

MEETING TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY APPEARS

Rival Parliament to Hold Session in Berlin.

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National Congress of Soldiers' Councils to Consider Retention of Power of Military Command.

BERLIN, Jan. 31.—(By the Associated Press.)—With the time for the convening of the German national assembly only six days off, the political situation suddenly has taken on an aspect which must be considered menacing to the government.

While it is unlikely any attempt will be made to disperse the constituent assembly at Weimar, there probably will be what amounts to a rival parliament in session simultaneously in Berlin. The Berlin meeting will be a national congress of all soldiers' councils, called on the initiative of the local councils of Berlin, ostensibly to consider the question of retaining the power of military command in the councils.

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Although the decision to hold this congress is obviously a vote of lack of confidence in the central government, the latter permits it to be unofficially announced that it is "disposed to grant this wish."

Cabinet Declines to Appear. The resolution summoning the congress declared that War Minister Reinhardt's recent order is called to impotence, "inasmuch as" an opinion which the Berlin council had strictly illustrated this week, when it sent a demand to the members of the cabinet to appear before it and defend their recent course, and particularly their attitude during Bolshevick week.

The cabinet this week declined to appear before a local council, which was quite unauthorized, to exercise control over the national government.

Among the delegates to the coming national assembly, 26 women have been chosen. The Ebert government, according to recent declarations, will resign as soon as a president is elected. Among the candidates most prominently mentioned for president is Frederick Nauman.

DAIRY EXHIBIT IS READY

Milk and Cream Today Will Be Sent to Boise, Idaho.

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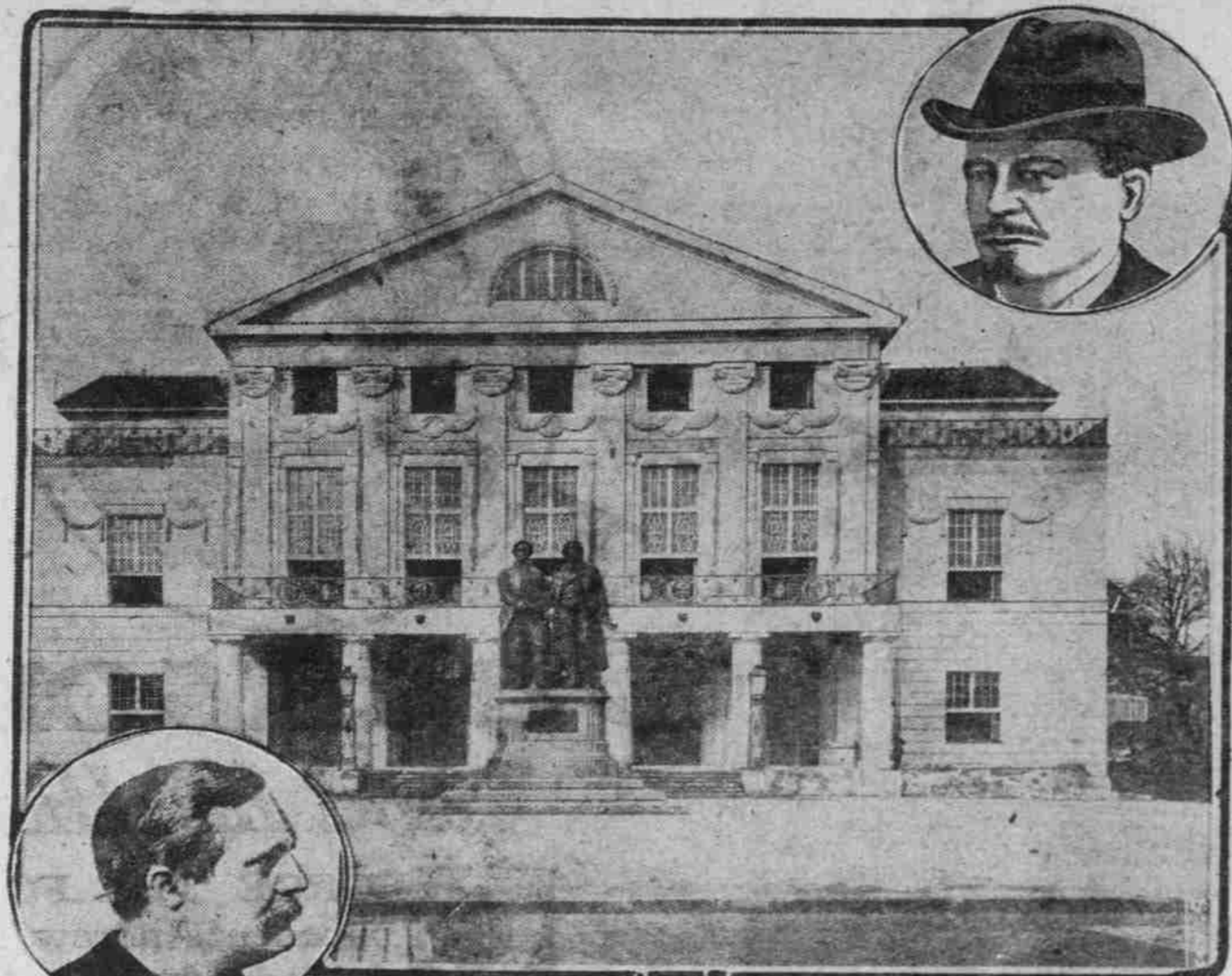
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WHERE GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WILL CONVENE A WEEK HENCE.



Top, Royal Theater at Weimar. Insert at Upper Right, Frederick Ebert, Head of Present German Government. Lower Left, Frederick Nauman, Who May Be Elected First President of Germany. According to News Dispatches.

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DATE OF WELCOME NEARS

First of Overseas Men Expected in February.

Executive Committee to Meet This Week to Make Final Preparations for Reception.

To ascertain what progress has been made in preparation for the reception and welcome of Oregon service men, who will soon begin reaching Portland from overseas, Emory Olmstead, chairman of the soldiers, sailors, and marines reception and welfare committee, plans to call a meeting of the executive committee some time this week.

For more than two weeks a score of sub-committees have been preparing for the welcome of the first of Oregon's overseas service men to reach home. Portland sent its men away after feasting them and with bands playing. Mr. Olmstead stated yesterday, and Portland will welcome the men in a like manner.

"Our boys have gained an enviable record overseas. The world has learned by their actions that the West has produced an army of fighters, brave, and staunch, who were not acquainted with defeat and who 'forged' to the front, overcoming all obstacles, until final victory was attained.

"Therefore, it behooves this city to extend itself in welcoming them home, not alone the boys from our city but also those from our state. Reports from the various committees show that good work has been done and at a meeting to be called this week, these reports will be read, and final preparations completed for the reception of the first unit of returning men, who will probably reach Portland some time during the latter part of February."

A meeting of the general committee on reception of service men will be held in Liberty Temple at 8 o'clock tonight. Representatives of all active organizations in the city have been asked to attend this meeting to aid in the perfecting of the plans for the reception of the men at Union station.

U. S. POLICY IS LAUDED

to the arrival of the cold half of winter are not getting worse nearly so fast in the American areas as in other parts of Germany, notably Cologne, where, according to the Cologne Gazette, they are becoming alarming.

American military authorities are doing everything in their power to conserve German food within the area exclusively for the German population, and if the population can pull through the winter without food help from America and the allies, the credit will be first due to our military authorities.

The political pilgrims in Southern Germany, reminiscent of the critical period in American political history, are being watched with the utmost interest from here. Reports reach here that Bavaria is alarmed by the possibility of a highly centralized German government. She fears losing her old peace-time sovereignty.

Huns Nearing Peace Basis. The report says Bavaria is trying to induce Saxony, Wurttemberg and Baden to participate in action to stand against the idea of a centralized government and to preserve the right to secede from a loose federation at will.

In the opinion of political experts here, Germany may face its crisis in deciding between states rights and a federal union on the American plan. The demobilization and readjustment of the enemy forces is being also closely followed from here. The impression here is that all the old infantry, artillery and cavalry regiments, with the exception of the Alsace-Lorraine regiments which existed prior to the outbreak of the war will continue their existence, though in a highly skeletonized form, averaging only a thousand men per regiment.

New formations are believed mostly disbanded and the general idea is that the German army today is practically back on a peace-time basis.

More than 2000 women took the places of men on six steam railways in and about New York City; 2000 went to work in 10 munition factories, while nearly 5000 were employed in similar factories in the eastern states, all between the Spring of 1917 and that of 1918.

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VANCOUVER VOTES BONDS

Addition to High School Costing \$75,000 to Be Built.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 2.—(Special.)—By a margin of four votes, 340 of the Vancouver school district Saturday voted \$75,000 bonds for the enlargement of the high school building at Twenty-fourth and Main streets.

YEAR'S FAIR DATES FIXED

1919 Events Announced by North Pacific Circuit. SEATTLE, Feb. 2.—Dates for this year's fair were adopted and the following officers elected at the meeting here yesterday of the North Pacific Fair Circuit: George Walker, Chehalis, Wash., president; W. C. Brown, Vancouver, B. C., vice-president; H. S. Brown, Portland, secretary-treasurer. The fair schedule adopted follows: Southwest Washington, Centralia, and Chehalis, August 18-23; Grays Harbor County, Elma, August 25-30; Interstate, Spokane, September 1-6; Vancouver, B. C., exhibition, September 8-12; Walla Walla, September 8-12; Washington State, Yakima, September 18-20; Mult-

Work is to be started as soon as the bonds can be disposed of, and the addition to the high school will accommodate pupils of the seventh and eighth grades from all other schools, thus making rooms available for pupils of the first to sixth grades in other institutions. Present plans call for 12 rooms in the high school addition.

Votes cast in the election totaled 115, 77 being in favor of the bonds, and 45 against. Sixty per cent was required to authorize the bond issue.

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