

# SEPARATISTS IN PALATINATE LACK PROGRAM

ORRIS, (Bavarian Palatinates), Feb. 28.—Disputes between rural and town populations, and the efforts of the Palatinates government to control food supplies by law, form the basis for the Free Peasants movement which brought the late Herr Heinz into prominence and ultimately resulted in his establishment of the so-called autonomous Palatinates which gained the support of the French occupation forces and expelled the legal government, which is now housed at Heidelberg.

President Heinz owned a farm near Orris and was barrister of his district. But he was a politician rather than a farmer, and devoted much time to resisting the edicts of the Palatinates government located at Speyer. His farm, according to his neighbors, was the worst cultivated bit of land in the district. When the Speyer government ordered farmers to deliver a certain percentage of their milk and other products to the urban population, Heinz seized upon the opportunity to lead what he called a rebellion and enlisted many of the Free Peasants in the movement, which was economic rather than political.

It is estimated in German quarters that about 75,000 persons in the Palatinates, out of a total population of 800,000 were members of the Free Peasants. It was not a political party, and its president, M. Hahn, now declares that he is not for the Separatist government which Heinz established at Speyer, and which was taken over by Adolph Hitler, after Heinz was murdered in Speyer.

In addition to the Free Peasants there are two other organizations of farmers in the Palatinates, the Christian Peasants and the Baderbund, or Peasants' Union. The former has about 5,000 members, both Catholic and Protestant, and the latter is said to have about 21,000 members. The Free Peasants are the ultra-radical wing among the farming population, and comprise adherents of various churches as well as free thinkers.

The aims of the Free Peasants are purely material, if one may judge from the statements of widely scattered members of the organization. It is not a political party, and it embraces members of all existing parties in Bavaria, as well as adherents of all churches. Its chief aim is to free the farming population from government control in order to get the best possible prices for farm products. Its report to so-called rebellion did not have the general support of its membership, and there are, apparently, comparatively few of the members who desire to secede from Bavaria and from the German republic.

In fact, it is difficult to find out exactly what the Separatist government of Adolph Bley does want. Some of its members say they aim to throw off Bavarian control and become a federated state in the German republic. Others talk about autonomy in a hazy way which leaves it uncertain whether they are seeking absolute independence, or want to retain some sort of affiliation with the Berlin government.

In the publications controlled by the French in the Palatinates the statement is constantly reiterated that the autonomous government under Bley at Speyer is the legal government of the Palatinates, and is wholly without connection with the German republic.

All in all, the autonomous movement is about as nebulous as various attempts which have been made to establish a separate Rhineland Republic at other points along the Rhine, and the overwhelming feeling against it in various parts of the Palatinates make it clear that Bley and his followers would be in great danger of suffering the fate of the murdered Heinz if General de Metz and the French occupation troops were not protecting them.

## GERMAN REPORT ON WAR WILL FILL TEN VOLUMES

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—Germany probably some time next fall will know officially all the ins and outs of the World War of 1914-19, and just what brought it about. The parliamentary inquiry commission, appointed several years ago to investigate all phases of the conflict, has announced that it hopes to finish its task some time this year when its full report will be published in 10 or 12 volumes.

# MEDFORD EGG MARKET UPSET

MEDFORD, Feb. 28.—Poultrymen are facing the most critical period in the history of their industry in the Rogue River valley. According to the Medford chamber of commerce, more eggs are being produced than are necessary to supply the trading territory of Southern Oregon and Northern California and unless the supply of the Poultry Producers' association is increased immediately to take advantage of shipping to the New York market in car lots, the industry will be demoralized.

Already some of the egg dealers have experienced the effect of overproduction. A small express shipment of eggs to the San Francisco market netted only fifteen cents per dozen. Express charges on eggs to either Portland or San Francisco are so high that producers can not ship to these markets to advantage. The freight on a car load of eggs from the Rogue River valley to New York is no higher than from Portland to New York. When the producers of eggs in southern Oregon realize that weekly shipment of the surplus eggs to New York will stabilize the local market, then the industry will again be firmly established.

Some of the large poultry producers appeared before the directors of the Medford chamber of Commerce and presented facts as to this industry. It is evident to the directors that those engaged in egg production must be made to realize that their salvation is in the pooling of their surplus eggs for shipment to the New York market, otherwise the surplus will reduce the market price of all eggs sold locally to such an extent that the industry will become unprofitable.

Expert advice is being sought by the chamber of marketing and every assistance will be given the poultrymen of this district to firmly establish their industry.

## ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHS EXHIBITED IN STOCKHOLM

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28.—Stockholm today is witnessing an interesting international exposition of photographic art in the Liljewach Art Galleries. According to the reviewers American and English exhibitors are

well in the lead and compete for first place as regards technical merit and high artistic quality. The consensus of popular opinion so far seems to be that England will rank first.

The general impression of the exposition is that the world's camera artists are showing a great variety of artistic conception and surprising excellence in execution.

## CEMENT BEST FOR ROAD MARKS

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 28.—White traffic dividing lines are to be built into concrete roads instead of being painted upon them each season, according to William M. Connell, engineering executive of the Pennsylvania department of highways. In the center of the road on grades and curves a four-inch strip of white cement will be built.

Connell pointed out that the cost of building the line into the pavement will not equal the cost of a painted white line with the necessary renewals.



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# MOVIE CENSORS HAVE HARD JOB

CHICAGO, Feb. 28.—Children who pay out their nickels and dimes to get behind the closed doors of the movie theatre sometimes envy members of the board of moving picture censors of Chicago, who see every picture before it is released for showing in this city. But if they were to take up the duties of the censors the task possibly would be found no labor of choice.

For much work is necessary before the approval or disapproval of the board is placed upon a picture. Viewing the picture is not only required, but numerous conferences

are necessary before final action is taken. As an example, 589,500 feet of pictures were examined last January. In one day 51 reels of pictures, each one thousand feet long, were passed upon.

When the picture is received from the moving picture exchange, which is required to submit every picture brought into the city to the board, a record is made of its title, number of feet and the producer, along with other data. The picture is then taken to the projection room, where three screens, three projection machines and three operators are used to speed up its showing.

While the picture is being shown, members of the board take notes, after which they confer on action to be taken. The picture is taken up in a chronological manner, the objection of each censor being thoroughly discussed. Then a vote

is taken as to whether such and such a part of the picture is to be cut out. A majority vote rules.

After a picture is passed upon the exchange is notified what parts have been cut and the picture returned to the exchange, with a record of what is necessary to delete. After the objectionable parts are removed, they are returned to the board for final approval and a permit issued for the showing of the picture. If an exchange has ten different sets of the same picture a separate permit is necessary for each set.

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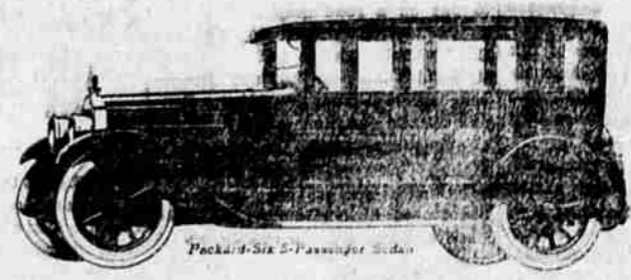
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