

# 'COMPRIMISE,' EBERT TELLS BERLIN

## PUT MILLION IN HOME BUILDING FOR WORKERS

Officials of LaFayette Motors Company Aim to Relieve House Famine.

### WIDE EFFECT LIKELY

Articles of incorporation for a million dollar housing corporation to erect homes for workers at the new LaFayette motors factory were filed with the secretary of state this afternoon.

The company is to be known as the LaFayette Building Company. Elmer W. Stout, M. J. Moore and L. C. Huesmann signed the incorporation papers.

This is the first definite step toward relieving the housing situation in Indianapolis and the men behind the project expect it to have a far-reaching effect on the future of the city.

When the LaFayette Motors Company swings into full production the plant will bring hundreds of skilled workmen to the city. They must have homes.

Actuated by this impulse as well as for the welfare of the factory, the LaFayette company, after a survey of housing conditions, decided on the home building project.

**PROPERTY YEAR FACTORY BOUGHT.**  
A beautiful tract of property just west of the factory in the southwest portion of the city has been obtained and here will be established the LaFayette community.

It is proposed to erect substantial homes which will be available at minimum costs for the workers. Here they will find easy access to their place of employment. It is expected the plan will make that section of the city one of the most attractive for new manufacturing enterprises.

Associated with the LaFayette Building Company in the housing program are the Fletcher-American Company, Meyer-Kiser bank, Breuer, Elliott and Hays, the City Trust Company and the Hausen and Jewett Company. The company itself has taken \$100,000 worth of stock.

The company will go into the building project substantially, with an initial investment of \$500,000 common and \$500,000 preferred stock. Orders soon will be placed for materials and work will be started without delay in building houses.

The LaFayette company came to the city in September of last year, with a paid-in capital of \$400,000. Already much progress has been made toward turning out LaFayette cars in great numbers.

**ALL CONTRACTS FOR 1920 LET.**  
Officials of the company reported today that all contracts for materials for 1920 have been let, all forging dies have been made, and the machinery has been installed and tools and other equipment purchased. One of the designer's models, which was exhibited at the New York and Chicago automobile shows, attracted wide interest. As the result there has been a clamor for agencies for the product throughout the country. Already many agents and distributors have been contracted with.

Hundreds of applications have been received by the company from skilled workmen who are willing to move to Indianapolis if they can be assured housing accommodations. According to M. J. Moore, secretary and treasurer of the company.

It is the plan of the LaFayette Building Company to erect a housing community, virtually all machinery has been installed and carrying charges of the money involved in the building of the houses. It is estimated that about 350 homes will be needed and it is proposed to build at least 150 of them as soon as possible.

The Fletcher American Company and other companies have agreed to underwrite the issue of preferred stock, which will return 7 per cent annual dividends, payable quarterly, under the condition of the issue that, for every dollar of preferred stock issued by the corporation, there will be at least one dollar of common stock, so that the preferred stock will be issued only as the common stock is paid in cash or in land at an actual appraised value.

**PAYMENT PLAN FOR HOUSES.**  
It is expected that upon the construction of the houses the company will be liquidated within seven years by the completion of all installments on sales of houses to members of the LaFayette organization.

Upon completing a house the company proposes to sell it on the basis of a substantial down payment and a monthly payment equal to 1 per cent of the unpaid balance. In this way the purchaser will have the house half paid for within four years, and then can make a straight mortgage and pay off the company if he wishes; or, if he prefers to continue his payments, the company will be liquidated in approximately seven years.

This is virtually the plan followed by successful building and loan associations throughout the country.

There are already approximately fifty homes in the neighborhood of the plant, but the new homes to be built will be of modern type, embodying all of the improvements which will be appreciated by the skilled type of men which the LaFayette company will attract.

"Knowing that men who appreciate fine work also appreciate fine homes," said E. C. Howard, vice president of the LaFayette company, "it is our hope and intention that the community center to be developed in the vicinity of our plant shall be better than the majority of subdivisions, in attractiveness of layout and architecture and wholesome living conditions. In no sense of the word will it be a slum. It is the intention of some of the officers of the company and division heads ultimately to make their homes in this section of the city."

"We have many applications from men in the cities in the million population class who are anxious to come to Indianapolis."

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## Ind \$100,000 Bonds in Chicago Pig Sty

CHICAGO, March 16.—A water-soaked sack containing approximately \$100,000 in Liberty and other bonds was dug up in a pig sty on the farm of Guy Wadsworth by detectives. It was believed the loot was the result of ten Indiana robberies.

## DENIES MURDER



FRANCIS MARION WHITE. Facing Judge Collins on a charge of murdering John P. Aughinbaugh, a grocer, Francis Marion White, 17, pleaded not guilty today. His defense will be insanity. Aughinbaugh was beaten to death in his store Jan. 28.

## HAAG ACQUITTED ON TIGER CHARGE

Woman, Next Up, Given \$100 and Thirty Days.

Louis E. Haag, one of the proprietors of a string of drug stores, was discharged as a blind tiger operator in city court today.

Haag smiled as the court ruled there was no evidence of a sale of whiskey and an air of relief came over the judge.

Haag was arrested two weeks ago when a negro, who had been picked up, said he obtained the bottle of whiskey he carried from the Haag store on North Pennell avenue street. Twenty-three half pints of "Old Darling" was found in a cabinet in the store.

"What do you think of the case?" asked Judge Pritchard, turning to Deputy Prosecutor Spann.

"The case has nothing to say," answered Spann, evading the question.

"Do you think the evidence supports the conclusion that Haag had the whiskey for sale?" the court inquired.

"I won't answer that," responded the prosecutor.

After this bit of discourse, Pritchard wrote "discharged" across the affidavit. Haag contended that the twenty-three bottles of whiskey were in the store without his knowledge.

Immediately after Haag, who has been in court numerous times for liquor violations, walked out of the courtroom.

Next up was a woman charged with having sold three drinks to Mose Ryher. She was fined \$100 and costs and given thirty days in jail.

Attorney Ryan, in pleading for Haag, said the latter had been "through a pretty tough mill during the last year."

## VOTES RAISES IN MINNESOTA

Light Vote Cast in G. O. P. Primaries.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 16.—Gen. Leonard Wood is the winner of the republican presidential primary held throughout Minnesota Monday.

Later returns indicate that he won in every county except one, where the vote was extremely light everywhere.

In Minneapolis 20,000 votes were cast, about one-third of the normal number. With twenty-one out of 160 precincts in the city still to be heard from, the vote was as follows:

Wood, 6,819; Johnson, 5,740; Hoover, 4,115; and Lowden, 2,465.

Many women voted.

BISMARCK, N. D., March 16.—Interest in the North Dakota presidential primary today centered in the naming of delegates to the national conventions. Senator Hiram Johnson, republican, and William Bryan, democrat, are the only names to fall to the nomination of delegates to the national conventions on the official ballot.

There were two republican and two democratic slates for national committee, and Bryan and Johnson were the only names to fall to the nomination of delegates to the national conventions on the official ballot.

## BOY TREMBLES AS HE HEARS MURDER CHARGE

Francis White, 17, Nervously Pleads Not Guilty of Killing Grocer.

### INSANITY IS DEFENSE

Francis Marion White, 17-year-old alleged slayer of John P. Aughinbaugh, aged grocer, stood before Judge James A. Collins in criminal court today and pleaded not guilty to murder.

He was nervous while his attorney, Judge James E. Deery, told the judge that the boy would stand trial by jury. Dressed in coarse, brown clothes, the boy was pale from weeks spent in jail. His face twitched as he told his age. The crime was committed on the morning of Jan. 28, said he was 17 on March 16. He said he had lived three years in Indianapolis, coming from Danville, Ind.

Jailers who brought the boy to court declared he was a model prisoner. He never complains and talks but little about the crime, they said.

**INSANITY PLEA TO BE DEFENSE.**  
It was reported that an insanity plea would be made in his defense by Judge Deery.

Aughinbaugh, known in the neighborhood as "Uncle Charlie," and was especially idolized by children who lived near his little grocery store at 1102 South Sheffield avenue.

White, according to his purported confession to the detective two days after the murder, went to "Uncle Charlie's" grocery for some pressed ham on the morning of Jan. 28, 1920.

At first the aged grocer is said to have refused the boy credit, because of an unpaid bill. The kind heart of the old man softened after an argument with the lad and he consented to give the boy the meat on credit.

White claims that while Aughinbaugh was weighing out the meat, the grocer taunted him about his father not paying his bill. White asserts that this so angered him that he lost his self-control, picked up an iron bar on the counter and struck the grocer over the head.

**VERDICT TO BE DECIDED.**  
According to the police the boy struck Aughinbaugh after he had fallen to the floor. White admits, according to the police, that he took some small change from the pocket of his victim.

The murder was committed early in the morning and White easily made his escape. The mystery was cleared a few days later.

When the lad was placed behind jail doors he was dressed in an ill-fitting army uniform. In talks to newspapermen he appeared unrepentant, realizing the enormity of his crime. The grand jury returned an indictment charging first degree murder.

## NECKLACE GOES IN HOTEL LOBBY

Marion Woman Doesn't Know if Lost or Stolen.

A pearl necklace valued at \$900 was lost or stolen in the lobby of the Hotel Lincoln, Mrs. Michael L. Swagney of Marion, Ind., told the police today.

Immediately after Sgt. Sheehan telephoned the information to police headquarters, Mrs. Swagney was assigned to the case.

No clue could be given by Mrs. Swagney other than to say she was sure she had the pearls about her neck in the hotel lobby.

There are 187 pearls on the string, according to the description given. Mrs. Swagney refused to talk about them other than to confirm their disappearance.

## DENIES EVIL 'ID FOR NEWBERRY

Attorney for Defense Holds 45 Should Be Freed.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 16.—A corrupt purpose and an evil intent must be established beyond a reasonable doubt before eighty-five defendants in the Newberry case can be declared guilty, Attorney Nichols declared today in addressing the jury.

Nichols went through a list of forty-five of the defendants, analyzing the testimony against each one, and declared the government had failed to show an evil intent.

Attorney Hal A. Smith followed Nichols, representing Fred W. Blair, treasurer of the Newberry campaign.

"The question of a large sum of money being spent is not the issue here," he declared. "There is no charge of corruption of the ballot box. The sole question is whether there was a conspiracy to spend more than the law allows."

## Men, They'll Be Wearing Trousers Tighter This Year Without Cuff

The best tip Indianapolis clothiers and haberdashers have for the young man about to bedeck himself with the gladstone season of spring is "Let your conscience be your guide."

The ubiquitous arbiters of modes for the male have contented themselves this year with the addition of fastidious details to the wardrobe. Not only a variety of suit designs, seen in the last few years, will be good even in extreme models.

If one wishes to huddle oneself in a short and shapeless English cut in the jacket type one may find the real thing direct from England. It will have as many as four buttons and will button up tightly nearly to the throat. When buttoned the front edges will curl back under the armpits displaying the vest, which may be a fanciful futuristic creation or a sweet looking thing of delicate shades.

**ENGLISH MODES MUCH IN VOGUE.**  
English fashions have had a profound influence of American clothes for ten years or more, but the imitation has usually differed from the original in being made better. The English run to more extreme fashions than we do. If one doesn't fancy an Englishman's idea of a suit of clothes the spring market offers a variety of American inven-

## Mrs. Richards Had Her Say Year Ago; Now Hubby Asks For His!



MRS. VIVIAN D. RICHARDS.

Most people like to have their weddings put in the papers and their divorces kept out.

An exception, however, was Mrs. Vivian D. Richards. When she started a divorce action a year ago against Dr. Virgil Richards, manager of the Long-Bell Lumber company, with offices at 1008 Merchants Bank building, she wanted the world to know it. Pretty Mrs. Richards was even willing to go to the trouble of visiting the newspaper office. And the reporters are so impressionable that they have taken the case to the public.

She was heartbroken, she said. A man who had been her husband, had come between her and her husband, she went on. Yes, she had plenty of time to tell all about it. And the details were just related.

And now, a year to the month, her husband makes his appearance. He walked into The Times editorial department this morning and asked for the case editor.

"MY TURN NOW," HE SAYS.  
"You gave my wife all the publicity she wanted a year ago and now it's my turn," he said.

Mrs. Richards said that he had filed an answer to his wife's petition asking for \$200 a month in Judge W. W. Thornton's court of superior court No. 1.

The reporter who handled the trials and tribulations of Mrs. Richards a year ago treated over to the superior court to find out what Mr. Richards wanted the world to know.

The reporter found that County Clerk Richard J. Sipe was just in the act of sending Mrs. Richards a copy of the petition to Morgan county on Richards' motion.

The reporter also found that Mrs. Richards had told the world some more things about Mr. Richards in her petition for \$200 a month as support.

Mrs. Richards now claims that her husband deserted her on Jan. 23 last. She claims that Richards makes at least \$6,000 a year.

**SAYS HE'S LIVING WITH ANOTHER WOMAN.**  
In her new recital of grievances Mrs. Richards alleges that her husband is living with a woman by the name of Irene Rens, and that he buys her expensive and costly garments, that he maintains for her a fashionable and luxurious apartment or accommodations at fashionable hotels.

Mrs. Richards also claims that her husband takes her to theater box parties and also gives dinner parties for (Continued on Page Two.)

## ARREST THREAT TURNS ON HEAT

Humane Officer Takes Hand in Apartment Row.

Threatening Louis Harboush, a grocer, with arrest, Samuel Gaddis, humane society officer, forced Harboush to provide heat for tenants in an apartment at 322 1/2 East Washington street.

Gaddis had received a call from Edward Phelps, the tenant. Going to the flat he found Mrs. Phelps in bed with a 3-week-old baby, covered with blankets, and a 12-year-old daughter seeking warmth under cover.

The officer learned that the Phelps family, which paid \$40 a month rent, had been notified to move on March 5. Unable to get another place, they had stayed on. Their rent was paid to March 12. When the Phelps family was ordered to move the humane officer took them to the humane society office.

Harboush told the officer he turned off the heat, which was included in the rent, under advice of his attorney, Col. Russell B. Harrison. Gaddis visited the attorney and the attorney advised Harboush to turn on the heat. He said court proceedings had been started to force the family to vacate the flat.

## BERLIN SEETHES WITH STRIKES IN FULL SWING

Hindenburg Advises Kapp and Ebert to Agree and Call Election.

### AIRPLANES KEPT BUSY

BERLIN, March 16.—Street fighting broke out in Berlin during the night.

Nine persons were killed in clashes between the revolutionary soldiers and crowds. The number of wounded is not known.

The fighting started when troops, supporting the Von Kapp revolutionary movement began dispersing crowds of strikers.

The general strike continues in full swing. Field Marshal von Hindenburg has written a letter to Imperial Chancellor von Kapp advising him to withdraw his troops from the city and abide by the new German constitution. He has sent another letter to President Ebert at Stuttgart, informing him of the communication to von Kapp and advising Herr Ebert to reach an immediate compromise with Von Kapp on the calling of a general election.

Pending negotiations via airplane between Dr. Kapp and Ebert, both sides gain strength.

The revolutionary government is holding its troops in readiness for action. One of the demands from President Ebert was that the revolutionary soldiers be disarmed and turned over to the Ebert government for trial on the charge of treason, but Von Kapp rejected it.

The military censorship has been ordered intensified, but the telegraphers defied Von Kapp and have been sending out messages and press dispatches uncensored.

The streets have been flooded with proclamations. Immediately following the announcement that a cabinet of "experts" would be appointed another manifesto appeared, demanding the resignation of the cabinet and would appoint a ministry "until the result of the deliberations with Stuttgart are definitely known." Herr Von Hamel has been carrying on state business.

## POLITICIAN UP IN COLBY QUIZ

Herbert Parsons Summoned by Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Herbert Parsons, New York lawyer and political leader, was a witness before the senate foreign relations committee today when it resumed consideration of the appointment of Bainbridge Colby as secretary of state.

Parsons, republican national committee man from New York, was subpoenaed to appear before the committee in connection with the resignation of Bainbridge Colby to Colby's confirmation, it was stated.

## Ask for Increased Commutation Rate

The Union Traction Company filed a petition with the state public service commission today asking authority to increase rates on forty-five commutation books from the present rate of 15 cents a mile to a sum approximately twenty-five times the one-way fare for the distance designated, or forty rides for the price of twenty-five.

## Pardons Board Hears Armstrong Petition

Hearing on a petition for parole of Day Armstrong a parole in 1919, but Armstrong was refused to move on March 5. Unable to get another place, they had stayed on. Their rent was paid to March 12. When the Phelps family was ordered to move the humane officer took them to the humane society office.

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## University to Run Local Dispensary

A contract for the operation of the city dispensary during the coming year was renewed with the medical department of Indiana university by members of the board of health. It was announced today by Dr. Herman G. Morgan, secretary of the board.

The university agreed to operate the dispensary and provide supplies for \$225 per month. It costs about \$1,200 now to run the institution.

The board of health met last night and considered the financial condition of the city hospital. The resignation of Mrs. Blanche Bailey, a school nurse, was accepted.

## Two Evansville Men Held Under Mann Act

James Marshall and Artie Barnett of Evansville are in the custody of government officers today on a charge of violating the Mann act.

They were arrested in Evansville yesterday by Louis Bender, deputy United States marshal, and brought to Indianapolis. It is alleged the men caused Margaret Brockstedt of Evansville to be transported to St. Louis for immoral purposes.

Harry Welch, charged with violating the Harrison narcotics act, was brought to Indianapolis today in custody of C. M. Mikese, deputy United States marshal, following his arrest in Terre Haute, where he is alleged to have been peddling cocaine and morphine.

## Rent Raised, Film Actress Files Suit

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—Mrs. Ruth Storer, film actress, has filed suit for \$5,000 against her landlord, declaring the landlord caused her that much mental suffering when he raised the rent.

## FIGHTING IN 3 CITIES; 60 DEAD

### War Spreads in Frankfurt, Leipzig and Berlin as Peace Fades

STUTTGART, March 16.—The "constitutional government" refuses to negotiate with the heads of the revolutionary regime at Berlin, said an official announcement today. It follows in full:

"The heads of the Berlin regime are trying to make the people believe that they are negotiating. The constitutionalists refuse to negotiate with Von Kapp."

"Negotiations can only occasion distrust and confusion and prolong the disorders. The only solution is for Von Kapp, who has proclaimed himself chancellor, to resign unconditionally."

All ministers were present at the cabinet meeting except Eugene Schiffer, minister of justice and vice chancellor.

Gen. Maercker, the Ebert representative, is en route to Stuttgart from Berlin with the compromise proposals of the revolutionists.

THE HAGUE, March 16.—Sixty persons have been killed and 150 wounded in sanguinary street fighting in Leipzig, Frankfurt and Berlin, according to a report from the latter city this afternoon.

At Dresden the spartacists stormed the postoffice building, but were defeated by armed socialists belonging to three different factions of the party. The socialists at Dresden joined forces with the Ebert troops and supported the local police and the garrison soldiers in restoring order.

Numerous violent encounters are reported from south Germany, where the authorities generally are adhering to the Ebert government.

## 'SOVIET DEMANDED' BY SOVIET REVOLUTION

PARIS, March 16.—The workers' federation in Stuttgart has demanded a soviet dictatorship and will submit the plan to a vote of all workers today, a Berlin dispatch states. Serious disorders have occurred in large cities throughout Saxony, the dispatch says. Street fighting was reported in Dresden.

The Ebert cabinet has called a meeting of the national assembly at Stuttgart for tomorrow.

The German peace delegation in Paris has denied that a compromise had been reached between the revolutionary government at Berlin and the old government headed by President Friedrich Ebert at Stuttgart.

Official advices were received from Stuttgart that Herr Ebert is "not considering negotiations with the Berlin regime."

Herr Ebert, the German charge d'affaires, today informed President Merand officially that no compromise has been reached between the revolutionary forces in Berlin and the Ebert government.

A Berlin dispatch says that the compromise terms proposed by Dictator Von Kapp demand amnesty for all persons concerned in the revolution.

Meaningless Berlin dispatches indicated growing opposition to the revolution in the capital. Violent fighting has taken place in Berlin. Fifteen persons have been killed and many wounded. Both the national and popular parties were reported to have repudiated Von Kapp. The fact that the revolutionists' compromise terms were reported to include a demand for amnesty for the revolutionists was interpreted as a sign of their period of control may be short lived.

"Unity of allied action was never more needed than today," said a Berlin dispatch. "What is to be thought of the action of Great Britain, who is apparently willing to enter into negotiations with the national party most likely to come into power?"

## TWO LOW ROAD BIDS DEFEATED

County Board Awards Contracts for 5 Improvements.

In awarding contracts for improving of road, the county board of commissioners today rejected two low bids that were not the lowest.

The commissioners awarded two contracts to Timberlake & Co. for the improvement of the Roberts road, from Keystone avenue to Allisonville, and the Wright or Allisonville road to Ravenswood.

The Timberlake company's bid on the Wright road was \$119,000 as against a bid of \$118,940 by A. J. Yawger, and the bid on the Roberts road \$33,242 against \$32,740 by A. J. Yawger Company.

County Surveyor Griffith stated that the Yawger company was understood to have many other contracts and was doubtful that this company could start work at once.

The American Construction Company was granted the contract for improving Rinnle road, which extends from the canal to Sunset avenue. The contract for the Behrman road, which is known as the Liberty road, was awarded to the Timberlake company for \$25,250, the only bidders, while the Borchert road, extending from Prospect street to the city limits, was awarded to Harold and Butler on a bid of \$55,320.

## MINNESOTA HIT BY SNOW STORM

MINNEAPOLIS, March 16.—Raging in from the northwest, one of the worst of the winter's blizzards today partly tied up rail transportation, seriously crippled telegraph service and caused many thousands of dollars' worth of damage in Minnesota and the Dakotas.

The blizzard was driven by a fifty-mile gale. In Minneapolis one death, scores of injuries were washed and many telephone poles blown over were the storm's toll.

## CRANE FAVORABLY REPORTED TO SENATE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The senate foreign relations committee today ordered a favorable report on the nomination of Charles H. Crane of Chicago to be ambassador to China. The senate is expected to confirm the nomination late today.

## REBELS CAPTURE HAMBURG SUBURB

COPENHAGEN, March 16.—German revolutionary troops have captured Altona (a suburb of Hamburg) and part of the port of Hamburg, according to information from the town today. Armed workers had occupied the public buildings before the troops occupied the town. Spartacists are reported to be in control of all of the city of Hamburg.

## GROOM-TO-BE ARRESTED.

HOUSTON, March 16.—The announcement that H. J. Barton was to marry was printed here. Then the Bay City police knew where Barton was and pinched him. They said he cashed some checks.