

REVOLT FAILS; KAPP TO QUIT

Return of Ebert to Berlin Expected

RIVAL LEADERS AGREE

Plan for Formation of New Ministry Is Renounced by Invader.

STRIKE IS DECISIVE FACTOR

Mobs Clash With Soldiers of New Regime in Berlin. Railways Tied Up.

(By the Associated Press.)
BERLIN, March 15.—The counter-revolution in Germany tonight appeared to have reached the end of the road. There was a strong probability that one government shortly would be in control and that President Ebert would come back to Berlin with his ministers.

A basis of agreement between the government set up by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp as chancellor and that of President Ebert was enunciated in a declaration issued by the present Berlin government today. The announcement was made that negotiations toward a settlement had been opened between the two governments at the instance of President Ebert and his associates. There was, however, no direct confirmation of this from Ebert, who is understood to be at Stuttgart.

Chancellor Kapp is agreeable to continuance of the "present imperial president," who is Frederick Ebert; he renounces formation of a new ministry and places direction of affairs in the hands of the under-secretaries of state.

Cabinet of Experts Provided.

The agreement as set forth by Chancellor Kapp provided for a cabinet which shall include professional ministers, or experts; elections within two months for members of the reichstag and the Prussian national assembly and subsequently an election for "imperial president" by the people—until which time Ebert shall hold office.

One significant clause in the pronouncement said: "The new and old governments shall issue a joint proclamation that under present conditions a general strike is a crime against the German people."

Herein lies the explanation of the proposed settlement, for the general strike has proved an effective weapon. Germany already has felt its sinister effect, for the strike in Berlin and many other principal cities cut off supplies, transportation, light and heat.

Labor Answers Ebert's Call.

It was President Ebert and his ministers who called on the socialists, the workmen and all the people to declare a general strike, and there was an instant response. Labor fiercely resisted usurpation of the reactionary government. Vast numbers of men left their work and serious disorder occurred.

Chancellor Kapp and his supporters announced they would deal harshly with strikes or passive resistance to the existing order in Berlin. One leader of the counter-revolution said:

"We won't knuckle down to the socialists and workmen, who think they can run the country."

Anarchy Faced on Other Hand.

Notwithstanding the government's threat, it has been evident that neither Dr. Kapp nor Major-General von Luettwitz was willing to put their warnings to test. Bloodshed would have been inevitable, plunging the country possibly into a state of anarchy and giving communists the opportunity they had awaited to foist soviet doctrines on Germany.

This state of affairs was recognized in all its seriousness also by the Ebert government. Therefore, hope tonight was entertained that an agreement would be reached and that Berlin streets would soon be cleared of wire entanglements, machine guns and armed troops.

Although this counter-revolution been orderly, it has not passed unscathed.

WILSON'S WAVERING DESPAIR OF LANSING

POLICY IN MEXICO SAID TO CAUSE RESIGNATION.

Ex-Ambassador Says President Repudiates Effort to Take Some Stand to Prevent Insults.

CHICAGO, March 15.—President Wilson's policy in Mexico is responsible for "anarchy which has existed in Mexico for years," and was the direct cause of the resignation of Robert Lansing as secretary of state, Henry Lane Wilson, ex-ambassador to Mexico, declared in an address before the Agate club here today.

"It is an error ever to suppose that Mexicans have struggled for liberty," he added. "Mexicans interpret liberty as license and consequently the struggle has always been for loot. Mexico has never had what we call a political election. Every government has been shot into and out of power. No European government recognized Carranza and for that reason they have been able to maintain their dignity in Mexico and command respect from the Mexican government. Mexicans, however, laugh at the United States. They have insulted President Wilson and they continue to insult him, because they can do so with impunity."

Secretary Lansing tried repeatedly to change the president's policy, Mr. Wilson added, but failed.

"A short while ago, while Mr. Fletcher was still ambassador to Mexico, there was a conference between Mr. Lansing and Mr. Henry P. Fletcher," he said. "They introduced, as a result of this conference, a motion in the senate to break off relations with Mexico. The attempt failed by reason of interference from President Wilson. Lansing's resignation was one of despair at trying to follow a consistent policy in Mexico."

MYERS HEARING DEFERRED

Committee Will Not Touch Matter Until Successor Named.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, March 15.—Frank S. Myers, former Portland postmaster, summarily removed from office, will not be given a hearing on his removal by the senate committee on postoffices and post roads until the name of his successor has been received from the White House, which probably means a delay of many months.

The postoffice department declined again today to reveal the charges against Myers or the contents of the report of the inspectors on which the removal action was based. To Senator McNary, who made the request at the instance of Mr. Myers, the department officials said they must follow an established policy in refusing to give out any part of the inspector's report.

The reason for such a policy, it was explained, was that the former postmaster might use the information he gained in harassing the persons who gave testimony against him.

PROFITEERS ARE RAIDED

Army Goods Taken From Dealers Who Make Excessive Profit.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Hundreds of dollars' worth of canned tomatoes and peas, bought from the army and offered for sale at a profit, were confiscated today in a raid on grocery stores here today by an armed squad led by Captain J. Peterson, who is in charge of a retail store conducted by the army.

The goods were sold by the army store, he said, on condition that they were for consumers' use only, and were seized because dealers had been profiteering in them.

DANISH GIRLS WANT JOBS

Servants Are Available, Says Immigration Commissioner.

NEW YORK, March 15.—The shortage of domestic servants can be solved in part by importation of hundreds of trained girls now out of work in Denmark, Byron Uhl, acting immigration commissioner, was informed today by C. E. Lexow, commissioner of records here.

Mr. Lexow made this statement after he had received information that it was not a violation of the alien contract labor law to hire girls abroad and bring them to this country.

NEW SECRETARY SWORN IN

John Barton Payne Becomes Head of Interior Department.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—John Barton Payne retired today as chairman of the shipping board and was sworn in as secretary of the interior, succeeding Franklin K. Lane, who retired March 1. Mr. Payne was replaced on the shipping board by Rear-Admiral William S. Benson, retired.

Admiral Benson was appointed only as a member of the board, but it is expected that he will be elected chairman.

DERISIVE CARDS MAILED

Bergdoll Charged With Writing to Draft Board While Deserter.

NEW YORK, March 15.—Testimony that derisive postcards received by a Philadelphia draft board were written by Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was given at his court-martial for desertion today by David Carvalho, a handwriting expert.

The cards were mailed in the summer of 1918 while Bergdoll was a fugitive. One addressed to John P. Dwyer, a member of the board, read: "You have made a mess of things."

SENATE REAFFIRMS STAND ON TREATY

Gulf Between Wilson and Lawmakers Widens.

NEW RESERVATION ADOPTED

Another Deadlock Now Counted All But Certain.

SOME DEMOCRATS SWITCH

Vote Shows Two-Thirds Majority for Article 10 Provision, but Ratification Held Unlikely.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—The senate today, by a vote of more than two to one, adopted the new article 10 reservation framed by the republican leaders, thereby reaffirming its disagreement with President Wilson on the dominating issue of the peace treaty controversy.

Its action ended, at least for the present, the efforts for a compromise that would insure ratification, and the senate's decision was accepted generally as hastening the treaty toward another deadlock, from which it could be released only by a verdict at the polls next November.

Fourteen democrats voted with the united republican membership for the reservation, but this defection from administration ranks fell far short of the number required to ratify.

Others May Swing Over.

It was conceded that others probably would swing over on the ratification rollcall, but administration leaders, backed by a definite assurance that the new reservation was unacceptable to the president, evidenced no apprehension that their forces would dwindle beyond the danger point.

The vote, 56 to 26, showed on its face a two-thirds majority for the reservation, but it by no means indicated that two-thirds would vote for ratification on that basis. Included in the majority were irreconcilables, holding about a score of votes which on the ratification rollcall are expected to be cast against the treaty.

Effects to Modify Fall.

The reservation, adopted after many efforts to modify it had been defeated by the united republican majority, follows in general form the one adopted last November. It says: "The United States assumes no obligation to preserve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country by employment of its military or naval forces, its resources, or any form of economic discrimination, or to interfere in any way in controversies between nations, including all controversies relating to territorial integrity or political independence, whether members of the league or not, under the provisions of article 19, or to employ the military"

MANDATES ARE GIVEN OUT

German Islands North of Equator Formally Awarded to Japan.

LONDON, March 15.—Premier Lloyd George today in the house of commons announced that the following mandates had been allocated: German East Africa to Great Britain and Belgium; German Southwest Africa to the Union of South Africa; German possessions in the Pacific Ocean south of the equator, other than Samoa, to Australia; Samoa to New Zealand, and the German islands north of the equator to Japan.

SPECIAL SESSION DENIED

Connecticut Governor Turns Down Assembly to Act on Suffrage.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 15.—Governor Holcomb tonight formally refused to call a special session of the Connecticut general assembly. The session was sought to act on the woman suffrage amendment.

POLK OUT, CAUSING EMBARGO ON TRAVEL

UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE RESUMES OWN OFFICE.

Headless Department Prevents Issuance of Passports Pending Designation of Secretary.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—A virtual embargo on foreign travel by American citizens was in effect today during which under-Secretary Polk acted as secretary of state ad interim. No passports were issued today, and while no official announcement was made, it was indicated that none would be issued until the senate had acted on the nomination of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state.

Administration officials held that the department technically was without a head and that as passports must be signed by the secretary or acting secretary, none could be issued. From 600 to 800 passports have been issued daily the past few weeks. Officials said, about 60 per cent for Europe and 20 per cent for Cuba. Administration officials did not agree with members of the senate foreign relations committee that Under the Overman act President Wilson had authority to designate some government official as acting head of the state department.

WIFE PROVES TOO LIGHT

Couple on Ends of Ladder on Window Sill Get Fall.

LOS ANGELES, March 15.—C. E. Grapewin wanted to affix a clothesline to a building across an alley today, so he ran a ladder out of a window, called his wife to stand on the inner end and walked out to affix a hook.

He walked a little too far; his weight overbalanced that of Mrs. Grapewin; her end of the ladder tipped and she fell with it and both of them hit the alley pavement. She and Mr. Grapewin were taken to the emergency hospital where minor injuries were dressed.

TURKS ON PEACE BODY

Ex-Army Chiefs Named to Serve on World Congress.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 15.—Appointment of Turkish peace delegates was announced today. The delegation will be headed by Tewfik Pasha, former foreign minister, and will be made up as follows: Izzet Pasha, former minister of war; Rifat Pasha, former minister of foreign affairs; Hafa Bey, present minister of foreign affairs; Nahi Bey, Ali Memet Bey, Ahmed Ri Bey, former president of the Turkish parliament; Torgut Pasha, former commander in chief of Turkish forces along the Dardanelles and the Bosphorus, and General Hveken. Torgut Pasha will act as military adviser.

LABOR 'JURY' ACQUITS I. W. W. AT MONTESANO

CENTRALIA KILLINGS DEEMED JUST BY UNOFFICIAL BODY.

State's Trial Unanimously Held to Have Been Unfair to Defendants.

TACOMA, Wash., March 15.—A verdict of "not guilty" was rendered here at 10:30 o'clock tonight by the labor "jury" appointed to attend the trial at Montesano, Wash., of the 10 men accused of the murder of Warren O. Grimm during an armistice-day parade at Centralia, Wash. Seven of the men had been found guilty of murder in the second degree, two were acquitted and one adjudged insane by the official jury last Saturday night.

The official statement of the findings issued tonight declares that the labor verdict was unanimous. It further declares that the I. W. W. hall was unlawfully raided at Centralia and that the 10 defendants had the right to defend the hall. The verdict also scores the calling of federal troops to Montesano during the trial.

LESS PAY IS DEMANDED

Railroad Workers in Russia Also Ask Reduction in Prices.

WARSAW, March 15.—The brotherhood of railroad workers of the district of Lublin has sent a memorandum to the Polish diet asking for less pay. Three points were emphasized in the memorial: First, a demand for vigorous action to reduce the cost of living; second, that the death penalty be inflicted on profiteers—both of which demands are common—and, third, the demand for less pay.

The railroad workers asked the diet to take the question of prices firmly in hand, to fix maximum prices and to reduce wages to conform to the prices, and for the increasing and strengthening the buying power of money. The railroad men insisted it is useless to raise wages when the price of living jumps five times as fast.

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NORTH DAKOTA VOTES TODAY

Name of Johnson Alone Appears on Primary Ballot.

BISMARCK, N. D., March 15.—North Dakota voters will cast their ballots in presidential preference primaries tomorrow and, while Senator Hiram Johnson of California appears alone on the ballot as a candidate, campaign managers of other republican candidates have announced they are confident that the delegation will go to the Chicago convention uninstructed.

Democrats offered the name of William J. Bryan as their nominee, but he withdrew and thus made sure that the democratic delegation will be uninstructed.

Major-General Leonard Wood and Governor Frank O. Lowden of Illinois refrained from filing after one of the four meetings held by republicans had voted that delegates to the national convention should go uninstructed. Two other meetings of republicans endorsed Senator Johnson.

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ABDULLO KING OF IRAK

LONDON, March 15.—Simultaneously with the proclamation of Prince Feisal as king of Syria, Abdullo was proclaimed king of Iraq (vilayet of Bagdad) and including the city of Bagdad) and of Mesopotamia, says a Cairo dispatch to the Times.

BIG STILL FOUND BY REVENUE OFFICERS

FARMER IN LANE COUNTY FOOTHILLS ARRESTED.

Complete Liquor Making Outfit and Quantity of Mash Discovered in Cellar Under Barn.

EUGENE, Or., March 15.—(Special.)—Elvin Witham, a farmer living in the foothills nine miles west of Junction City, was arrested by revenue officers and Deputy Sheriff George Croter today after the officers, it is said, had discovered a complete moonshine still of large capacity and about 150 gallons of rye mash ready to be put through the moonshining process.

Witham is said to have excavated a large cellar beneath his barn and had installed his plant in it and had arranged an entrance to the cellar through a trapdoor in the manger. It was only by chance that the officers discovered the door.

Witham was brought to Eugene and arraigned before United States Commissioner E. O. Immel. He waived examination, and was placed under bonds in the sum of \$100, two of his neighbors furnishing bail.

The officers also raided the premises of another farmer in that locality and reported finding a large quantity of rye mash, which they suspect were purchased for the purpose of making liquor.

At a third place visited the officers discovered several empty barrels and bottles which they declared bore the unmistakable odor of mash and finished liquor.

JOHN D. JR. QUILTS BOARD

Colorado Fuel & Iron Company Responsibilities Shifted.

DENVER, March 15.—John D. Rockefeller Jr. retired as a member of the board of directors of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company here today when the annual stockholders' meeting chose John C. Mitchell, a Denver banker, to succeed him on the board. Mr. Rockefeller had served on the board for 17 years.

An official of the company said it was understood that Mr. Rockefeller had retired in line with his general desire to be relieved of responsibilities connected with board membership.

"BIG FIVE" DECREE "JOKE"

Dissolution of Packers Doubtful, Says Kansas Representative.

WASHINGTON, March 15.—Arguments as to the validity and merits of the recent dissolution decree agreed upon by Attorney-General Palmer and the "big five" packers occupied most of today's hearings before the house agriculture committee on legislation for regulating the packing industry.

Representative Tincher, republican, Kansas, said he regarded the decree as a "joke" and referring to other anti-trust proceedings against the packers, said "they have been dissolved so many times we'd like to see how they get around this one."

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SCARLET LETTER BANE OF RED CHIEF

Oster Boasts of Fooling U. S. Agents.

NOTE REFUTES TESTIMONY

Communist Secretary Admits "Whitewashing."

VEILED THREAT IS MADE

Mass Action Tenets of Portland Radicals Evokes Settled Explanation From Leaders on Trial.

"In all I killed about two hours of their precious time, whitewashing 'mass action' as well as our whole platform and programme. When we were through I had given to our platform and programme an appearance very kind of an ordinary issue of the 'Youth' Companion."

Written in scarlet ink in a letter to A. Wagenknecht of New York, national executive secretary of the communist labor party, the foregoing assertions by Karl W. Oster, the foreign secretary, stood blanketed refutation of much of his testimony, during an entire day on the witness stand yesterday, in which he deprecated all phases of the platform and programme of the communist labor party, which appeared to advocate violent overthrow of government, saying that it always had been his idea that change should come through the ballot.

The letter, held in reserve during the four days required by the state in presenting its case against Oster, Fred W. Fry and Claude Hurst, labor communists indicted under the criminal syndicalism act, was sprung at the conclusion of the cross-examination of Oster yesterday afternoon by District Attorney Evans, after the witness had fallen into a neat trap and said he never felt the necessity of whitewashing any portion of his party's programme.

Letter Discovers Oster.

"Oh, I know that letter," smiled Oster, when Evans pulled it from his pocket, when reading it to the jury. The grin was wiped from his face when he examined the document. "No, that isn't the letter I thought it was," he admitted, lamely.

The communication was written Wagenknecht the night of Oster's arrest, December 10, 1919, on letter-heads of the communist labor party of Oregon, 15 1/2 Second street.

"A couple of Fed 'dicks came into the headquarters today and demanded the state office records and me," he wrote. "Knowing that there was nothing in the records of serious nature, nor of propaganda value, I began 'propagating' them. Oh, I had a hell of a time with these 'dubs' in the Federal building. . . . In all I killed about two hours of their precious time, whitewashing 'mass action' as well as our whole platform and programme. . . ."

"That's all," said Evans, concluding his cross-examination with the reading of the letter to the jury. It was the first time during a day spent chiefly in grilling Oster that the suave exponent of the new order and things bolshevik lost his composure. When his attorney, W. S. U'ren, asked him to explain what he meant by the letter, he hesitated.

Lame Explanation Offered.

"Well, I tell you," he evaded, "this letter is no deviation from the general line of language I have been using in this trial. It is one way of my writing. I may not approve of it now, as it now stands. As to 'whitewashing,' I did considerable explaining—you might call it 'whitewashing'."

Throughout his testimony Oster continually stressed the assertion that the communist labor party meant majority rule where the platform spoke of workers going from their factories, etc., and by "mass action" changing the form of government, that the assertion in the party programme that the ballot box was a secondary remedy meant simply that education should go first and voting second.

A red necktie, which far outshone that which has flamed from Oster's shirt-front during the entire progress of the trial, surmounted Oster's head, and he wore the woman vest, yesterday.