

GERMAN ELECTIONS BLAST DEMOCRATS

Future of Nation Believed to Be Seriously Jeopardized.

ROYAL REACTION SETS IN

Results Still Uncertain, but Trend Seems Unmistakably Toward Both Extremes.

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BERLIN, June 12.—A great reactionary landslide has buried Germany's democratic party.

"Democracy has been stabbed in the back," the democratic Tageblatt writes after digesting the partial election returns, adding: "The democratic development is menaced from the right and left. Germany's future is seriously jeopardized. The confidence caused by the elections will not be unraveled for a long time and only after hard internal struggles."

At the same time the great radical landslide has maimed the majority socialist party. The Catholic center party has held its own and tremendous gains have been scored by the independent socialists.

Democrats Wiped Out.

The great gains were scored by the German people's party, the successor of the old national liberals. The coalition debut as a party made a poor, weak showing. The democrats were almost wiped off the political map. The majority socialists were whittled down to a slender majority. The ultra-reactionary German national people's party, successor of the old conservatives, showed an amazing come-back strength, making handsome gains.

These are the principal features indicated by the first election returns, indications so far are that the present coalition parties will pull through with an infinitely small majority. As was expected, a very light vote was cast, ranging from 65 to 70 per cent of the enrolled voting strength in Berlin to 90 per cent in the country. Both extremes, the radicals and reactionaries, made the best showing in turning out a full vote.

Election Day Eventless.

An absurdly quiet election day, hopelessly devoid of enthusiasm, was the featureless feature of the most momentous event in German political history. There were no crowds on the streets either morning, noon or night. The Lokal-Anzeiger points out the significant fact that "nowhere was any election humor noticeable. The earnestness of the hour lay heavy on everybody." President and Frau Ebert went demurely about to the polling place for their district. The only picturesque sight in all Berlin was in the radical east end, where young girls wearing conspicuous red bloomers and novel and really effective propaganda for the communist party.

Centralia School Bonds Sold.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 12.—(Special.)—Bonds to the amount of

\$17,550, recently voted at a special election in Centralia for the purchase of additional school property and later sold to the state, have been accepted by the state and the money will be available next week, according to announcement yesterday by W. L. Carrier, clerk of the school board. The property to be purchased includes two half-blocks. The board plans to use several houses thereon for school purposes until the district is able to erect a new school building.

FREEDOM DENIED LAIRD

Mother's Request That Convict Come to Seattle Is Refused.

SALEM, Or., June 12.—(Special.)—Governor Olet today denied a re-



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quest received from the mother of John Giles, alias Laird, that her son be liberated temporarily from the Oregon penitentiary under a cash bond in the sum of \$1000 in order that he might go to Seattle and be with his parent, who says she is soon to undergo a serious operation. In her request requesting Giles' liberation the mother inclosed a photograph of her son together with a lengthy appeal, apparently intended to play upon the governor's sympathies.

Giles, or Laird, a he was known in Portland some time ago held up and robbed the tender of the interstate bridge and in making his escape shot and killed a motorcycle policeman. He afterward was arrested, tried in the Multnomah county courts and sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

Alliance Agreement Reached.

TOKIO, June 12.—A general understanding relative to a continuation of the Anglo-Japanese alliance has already been reached between the Japanese and British governments, according to the Jiji Shimpo, which quotes an unnamed member of the cabinet to this effect. Nothing, however, the newspaper says, has been settled regarding changes and modifications in the convention.

White Slavery Is Charged.

C. E. Howard, who recently came here from Seattle and had been held by the police for investigation, was turned over to the federal authorities yesterday under a warrant charging him with white slavery. Howard, it is alleged, drove in an automobile through Washington to Portland with a woman named Isabel Stetson. The woman was held as a witness.

PORTLAND AVIATOR KILLED IN COLLISION

Louis Barin Victim of Accident in Air.

DEATH COMES INSTANTLY

Naval and Army Planes Crash Into Each Other Over Rockwell Field, San Diego.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 12.—Lieutenant Louis T. Barin of Portland, Or., a navy aviator attached to the Pacific fleet air detachment, on the U. S. S. Arctostaphylos, was killed instantly this morning when the navy airplane he was piloting and an army airplane were in collision over Rockwell field, the United States army air station here.

George McCombs, a machinist's mate, who was in the navy plane with Lieutenant Barin was slightly injured, while Joseph T. Walker, a cadet, who was piloting the army plane, and Corporal Roy Francis, who was in the army machine as a passenger, escaped uninjured.

The accident occurred on the navy's aviation field, which shares North Island with the army field. Lieutenant Barin had taken off preparatory to a flight, when Cadet Walker's machine, gliding back to the field from a flight, crashed into it. Lieutenant Barin was in such a position that he could not see the army plane. Cadet Walker tried to avoid the crash, but was unable to do so.

Lieutenant Barin, Portland man and declared to be the first flier to execute the loop-the-loop in a sea plane equipped with pontoons, was the point driven home by George A. White, newly appointed state vocational officer of the American Legion, and government bureau representative, at a meeting in Portland yesterday attended by members of American Legion posts from every section of the state. Every scrap of available information to clear up hazy questions of procedure was given to the delegates.

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China where her husband is a geologist in the government university.

WILSON HELPS DR. EQUI

Second Stay of Execution Granted Woman Sentenced to 3 Years.

Dr. Marie Equi, sentenced to serve three years at McNeil island and pay a fine for violation of the espionage act, was granted a second stay of execution of 60 days by President Wilson yesterday, according to a telegram received by United States Marshal Alexander from the office of the attorney-general at Washington. An original stay of 30 days was granted on April 17, and Dr. Equi would have had to begin her sentence this week had not the second stay of execution been granted, which extends the time to August 15.

Following her original conviction by the federal court Dr. Equi appealed to the circuit court of appeals at San Francisco. This court upheld the local court, however, and a request to have the case reviewed by the supreme court at Washington refused. An appeal for a pardon was then sent to President Wilson and the stays of execution were the next steps in the case.

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LARGE AMOUNT DUE TO EX-SERVICE MEN

Situation Is Talked Over by Legion Delegates.

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hotel in the evening, and many attended the regular monthly committee meeting following the dinner. The conference was called to order shortly after 7 o'clock by William B. Foliott, commander of the American Legion, department of Oregon, and a brief welcoming address given.

Insurance Plan Explained.

Clifford Wood, representative in Oregon of the bureau of war risk insurance, was the first speaker. He dwelt on the advantages of government insurance with low rates, certain dividends, paid up and cash values and a liberal disability clause providing for payments when the insured is no longer able to follow any gainful occupation due to any impairment of mind or body.

Special emphasis was given the necessity of reinstating insurance which has lapsed before July 1, the final date allowed. Reinstatement may be made, however, he declared, within 18 months after discharge, if that period should extend beyond July 1.

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tions brought to his attention, Mr. Hamilton cleared up many tangles. He pointed out that there was no time limit for putting in a claim for vocational training and that the telegraph should be used to expedite matters in dealing with northwest heads of the work. He explained that vocational education and rehabilitation work was at the disposal of all able-bodied men with physical handicaps. A man with physical handicap is entitled to training with all expenses paid and remuneration of \$50 to \$150 a month, he declared.

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gave notice that the round-up city was in the arena for the next convention of the American Legion and intended to capture it.

The banquet in the evening was enlivened by dances and music arranged by a committee composed of Wilbur Henderson, George H. Lewis and Harry Carroll.

Representatives who registered at the conference included:

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\$500 Bail Is Forfeited.

Cash bail of \$500 deposited by Nick Popovich of Oregon City, was ordered forfeited yesterday by United States Commissioner Drake when Popovich failed to appear for hearing. The man was arrested by federal agents on the charge of violation of the prohibition act. A still and 12 gallons of moonshine whiskey had been found at his place, it was declared.

Reichstag to Convene June 24.

BERLIN, June 12.—Konstantine Fehrenbach, president of the German national assembly, intends to convene the new reichstag on June 24, according to the Lokal Anzeiger.

The late Princess Lobanoff, whose gowns, furs and household linen have just been sold at auction in Paris, had no fewer than 50 fur pieces, including coats, wraps, scarfs and muff.

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