

LUDENDORFF ON TRIAL FOR PART IN PUTSCH PLOT

MUNICH, Bavaria, Feb. 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The sanguinary events of last November became again a topic of intense public interest with the opening of the trial of former Field Marshal Ludendorff and his nine associates for their parts in an attempt to overthrow the government.

While provisions for the press have been made in the military academy where the trial is being held, the most important of the testimony will be taken behind closed doors and the public sittings are not expected to develop much in addition to the facts already published. The proceedings are expected to consume but a few days.

Aside from Ludendorff, the defendants are: Adolph Hitler, leader of the Bavarian "stormtroopers," former Police Chief Dohmer; Dr. Frick, ex-president of the Munich district; Lieutenant Henry Purdie, who is Ludendorff's step-son, and five men accused of being Hitler's aides; Lieutenants Wagner and Bruckner, Captain Room, Dr. Wober and Colonel Kriebel.

The nationalists' putsch was extremely short lived. It started the night of November 8 in a beer cellar when Hitler at the head of his men raided a meeting attended by the Bavarian government leaders, and proclaimed the cabinet overthrown. Hitler named himself chancellor and Ludendorff dictator of the entire German republic.

Hitler's well organized troops of the Oberland organization occupied different quarters of the city and apparently controlled the situation.

The next day reichswehr forces under orders from Dr. Von Kahr, the recently resigned Bavarian military dictator, attacked the Hitlerites and after brief fighting regained possession of the war ministry. Ludendorff and other leaders were arrested, but Hitler fled and was not taken until later.

Reports are current that many of the witnesses will not appear against the defendants, on pleas of illness.

Four defendants are reported to have gone on a hunger strike. They were offered potatoes, cheese, sauerkraut, rye bread, black beer and other things for which Bavaria is famous, but drank the beer only and declined to partake of the food.

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The Socialist News Service today publishes what purports to be an extract from the indictment against those accused of participating in the Ludendorff-Hitler "putsch" at Munich last year.

According to this extract the conduct of Dr. Von Kahr, the former Bavarian dictator, and General Von Lossow, who headed the Bavarian reichswehr, was held to be "harmless," although they had relations with Adolph Hitler and the others and were well informed of their plans.

The indictment describes Hitler as the prime mover, asserting that he aimed at the overthrow of the government of Bavaria and the reich and that he allotted the offices of state, giving himself the leadership.

General Ludendorff is declared to have been acquainted with all the plans for this violent, unconstitutional undertaking, and to have acted as leader of the newly formed "national army."

He is alleged to have issued directions to the reichswehr regarding protection of the frontier and formation of national forces and to have placed himself at the head of a procession in Munich to influence the reichswehr and police in favor of the emergency by his prestige and personality.

—This is Evans Week—

INSPIRE OF PLEA PORTLAND MAN IS GIVEN JAIL TERM

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 28.—Paul Merrill, owner of the Punaition Inn, was sentenced to six months in the county jail and fined \$100 by Judge Wolcott yesterday. Merrill was convicted about a month ago of selling liquor and maintaining a nuisance. His attorney, Edwin G. Smith, made a plea for a fine only.

Merrill was given a stay of execution of twelve days in which he may sell the restaurant.

G. Smith made a plea for Merrill, he called attention repeatedly to Merrill's having served two years in the county jail for the same offense.

He said that for twelve years he had lived "on bread and butter" in Portland, and his attorney says all age should keep the court from imposing a jail sentence.

Now, Merrill is an inmate, the attorney declared, and Merrill was released from operating the restaurant in order to provide for his care. The ruling according to the law that Merrill's was a "closed" restaurant.

"Would you hear anything on the man's appeal?" he asked the court.

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