

SCHOOLS LET OUT FOR OPENING OF COAST BASEBALL

SACRAMENTO, Cal., April 6.—Public schools will be dismissed early today, public offices generally will close and business virtually will be suspended here this afternoon that all who choose may witness the game between the Sacramento and Seattle teams of the coast league which opens the baseball season here today.

The park's seating capacity, which has been enlarged to accommodate 12,000 persons, is expected to be taxed. There will be an informal parade to the park and Mayor Brown will toss the first ball.

It was indicated Seattle's battery would be Gardner or Brenton and Rohrer. Mails and Cady will open for Sacramento.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—The San Francisco team of the Pacific Coast League today opens the 1920 baseball season with the Vernon Tigers, last year's pennant winners.

William H. McCarthy, president of the league, was to pitch the first ball to Chief of Police White behind the plate.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 6.—Oakland will oppose the Los Angeles team at the opening of the Coast league season here today. A parade will precede the game and Mayor Sawyer will pitch the first ball, which will be previously dropped from an airplane. If any member of either team succeeds in catching the ball, which will be dropped from a height of 250 feet, he will be awarded a silver loving cup. Every reserved seat in the stands had been sold yesterday.

HUN TOWNS OCCUPIED.

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evacuated the neutral zone, and declares no one will be affected by the presence of the French as long as order is maintained. The proclamation makes the following provisions for public order:

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as well as all towns and districts within the circle of Gross Geran, Lang Schwalbach and Wiesbaden, with the exception of Biebrich, are declared under a state of siege.

German authorities and public services will continue to function under French military officials and strikes will not be tolerated.

People are temporarily forbidden to circulate in the various communities from nine o'clock at night until five in the morning. More than five persons must not collect in streets or in private or public meetings without authorization.

Newspapers are temporarily suspended and permission must be given to use the telephone or telegraph. Postal censorship is temporarily established, wireless installations must be dismantled and the use of carrier pigeons is forbidden.

Arms Surrendered

All arms and grenades must be deposited in city halls within six hours after the posting of the proclamation but regular police will be allowed to retain sabers and revolvers. Safety guards must disarm.

Any infraction of these rules will result in court martial.

"The general commanding the army of the Rhine," the proclamation concludes, "counts on the public powers and the population to understand the necessity for the above measures and hopes repression will not be necessary."

PARIS, April 6.—French soldiers today occupy the German cities of Frankfort on Main and Darmstadt, 16 miles south. Forces commanded by General De Goutte, which have been holding the Mayence bridgehead were ordered forward by Marshal Foch following the efforts on the part of the French government yesterday to induce the Berlin government to withdraw its forces from the neutral zone along the eastern bank of the Rhine, where they had been ordered to disperse communistic units that for the past fortnight have conducted a revolt in the Ruhr valley.

Stirring scenes at Mayence yesterday are described by Henry Bidou, military critic of the Journal des Debats, in a telegram to his paper. He says that during the afternoon troops actively began and soon automobile trucks and field kitchens began moving eastward, accompanied by Moroccan troops with machine guns.

Germans Must Pay

Chief interest in the situation as evidenced by newspapers here is whether the allies will support France and to what extent. This query was put to Premier Millerand by the Echo de Paris last night, the premier answering:

"England was victorious and so was France. I am confident everything will work out perfectly."

Asked who would pay the expense incident to occupation M. Millerand replied:

"Why, Germany, obviously, since it was she that by her acts obliged us to resort to coercion."

Occupation of Frankfort, Darmstadt and other German cities in the neutral zone is generally endorsed by journals of all shades of political opinion. It is recognized the operation will be risky and burdensome but unavoidable in view of the tendencies of the Berlin government. Critics of the premier, however, deplore that fact that the allies are not participants in the movement.

Can Convince Wilson

"France will enforce respect of the Versailles treaty but the allies will not help to do it," is a caption appearing in today's edition of the Oeuve, the inference drawn being that the purely platonic nature of the allied support is due to failure on the part of M. Millerand and his aides to meet the exigencies of the situation.

"Pertinax," political editor of Echo de Paris, says more concrete support will be forthcoming as a result of the premier's statement issued last night. He says M. Millerand "feels capable of convincing President Wilson, himself, if he is still guided by rules of logic."

"Mr. Wilson's memorandum of March 29," the writer continues, "said dispatch of more German troops into the Ruhr region must, in his opinion, be justified by the course of events. We do not expect passive acceptance of an accomplished fact from our allies but the confident as-

stance to which they have accustomed us."

Militarism Blamed

Premier Millerand's note on the subject of occupying German cities east of the Rhine declared the Berlin government "had given way to pressure by the militarists," and that the sending of military groups into the neutral zone was not justified by the situation. It was pointed out that the movement of French forces would be of a "coercive and precautionary nature," and could not be deferred and the premier declared if Germany had carried out the disarmament clauses of the Versailles treaty neither the Kapp revolt nor the Ruhr revolution would have occurred.

PARIS, April 6.—Marshal Foch had a conference this morning with Premier Millerand. Later the premier received Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador.

ROME, April 6.—Popolo Romano says today that at a cabinet meeting Monday the government decided to extend to France, Italy's moral support in the French occupation of Frankfort and other German cities. The cabinet agreed, however, that under no circumstances would Italy be a party to any military measures against Germany, the newspaper states.

Occupation Was Forced

PARIS, April 6.—Premier Millerand today formally notified Dr. Von Mayer, the German charge d'affaires, of the action of the French government in ordering the advance and informed him that as soon as there had been complete evacuation of the neutral zone by the German troops the French would evacuate the cities they had been ordered to occupy. The premier's note read:

"By my letter of April 2, I asked you to make insistent representations to your government to obtain the immediate withdrawal of the German troops which unduly penetrated the neutral zone fixed by article 32 of the treaty of Versailles.

"My request having obtained no result up to this time I have the honor of informing you that the general commanding in chief of the army on the Rhine has received orders to occupy immediately the cities of Frankfort, Homburg, Hanau, Darmstadt and Dieburg. This occupation will end as soon as the German troops shall have completely evacuated the neutral zone."

No Violence Reported

FRANKFORT, April 6.—(By Associated Press.) Frankfort was occupied without incident by French troops early today and with the cavalry in the lead, followed by the infantry and the artillery, the occupying forces pressed rapidly beyond the city. They met with no opposition. By ten o'clock in the morning the cavalry had reached Eckenheim (three miles north of Frankfort). The entire operation was expected to be completed during the day.

The occupation takes the form of an extension of the French lines around the bridgehead of Mayence, a distance of about 18 miles. The extreme limits of the advance form a semi-circle similar to but larger than that of the original zone of occupation.

The only German troops encountered in Frankfort by the French were Sicherheitswehr, or volunteers, who surrendered. They probably will be simply disarmed and released.

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