has been in ill health for more than two years.
At one o'clock it was stated that Mrs. Pierce could not outlive the day and that death might come at any minute.

ROSEBURG DEFEATED BY MEDFORD 25-9

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 28.—Medford high school defeated the Roseburg high school basketball team 25 to 9 last night in a rather slow game. The locals used second string men in the second half. The visitors although showing a strong defense, were weak on offensive play.
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 28.—Coburg high school defeated Pleasant Hill 25 to 24 and Larane overwhelmed Thurston 41 to 16 in the elimination contests here last night preparatory to the county hoop championship game that will be staged this evening.
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 28.—Eugene high school basketball team defeated the Albany high school hoopers here last evening by a score of 21 to 6. The game was slow throughout.
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 28.—Playing a listless game here yesterday afternoon, the University of Oregon freshman quintet defeated the Gresham high school five by a score of 26 to 11.
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 28.—University high school of Eugene defeated the Cottage Grove high school basketball team here last evening 23 to 14.

WORK ON BANK BUILDING WILL START MONDAY

Remodeling of Douglas National Building Will Require 5 Months.

HAVE CLASSIC LINES

Bank's Officers Have Made Careful Study in Deciding Upon Plans—New Style Vault Coming.

Work will start the first of the week on the remodeling of the Douglas National Bank Building. The tenants of the building are moving out today, and on Monday the workmen will start the task of stripping the exterior and gutting the interior. The remodeling is to be on such an extensive scale that it is in effect practically new construction, as the building will be changed throughout, and when completed will have no resemblance to its present style.
J. H. Booth, and other officers of the bank, have spent many months in careful study before finally adopting the plans for this improvement. They determined to make this building a memorial to the progress of this strong financial institution, which has had such an important bearing upon the growth and development of Roseburg and Douglas county.
Mr. Booth, personally, has devoted a great deal of time to the study of banking buildings, particularly as to the interior arrangement to secure the greatest efficiency and safety in the conduct of the banking business, as well as to give the greatest amount of accommodation and service to the patrons of the bank.
Work will start on Monday, and it is expected that it will be completed in four or five months. Knight and Howell of Portland, are the architects, and the contract has been let to A. Pajunen of Portland. Scott Brothers, of this city have the contract for the heating, Penny-Renton Clay and Coal company for the face brick, and the
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DECIDING GAME TONIGHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
SEATTLE, Feb. 28.—University of Oregon's quintet is to play the University of Washington in crucial Northern section Pacific Coast intercollegiate conference game here tonight. If Oregon wins the team will close the season tied with O. A. C. for first place.

DOUGLAS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN REMODELLED



NEUNER APPOINTED CONFIRMED BY SENATE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The nomination of George Neuner to be United States District Attorney of Oregon was confirmed last yesterday by the senate.

INAUGURAL FORECAST

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—"Fair and rather cool weather," was forecast by the weather bureau today for President Coolidge's inauguration.

ALIEN LAND LAW INTRODUCED IN JAPANESE DIET

Measure Is Negative Rather Than Mandatory, Say Foreign Experts.

USE IMPERIAL DECREE

Provision Made to Invoke Parts of Measure by Imperial Order—Aimed at U. S.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
TOKYO, Feb. 28.—In the opinion of foreign experts who studied the alien land law introduced in the Diet yesterday, the measure is negative rather than mandatory inasmuch as it is applicable in some cases only by imperial decree. Each essential article contains a provision for imperial decrees.
In effect, the law leaves in the hands of the minister of home affairs, the decision as to who may hold property, excepting in the case of those nationals whose countries have statutory provisions against ownership of land by Japanese.
As translated by a foreign diplomat considered expert in the Japanese language, the main provisions of the law are:
"Article 1.—The right of possession of land, within the empire, of allies or corporations which prohibit or impose conditions or limitations upon possession rights with respect to land held by Japanese subjects or corporations, may be prohibited or identical limitations or conditions may be imposed thereon by imperial decree."
"Article 2.—If more than one half of the officers or share holders of office employees of Japanese or foreign corporations is composed of aliens or if more than one half of the capital or voting power of such corporations is owned by alien persons or corporations, such corporation in accordance with imperial decree shall be regarded as being of nationality of such aliens or alien corporations and conditions of previous article shall apply mutatis mutandis."
"Article 3.—Subdivisions of foreign countries possession special rights of land for the purposes of the application of this law, be regarded as states or countries."
The succeeding articles exempt military areas from foreign ownership while article six provides that alien holders of mortgages or other interests in land who are made ineligible to hold land under the law, shall dispose of their holdings within one year, but in cases where the holders are heirs or assignees three years for disposal will be allowed.
The law is so framed that experts are of the opinion that it will be impossible to define it until imperial decrees establish precedents. There is a general belief that such decrees will protect enormous property interests of foreign, educational, charitable and religious organizations.

BILL FOR FARM RELIEF IS NOT PRACTICAL ONE

Dickinson Plan, Substituted for Capper-Haugen Bill, Is Attacked.

MAY CAUSE A FIGHT

H. C. Taylor Says Measure Is Clever Camouflage and Will Not Meet Farm Aid Needs.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The Dickinson co-operative farm marketing bill, substituted by the house for the Capper-Haugen bill was described today by Chairman Carey of the president's agricultural conference as the "cleverest piece of camouflage ever drawn."
Appearing before the senate agricultural committee he said it was drawn by Henry C. Taylor, chief of the bureau of agricultural economics, who, he said was an antagonist of the conference and would stir up "one of the greatest fights ever seen in Washington," if enacted into law.
The Dickinson bill would propose to extend aid to farmers without the regular provisions of the Capper-Haugen measure.
It will be just a step toward killing anything that may be done in the future, Chairman Carey declared. "The bureau of agricultural economics which will be given all power by this bill has this power now. The bill merely provides two junkets annually to Washington for fifty members, on an advisory council. They will be paid \$25 a day on these trips. The bill also gives four other men \$10,000 a year to give advice which the head of the bureau of agricultural economics can veto."
Declaring he "resented" the attitude of Mr. Taylor for "abusing a member of our conference," Mr. Carey said he did not believe the bureau should have any control over marketing organizations.
The Capper-Haugen bill was in line with the recommendations of the agricultural conference.
Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, expressed the opinion the bill would be a step forward.
"If you want to aid the farmers some more," Mr. Carey concluded, "give them this bill, some nosh, a sugar-coated attempt to kid them along."
Senator Johnson, farmer, labor, Minnesota, also described the Dickinson measure, as "advice" and declared, "we farmers are tired of having nosh shoved down our throats."
Replying to Senator Kendrick, democrat, Wyoming, Mr. Carey said he preferred no legislation this session rather than the Dickinson bill, which he said, would prevent enactment of conservative legislation later.
Defending his measure, Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, said it would build from the bottom up "by giving good advice all along the line."
"The effect of the Capper-Haugen bill would be compulsory regulation which would set co-operative marketing back twenty five years."
"Does the government want to assume full responsibility for the farmers?" he asked, or stand by and give advice, so the farmers may best help themselves?"
"Who is back of this bill?" Senator McNary asked.
"National milk producers generally are in support of it," Dickinson said.
Opposition to both the Dickinson and Capper-Haugen measures was voiced by Walter Peete, secretary of the national council of co-operative marketing associations, who declared the co-operative organizations were opposed "to any kind of board here to supervise our affairs." He insisted there was no emergency in the present situation of the farmers.
Charles Barrett, a member of the president's agricultural conference declared the Dickinson bill is calculated to stir up the biggest row ever between the department of agriculture and the co-operative board if there is one."

DAWN-DUSK

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MACON, Ga., Feb. 28.—The first of the dawn to dusk fliers from Selfridge Field, Michigan, to Miami, Florida, landed here at 4:15 eastern time.

CAN USE HORSES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The house today passed and sent to the senate a resolution authorizing the use of 250 army horses from Camp Lewis in the parade at Seattle next July in connection with the thirty sixth triennial convales of Knights Templar.