

GOVERNMENT FORCES BEING GAINED

Ebert Party Stronger, but Not Out of Danger.

REDS STILL DETERMINED

More Than Military Victory Necessary to Save Present Regime.

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BERLIN (via Copenhagen), Jan. 12.—(Special Column.)—The government is many hundred per cent stronger today than it was yesterday. It has not yet attempted to extend its lines beyond Friedrichshagen, but the Spartacus army is rapidly growing, is well armed and is under trained officers.

Against it the Spartacus group, now called the "Communist party," has been unable to organize an efficient force, although it has armed hundreds of workmen, and continues to do so. In the matter of supplying arms, the government is probably the factor, and it has the advantage of holding most of the bases of supplies.

Growth of the government army is remarkable, for it began with nothing, and was recruited by Ebert and Scheidemann, who summoned loyal Germans to come to their help by calling to the crowds from the windows of the Chancellery. The call was promptly heeded by many former soldiers, who have been seen since the Spartacus coup, but saw their duty when summoned to defend the government. Other recruits were from among the people, who soon began to see the issue clearly.

My observations indicate that the Spartacus are losing strength rapidly. Hunger and lack of work are their two most powerful weapons. Conditions in that respect have not improved and have probably grown worse of late, and the present is a much more difficult problem for the government than do the coups of the radicals.

General Strike Promised.

The communists tell me that they intend to declare a general strike to paralyze the government. Whether the workmen will strike or not cannot be foretold. Street fighting is already in progress and any new strike of political significance would be very difficult to handle.

While the government has its machine guns well placed, political and labor troubles have hardly begun. If things can be held together until the elections of January, the Communists will do everything possible meanwhile to make the elections impossible.

Petrograd scenes are being repeated in Berlin, with the difference that conditions in Berlin are more serious. For I have been able to pass through beleaguered districts, within sound of silent machine guns, and to see where there was a fair-sized audience, which had been assembled under the escort of soldiers. Unter Den Linden was empty, except for government soldiers.

Early this morning I made an attempt to see Police Chief Eichhorn, or Dr. Karl Liebknecht. I found an assistant, but a difficulty from the government's territory through the neutral zone into what I expected to find a guarded Communist zone. I encountered no armed soldiers except at the public buildings and at the Marstall, where there were soldiers and sailors of the Republican Guard, who informed me that they were keeping order in the places where they were stationed.

Reaching Chief Eichhorn's office without hindrance, I found only his secretary, who said the chief and the other Communist leaders were in the hospital. The Spartacus were in the hospital, which is the temporary headquarters of the Communists. We took the secretary with us in our car. At Eberswalde there was only a guard of six soldiers, who said the Spartacus had gone, they knew not where.

In the next hour I ran over half of Berlin, trying to locate the Communist headquarters, but failed to do so. Enroute I learned that all the railroad stations were back in government control, except that at Schivelde, where the Spartacus had taken refuge. North Berlin I was struck by the fact that the streets were full of blocks, were fairly packed with soldiers, and that the Spartacus were being hunted. Obviously they could furnish me material for any trouble that might be projected.

Government Forces Problem.

More than anything else, now, the Spartacus leaders seem to me to feel that the difficulties of the government in Berlin are by no means over, and that in spite of the growing military ascendancy of the Spartacus, the danger lies in lack of employment and related industrial problems. So a military victory today will solve nothing for tomorrow.

There were several pitched battles fought Thursday. Government troops retook the Berliner Tagblatt building, and the two food stores, the Spartacus printing works. An attack on the Anhalter Station by Spartacus soldiers failed.

The heaviest fighting took place in Jerusalemstrasse, where is situated the Berliner Tagblatt. Proprietor Rudolf Meuse refused to allow the government to attack his premises, and ordered the armaments to be given up. To prevent them from falling into the hands of the Spartacus, the commander of the Bolsheviks blew up the whole stock of bombs.

Provinces Much Disturbed.

Government troops were more numerous Thursday and had extended their radius of action, but in provinces the situation is less favorable. In Düsseldorf the Spartacus were reported to have seized the railway station and telegraph offices, and were about to take over the telephone exchange.

In Dortmund the Spartacus have captured several buildings. In Spandau, a suburb of Berlin, where there are many munition works, the Spartacus and Independent Socialists are reported to have the upper hand.

Cables dated in Berlin Wednesday and Thursday in transmission give the following account of the fighting to that date: After a day of street fighting the situation has somewhat enlarged its area of occupation. It maintains possession of the telegraph and is arming itself in the Reichstag, its main stronghold. Active arming by the Spartacus leaders is done in police headquarters. The portion of the city lying between these two places is disputed territory.

Police headquarters has so far been the scene chiefly of arriving armaments.

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RAIL EXTENSION IS URGED

BONANZA PEOPLE REVIVE MOVE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION.

Approximately \$10,000 of \$16,000 Needed to Finance Plans Is Appropriated at Meeting.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Early extension of the Strahorn railroad from its present terminal, at Dairy, 28 miles east of this city, to Bonanza, was indicated at a meeting of the residents of that section.

Between \$10,000 and \$12,000 of the \$16,000 necessary to assure the construction was pledged. Sometime ago Robert Strahorn told a committee of Bonanza citizens that if Bonanza would finance the line and furnish the ties for the seven-mile spur he would lay steel and operate train service between Bonanza and Klamath Falls. The war put a damper on all construction work, but since the armistice was signed there has been a strong movement for continuation of the development.

Twenty-five or 30 men attended the meeting and arranged for a uniform wage scale whereby those having spare time could put on men and teams and do part of the work themselves. The new spur to Bonanza may later become a link in a road from Langell Valley to Lakeview. In the opinion of many who are in touch with Mr. Strahorn's plans.

SPRICE PROBE IS DENIED

VISIT OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL ONE OF REGULAR ROUTINE.

Major-General Chamberlain Arrives in Portland Merely on Tour of Inspection.

"My visit in Portland has no special significance. I am stopping here to look things over just as I do at all other Army camps which come within my range as I travel over the country."

Major-General J. L. Chamberlain, Inspector-General of the United States Army, who arrived in Portland Saturday afternoon, has been on a tour of inspection of the Spruce Production Division, of which Portland is the headquarters.

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BIG EXPENDITURE OPPOSED

Appropriation for National Guard Regiment to Be Fought.

Intimation of the fight that will be made before the Legislature by the opposition to a budget including an appropriation for maintenance of a National Guard regiment is given in the mailing of letters to each member of the Legislature, citing arguments against such expenditure. The Oregon Volunteer Guard, designation for the bodies of the status of the Multnomah Guard is sending out the letters.

It is considered unwise to expend \$225,915.12, as proposed for the biennium, on a military programme that is not necessary. The Oregon Volunteer Guard pledges itself to serve in emergency without cost to the state.

WATER IN STREAMS LOW

Record Unequaled Since 1861, Old Residents Declare.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—There has not been such a scarcity of water in this section of the state for half a century. Old residents assert that the present condition in this regard has not been equaled since 1861.

Officials of the United States weather office here show that the Willamette River at Albany reached a low-water mark last summer that was not equaled until this year, and it is asserted that a parallel situation exists in regard to the supply of water in streams this winter.

RAILROADS WILL BE SOLD

SPRUCE PRODUCTION BODY TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS.

Locomotives, Cars, Tracks and Other Equipment From Five Logging Lines Placed on Market.

Dismantled railroads are among the articles that will be sold in the next five weeks by the United States Spruce Production Corporation. Any aspiring capitalist who cares to bid high enough has the opportunity to walk away with locomotives, cars, track—everything

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'FIGHTING MEDICS' LOSE

MULTNOMAH QUINTEZ WINS IN 42-10-14 CONTEST.

CLAYTON SHARP LOST TWO PERFECTLY GOOD TEETH IN PILING UP 12 POINTS FOR LOCALS.

It cost Clayton Sharp two perfectly good teeth Saturday night to pile up 12 points for the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club basketball team in the Vigor gymnasium and help the clubmen take a 42-10-14 game from the "Fighting Medics" of Camp Lewis.

LEGISLATORS WARNED OF GROWING THREAT OF RADICALS.

Major Baker Points Out How Red Flag Element is Caring for Discharged Soldiers and Sailors.

An address delivered by Mayor George L. Baker to members-elect of the Oregon Legislature, who were the guests of the Portland Press Club at a dinner at the Hotel Portland Saturday night, was a warning of the growing threat of radicals.

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