

SOVIETS ANNOUNCE REPUBLIC

DEMONSTRATIONS OF PROTEST IN MUNICH BROKEN UP BY TROOPS

SPARTACANS APPEAR TO LEAD IN BREMEN

Proclamation of Soviet Republic at Munich is Received With Calmness—German Imperialism Denounced and Brothly Connection With Russia and Hungary Asserted

(By Associated Press to The Observer) COPENHAGEN, April 8.—Demonstrations have occurred in Munich against the new revolutionary government in Bavaria, according to Berlin dispatches. The demonstration was broken up by the troops. Berlin reports say that a political movement of great importance is developing in the region of Hamburg. It is reported that Dr. Hertig and Dr. Hauffenberg, Spartacan leaders, have almost succeeded in making themselves masters of the situation and in converting Hamburg and Bremen into a soviet republic.

Minister of Justice Arrested COPENHAGEN, April 8.—Herr Lindburg, minister of justice in the national German government, was arrested at Magdeburg, capital of Prussian Saxony, by members of regiments stationed there. It is reported, Gen. Von Kleist, commanding the Fourth army and his staff, were also arrested.

State of Seige Declared COPENHAGEN, April 8.—A late report says that Lindburg, minister of justice of the government, was released at Helmsland. As a result of his arrest a state of seige is declared at Magdeburg and troops will be sent to bring those responsible to justice.

Soviet Republic Proclaimed NUREMBERG, April 8.—The proclamation of a soviet republic at Munich is announced in the newspapers. The people received the proclamation calmly. Enormous crowds gathered to receive the announcement which declares complete severance from the old German imperialism and a reestablishment of "brotherly connection" with the Russian and Hungarian people is announced.

WANT FUME UNITED IN ITALY NEW YORK, April 8.—The Italian wireless carries a dispatch officially denying the recent report of the Jugo-Slav press bureau that the commander of the interallied troops at Fiume has proclaimed a state of seige. A short time ago, added the statement, the people of Fiume, held a plebiscite and after careful deliberation, voted that the city should be reunited to Italy and the Italian flag should be their symbol.

WM. S. RHEIM DIES SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Arrangements were today being made for the funeral of Wm. S. Rheim, president of the Standard Oil company of California, who died yesterday while seated at a table in a Santa Cruz restaurant. Heart disease was the cause of death.

BANDIT GETS \$1500 CHICAGO, April 8.—Four, very well dressed bandits, each armed with two revolvers, at noon today held up five employees and several customers in Bowes & Company real estate office and escaped with \$1500 in cash and \$200 worth of Liberty bonds.

HOSPITAL TO BE MONUMENT Overlooking the 15,000 roofless houses of Rheims and overshadowed by its battered cathedral will stand the first great memorial to the American dead in France. This seems assured by the official dispatches that have reached the Paris headquarters of the American fund for French wounded to the effect that the French government will deed to the fund found in the environs of Rheims on which a great American hospital will be erected.

V. W. Tomlinson, naturalization examiner and head of the Portland office, was in La Grande today for a brief business visit. He is visiting various points in Eastern Oregon.

ENDED LIFE WITH RIFLE

BODY OF FRED PFEFFERCORN FOUND NEAR SUMMERVILLE

Had Threatened Self Destruction and Had Been Missing From His Home Since Friday.

Sheriff Warnick found the body of Fred Pfeffercorn about half a mile from the Pfeffercorn home five miles northwest of Summerville yesterday. The dead man has been missing from his home since Friday and on Sunday the sheriff went down with blood hounds to find some trace of the missing man but was not successful in the first attempt.

Pfeffercorn had threatened to commit suicide and the discovery that he had carried out the gruesome design caused little surprise. The body was found alongside a large log in the woods back of his home with a 22-40 Marlin rifle between the knees. The shot had taken effect under the right ear.

Coroner Hal Bohrenkamp went down to the place yesterday and finding that all circumstances indicated deliberated suicide no inquest was held. Fred Pfeffercorn was German born and was about sixty years of age. He has resided in the Summerville section for many years, and has been regarded at times as being eccentric. He leaves a wife, daughter and two sons. The daughter is Mrs. Orlando Westenskow, of Imbler. One of the sons is in Idaho and the other in Massachusetts. It is reported that the son in the east is in the service. No funeral arrangements will be made until communication is had with the absent members of the family.

SOVIETS HAVE DISSENSIONS

FEELING INTENSIFIED BY STATE OF SIEGE AT MUNICH

Communists Will Not Collaborate With the Majority Socialists and Demand Their Removal.

BERLIN, April 8.—Dissensions have already arisen among the founders of the soviet governments in Bavaria and the feeling is intensified by the proclamation of a state of seige at Munich, it is reported.

Communists there have decided that they will not collaborate with the majority socialists and have demanded the removal of socialists from the new government which they wish to consist of communists and independent socialists.

ASSIGNED FOR EARLY CONVOY WASHINGTON, April 8.—Assignment to early convoy of evacuation hospital company No. 2, photo section No. 14 and aero squadrons Nos. 199 and 648, was announced by the war department this afternoon.

IN CONFERENCE WITH HINES WASHINGTON, April 8.—The heads of the big-four railway brotherhoods were in conference with Railways Director Hines this afternoon on the wage scale adjustment that has been pending since last October. The men are seeking a sliding scale of increases.

WILL MAKE FLIGHT LONDON, April 8.—The attempted transatlantic flight by the super-durable R-33 will take place shortly after Easter, the Evening News stated today.

NEW HAVEN INCOME LOWER

Statement of Eastern Road for 1918 Makes Poor Showing.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 7.—The statement of the affairs of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad company for the year ended December 31, 1918, made public Sunday night by President E. G. Bushland shows that the net income was \$2,043,325, a decline of \$360,570 from the previous year. The ratio of operating expenses to total operating revenues was 85 per cent, an increase of 14 per cent over 1917. Total operating revenues increased \$16,909,319, while total operating expenses rose \$25,776,463, making a decline in net revenue from railway operations of \$9,267,144. In 1918 the railroad carried 2,388,000 tons more of freight than in 1917. The number of passengers carried was 2,472,628 less than in 1917.

HOPEFUL FEELING AT PARIS

PRESIDENT WILSON WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE SESSION THIS MORNING

PLACE REPRESENTED BY COLONEL HOUSE

Question of a Tribunal to Bring to Trial the Ex-Kaiser, Crown Prince and Others Who May Be Regarded as Being Responsible for Bringing on the War.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, April 8.—The council of four met today at Lloyd George's residence. President Wilson was unable to go this morning but may be able to attend later in the day. The overnight tension in the peace conference has not been dispelled but it was felt the session today would serve to clear the atmosphere. The first question taken up was that of procedure, in an effort to facilitate the work. Colonel House represented President Wilson. The afternoon session will be devoted to the responsibility for the war, including the question of a tribunal for the trial of the former kaiser, the crown prince and others. The commission on reparation has agreed on the main features. A more hopeful tone prevailed as the day went on.

ANZACS FIGHT DISLOYALTY

Bombay Dealers Attack Office of Assistant Food Controller.

LONDON, via Montreal, April 8.—Discontent among retail dealers in grain in Bombay, India, has resulted in rioting there, Reuters correspondent at Bombay reports under date of March 27. Two thousand dealers attacked the office of the assistant food controller and several of them assaulted that official. The police are holding an inquiry. No arrests have been made.

KIEV IS MENACED

BUDAPEST, April 8.—Forces commanded by Simon Petrusa, peasant leader of Ukraine, is said to be menacing Kiev and that they are within a few miles of that city.

LETTER FOUND ON ANARCHIST

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SPOKANE, April 8.—The police have published a letter they declare was found on Mary W. Wicks, of Portland, who is under arrest here on the charge of disloyalty and violation of the Mann act. The letter refers to a meeting of the "C. C. C." which are the same initials that were signed to the threatening letters received by Governor Stephens, of California, before the executive mansion at Sacramento was damaged by bombs.

WILL CONSULT SPECIALIST NEW YORK, April 8.—Judge Ben B. Lindsey of the Denver juvenile court has been suffering from stomach trouble and came here to consult a specialist, he himself, said today, but otherwise he is "all right." It had been reported he was critically ill.

STABBED BY AN EDITOR

RICHMOND, Mo., April 8.—Circuit Judge Frank P. Devellibus of this city was stabbed by Robert S. Lyons, editor of the Richmond Conservator this morning. Judge Devellibus' condition is said to be critical. The stabbing is supposed to have been the result of a political feud.

PASSENGER SERVICE OPENED

Announcement is made from the traffic offices of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway that passenger service on the Prineville railway will be inaugurated April 29 with a motor car. The line formerly built by the people of Prineville, covers the 12.9 miles to a junction with the Oregon Trunk and connects with the branch of the O-W. H. & N. system about three miles north of Redmond.

NO SYMPATHY IN DEBS CASE

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILL OPPOSE HIS RELEASE

Says Defendant Opposed the Program of the United States in Prosecuting the War.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Attorney-General Palmer announced in a statement yesterday that he would oppose strongly any effort to obtain executive clemency for Eugene V. Debs, the socialist leader, sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment for violation of the espionage act. The attorney-general said he had received several communications urging him to recommend clemency for Debs. Mr. Palmer said he believed his duty in the Debs case to be clear and was convinced that he would be doing a grievous wrong to the country and striking a blow at law enforcement should he adopt "any course which would interfere with the normal administration of justice in this case."

Statement is Issued.

The statement issued by the attorney-general follows: "Eugene V. Debs has filed no petition with either the president or the attorney-general asking for the exercise of executive clemency. The facts in his case are such that until such petition be made by him I should not feel called upon to consider making any recommendations in his case. Debs was convicted not because of his political or economic views, but because he plainly violated the laws of the land."

"On June 18, 1918, during the most critical period of the war, Debs made a public speech at Canton, Ohio, in which he urged that wage-earners refrain from giving any aid to the American nation in the war, asserting that the war was brought on and conducted solely in the interests of capitalists, told his audience that they needed to know that they were fit for something better than slavery and cannon fodder," held up to admiration as martyrs to the cause of labor a number of persons who had been convicted for violating the draft act, and urged wage-earners to stand together, as a class, to prevent the success of our country in the war.

WILL VOTE ON REPEAL

Plebiscite Ordered in Province of Ontario on Repealing Temperance Act.

TORONTO, Ont., April 8.—The province of Ontario will hold a plebiscite on the repeal of the Ontario temperance act and on measures permitting the sale of liquors, it was announced in the legislature today by Premier Hearst. The date will be announced later. Questions to be voted on are: 1—Repeal of the Ontario temperance act. 2—Sale of light beer in sealed packages under government control. 3—Sale of light beer over the bar. 4—Restrictive sale of spirituous liquors generally under government control.

RETURNED FROM FRANCE

M. E. Homme, who spent thirteen months in France with the Sunshine division, arrived in town this morning for a brief visit with friends. He is on his way to Elgin, where he resided at the time he entered the service, and he expects to make his home there again. Mr. Homme is remembered as a well known musician who was for some time a member of the La Grande band.

SOLDIERS REDEEM PLEDGE

Brooklyn Youths Keep Promise, Return From War to Plead Guilty

NEW YORK, April 8.—Three Brooklyn youths appeared in the county court today, to redeem a pledge made a year and a half ago that they would return to face a charge of grand larceny if they were permitted to sail for France in answer to their country's call to arms. Three of them fulfilled the pledge, but when the price of the fourth was called a gray-haired man stood up to explain his non-attendance. He said the boy had been killed in action.

The three who appeared were Michael J. Tracy, 27 years old, John Madigan, 27, and Thomas Crowley, 23. The missing youth was James McLaughlin, 29. They were charged with taking an automobile without the owner's permission. The owner of the three automobiles pleaded guilty today and was promptly dismissed.

SHIPYARD AGREEMENT REJECTED

IRON TRADES COUNCIL FOR THE BAY REGION DO NOT APPROVE PLAN

FIFTY THOUSAND MEN ARE REPRESENTED

Executive Committee of Trades Council is Instructed to Draw Up a New Agreement to Be Submitted to the Shipyard Executives Who Are in San Francisco.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—The Iron Trades council here, representing over fifty thousand workers in the Bay region have rejected the new working agreement for the Pacific Coast shipyards as drawn up by the recent Washington conference. The council instructed the executive committee to draw up a new agreement to be submitted to the shipyard executives here.

WILL H. HAYS FATHER ILL

SULLIVAN, Ind., April 8.—The condition of John T. Hays, father of Will H. Hays, republican national chairman, who was stricken with a cerebral hemorrhage followed by two additional attacks yesterday, remains unchanged today. He is partly paralyzed and is in a precarious condition. Will H. Hays is at the bedside of his father.

SPAIN'S TROUBLE SUBSIDES

Strike Conditions in Barcelona and Valencia Improving.

WASHINGTON, April 8.—Advices to the state department today from Madrid say that strike conditions in Barcelona and Valencia have greatly improved in the last two days and the situation throughout Spain has quieted down. It has been definitely established, according to these advices, that German propagandists and syndicalists were active in connection with the strikes in both cities. Twenty-five Germans have been arrested in Barcelona.

\$100,000 LOSS BY FIRE

CHICAGO, April 8.—Fire, the origin of which has not been determined as yet, caused damage estimated at \$100,000, at the plant of the Independent Packing company here early today.

LARGEST CROP EVER GROWN

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, April 8.—The largest crop of winter wheat ever grown in the forecast for this year by the agricultural department, basing the estimates on the conditions of April 1. The enormous yield of 837,000,000 bushels is announced which at the government guaranteed price of \$2.25 a bushel places the value of the wheat crop of 1919 at \$1,891,250,000.

ROBBERS STEAL SAFE

BEAVER FALLS, Pa., April 8.—A 300 pound safe containing between \$1100 and \$1200 was stolen from the office of the American Railway Express company some time during the night. The robbery was not discovered until this morning and the police are without a clue.

PROHIBITIONISTS CONFERENCE

PARIS, April 7.—A conference held during the past three days at the invitation of the Ligue Nationale and by request of the Anti-Saloon league of America was presided over by Senator Steiwer. Lloyd D'Alembert and the Belgian minister of justice, Emil Vandervelde, Belgian countries were represented. Resolutions were adopted regarding the liquor of nations to provide a permanent bureau for the study of the liquor question and to report on the effects of liquor on the human system and the results obtained by drink legislation. The resolutions will be presented to the next conference on "Grandes Questions de l'Europe" at Brussels, June 15, and Dr. Cargill of Tennessee took a prominent part in the discussion.

HIGH RECORD ON ROAD WORK

APPROVAL FIXED TO 105 FEDERAL AID PROJECTS

This Was for the Month of March Which Stands as Greater Than any Previous Month.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 8.—During the month of March the Secretary of Agriculture approved 105 federal aid projects, involving the improvement of 3,148.93 miles of road, at a total estimated cost of \$14,525,657.38, and on which federal aid in the amount of \$5,481,665.30 was requested. This represents the largest total estimated cost and the greatest amount of federal aid requested for projects approved during any month since the passage of the federal aid road act. During the month agreements were executed by the secretary and state highway departments to cover 41 projects, involving 290.34 miles of road, at a total estimated cost of \$5,536,953.31, and on which \$1,472,119.46 federal aid was requested and set aside in the treasury. Agreements for 37 other projects were placed in process of execution. Up to and including March 31, a total of 963 projects had been approved, involving 9,962.67 miles, a total estimated cost of \$77,850,935.84, and a total of \$29,460,482.68 project agreements had been executed involving 4,106.7 miles of road, a total estimated cost of \$34,335,851, and a total of \$13,391,462.69 federal aid.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, April 8.—Fair, light to heavy frost in the morning, gentle, variable winds.

40 I. W. W.'S TO BE DEPORTED

WARRANT SERVED BY IMMIGRATION OFFICER

Men Will Be Sent Out of the Country as Soon as Present Terms Have Expired.

LEAVENWORTH, April 8.—Warrants calling for the deportation of 40 I. W. W.'s serving sentence for sedition was served by an officer from the immigration department today. The men are to be deported after they have completed their terms in the Leavenworth penitentiary.

SYDNEY STRICKEN BY FLU

Hundreds of New Cases and Many Deaths Reported.

VANCOUVER, B. C., April 8.—Hundreds of new cases of influenza are being reported at Sydney, N. S. W., according to a special cable received here today by the Vancouver World. Ninety deaths occurred last week.

TO PROCEED TO MURMANSK

LONDON, April 8.—The United States navy has instructed the commanders of two gunboats, carrying Col. Richardson, U. S. A. and 70 engineers, to proceed to Murmansk, it was learned this afternoon. The commanders were under orders to land their crews if reinforcements were needed.

COMPROMISE CALMS HUNS

Agreement on Transfer of Polish Troops Satisfactory, Says Erzeberger.

SPA, Belgium, April 7.—The agreement on the transfer of Polish troops from France to Poland signed on Friday night will calm German public opinion, Matthias Erzeberger, the chairman of the German anti-Communist league, declared in an interview yesterday. The German representative, however, said that the passage of the Polish troops to Poland through Germany might provoke trouble where the population is in doubt if such incidents occur. He added that all would claim the right to land all the troops at Danzig. Herr Erzeberger said he believed the transfer of the troops would take two months.

BUSY TIME AT AD. CLUB MEET TODAY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR NEW ORGANIZATION ELECTED AT LUNCHEON

VOLUNTEER FIREMEN VOICE GRIEVANCE

Result Was That Meeting Adopted Resolution Urging City Commissioners to Act at Once to Put Fire Department on More Efficient Basis.

Business of an unusually varied nature came up at the business men's luncheon today, and F. K. Newell, who had a message to give regarding the organization of the State Chamber of Commerce, found himself crowded nearly out of the program. The completion of the organization of the new Ad Club was one of the most important parts of the program, but the troubles in the fire department also got an airing, and the coming Victory Loan, the labor question, and matters in regard to the live stock industry all were discussed. The luncheon, which was held in the Y. M. C. A., was somewhat late in starting, and the session consequently ran about half an hour over the usual time.

Wm. Miller, as chairman, announced as the first speaker E. E. Kiddie, county manager of the Victory-Library Loan campaign. Mr. Kiddie expressed his confidence that Union county would be right up with the first of them in going over the top and the applause that greeted his brief statements showed that every business man present was of the same opinion.

Volunteers' Grievance

The state of affairs in the city fire department was then brought under discussion by Pat Foley, who is the captain of the volunteer firemen. Mr. Foley declared that with no chief at the station, affairs are in a bad way there, and he said that while the volunteers have considerable pride in the city's fire department, they did not intend to become parties in their inefficiency through what he termed the negligibility of the city officials. The volunteers, he said, would resign in a body. Mr. Foley no sooner resumed his seat than H. E. Dixon arose to offer a resolution to the board of city commissioners, expressing dissatisfaction with conditions in the fire department and urging them to act at once to remedy them. What the city will save by employing poorly paid men, he said, will be more than offset by the great increase in insurance rates that is sure to result if the department is not placed in a more efficient state and maintained there. Common laborers, he said, get more for a few hours work than the city's firemen get for a twenty-four hour day.

John Collier, the city manager, was present and took the floor in defense of the city administration. The statements made against the members of the fire department force, he said, were misrepresentations, for he was quite confident that the force was thoroughly efficient and capable to handle any emergency that might arise. The city appreciated the work the volunteers have done, he said, and is trying to secure the services of a good man as chief. He did not wish to see hasty action taken in the way of sending the proposed resolution before the commissioners, as he held that they were doing what they thought best for the city.

The resolution was strongly commended by F. J. Holmes, however, and it was adopted by a unanimous vote. The resolution will be presented at the meeting of the commissioners tomorrow evening and will convey to them the idea that the citizens of La Grande want real service in their fire department. If it does meet somewhat higher taxes.

Board of Directors Named The report of the nominating committee was presented by E. W. Noyes, recommending the names of twenty-five prominent citizens for the board of directors of the Club. The names read were as follows: W. Nelson, U. L. Larson, J. G. Rodgers, W. H. Parker, Vincent Palmer, Elmer Woodard, P. H. Spillman, Bruce Davis, Fred Holmes, Chas. Bohme, Camp, S. Burdette, R. E. Hart, Albert Hunter, George Hopkins, Chas. Reynolds.