

GERMANY HANDED LIST OF NATIONALS WANTED BY ALLIES

President Ebert and His Cabinet Aver They Will Resign Should Trial of Leaders Be Demanded

By Karl H. Von Wiegand
Berlin, Jan. 6.—The German government was given a New Year's surprise and shock such as no government probably ever received. It was the foreshadowed allied New Year's "wish" for the surrender of more than 1000 German nationals for trial in the courts of France, England and Belgium.

Through the good offices of a certain neutral government, according to a source of information that has proven reliable, the government received on New Year's day a copy of the list which the allied powers will present to Berlin soon after peace becomes effective, containing the names of those whose extradition is to be demanded.

GERMANS PROBABLY NAMED

A glance at this list almost knocked the cabinet off its pins and sent the political barometer in the inner circles of Wilhelmstrasse lower than it has been at any time since the white flag was sent across the firing line to Foch's headquarters on November 11, 1918.

Rather than face the issue called up by such an allied list, Friedrich Ebert will resign as national president. Only that much leaked into the press, resulting in the semi-official statement, which was not denied, that Ebert had made such a statement, but merely declaring an attempt was being made to use it for party political purposes. Whether Von Hindenburg and Ludendorff are on the list is not clear, but the impression one gets is that they are, from assertions made by high government officials that "no troops can ever be got together in Germany who will arrest either of those two."

It is known that General von Boehn, who commanded the German troops in

the Louvain district when that city was partly destroyed, is on the list. Foreign correspondents in Berlin have had more or less instructive experience with the German government's various performances of "Never! Never!" but one gains the impression that this time the cabinet is doing little talking but much thinking.

Certain members still cling to the belief that the allies "can be brought to reason" and "it cannot possibly be in the interest of Europe if chaos breaks out in Germany."

EBERT ISSUES THREAT

Reports vary as to the exact number of German nationals to be demanded by the allies. Conservative estimates, however, place it between 1200 and 1500.

The feature that is most disconcerting to the government is that the list is said to include about 800 enlisted men and non-commissioned officers, making the situation much more complicated and difficult because that reaches down among the "common people." It appears certain that the government entertained the hope the list would include only officers and officials with whom the mass of the people is not particularly in sympathy—men with whom the people as a whole do not identify themselves—and that, therefore, the cabinet might find a way out and still save itself.

But the list unofficially received is said to have dashed that hope. It is so startling that, according to my information, President Ebert on the following day let Premier Clemenceau know through indirect and unofficial channels that if this was the official list, the German government would go to pieces, and that, realizing the utter impossibility of the government carrying out such a demand, he, Ebert, would lay down his office.

REVOLT IMPENDS

The greatest secrecy has been maintained about the alleged receipt of an advance copy of the list, but Ebert, the Socialist president, is so aroused, it is whispered in circles close to him, that he would not refrain from expressing in private conversations his determination to resign.

A high official epitomized the views prevailing in government circles when he said to me today:

"If the allies present such a list and press their demand ruthlessly, the present government will go overboard. The bitter injustice of the surrender clause of the treaty extorted from us is smoldering deeply in the hearts of the German people and this demand may result in an explosion. Only an independent Socialist or Communist cabinet would have the nerve to attempt to carry out such a demand, and it is doubtful whether even they would risk it."

LENROOT ATTACKS WATERPOWER BILL

Senators Opposing Smoot Claim Bill Would Give Perpetual Title to Corporations.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—The first day of debate on the waterpower bill in the senate brought an attack on it by Lenroot of Wisconsin, who asserted that amendments made by the senate committee on public lands will have the effect of giving waterpower corporations perpetual leases, although in form granting a license for 50 years.

Senator Smoot, in charge of the bill, asserted amendments were made to insure development. Unless terms are attractive enough to secure investment of capital, he said, there is no use in passing the bill.

"If we have got to give away this one remaining great natural resource," returned Lenroot, "we had better not have this legislation, and the government itself had better do the developing."

Lenroot asserted the bill gives preference to corporations against the government in its provision for recapture at the end of the five years' leasing period because it provides for severance damages of undetermined amount to be paid to the original lessee in addition to all investment cost, and new applicants would be unable to meet such claims. Unless the government itself desires to take over power plants, he contended, the original lessees will obtain renewal from year to year and the franchise will become perpetual.

Early stages of debate indicate a struggle between those who share Lenroot's view that the senate bill is too liberal and the Smoot forces, who say they cannot withdraw without discouraging capital and preventing development.

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Hayricks were used to gather up the rabbits left in the wake of the 300 hunters who participated and it was late in the evening before the task was completed. More than 25 square miles of territory were covered, the rabbits being driven to the banks of the Columbia river.

High Office May Force Clemenceau From Single State

Paris, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Asked about his intentions toward the presidency, Premier Clemenceau, according to the Echo de Paris, replied:

"The truth is, the public is forcing me toward the presidency of the republic." The constantly repeated stories that Clemenceau will succeed President Poincare has given rise to numerous rumors that he is to be married shortly. One story is that he will marry the Countess de Aulnay, widow of the former French senator and ambassador to Switzerland. It would be impossible to fulfill his official duties as president without a wife to act as hostess, the newspapers pointed out.

Reservoir Sites Are Approved in Report

Bend, Jan. 6.—Both the Benham falls and the Crane prairie reservoir sites will probably be declared practicable when the final report on geological investigations, conducted in Central Oregon last summer, is made public, a telegram received here Monday from Professor W. O. Crosby, head of the party of geologists, stated. "For each site a safe and stable dam and a tight reservoir appear to be feasible," he said. By damming the Deschutes river at Benham falls sufficient water would be impounded to irrigate 100,000 acres, it is estimated.

He Was Badly Beaten When Mistaken for Her Husband

New York, Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Harry Dupuis, severely beaten by a woman, lies in a hospital. His condition is due to his resemblance to a strong woman's husband. She saw Dupuis drinking with friends and it was too late when she learned her mistake.

Redwood City, Cal., Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Police Logan of San Mateo county, advertised a pet tiger kitten for adoption. He got 500 phone calls and oodles of letters. The kitten died.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—Two bulls only marked the 13 years of stormy

married life of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lull. Mrs. Lull said he kicked her unconscious twice.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 6.—(U. P.)—R. H. Jones today named his horse "Wood Alcohol." It's got "some kick." The horse took one look at a water trough and raised a kick that sent Jones to the hospital.

Pacific Classes Reopen
Pacific University, Forest Grove, Jan. 6.—Regular college work was resumed here today after a vacation since December 20.

F. W. Schofield of Sumpter, Manager of Smelter, Dead

Baker, Jan. 6.—F. W. Schofield, 80 years old, and for the last 10 years manager of the Sumpter smelter, died Sunday at his home at Sumpter from acute indigestion. Mr. Schofield was born in Illinois on April 26, 1839, and came west many years ago, first entering the mining game in Utah. He came to Baker county in 1910 to replace E. L. Kirchen as manager of the smelter. Aside from Mrs. Schofield there are no known relatives. The body was brought to Baker.

Dry land farmers in Baker and Grant counties are rejoicing because of a heavy snowstorm that promises to lay a thick blanket over wheat fields to provide moisture for next spring. The snow began falling Sunday night and by Monday evening was three inches deep in Baker and much deeper on the ranges and mountains.



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