

BAVARIAN CITIZENS HANDING OVER ARMS

Machine Guns and Cannon on
Way to Amberg.

RIFLES ARE HARD TO GET

Disarmament Commissioner Says
Highlanders Would Fight If
He Went Too Far.

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MUNICH, June 7.—(Special Cable.)—Bavaria is disarming. It is coming hard, but the Einwehnenwehr (citizens' armed guard) are giving up their guns one by one, and the third important condition of the allied ultimatum is in course of fulfillment. Today motor trucks are running through-out Bavaria in every direction, collecting from the Einwehnenwehr 2750 machine guns, 48 field pieces and 34 other pieces of heavy artillery. The trucks are trundling toward Amberg, where the guns will be destroyed. This must be done by June 30, and Disarmament Commissioner Nordt says the fulfillment of this condition is certain.

To get 220,000 rifles is another story. Said Commissioner Nordt today: "I can lay my hands on cannon and machine guns; that is easy. But half the rifles are in the highlands of Bavaria, and I have to talk sweetly to the highlanders to induce them to give them up. Try to imagine what it would be like to get your Kentucky mountaineer, or your western cowboys, to give up their arms to be melted. It could be done only by making them realize it was a national necessity, and by letting them do it themselves."

Arms Handed Over.
"If I went into the highlands and tried to force the men there to give up their rifles they would shoot me. But they understand they must disarm, so, gradually, they are handing over their arms, but very reluctantly. Some will never deliver their rifles, others will destroy them. You can realize what a struggle it is for the proud mountaineers."

Disbanding Is Doubtful.
It is equally hard for the Bavarians to give up the Einwehnenwehr organization, and the Orghesch (abbreviation for organization escherich), which has maintained international peace in Bavaria since they put out communism, and regardless of the ultimatum, they will not disband. Hopewell, they have cancelled the lease on the Ring hotel in Munich, their headquarters, and their organization as such ends. The Orghesch is no longer even a possible menace as the nucleus for a new German military machine, but every town and every farm is busy buying arms to replace those that have been given up. Most of these arms are coming from across the line.

MAYOR STIRS COMMENT

ADVOCACY OF COMMISSION
RULE ROUSES SEATTLE.

Councilmen Guarded in Opinion
Regarding Charter Revision
Recommended in Message.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 7.—(Special.)—Seattle may have a chance to vote on adopting the commission form of government, advocated by Mayor Caldwell in his annual message to the city council yesterday, although a number of councilmen were not in sympathy with a change. Councilman Fitzgerald, without committing himself flatly in favor of the change, indicated he would be satisfied with such a charter revision, and added:

"I have sent to Portland for a copy of its charter and will have an ordinance drawn for such a charter amendment as soon as the copy arrives. Experience of other cities with the commission form has not been altogether successful, but the mayor's recommendation is worth considering."

Councilman Drake, declaring tests in the east showed the fallacy of such a municipal government, said he was opposed to such a change. President Hesketh of the council, acting mayor in Mayor Caldwell's absence, said he was not prepared to make a statement on the mayor's proposal.

Councilman Tindall said he wanted to study more thoroughly the history of the commission government in other cities before passing judgment on the plan.

Some of the councilmen saw the possibility under the commission plan that control of the city's vast utility business would fall into the hands of men unsympathetic to municipal ownership and that a small commission would be easier to control against the wishes of people than a council of nine members, with the board of public works handling expenditures.

PADDING BILLS CHARGED

EX-WIFE OF EX-SHERIFF IS
HELD IN LARCENY CHARGE.

Matron of Jail Declared to Have
Overcharged County for Several
Months on Food.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 7.—(Special.)—Mrs. Frances Blessecker, matron at the county jail until last Saturday, and wife of a former sheriff, was arrested today on a charge of grand larceny. She was released upon \$500 bail. It was charged that Mrs. Blessecker, who is the ex-wife of a former sheriff of the county, would pad the bills for feeding the city and county prisoners. For the month of April, it was charged, she collected \$414.99 more than was proper. For the month of December, under the administration of George M. Johnson, she is alleged to have collected \$371.

AMERICA PROPOSES PACT WITH MEXICO

Treaty Contingent on Safe-
guard of U. S. Rights.

RECOGNITION TO RESULT

Announcement of Harding Admin-
istration's Attitude Made After
Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7.—The American government has proposed a treaty of amity and commerce with Mexico, it was announced today at the state department, in which Mexico will agree to safeguard the rights of property in that country held by American citizens which attached before the constitution of 1917 was promulgated. The signing of the treaty automatically would accomplish recognition of the Mexican government.

Announcement of the administration's policy toward the southern republic was made after the cabinet meeting. President Harding and his advisers had before them a communication from the Mexican president by George T. Sumner, American charge at Mexico City on May 27.

Obregon's Reply Withheld.
The text of Obregon's reply has been withheld. It is understood, however, that Obregon referred to the negotiations proceeding with Mr. Sumner, and indicated a willingness to carry them forward. It is known that he has summoned Ministers Calles and De La Huerta, who are reported to have counseled against the signing of such a treaty at a Mexican cabinet conference.

Secretary Hughes' announcement contained no reference to the attitude assumed by President Obregon, but it did say that if Mexico did not contemplate a confiscatory policy with regard to the property of American government could "conceive of no possible objection to the treaty."

It was stated that the proposed treaty contained "the conventional stipulations as to commerce and reciprocal rights in both countries," that it provided for the conclusion of a convention for the settlement of claims for losses of life and property, and also a provision for a "just settlement of boundary matters."

The following statement was issued: "The fundamental question which confronts the United States in considering its relations with Mexico is the safeguarding of property rights against confiscation. Mexico is free to adopt any policy she pleases with respect to her public lands, but she is not free to destroy without compensation valid titles which have been obtained by American citizens under Mexican laws. A confiscatory policy strikes not only at the interests of particular individuals, but at the foundation of international intercourse, for it is only on the basis of the security of property rights that the United States is able to enter into commercial transactions with the peoples of two countries and the mutual obligation in helpful co-operation are possible."

"This question should not be confused with any matter of personal animosity or the recognition of any particular administration. Whenever Mexico is ready to give assurances that she will protect the rights of American citizens in the protection both of persons and of rights of property validly acquired there will be no obstacles to the most advantageous relations between the two peoples."

"This question is vital because of the provisions inserted in the Mexican constitution promulgated in 1917. If these provisions are to be put into effect retroactively, property of American citizens will be confiscated on a great scale. This would constitute an international wrong of the gravest character, and this government could not submit to its accomplishment. If it be said that this wrong is not intended, and that the constitution of Mexico of 1917 will not be construed to permit, or enforced so as to effect confiscation, then it is important that this should be made clear by guarantees in proper form, the provisions of the constitution and the executive decrees which have been formulated with confiscatory purposes, make obviously necessary that the purposes of Mexico should be definitely set forth."

"Accordingly, this government has proposed a treaty of amity and commerce with Mexico in which Mexico will agree to safeguard the rights of property which attached before the constitution of 1917 was promulgated. The question, it will be observed, is not one of a particular administration, but of the agreement of the nation in proper form, which has become necessary as an international matter because of the provisions of its domestic legislation. If Mexico does not contemplate a confiscatory policy, the government of

the United States can conceive of no possible objection to the treaty."

"The proposed treaty also contains the conventional stipulations as to commerce and reciprocal rights in both countries. It also provides for the settlement of claims for losses of life and property which of course means prompt establishment of a suitable claims commission in which both countries would be represented. In order to effect a just settlement there is also a provision for a just settlement of boundary matters."

"The question of recognition is a subordinate one, but there will be no difficulty as to this, for if General Obregon is ready to negotiate a proper treaty it is drawn so as to be negotiated with him, and the making of the treaty in proper form will accomplish recognition of the government that makes it. In short, when it appears that there is a government in Mexico willing to bind itself to the discharge of primary international obligations, concurrently with that act its recognition will take place. This government desires immediate and cordial relations of mutual helpfulness and simply wishes that the basis of international intercourse should be properly maintained."

Accordingly, on May 27, Mr. Sumner, American charge at Mexico City, presented to General Obregon a proposed treaty covering matters to which reference has been made. The matter is now in course of negotiations and it is to be hoped that when the matter is put to a vote it will be fully appreciated the obstacles which have stood in the way of a satisfactory settlement will disappear."

COMMISSIONERS HOLD CONVENTION IN CITY.

Charles H. Cheney Outlines Plan
for Developing Parks and
Boulevards in Portland.

The importance of a system of parks in laying out and developing a city was emphasized by Charles H. Cheney, consultant of the city planning commission, who spoke at the opening session of the third annual convention of the International Association of Park Commissioners of the Pacific Coast at the Multnomah hotel yesterday.

Mr. Cheney outlined a programme for the development of a system of parks and boulevards. He also urged the importance of having park boards composed of representative citizens who would oversee the development of parks and playgrounds.

Co-operation between the city park commissioners and the school board was urged by W. F. Woodward, school director. E. T. Mische, landscape architect, urged the importance of street trees in the programme of developing a city beautiful. The address of welcome was made by Acting Mayor Bigelow.

About 20 delegates from Pacific coast and Canadian cities were present at the opening sessions. Delegates included Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Biedenbeck and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gregg of Berkeley, Cal.; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hill and Fred Motter of Los Angeles; Mr. and Mrs. A. C. J. Weeks, J. Rogers and Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Wootton of Vancouver, B. C.; John Gibson and Bessie Fitzmaurice of Bellingham, Wash.; E. P. Morley of Aberdeen; Mrs. Frank A. Steele and J. W. Thompson of Seattle; C. V. Piper, agriculturalist, of Portland, and Dr. D. C. George Rae, Paul E. Doty, Zed E. Davis, L. M. Tilden, E. T. Mische and W. F. Woodward of Portland.

The delegates at the convention motored out the Columbia river highway yesterday afternoon and had lunch at Chautauque Inn. The programme for today includes attendance at the rose and flower show and the crowning of Queen Dorothy at Lathrop park. A tour of Portland parks will be made in the afternoon and an assembly at the floral center will be held at night.

ORDER ELECTS OFFICERS
Neighbors of Woodcraft to Admit
Mrs. Van Orsdall to Home.

SPOKANE, Wash., June 7.—A resolution providing that Mrs. C. C. Van Orsdall of Portland, Or., grand guardian of the order of Neighbors of Woodcraft, be admitted to the Neighbors of Woodcraft home in California to recover her health was passed at today's session here of district No. 7 of the order.

Mrs. Lucy Mason of Spokane was elected grand guardian of this district at today's meeting. Mrs. Josephine Smith of Yakima was named district magician.

BOY FALLS FROM SWING
Son of Dr. and Mrs. Morris Hurt
About Head and Body.

OREGON CITY, Or., June 7.—(Special.)—Bobby, 8-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. L. A. Morris, suffered bruises in an accident which occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Good, fellow in Portland, while Dr. and Mrs. Morris and their son were visiting.

The child was in a swing and fell while about 25 feet from the ground. He struck on the back and head, inflicting several bad cuts on the head and rendering him unconscious.

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