

NAPLES IN THROES OF ATTEMPTS AT COMMUNIZATION

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Rome, April 2.—The first serious reaction to the attempts to communize industry in Naples occurred March 24 when, under the orders of General Ameglio, another general and 700 police and soldiers stormed the naval repair establishment of Miani and Silvestri, which the workers had tried to appropriate.

Conditions are steadily becoming more disturbed. Street car men consider that the lines are run for their exclusive benefit and preferential treatment is given workmen over other passengers. Not less than 20 street car strikes have occurred in a single year. Protest strikes are of almost daily occurrence. Cooks and waiters are particularly sensitive to wrongs done to their comrades. On Thursday Naples was completely tied up. All the laborers struck in protest against the employment of troops.

FACTS OF CONTROVERSY
Judgment of the events depends upon one's personal bias. The facts are these: The workers in the naval establishment in answer to the dismissal of injured comrades, who, however, had been indemnified by the company to the extent of 10,000 lire (normally \$200), presented themselves at the office of the plant Wednesday morning and demanded an

increase of 100 per cent in wages and a gift of 70 lire (\$14) each to the dismissed comrades, all of whom were to be reinstated. The manager replied that he had no authority to grant their demands but that he would put the case before the owners. As he left the building he was struck on the head and seriously injured by one of many pieces of iron thrown by the strikers.

STRIKERS PILLAGE STORES
Then the strikers announced their intention of running the shops for their own profit. Their first act was to pillage the small stores of macaroni and tomatoes, on which they had a feast in a warehouse within the gates of the plant. The feasting was interrupted by the arrival of troops, who ordered them to leave. They refused, barricaded the doors and began to hurl iron bolts and stones on the unfortunate soldiers who waited patiently for three hours. Finally the general commanding ordered marksmen forward and these opened fire on the strikers. A few of these, possessing revolvers, returned the fire, while others continued to throw various missiles.

POLICE RUSH SHOPS
A regular siege ensued until finally several of the defenders who had been wounded suddenly hoisted a white flag, opened the gates, and carrying a wounded worker on a stretcher came out and asked for a truce. The soldiers refused to recognize this as a legitimate type of warfare, rushed inside, regained possession of the shops and made hundreds of arrests. In the meantime seven wounded men had been taken to hospitals.

The workers immediately declared a protest strike of 24 hours, but in the course of the night one of the wounded died and hence the strike was proclaimed another day. Little red children were seen on the streets wearing red cloths or flowers.

With a New York inventor's safety device for electric trains a train cannot be moved until a light in front of the motorman signals that all the doors in all the cars are closed.

"RED" ARMIES NOT BOLSHEVISTIC; SAYS GERMAN SOCIALIST

By George Witte
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Frankfurt on the Main, March 26 via Copenhagen, April 2.—Complete reorganization of the reichswehr, the sifting out of officers with monarchistic leanings and control over the army by civilian commissioners are some of the results of the Kapp coup d'etat that will be put into effect by the government to prevent the repetition of such a crisis as that of March 13.

This was told to me today by Dr. Hugo Sinzheimer, majority Socialist member of the national assembly from this city who took part in the executive meetings of the social democratic faction in Berlin this week and helped to draft a measure aimed at killing off such militaristic traditions in the German army as have survived the war and the revolution.

WILL HELP DEMOCRACY
"By including in the commanding staff of each regiment," said Dr. Sinzheimer, "a civilian who has the full power of a commanding officer and authority to demand the resignation of any officer suspected of plotting against the government or of doing propaganda work in favor of the monarchists, the government will always keep in touch with the

sentiments among the men and nip in the bud any surprise party such as that which was carried out by Dr. Kapp and Major General von Lüttwitz. This measure will become a part of our constitution at an early date and will help to infuse the spirit of democracy into the ranks of the army where the flames of monarchism are still glimmering."

In discussing the "republic" set up in various parts of Germany by councils of workmen, Dr. Sinzheimer declared that he did not believe that the underlying idea of these republics was Bolshevism.

"RED ARMY" NOT BOLSHEVISTIC
"It is my firm conviction," he said, "that the so-called Red army in the Ruhr district is composed of sensible, law abiding workmen who desire to see neither a monarchistic nor a Bolshevistic government in power. In taking up arms and continuing the general strike even after the fall of the Kapp regime these men are merely trying to demonstrate their opposition to a government that tolerated monarchistic propaganda. So until a government has been formed that meets with the approval of the extremists on both sides things will not be quiet."

Dr. Sinzheimer expressed the opinion that Otto Gessler, formerly minister of reconstruction, would, if made minister of defense in succession to Gustav Noske, prove competent for the position.

GESSLER WILL MAKE GOOD
"Gessler," said Dr. Sinzheimer, "has been favored for minister of defense because everybody acquainted with him knows that he is very energetic and full of ambition. At the same time he is always courteous and willing to change his mind at any time so long as the argument for doing so is logical. That is one of the qualities Noske lacked completely. I have known Gessler 10 years and I am convinced that he will make good. If there are riots, mutinies and revolutionary outbreaks he will turn the machine guns on the offenders just as quickly as Noske did if not a trifle more quickly."

Dr. Sinzheimer also declared that he was sure the government would punish those responsible for last week's events. I met Otto Gessler four weeks ago and had a talk with him lasting more than an hour. My impression was that he was very good natured, well bred and exceedingly broad in his views of internal as well as external affairs. He came originally from Nuremberg and was brought up in Southern Germany, the dialect of which he speaks. He spent some time in France and speaks French well. Whether he would be disposed to be as ruthless as Noske is a matter of doubt in my mind.

Turkish Parliament Addresses Protests On Allied Actions
By Constantine Brown
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Constantinople, April 2.—The Turkish parliament at its last sitting addressed the following message to the parliaments of the world:
"The capital is occupied by allied troops. Parliamentary immunity is violated and the members are arrested against the rights of the people. We protest solemnly and hope the protest will be heard everywhere, especially in the house of commons, the mother of all parliaments. We propose a suspension of the sittings until we are able to express ourselves freely."
Many prisoners have been released, but leaders continue to be deported to Malta on British ironclads.

Plan Cultivation Of Rice in Sumatra
By W. J. L. Klehl
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The Hague, April 2.—In view of possible eventualities in the Far East that might impede the importation of rice from India, the General Society of Rubber Planters of Medan, on the west coast of Sumatra, has formed a company for the cultivation of rice. A tract of land comprising 50,000 hectare (125,000 acres) is to be planted with rice and an establishment similar to one in California is to be built for converting the product for the market. This is to be the largest plant of its kind in the world.

Demobilization of Serb Army Ordered
By Constantine Brown
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Belgrade, Serbia, April 2.—The Serbian government has ordered a general demobilization. This is interpreted as proof of confidence in the United States and a peaceful settlement of the Adriatic question.

Tax on Bachelors Marriage Impetus
Paris, April 2.—(I. N. S.)—The French government has put a premium upon marriage by imposing a 10 per cent tax upon bachelors and spinsters.

Money Used as Labels
Geneva, April 2.—The value of the Austrian crown has fallen so low that the Swiss manufacturers of "Crown" beer are pasting paper Austrian crowns on their bottles instead of the usual labels. The labels cost 10 centimes apiece whereas the Austrian crown is worth only 3 centimes.

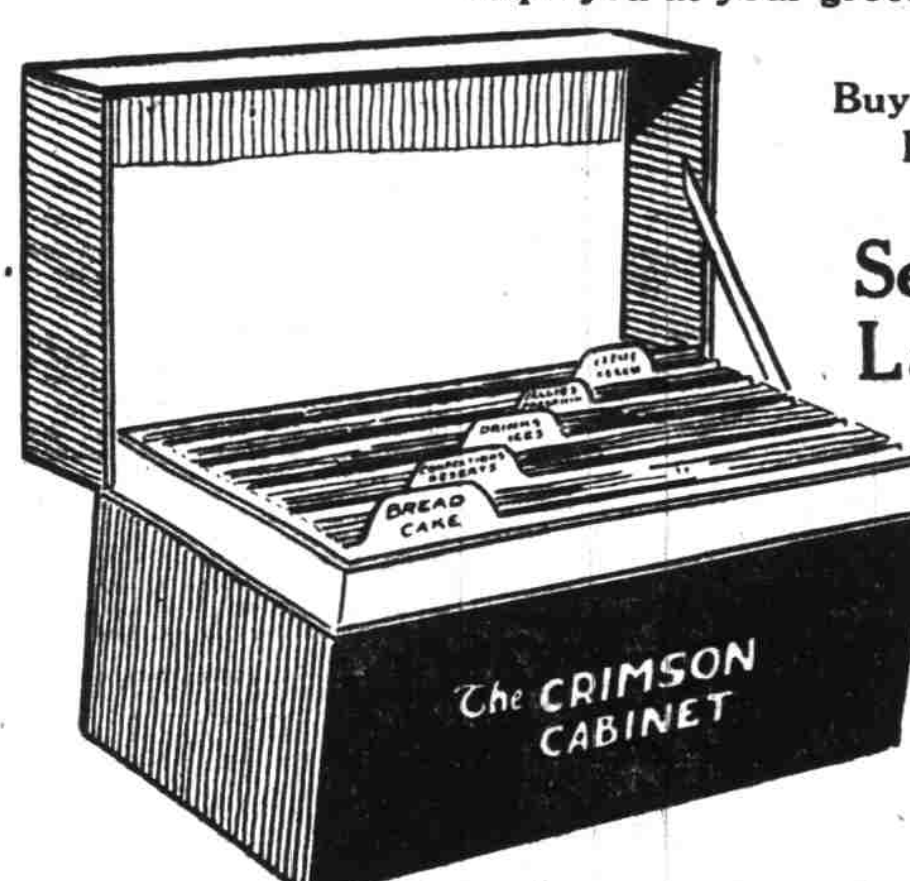
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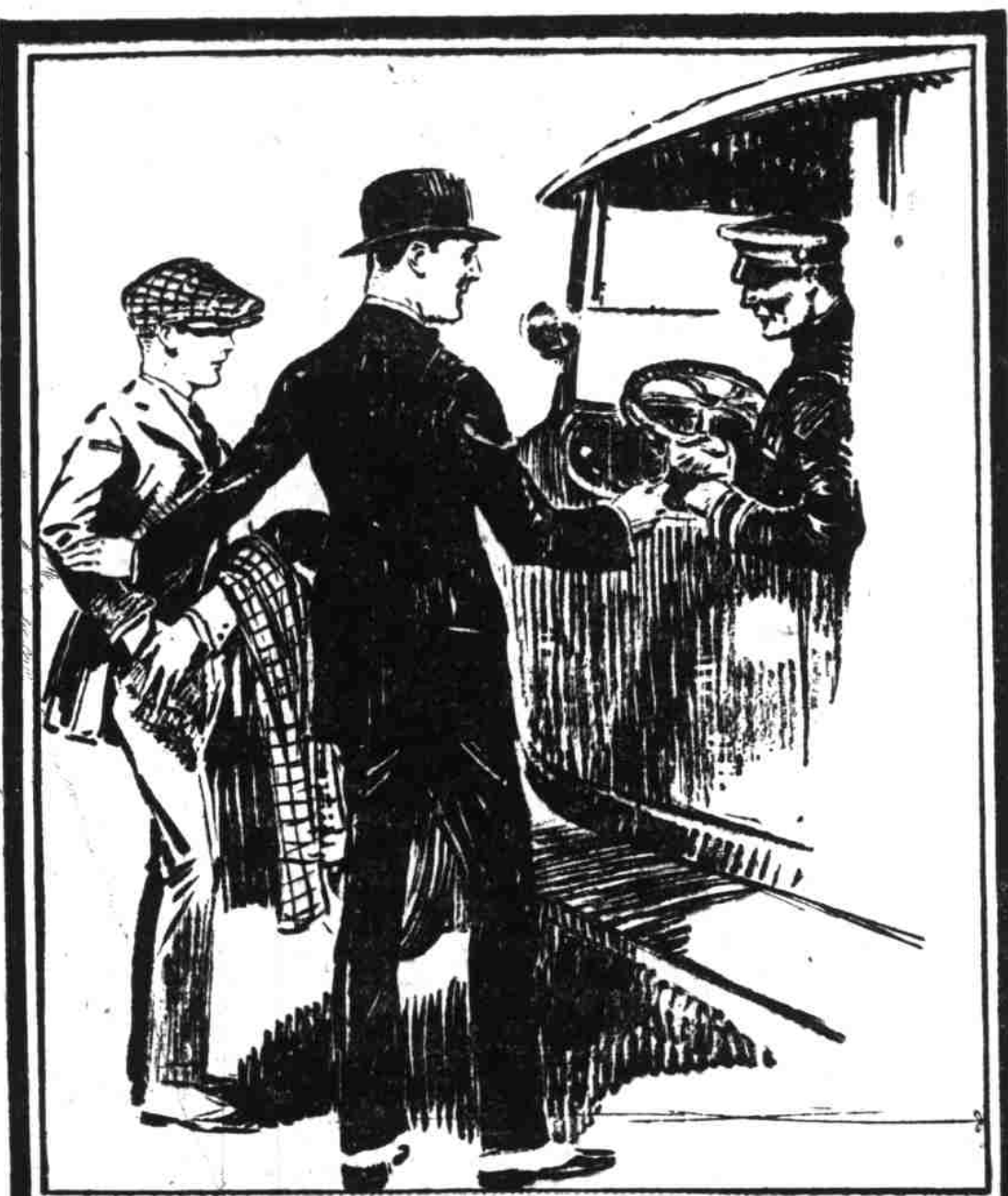
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