BERLIN FIREEATERS BEGIN STRIKE TODAY

Spartacans and Allies Vote for Demonstration.

EBERT TROOPS REINFORCED

Conditions in Germany Serious, Says President; Without Help Nation Cannot Regain Balance.

BERLIN, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Independent Socialists and Spartacans decided today by a vote of 10,000 to 2000 to begin a general strike in Berlin Monday. The majority socialists opposed the movement, but the employes of the large machine and metal works carried the day for those favorable to a strike.

Government troops in Berlin have been reinforced.

ZURICH, Switzerland, April 5.—Germany is not a socialist republic, because the majority of the people are not socialists, but Germany is a progressive republic because the majority of the people desire a strongly progressive policy. President Ebert is quoted as saying in a statement to a correspondent of a Paris newspaper whose interview has been telegraphed here.

Conditions Declared Serious.

"The position of things in Germany is very serious," the German president added. "We are faced with all kinds of difficulties. Our industrial life has collapsed completely and without help Germany cannot recover her balance. The number of unemployed increases unceasingly, which is the most serious cause of political agitation.

"Although many difficulties have been created for us in the struggle against bolshevism, we continue to do our duty and combat it."

SPA, Belgium, April 5.—(Havas.)—The agreement on the transfer of Polish troops from France to Poland signed here last night will calm German public opinion, Mathias Erzberger, chairman of the German armistice commission, declared today. The German representative, however, said that the passage of the Polish troops by train through Germany might provoke trouble where the population is over-excited. If such incidents occurred, he added, the allies would claim the right to land all the troops at Danzig.

COPENHAGEN, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—A German version of the agreement reached at Spa regarding the transport of General Haller's Polish troops, says that Marshal Foch promised to recommend that the British give freedom to German coastal shipping for the duration of the passage of Polish troops through German territory.

Complete Safety Guaranteed.

After giving the various routes to be taken the dispatch says that the Germans guaranteed the complete safety of these routes. On the other hand measures have been taken, that the troops being transported do nothing that might cause a disturbance among the population.

LONDON, April 6.—The Berlin correspondent of the Weekly Dispatch wires under date of Saturday that Munich is without telephone service.

The proclamation of a soviet government was issued from Augsburg, the correspondent says, and not from Munich, as at first reported.

PARIS, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Hungarian cabinet has been reconstructed, according to advices received tonight, with M. Garbai as premier; Bela Kun, minister of foreign affairs and war; M. Bohm, minister of war under M. Kun; M. Kunfi, minister of education, and M. Varga, minister of social protection.

ESSEN, April 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The revolutionary miners of central Germany and Silesia have declared in favor of the Ruhr workers, who have made certain demands for improvements in their condition. In case these demands are not granted by Wednesday the Ruhr miners have voted to cease the so-called emergency work, with the result that the mines will likely be flooded with water.

Miners Denounce Deserters.

The miners' conference has expressed contempt for those who recently joined the government troops in response to the appeals of Herr Noske, minister of defense, and declares that they shall never be given work in the future, but shall be "avoided like a pest."

With such methods the communist and spartacan miners of the Ruhr districts are attempting desperately to extend the general strike, which ostensibly began several days ago. It is asserted by the spartacans that a total of 324,000 miners from 215 mines are on strike and that the workers in 35 additional mines will soon be out.

The revolutionists have spared no effort to intimidate everyone into joining their ranks. They issued a decree yesterday that no organization except the council of nine, consisting solely of spartacans and communists and totally unrepresentative of the miners as a whole, may treat with the government.

Semi-official strike figures in the Ruhr district give the number on strike today as 142,000 compared with 132,000 yesterday. The spartacan figures apply tot he entire Rhineland.

LONDON, April 6.—A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph says that when the soviet republic was proclaimed in Bavaria, Herr Hoffman was in Berlin. He hurried back to Munich but arrived too late. The Bavarian troops, the dispatch adds, declared they would not move a finger for him.

"In a few days Bavaria will be in the throes of civil war," the correspondent continues, "as it is stated that the peasants of various districts are preparing to march on Munich."

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WATER TO INSURE DEVELOPMENT AT TALENT.

Legal Details for Certification of Bonds of Jackson County Project Completed.

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PARIS, April 6.—(Special Cable.)—The executive committee of the Berne International Labor congress, including Arthur Henderson and Ramsay Macdonald, representing England; MM. Renaudel and Longue, representing France, and M. Huysmans, for Belgium, had a lengthy conference recently with Lord Robert Cecil respecting the league of nations covenant.

They proposed three important amendments: First, that the covenant should make clear that the ultimate aim of the league is total disarmament; second, that countries having parliamentary institutions should have regard to the rights of minorities in naming delegates to the league council, and, third, that nationalities ruled by other nationalities should also have certain rights to representation before the league. This would include such nationalities as the Irish people.

The international labor executives expressed themselves as satisfied with Lord Roberts' attitude on these proposals, though he could only promise to bring before the committee on the covenant. The executive committee of the Berne international congress will meet in Amsterdam this month with the German representatives to submit a draft of the constitution of the new international which, as agreed upon, is to be brought forward for adoption by the whole international at another congress to be held in Switzerland next August.

Japan has made two reservations in accepting the league covenant. First, with respect to child labor, which Japan will not undertake to abolish, and second, the right to association, which Japan will not grant.

ORGAN RECITAL PLEASES

LACK OF ATTENDANCE IS DISAPPOINTMENT.

Lucien E. Becker and Mrs. Dudley Field Clarke Give Programme at Municipal Auditorium.

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LONDON, March 31.—(Special Cable.)—Fuller details of new developments in the Russia situation are telegraphed by Wilson Harris, special correspondent of the Daily News in Paris. He says that facts brought to the knowledge of the leading allied statesmen go to show Russia is economically in a desperate condition, and for this reason or others Lenine and Trotzky are ready to give the allies certain pledges, including, it is believed, the following:

No official encouragement of bolshevik propaganda in other countries, no future military aggression, and withdrawal of bolshevik armies from invaded districts.

If an agreement should be arrived at on these lines the allies might arrange for the relief of the starving population of Russia under stringent guarantees as to the distribution of the food. A distinguished neutral already has been sounded as to his willingness to take charge of this relief work. Whatever may be said of this new development, it does at least constitute a constructive policy in which the British and American representatives are working in the closest co-operation.

ROAD BOND ISSUE CARRIES

Sherman County Votes Solidly for Good Highways.

MORO, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Sherman county voters yesterday by an overwhelming majority authorized the issuance of bonds to the amount of $300,000 for the construction of 67 miles of hard surface highway. At 10 o'clock last night nine precincts out of 11 had given 884 votes in favor of the bonds and 18 votes against them. The remaining two precincts were expected to increase the majority for the bonds.

Hard surface highways will be constructed and work on the roads will be started as soon as possible now that the voters have decided in favor of the bond issue. One of the main arteries on which work has been authorized is the John Day highway.

SPEAKING TOUR DECLINED

Mayor Hanson Still Suffering From Attack of Neuritis.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—In a telegram to inquiring friends here Mayor Hanson replied by telegraph Saturday that he has declined all speaking engagements in the east. He said that he feels his first duty is as Mayor of Seattle and that he will devote his entire time until his term expires to this work as soon as he is able to return. His telegram also stated that he is suffering severely yet from neuritis and has benefited little by the change since being in California.

Mayor Hanson will leave Pasadena tomorrow for Riverside, where it is quieter.

SCHOOL PLAY IS SUCCESS

Sheridan Students Present "If I Only Had a Million."

SHERIDAN, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The Sheridan high school play, "If I Only Had a Million," presented Friday evening in the local opera house, was a success, the net proceeds exceeding $110. The money will be used to meet high school expenses.

The cast included 13 pupils and the costumes were varied and pleasing. Miss Olive A. Mark acted as director.

MORE BONDS TO BE SOLD

Umatilla County to Put $735,000 Worth on Market at Once.

PENDLETON, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—Because it has been discovered that the law under which Umatilla county operates with regard to the sale of bonds makes doubtful legality of retirement of general bonds during the first three years, the Umatilla county court has decided to sell April 20 $735,000 worth of its recently authorized million-dollar issue, instead of $210,000 as at first contemplated.

All bonds issued will mature after the third year. Later the county plans to issue warrants in lieu of the first three series. Contracts already made, or nearly made, it is announced, will take $525,000 of the $735,000 to be issued.

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OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 6.—(Special.)—The college has received eight men who were wounded in the service of the government, who were sent here by the federal board under the Smith-Sears rehabilitation act. They come from various sections of the country and are taking vocational work at the expense of the government. They are:

Lieutenant Horace D. McGirr, Boise, Idaho, commerce; William H. Hill, Eugene, farm mechanics; Benjamin H. Inman, Adams, farm mechanics; James J. Eaden, Seattle, Wash., poultry husbandry, market gardening; Homer R. Fleming, Joseph, general agriculture; B. J. Roberts, Albany, auto mechanics; Ralph S. Boyer, Philadelphia, Pa., farm mechanics; Loren Merkle, Detroit, Mich., horticulture.

ESTATE GOES TO SWEDEN

Last Chapter in Mysterious Suicide Case Closed.

BEND, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—One thousand and forty-one dollars, less attorney's and administrator's fees, representing the estate of Alex Gustafson, was sent to Mr. Gustafson's father in Sweden, officially closing a case of more than a year's standing in probate court.

Winding up of the estate revives interest in one of the most mysterious suicides in the history of Deschutes county. Gustafson's death, in January, 1918, was never explained, but it was believed that he killed himself after brooding over a faulty entry in the draft registration.

His father in Sweden was the only heir who could be located.

PUTER TRIAL DATE FIXED

Hearing of Land Fraud Cases to Begin June 10.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 6.—(Special.)—The trial of the Oregon & California land grant fraud cases against S. A. D. Puter and his sons, W. S. and Richard, and associates, will take place in the federal court in San Francisco commencing June 10. C. D. Lowe of the postoffice department has been in the county where the Puters operated to refresh evidence and testimony obtained here two years ago by H. H. Childers.

There are said to be 85 victims of the Puters' scheme in Coos county, but they escaped with losses of $25 each, while people in other parts of the country are said to have lost as high as $17,000. A number of local investors are expected to testify against the Puters.

BEND MEETING SCHEDULED

Livestock Authorities Will Meet on April 22 and 23.

BEND, March 6.—(Special.)—Recognized authorities in the livestock world from the northwest and from packing centers of the middle west will be in Bend, April 22 and 23, to address the members of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Raisers' association, it was announced here today.

It is expected that United States Senator John B. Kendrick, of Wyoming, president of the American Livestock association, and M. K. Parsons, of Salt Lake City, first vice-president of the same organization, will be present at the meeting and will each deliver an address.

HOME HEAD IS APPOINTED

Major George Thompson to Succeed E. C. Warner at Orting.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 6.—(Special.)—Major George W. Thompson of Tacoma, who served in both the German and Spanish-American wars, was yesterday appointed superintendent of the state soldiers' home at Orting, where he will succeed E. C. Warner.

Major Thompson served three years in the Philippines, was commissioned quartermaster-captain on enlisting for the German war, and became a major with assignment to Camp Chickamauga after being stationed in Oklahoma and Washington, D. C.

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CHINA WOULD SCRAP PACT

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Japan to special privileges because the Japanese expelled the Germans from Shantung contrasts oddly with the failure of the Americans to claim the railways and mines of France, when the Germans were expelled from Alsace and Lorraine by the co-operation of the American army. It says that the American army of 2,000,000 lost more than 60 times the number of lives that Japan claims she lost at Tsing Tao. The statement also comments on the fact that England is not asking Belgium for a single concession, although Flanders "is one vast cemetery where English soldiers are buried."

Improved modern news distribution in China, the statement continues, keeps the Chinese fully advised of daily happenings throughout the world and "an irredentism is already raising its head, not only in Corea, but throughout Manchuria and Shantung as well, foreign issues occupying almost exclusive attention to the detriment of domestic advancement."

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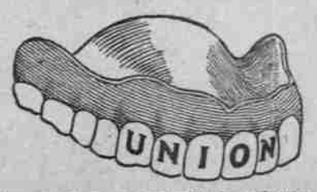

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