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SOCIALISTS AND COMMUNISTS SEIZE REINS IN BERLIN, COPENHAGEN HEARS

NEARLY 700 DIE; THRONGS SUFFER IN GERMAN RIOT

Hundreds of Persons Are Wounded in Fighting Throughout Country With Immense Slaughter in Larger Cities.

GENERAL MAERCKER IS RELIEVED OF COMMAND

Alleged Representation of Ebert in Negotiation Costs Position; Kapp Denies Intention to Return Kaiser.

Nearly 700 persons have been killed and hundreds wounded in fighting since Saturday.

Unofficial figures show that in Kiel four to five hundred have been killed. In Berlin there have been 60, in Dresden, 20; in Essen, 20; in Hagen, 22; Frankfort, 20; Duisberg, 14, and in Leipsic, nine.

There has been fighting elsewhere.

BY CARL D. KROAT

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

BERLIN, March 17.—It is unofficially estimated that 75 persons have been killed fighting in Berlin and the city's suburbs.

The counter-revolutionary government today denied officially that it intends to bring the former kaiser back to Germany and also insisted that General Maercker came from Stuttgart with full authority from the Ebert-Noske government to conduct negotiations.

Relieved of Command

STUTTGART, March 17—The Ebert cabinet has continued unanimous in its stand against and dealings with Berlin revolutionists.

Maercker was relieved of his command after claiming he represented Ebert in the negotiations.

Noske estimated Von Kapp's military strength at 20,000 troops. Dispatches said workers in the Ruhr industrial district have partially disarmed the soldiers declaring for Von Kapp.

Ebert Seeks Support

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The Ebert government today telegraphed foreign governments asking them to withhold recognition from Von Kapp.

Soviets in Power

PARIS, March 17.—A dispatch from Basle today says a soviet republic has been established at Chemnitz, Germany.

SIMS WANTED ALLY TO CONTROL NAVY

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Admiral Sims testimony today disclosed the fact that he urged that the entire naval control during the war be turned over to one of the allies.

Although Great Britain is not specifically mentioned Sims pointed out that she bore the brunt of the naval war and that London is the logical center of naval operations.

Secretary Baker refused to follow the suggestion.

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ERIN WEAR SHAMROCK FOR TODAY IS MARCH 17,—ST. PATRICK'S OWN

FORMER LOCAL EDITOR WINS PRAISE FOR NEW BOOK OF WESTERN LIFE

Paul De Laney, former editor of the East Oregonian and the author of a new book, "The Toll of the Sands," is in the city today accompanied by his wife and son. This is the first time Mr. De Laney has been here in 18 years and he has been busy recalling old times and visiting old scenes. Since leaving Pendleton, Mr. De Laney has lived in Denver and Southern California most of the time.

"The Toll of the Sands" is proving a winner and has elicited many warm compliments from critics. The Los Angeles Examiner recently described it as "A real book, not a swived chair book of the great gold rush into the Nevada desert." Mr. De Laney is classed as an artist in his line and as having constructed what might almost be termed an historical novel.

The author has been offered $5000 for the motion picture rights.

Missionary Returned to Little Green Isle After Escape From Slavery and Used Three Leaves to Explain Trinity.

Sons and daughters of Erin are today commemorating the good St. Patrick by wearing the shamrock or a knot of green, for the day is March 17 and is St. Patrick's own.

St. Patrick, by the way, was not a native Irishman. In one of the incursions of the Scots and Picts upon the neighboring Roman province south of the wall of Severus, in 411 A. D., a youth of 15 was with many others carried away and sold as a slave on the opposite coast of Ireland.

He was the son of the deacon Calpurnius, and the grandson of the priest Potitus. The future apostle remained in hard slavery for six years, tending cattle, but giving much time to prayer and meditation.

Later he escaped, but the memory of Ireland was hard to efface and history says that he conceived the idea of returning to convert the Irish. After a few years of preparation for the priesthood, during which time he dreamed many dreams in which the Irish asked him to return as a missionary, he returned to Ireland.

St. Patrick, according to history, met with great success as a missionary. Tradition says that he used the three-leaved shamrock to explain the Trinity to converts. He was made a bishop in 441 A. D.

There is no historical corroboration that St. Patrick caused the banishment of snakes from Ireland, yet it is true that the reptiles are rare on the "little green isle."

REV. J. F. MORGAN, WHO RESIGNS LOCAL PULPIT, WILL NOT GO AT ONCE

Minister of Presbyterian Church, Called to Piedmont Pastorate in Portland; Is Not to Leave Before Easter.

Rev. J. Francis Morgan, who last night resigned after a year's service as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Pendleton, announced today that he is uncertain as to when he will leave to become pastor of the Piedmont Presbyterian church of Portland.

Rev. Mr. Morgan was asked to begin his new duties as pastor during the Easter season, but because the local church has no pastor in view and because of the union revival services, he feels that it will be impossible for him to be in Portland for Easter.

Since Rev. Mr. Morgan's arrival in Pendleton from Jersey City, N. J., he has been identified with every move toward the good of the community. He has a host of friends here who admire him for his ability as a minister and for his personal character.

WOOD LEADS IN G. O. P. PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY

ST. PAUL, March 17.—General Wood has a large lead over Johnson, Hoover and Lowden. Incomplete returns in the Minnesota republican preferential primary today idnicated.

SAYLOR FILED TODAY FOR COUNTY JUDGESHIP

J. B. Saylor today filed his petition for the democratic nomination for county judge and is now officially in line as a candidate for the judgeship, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election at at the general election this fall. Mr. Saylor was strongly urged to run by numerous friends all over the county and his backers were numerous among republicans as well as among democrats. He was here for just a few minutes today enroute to his ranch at Echo and merely tarried long enough to file his petition. He has announced no platform.

As Mr. Saylor has no opponent for the democratic nomination his nomination is assured. The race for the republican nomination is thus far between I. M. Schannep of Pilot Rock and B. B. Richards of Athena.

HOOVER LETTER CAUSES STIR IN TREATY DEBATE

Communication to President, Despatched Last April, Advises That U. S. Stay Out of League Commissions.

WRITER ASSERTS TODAY VIEWS NOW MODIFIED

Says New Developments Alter Opinion of Way Nation Can Assist in Creating Strong World Court.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Publication of a Hoover letter written to the president last April today created widespread discussion among senators during the final treaty debate.

Hoover warned President Wilson that the United States should stay out of various commissions set up by the treaty. This is the only way for the nation to perform its part in making the league of nations into a strong world court Hoover said.

He also predicted further European revolutions.

Says Views Modified.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Herbert Hoover today declared the publication of his memorandum to President Wilson prepared during the peace conference was a breach of good taste. He denies it came from his office "after the making of searching inquiry."

Hoover declared later developments modified his views somewhat, particularly regarding not having a representative on the reparations commission because of the large economic control given it over the greater part of Europe.

J. C. HAYES, AGED 62, IS HEART DISEASE VICTIM

J. C. Hayes, until six months ago a resident of Heppner, died of heart trouble last night at his home here at the age of 62 years. He was apparently in good health up to the time of his death.

Mr. Hayes was formerly engaged in farming in the Heppner region but recently disposed of interests there and moved to Pendleton. A brother, James Hayes, resides in Riverside, while his wife, oldest son, Olin, and daughter Neva, who survive, reside here. He left another son, Elra, who lives in San Diego, Cal., and from whom word is awaited before funeral arrangements will be made. A brother, John Hayes, lives in Portland.

CHARLES HOAGLAND PAINFULLY BURNED IN ATTEMPT TO CAST FLAMING FILMS FROM THEATER

Damage Estimated at $3500 is Done to Temple Building When 5 O'clock Blaze Spreads and Water Drenches

Charles Hoagland was badly burned about the face and hands, several reels of motion pictures were destroyed and damage estimated at $3500 done to the Temple building when a fire starting in the operating room of the Arcade theatre at 5 o'clock Tuesday afternoon spread from the fireproof room. Smoke and water damage to three floors and the partial destruction of the motion picture machinery make up the chief items of loss.

Mr. Hoagland, operator at the Arcade, was sent to St. Anthony's hospital for treatment, where it is reported that his burns are painful but not dangerous. He was injured in attempting to remove the highly inflammable films from the fireproof room. Had he left the burning film in the room and closed the doors, the fire could not have spread to the rest of the building, Fire Chief Ringold said today.

Through a misunderstanding at fire headquarters, the equipment answered the alarm at box 13, Court and Johnson streets, instead of at the corner of Main and Webb. The delay did not make a difference of $100 in the loss, Chief Ringold estimates, inasmuch as Mr. Hoadland threw the burning films out against a partition instead of confining the blaze in the fireproof room.

A few persons in the theatre when the film caught fire made their exit without confusion but others in offices above the theatre were obliged to remain in rooms partly filled with smoke until the firemen had the blaze under control. Records of the Pendleton Amusement Co., owners of the city's three picture houses, were removed undamaged from the office which adjoins the operating room.

Examination of the premises this morning disclosed that the interior of the theatre will require refinishing. Seats and floor were not damaged but the walls were scorched and in places drenched. The machinery in the projecting room may not be beyond repair. Broken glass in the office rooms of the blulding above constitutes the chief loss there.

The Bungalow pool hall and bowling alley in the basement of the building, suffered some loss from water seeping through onto the alleys. They will require replacing and new shellac, according to Manager Simpson. Neither the billard tables nor tobacco stocks were damaged. The Minerva shine parlor, also in the building, was undamaged.

The building, as well as the projecting equipment in the theater, belongs to Dr. I. U. Temple. The film, a Jack Pickford feature, as well as an emergency picture, was destroyed and will probably cost Mallock & Greulich, managers of the house, between $1000 and $1500 to replace.

SENATE TABLES IRISH QUESTION AS SET OUT IN OWEN RESERVATION

Self-Determination Subject Included in Proposal Voted Down; Final Treaty Vote Delayed by Consideration.

BY J. W. T. MARTIN

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The senate today tabled the question of Irish independence along with the whole question of self-determination for subject peoples. It voted 54 to 21 against Senator Owen's reservation stating that the United States understood the British protectorate over Egypt would be ended. This reservation carried an amendment regarding the Irish republic.

The Lenroot reservation is expected to require considerable debate. It provides that "it shall be declared the policy of this government that in the event of the freedom and peace of Europe being again threatened by any power or combination of powers the United States will regard such a situation with grave concern and will consider what action it will take in the premises."

Injection of the Irish question into the treaty debate may delay the ratification vote it is believed here. Senator Owen's resolution, recognizing the Irish republic and asking England to grant its independence was before the senate today. Senator Lodge said the Irish question had upset plans, though he is determined to get a final vote this week on the treaty.

LOCAL PHONE WORKERS JOIN NEW ORGANIZATION

Local telephone operators, linemen, switchboard men and repair men are members of the Telephone and Telegraph Operators Association, a new organization recently formed throughout the United States.

The association permits the use of the graduate scale of wages. Grievances against the company may be taken before the company by the association, which is the medium between the company and the employe.

The telephone company makes it optional with the employe regarding affiliation with the American Federation of Labor, but the labor union will not accept as a member any person who is a member of any other labor association. Thus local employes are not members of the Federation.

BASEBALL AND TRACK IN HIGH SCHOOL EYE

Nowthat the basketball season is over track and baseball are claiming the attention of the athletes of Pendleton high school. This morning the usual weekly workout for track events was held as part of the military work. Several of the fellows are beginning to show real class and the chances for a winning track team for P. H. S. are looking up.

The Freshmen class met last night and the boys organized a track team and baseball nine. Bus Byers will be manager for both organizations. Ben Simonton was elected captain of the baseball team ad George Childs heads the track team of the rook class. Twenty baseball games are assured the team, most of which will be with the town grade schools. Milton will probably desire contests also.

CONDON DUAL DEBATE WILL BE ON MONDAY

Final word concerning the championship debate between Condon and Pendleton was received today by H. E. Inlow, coach of the local team, from J. O. Russell of Pilot Rock, who is district manager of this debate district.

Monday night Pendleton's negative team, Lloyd Austin and Mary Clarke, go to Condon to meet Codon high school auditorium.

The winner of this contest sends a team to Eugene to connect with 12 other towns for the state championship, during junior week-end. The two local teams are in good shape for Monday's contest and the student body of Pendleton high school have hopes that they will win.

DICTATOR QUITS UPON WORKER'S REVOLT THREAT

Flight From Berlin is Rumored Following Ultimatum That Soviet Attack Will be Alternative.

400 PERSONS KILLED AS CRUISER BOMBARDS KIEL

Hindenburg and Finance Ministry Remained Hostile and Opposition, Fully Armed, Crouched in Suburbs.

LONDON, March 17.—A Copenhagen dispatch today declares independent socialists and communists in Berlin have proclaimed a republic. They delivered an ultimatum to the Von Kapp government according to the message.

Revolt Expected

WASHINGTON, March 17.—A Berlin dispatch today said Von Kapp informed correspondents that negotiations with the Ebert cabinet have been abandoned "because all power must be concentrated against communists."

Kapp expected a radical revolt and warned correspondents to stay off the streets.

BY ED L. KEEN

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)

LONDON, March 17.—The Von Kapp revolution is believed near its end today following the reported resignation of Von Kapp. Every indication prevails that the dictator's action was taken barely in time to save widespread civil strife.

Over 400 persons were killed when a cruiser bombarded Kiel.

Forces Hostile.

Berlin dispatches declare Hindenburg refused to act with the revolutionists though General Ludendorff attended their councils.

There is an unconfirmed report that Von Kapp has fled from Berlin.

The finance ministry remained loyal to Ebert refusing to pay Von Kapp's expenditure orders.

The supreme council today agreed to adopt the French viewpoint demanding strict carrying out of the terms of the Versailles treaty.

Threaten Soviet Attack.

PARIS, March 17.—Threat of immediate establishment of a soviet republic with an attack on Berlin was responsible for the resignation of Von Kapp and Von Luettwitz, head of the revolutionary government, according to a Berlin dispatch today.

The resignation followed an ultimatum of workmen that would proclaim a soviet republic and attack Berlin. The workmen are reported to be fully armed in Berlin suburbs.

BRIGHT OFFER DECLINED BY REV. R. E. GORNALL

Rev. R. E. Gornall, pastor of the Methodist church, yesterday declined an offer to become educational secretary at the College of Puget Sound, a Methodist institution at Tacoma, because he considered the local opoprtunities greater than those offered in the new field.

The college is splendidly equipped and the officials were willing that Rev. Gornall name his own salary. His duties would have included traveling through the northwest territory, as well as educational work among the students at the college.

After earnest consideration, Rev. Gornall decided that his field in Pendleton is of more importance than any other consideration. He has met with great success in Pendleton, and is one of the prominent members of the clergy in the state.

The Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer.

Maximum, 52.
Minimum, 24.
Barometer, 29.50.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Thursday fair.

ASSESSOR STRAIN URGED BY LOCAL DEMOCRATS TO RUN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

C. P. Strain, assessor of Umatilla county, was last evening urged by local democrats to run for public service commissioner from Eastern Oregon to succeed H. H. Corey whose term expires this year. The subject came up at an informal gathering of a score or more of representative local democrats who met at the city hall and the suggestion that Mr. Strain should run was strongly commended by many who spoke.

It was set forth that Mr. Strain's talents and experience particularly fit him for a place on the public service commission and that there is a good chance of his being elected. Reports were given showing that he will have strong support from other places and it was also pointed out that in making such a race Mr. Strain would profit through being a real resident of Eastern Oregon, whereas, Mr. Corey, who, it is presumed will seek reelection, has lived at Salem so long he has lost touch with affairs east of the mountains. The commissioner from this section, is elected by the voters of this congressional district.

To Hold Banquet.

At the gathering last evening it was determined to hold a Jefferson day banquet at the Eagle-Woodman hall hall on the evening of Saturday, April 3, as a get together affair for the democrats of Umatilla county. The affair will be open to all men and women good program of music and speaking is to be arranged. Details in connection to be arranged. Details in connection with the banquet will be handled by a committee named by N. Berkeley, county chairman.

McAdoo Favored.

Speakers last evening voiced the belief that the League of Nations will constitute the one big issue of the coming presidential campaign and that the democratic nominee will be successful in November. If left to the selection of those present at the gathering the democratic nomination would go to William G. McAdoo who was set forth as the logical standard bearer for the democrats this year.

WE'RE ALL IRISH TODAY