

PRE-ELECTION MUD THROWN IN GERMANY

Press Abuses Political Foes;
People Are Apathetic.

CAMPAIGN IS FIERCE

Professional Politicians Are Only
Ones Really Aroused—Use of
"Reptile Fund" Charged.

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BERLIN, May 29.—(Special cable.)—There is not a single decent citizen or honest German in all Germany, according to the unanimous verdict of the Teuton press. Fools, imbeciles, weaklings, murderers, hypocrites, cowards, traitors, grafters, intrigues, liars, scoundrels, are some of the milder epithets freely hurled by Germans at fellow Germans in any paper you choose to pick up.

This unexpectedly frank outburst is an incident in the fierce campaign in German political history, and the present whirlwind finish being fought out with unrelenting abuse and bitterness will terminate with the reichstag elections June 6. Curiously enough, the fierce political struggle is all rhetorical, mostly all newspaper polemic. Only the professional politicians are aroused, and the keenly interested sovereign people betray the chronic Teuton apathy toward practical politics and the fate of the nation, despite the fact that sensational revelations for partisan purposes are daily features in the press.

"Reptile Fund" Is Charged.

Thus nationalistic papers reveal the fact that the present government has a "reptile fund," while a former official of the German national party who succeeded to the German people's party has revealed that the old guard Pan-Germans, who have been financing dirty anti-Semitic propaganda.

The principal election novelty is that the voter who is obliged to be away from home on June 6 can cast a ballot anywhere in Germany by applying to his local election board for a Reichsleiter card, employable much like a traveler's bread card. Another novelty is that members of the army are forbidden to wear political emblems. This is particularly designed to obviate the flaunting of the swastika cross, a notorious nationalistic anti-Semitic emblem.

Another big campaign feature is the threat of civil war as a political argument. The coalition parties are propagandizing the slogan, "If the coalition falls, civil war is sure," while both the reactionaries and the radicals are telling the people "A vote for us is a vote against civil war."

Professional politicians of all parties have suddenly discovered a warm heart for Germany's women voters and are fervently wooing the hausfrau vote and rhetorically appealing to the maternal instinct to save the country. Second only to the women, the housewife's vote is being most sought.

The darkest reactionaries have discovered the warmest sympathy for the workingman and beg for his cooperation as an equal and the peer of the Junkers, the agrarians, and the capitalists of industry.

The principal issues of the German national party are open ultra-reaction for a monarchy, and violent anti-socialism. The German party, the successor to the old national liberals, is mildly reactionary for a strong nationalism, against socialism, radicalism, and mildly anti-Semitic, not openly for a monarchy, but strongly for the economic interest of the middle classes.

Democrats for Coalition.

The democratic party stands for the continuance of the present coalition, but strongly champions the capitalist interests, is strongly against the heavy Prussian taxes and against socialist experiments. The center party, as usual, is for moderation, for a coalition making a front equally against reaction and socialism, but showing a tendency to swing toward the right and oppose even mild socialism.

The social democrats, the so-called majority socialists, are for the continuance of the coalition until such time as the socialists obtain a clear out majority in Germany. The independent socialists are strong for knocking out capitalism, immediately introducing drastic socialism.

The communist party, the so-called splinter party, is for a soviet republic, the dictatorship of the proletariat by violence if necessary. The extremist left communist workers' party champions national bolshevism and violence only.

KANGAROOS IN OAHU HILLS

Animals Flee Private Menagerie and Multiply.

HONOLULU, T. H., May 29.—(Special.)—There are kangaroos in the hills of Oahu. That is, the animals are a species of kangaroos known as wallabies. A local business man, R. H. Trent, whose hobby is a small menagerie, had two wallabies in his pen some years ago when a netting was broken by youngsters.

The wallabies escaped, and now there are at least five wallabies in the foothills. Their appearance is reported by a resident in one of the valleys above Honolulu.

DEBS TO GET HONOR

Socialist Presidential Nomination to Come to Prison.

ATLANTA, Ga., May 29.—In a small room at the Atlanta federal prison and under the watchful eyes of a guard, Eugene V. Debs, serving a ten-year term for violation of the espionage act, will be formally notified that the socialist party has nominated him for president.

Warden Zerbst stated the notification committee which left New York Friday would be glad to communicate with the prisoner.

PLANES FLAMING COMETS

Test of Fireproofing Material Declared to Be Success.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 29.—(Special.)—Aviators Kerwood and Campbell yesterday gave delegates attending the third Pan-American aeronautics congress a thrill when

they turned themselves and their airplane into a flaming comet, to test out a new "dope" for fireproofing airplanes. A committee representing the Aero Club of America pronounced the daring stunt a success.

The flyers donned special hooded suits painted with the "dope" and mechanics sprayed them with gasoline. The climbed aboard and then the airplane, similarly dressed was touched off with matches at the same time that flame was applied to the aviators. The plane was then quickly sent into the air and for five minutes anxious spectators watched the blazing ship shooting like a star until the flames burned themselves out.

When the descent was made neither the aviators nor the machine had sustained any damage, though coated with soot.

WOMAN SHOOTS PEEPER

MIRROR REFLECTS FACE OF
COOK IN TRANSOM.

Orders to Leave Are Answered
Only by Broad Grins Until
Threats Are Made Good.

ELIZABETH N. J., May 29.—(Special.)—Clad in negligee and preparing to dress for the day, Mrs. A. William Mitchell, tall and graceful and 20 years old, stepped over to the mirror in her room at the Burly hotel. Gazing toward the glass she saw the reflection of a man's face, peering through the transom. She ordered the "Peeping Tom" to get down. And he did a moment later.

As Mrs. Mitchell was dressing her hair she again saw the face. Picking her husband's revolver out of a bureau drawer, she ordered the "peeper" to disappear, threatening to shoot him if he disobeyed her. A broad grin was the only answer. Mrs. Mitchell reiterated her command and a smile followed as he made careful observation.

His failure to follow another order spelled doom for Mrs. Mitchell. Made good her threat. She fired and the "peeper" toppled off a barrel on which he had been standing. Others in the hotel ran to the scene and picked up Bruno Booth, 25 years old, a cook at the hotel. He was bleeding from the head and the bullet had entered itself in the ceiling. Removed to the general hospital Booth was found to be suffering from a scalp wound, the missile having just grazed his head.

Mrs. Mitchell told her story to the police and following a charge against her of assault and battery was released until June 7. She swore a complaint against Booth, charging disorderly conduct. Booth is a prisoner patient in the hospital.

The police say Mrs. Mitchell feared that Booth would break into the room and that she had warned him several times. Mrs. Mitchell came here from Reading, Pa., with her husband, who is employed by the Central Railroad of New Jersey.

Highway Extension Ordered.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—Active work on the extension of the North Bank highway, east of Underwood, will be under way tomorrow, according to word received from the state highway department. The highway commission has ordered notice for bids published.

Bids to be opened August 2, for the construction of a road from the east end of the highway bridge, now under construction at the mouth of the White Salmon river, running north to connect with the county road leading to the present White Salmon-Trout lake road.

POLITICS GLOWING IN NORTH DAKOTA

Old Line Parties Joining to
Fight Non-Partisans.

CAMPAIGN GETTING WARM

League District Gatherings All
Over State Trying to Keep
Members in Line.

BY JAY THOMAS.

FARGO, N. D., May 29.—(Special.)—North Dakota, from one end to the other, is a seething mass of political activity, and to outward appearances at least, the most of this activity is designed to wrest control of the state from the Non-partisan league.

The republican and democratic leaders of North Dakota have perfected a working agreement on state political issues and will go down the line together for the purpose of defeating every candidate who enters the field with the Non-partisan league endorsement. In fact, they are demanding a straight repudiation of the league and its principles from all candidates who seek party support in the republican or democratic organization.

The state primary election will be held Jan. 29 and the first fight will be centered on the selection of republican nominees, as the league will endeavor to name its candidates on the republican ballot.

Governor Leading in Fight.

Lynn J. Frazier, the Non-partisan league governor of the state, and all the other state officials were elected on the republican ticket, and Frazier will again lead the fight for the league as a candidate for the republican nomination for governor. The opposition to Towney and the Non-partisan league, so far as the republican party is concerned, is headed by William Langer, present attorney-general, who was selected by the republican party in the June primary election. His endorsement at the convention was unanimous. Langer was elected attorney-general with the endorsement of the Non-partisan league, but broke with the Towney organization at the time of the Scandinavian-American bank scandal in Fargo and has been carrying on the fight against "Townleyism" ever since. When Langer parted company with the league, he carried with him State Auditor Kozitsky and Secretary of State Hall.

If the republican primaries, June 30, result in the nomination of Langer and the state and legislative ticket endorsed by the "regulars," the Non-partisan league will be out of business in North Dakota. If, however, the league candidates win in the primaries, then the fight will be carried to the general election in November with the "regular" republican party supporting the democratic state ticket. Republican leaders and democratic leaders agreed upon the candidates endorsed by the conventions of both parties, and the platforms of both conventions were largely devoted to condemnation of the Non-partisan league and its programme.

I personally attended the democratic state convention held at Fargo

May 19 and witnessed one of the most novel scenes in American political history when Allen O. Birchborough, a republican pastor of the First Methodist church of St. Thomas, N. D., and known throughout the state as the "fighting parson," was called upon to deliver the principal address to the assembly.

Pastor Denounces League.

In his opening remarks the "fighting parson" declared "that North Dakota, under the regime of the Non-partisan league, has become the first soviet state of America."

"The communist movement in Hungary," he said, "the bolshevik movement in Russia, the Spartacist movement in Germany, the syndicalist movement in the British Isles, the one big union in Canada, the revolutionary, radical activities in the United States and the forces and leadership behind the Non-partisan league movement in North Dakota are all peas in the same pod. They are outward manifestation of the same central, pernicious energy, that energy being red."

The campaign against Towneyism apparently well advanced, is being conducted by the Independent Voters' association of North America, which is an amalgamation of all classes of citizens of both democratic and republican political faith. In every section I have visited I have found visible evidence of the activities of this organization.

The work of the Non-partisan league is not so visible, but this is presumably due to the fact that it is politically organized along more secret lines. It is admitted by even the most rabid anti-Townleyite that Towney has perfected in North Dakota the most perfectly organized defeating every candidate who enters the field with the Non-partisan league endorsement. It is also true that no one in the state is more efficient in the Non-partisan league can tell the size of the Towney "war chest." It is known that the league has collected from the farmers of North Dakota in excess of \$4,000,000. This is established by their own records and reports. Hordes of league organizers have also been collecting vast sums of money from the farmers of Minnesota, Montana and Washington. How much of this money has been expended or how it has been used has never been shown.

Townley in Minnesota.

District meetings of the league are being held all over North Dakota for the purpose of keeping the membership in line for the Towney candidates, but Towney himself is spending most of his time in campaigning in the adjoining state of Minnesota. The league has endorsed a full republican ticket in Minnesota and is carrying the fight into every nook and corner of that state.

The Independent Voters' association has succeeded in attaching the referendum to three of the measures passed by the Non-partisan league legislature—the absent voters' law, the state sheriff act, and the state investigation commission—and the people of North Dakota will vote on these bills in the June primary election. In addition, the anti-red flag law, which the legislature refused to act upon, will be submitted to the voters as an initiative bill.

Shrine Special Arranged.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 29.—(Special.)—Grays Harbor members of the Mystic Shrine, will occupy two sleepers and the ladies who will compose the Shrine party to Portland on the occasion of the June convention will occupy a third, according to official statement of the Shrine Club committee today. The train to which the sleepers will be attached will leave Aberdeen Monday evening, June 21, at 10:40 p. m. The cars will be parked in Portland and will leave Portland on the return trip Thursday night, June 24, at 11:15.

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CONFIDENCE VOTE GIVEN

MILLERAND REGIME OPPOSED
ONLY BY SOCIALIST VOTE.

Government of French Premier
Gets Largest Ballot of Its
Kind Since Formation.

PARIS, May 29.—Premier Millerand today obtained for his government the largest vote of confidence it had received since its formation. This was 535 to 68, the unified socialists alone voting solidly against the government.

The question was Premier Millerand's interpretation of France's foreign policy, and the chamber gave the premier by its vote the mandate to go to the approaching conference at Spa between the allies and the Ger-

mans and demand application in full of the terms of the Versailles treaty and to accept no compromise on the question of a fixed sum of the indemnity to be paid by Germany.

Speaking in the chamber this afternoon in answering an interpellation, M. Millerand said there had been no agreement between the United States, Italy and France with regard to any fixed sum to be paid by Germany. He added that France was going to Spa as a plaintiff and not as a defendant and that it would be an iniquitous scandal were those responsible for the war not to be compelled to pay the total liabilities for the damage caused.

Requisition Papers Issued.

SALEM, Or., May 29.—(Special.)—Governor Olcott today signed requisition papers asking for the return to Oregon of E. J. Clark, who is under arrest at Los Angeles charged with forgery alleged to have been committed in Portland. Frank Collins of Portland, left here today for Los Angeles to return Clark to Portland for trial.

German Living Cost Cut

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, FOOD,
FURNITURE PRICES DROP.

Panic May Be Started, for Numerous
Business Failures in Every
Part of Nation Are Reported.

BY CYRIL BROWN.

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BERLIN, May 29.—(Special cable.)—For the German people the cost of living has passed the peak seemingly. There has been very recently a 20 to 30 per cent drop in the price of shoes, followed by a heavy fall in the cost of dry goods, clothing, furniture and of a few foodstuffs, including rice, peas and beans. At the very same time a panic may be started, for numerous business failures in every part of Germany are being reported

and further bankruptcies seem to im-

pend. There is a serious crisis in the retail trade, with merchandising virtually at a standstill, because the public is holding off waiting for prices to go still lower. The reaction from this attitude is already felt disastrously by the manufacturing industries. There are alarming reports of many workers being thrown out of employment, and that whole industries are planning to cut down their working forces heavily or to shut down wholly plants completely. The textile and shoe industries are involved in a grave crisis and a critical condition is reported also in the leather, furniture, glass and pottery industries.

It looks as if capital and "big industry" will exploit the economic crisis, or the possible panic, as an excuse for a gigantic lockout and for a final fight against organized labor, socialism and radicalism. In Hamburg all the shipyards have counteracted on a partial strike with a general lockout. In Berlin many workers are being discharged in the metal industries. The metal workers' union is notoriously radical.



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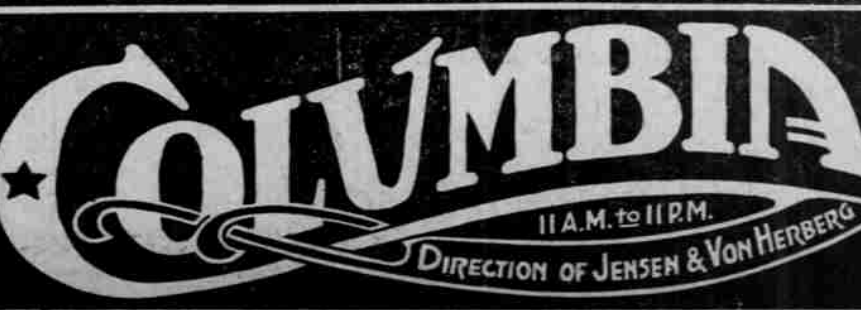
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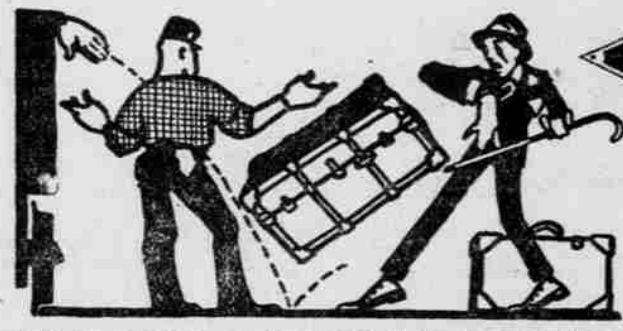


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