

## HUNS NEEDED BUT TO BLUFF, CLAIMS SIMS

Germans Could Have Won War by Well-Directed Feint He Says — Would Have Paralyzed any Operations.

### DEPARTMENT IN DARK

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, March 16.—A little "bluff" on the part of the Germans in 1918, at the crucial point of the war, would have paralyzed transportation of soldiers and war material between this country and Europe. Read Admiral Sims today told the senate naval sub-committee.

Information from authentic sources, indicating that the Germans were building two heavily armored modern battle cruisers for a desperate last hope raid against the ship convoys was transmitted to the navy department, Admiral Sims said, and immediately he was besieged with cablegrams from Washington outlining various plans of action, all of which he testified, were impracticable, although such a contingency had been under discussion for nearly a year and there had been ample time to prepare.

"If the enemy had only known," said Admiral Sims, "all he need have done was to make a series of bluffs, involving little risk to himself and we would have done the rest. Shipping would have been paralyzed."

Three of Four No Good  
Admiral Sims discussed at length four plans proposed by the department for defeating Germany on the seas. They were: A protected lane through the danger zone; the blocking of German ports by sinking ships in the entrance; mine barriers of nets and mines of types then in use; mine barriers of mines of a new type. All except the last were impracticable, he declared, and much time was wasted by the insistence of the department that they be tried.

The department wished to land a "solar plexus blow" against the submarine campaign, the Admiral said, and suggested many schemes long before rejected by the allies. Such a plan was that of sinking old battleships and cruisers in the entrances to all German submarine base harbors. Admiral Sims asserted, and only after he had pointed out that the scheme would require the sinking of 40 battleships and 43 cruisers, and six months of preparation did the department agree to abandon the plan. It took seven months of effort to bring the Washington officials to the final conclusion, he said.

First Suggested Mines.  
On May 11, 1917, the navy department first suggested the idea of a barrage of mines across the North Sea to trap the German sea forces. Admiral Sims said, and at that time he opposed the plan because the allies could not afford to divert the large numbers of men and ships and huge amounts of material necessary to make the project a success, he declared, and also because the old type mines then in use were not practicable for such a purpose.

Later, when the submarine campaign was well in hand and a new type of antenna mine developed in this country he approved the idea, he said, and helped to expedite the laying of the barrage. The result, the North Sea mine barrage, was a magnificent achievement the Admiral said, reflecting great credit on the navy and the officers and men who were responsible for the success of the project.

Admiral Sims said he particularly wished to refute an assertion "widely circulated" that the department had proposed and from the first favored the barrage mine project and that he was "about the only officer in the navy that ever opposed it."

Did Not Have Information.  
The navy department at the time the United States entered the war, Admiral Sims said, was not very much better informed than the general public of actual conditions in the belligerent countries and had but little trustworthy information regarding such matters as submarine losses, shipping losses, anti-submarine measures or other matters concerning which complete knowledge was essential to the development of effective plans for combatting the submarine menace.

Even after he arrived in England and had access to the information he could not place it at the disposal of the department immediately, he added, because of the smallness of his staff.

### 500 Volumes from Famous Edgar Hiff Library Given to High School by Son

Five hundred selected volumes of history, literature, travel and classics, part of the famous library of the late J. Edgar Hiff, have been given by the Richmond high school by Walter E. Hiff, his son, who is American manager for Alfred Bell & Co., London publishers of mezzotints and color etchings.

Mr. Hiff arrived in Richmond Monday, on his way from his home in West Orange, N. J., to California. He stopped off here to unlock the book cases of his father's library and personally to oversee the selection and transportation of the 500 books to the high school library.

"I am greatly interested in doing this, because I think books locked in their cases are useless. They only fulfill their mission when they are placed where they can be used. I am happy in giving these volumes to the library of the high school where they can be of service to the boys and girls of Richmond," said Mr. Hiff. "The books will be invaluable to the high school." Principal Bate said Tuesday. Mr. Hiff's action follows a suggestion by Mrs. M. F. Johnston.

## U. S. Leader on Rhine



Major General Henry T. Allen.

Major General Henry T. Allen is in command of the American forces on the Rhine, numbering about 13,000. As the United States is still technically at war with Germany, American troops in that country are on an entirely different footing from the French or British.

## PACT MAY BE SENT TO PRESIDENT THIS WEEK, LEADERS HOPE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Senate leaders worked today for an agreement to vote on ratification of the peace treaty this week, so that the pact might be sent to President Wilson, or laid aside to permit consideration of other business.

"If the ratification vote fails of the necessary two-thirds majority, a motion to reconsider is expected immediately, probably by majority leaders, in the hope of stampeding some of the opposition into changing their votes. It was admitted the situation held many possibilities, in view of the urgent representations that have been made for ratifying the treaty to stabilize world conditions."

Adoption yesterday of the substitute reservation to Article X, by a vote of 56 to 26, removed the last obstacle to a vote on the treaty itself, although a number of other questions remain to be settled first.

Fourteen Democrats accepted it. Administration leaders seemed without fear that their forces would crumble sufficient to enable the Republicans to ratify the pact with the objectionable reservation to article X which President Wilson let it be known "rough Senator Hitchcock he would not accept."

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### Declarations Pile in For Small Political Jobs

Five candidates for precinct committees, one for county commissioner, and two for state convention delegates filed their declarations with the county clerk Tuesday.

William J. Curtis, of Franklin township, filed his declaration for the Republican nomination for county commissioner, from the eastern district. Curtis is now trustee of Franklin township.

Lee B. Nussbaum, 110 North Eleventh street, filed as candidate for state convention delegate from the third ward, and Charles F. Porter, of Hagerstown, announced himself as convention delegate candidate from Jefferson township. Both are Republicans.

The Republican candidates for precinct committees who filed declarations include William P. Jenkins, Cambridge City, precinct 5, Jackson; Edgar B. Deeser, Milton, precinct 2, Washington; George B. Rothel, Milton, precinct 2, Washington; and John Noss, 100 South Twenty-second street, precinct 29, Wayne.

Andrew Carrell, Democrat, 32 North Tenth street, filed his declaration for committee man of precinct 14, Wayne township.

### Labor "Jury" Acquits I. W. W. of Murder of Centralia Service Men

(By Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash., March 16.—The "jury" of labor men appointed by various organizations of the northwest to sit at all sessions of the trial at Montesano, Wash., of ten Industrial Workers of the World charged with murder in connection with the killing of four former soldiers during an armistice day parade, returned a verdict of "not guilty." A statement which accompanied the finding, made public here today, said the "verdict" was adopted unanimously.

Seven of the defendants were found guilty Saturday night of second degree murder after a five weeks' trial for killing Warren O. Grimm. Two who were acquitted were returned to Centralia, Wash., where the former soldiers were killed, to stand trial for the murder of Arthur McElfresh. The other man, who was not found guilty but insane, was placed in jail here.

## DISTRICT HEADS OF NORTH INDIANA M. E. HOLD CONFERENCE

Superintendents of the districts of the North Indiana M. E. conference gathered with Bishop Thomas Nicholson, of Chicago, in Richmond Tuesday, in a meeting preliminary to the North Indiana conference which meets here April 7-13.

The superintendents composing Bishop Nicholson's cabinet presented for general discussion possible changes in various pastorates. However, it is thought unlikely that any changes among the superintendents will be made. There may be a considerable number of pastorate changes due to ill health, death and other causes.

The report submitted to the bishop Tuesday noon was extremely gratifying, he said.

### Pleased With Outlook.

"There has been and will be a general increase in the pastorates," said Bishop Nicholson. "There is a very great increase in benevolent offerings and in church members in every district," said Bishop Nicholson.

"Up to date the Ft. Wayne district, of the North Indiana Conference, leads with an increase of more than 2,500 members for the year. Each district shows an increase of about 1,000 or more. The total increase for the last six months in the Chicago area, of which North Indiana Conference is one of seven conferences, is more than 25,000 members," added he.

Pastors in the area have been making on an average more than 2,000 conversions a week. It was stated that the present were beside Bishop Nicholson, the following district superintendents, with the districts they represent: The Rev. Somerville Light, Richmond; the Rev. W. W. Martin, Fort Wayne; the Rev. R. J. Wade, Goshen; the Rev. F. F. Freeland, Logansport; the Rev. B. F. Freeland, Wabash; and the Rev. J. M. Beatty, Muncie.

## South America Wants More Passenger Ships to U. S.

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, March 16.—A demand for more passenger ships between South America and the United States is heard from the coast to the coast in the former country according to A. E. Clegg, president of the American ship and commerce navigation company who recently returned from a business trip there. At the present time, he said, for every passenger ship leaving South America for this country there are a dozen sailing for European ports.

Freight service, he added is more evenly divided and steamers between the two Americas are keeping up very well with the present demands of trade.

## Letters Wander in Germany Since 1914; Finally Return

Five letters that were sent by Adam H. Bartel, of Richmond, to his daughter, Miss Gertrude Bartel, when she was visiting in Germany in July and August of 1914, finally reached their destination when returned to the sender Monday.

The letters were addressed to Berlin and as Miss Bartel left Berlin for Munich prior to coming back to America, the letters followed to Munich. They were then sent back to Berlin, where they remained during the war.

## TRADE COMMISSION ANSWERS COAL SUIT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Conditions in the coal industry respecting costs of production and prices necessities collection of information of the industry, the federal trade commission declared today answering in the District of Columbia supreme court, the question of the Maynard company of Columbus, O., for an injunction restraining the commission from requiring monthly reports.

The application of the Maynard company, filed last week, was announced as the first of a series of friendly suits designed to test the authority of the trade commission to require private corporations to furnish information of their business.

The commission denied the contention of the Maynard company that forms for collection of its information would necessitate changes in its accounts, that it was exceeding its authority, and that power to require such reports was not vested in the President Wilson to the fuel administration.

## Green Township's War History Record Given by Chairman

Names of service men from Greene township, on whom the county war history committee has gathered information, were submitted Tuesday by E. M. Haas.

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"We greatly regret that we cannot get these reports in so as to embody them in the war history of Wayne county, where we fail to get reports we can enter no information except the mere name. We hope yet that the men will fill out their blanks and send them in so that the information may be complete."

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## Leads Short Revolt



Maj. General Baron von Luettwitz.

Maj. General Baron von Luettwitz is commander-in-chief of the German military forces under the new regime. He was military governor of Belgium in the early days of the war. Later he was commander on the Verdun front. When the peace treaty came up for action by the Ebert government last June he was one of the leaders opposing its ratification by Germany.

## COAL REPORT NOT READY, SAYS WILSON

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 16.—John L. Lewis, president, and William Green, secretary, of the United Mine Workers of America called at the white house today to inquire as to the status of the bituminous coal strike settlement question. They were told that President Wilson had not yet finished his study of the majority and minority reports of the members of the commission.

Both Mr. Lewis and Mr. Green are hopeful that the situation can be ironed out on the basis of the two reports and a final agreement as to wages, hours and working conditions reached.

The president has not yet indicated whether he will call together the three members of the commission with the request that they remove their efforts to reach a unanimous decision.

## Centerville Asks Action Compelling T. H. I. & E. to Move Tracks; Would Pave

Testimony in the mandate suit of the town of Centerville against the Terre Haute, Indianapolis & Eastern Traction company, was begun in circuit court Tuesday.

Centerville is seeking a mandate to compel the traction company to move its tracks temporarily, that the town may permanently pave the main street over which the tracks pass, with cement.

The street has already been paved within 18 inches of the track, but because of the track ties it is impossible to completely pave the street, unless the tracks are temporarily removed. It is expected that the testimony would be concluded late Tuesday afternoon.

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## WOMEN, CHILDREN, AMONG 30 KILLED IN HAMBURG RIOTS

(By Associated Press)

COPENHAGEN, March 8.—Thirty persons were killed, including some women and children, in yesterday's fighting at Hamburg between citizen's guards and Baltic troops, advices from that city state.

Fifteen persons are reported to have been killed and many wounded in fighting yesterday at Steglitz, in the southwest outskirts of Berlin.

At Charlottenburg, a western suburb of Berlin, four persons are said to have been killed and six wounded, as a result of collisions.

### No Compromise!

Reports of negotiations for a compromise between the Ebert government and the reactionary regime at Berlin are untrue according to a telephone dispatch from Hamburg to the Social Democrats at midnight. It was said these rumors were spread by adherents of Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, the new chancellor in Berlin "to deceive the public."

Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the old government, has issued a decree forbidding the circulation of proclamations issued by Berlin authorities in territory outside that city.

LONDON, March 15.—The new government at Berlin held a cabinet council last night which was attended by General Ludendorff, former first quartermaster general of the German army, according to a dispatch from the Exchange telegraph from Berlin, by way of Amsterdam.

During a demonstration at Leipzig yesterday, troops fired on a crowd, killing more than 20 persons and wounding 60, says the general correspondent of the Central News. Reports in Copenhagen, the correspondent adds, states that fighting continues in many parts of Germany.

### Munich Tries Independence.

A new government was formed at Munich, Bavaria, yesterday, composed of Democrats and the center party, according to a Copenhagen dispatch to the Central News. The new government will meet today, the dispatch says.

The working classes are much excited against the Kapp administration as a consequence of the shooting of a young girl in the south Berlin railway station and the killing of four persons in the north Berlin industrial section by guards, according to a Berlin dispatch to the evening news.

Mathias Erzberger, former finance minister of the Ebert government of Germany, has been placed under arrest, according to a dispatch to the Exchange telegraph company filed in Berlin Monday night.

The dispatch states an official communiqué has been issued by the Ebert government at Stuttgart, declaring: "The new rulers are trying to make the people believe the constitutional government has entered into negotiations with Dr. Kapp General Merker acting as mediator. This is untrue."

Leipzig Socialists Meet.  
Eighteen meetings of Communists and Independent Socialists were held at Leipzig last night, according to a telegram received here.

After the meetings had been dismissed, street fighting took place and several people, including two street car conductors were killed. When this news reached the other workers, all street car employees left their posts, leaving the cars where they stood.

### Strike Set for Today.

The national strike of the German railwaymen was set to begin this morning, says a message to the Exchange Telegraph company, from Berlin, filed yesterday. The railwaymen's officials have declared themselves in solidarity with the workmen of the country.

THE HAGUE, March 16.—Holland so far is recognizing only the Ebert government of Germany, and is dealing only with the representative of that regime here, it is learned from government sources. No other action will be taken by the Netherlands government until the present chaos in Germany is ended.

BERNE, March 16.—Encounters at Kiel and Magdeburg are reported in telegrams from Berlin. In Kiel some naval officers have been killed, while in Magdeburg there has been fierce fighting about the central postoffice.

Conservative parties in Germany are declared to be supporting the new government without having, however, being directly identified with it. Westphalian miners are said to take a neutral attitude, the only condition they have laid down being that the Republican constitution be maintained.

MADRID, March 16.—Spain will not recognize the new German government until after that step is taken by a majority of the allied governments, according to announcement here.

PARIS, March 16.—The general strike is effective throughout Germany and only food trains are running according to advices. Severe fighting is reported from Dresden, Leipzig, Brandenburg and Chemnitz.

Baden.  
Sentiment in Baden is strong for a separation from Berlin and in favor of a union of Bavaria, Wuerttemberg and Baden, according to a telephone dispatch to L'Information from Basle. It is said many Badenese are openly advocating joining the Swiss confederation.

## Boy Has Broken Both Legs in 6 Months; in Hospital

Within the last six months Richard Chamberlain, 14, of Eaton, Ohio, has broken the bones in both legs in accidents. While roller skating on the streets Monday, he fell and broke his left leg above the ankle. He was removed to the hospital at Richmond. Last October he was run down by an automobile and his right leg was broken, after which he was in a hospital several weeks. The lad is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Chamberlain, of Eaton.

## Daughter of Kansas



Miss Pauline Ayres.

Miss Pauline Ayres, daughter of Representative William A. Ayres of Kansas, is one of the most popular members of the younger social set in Washington, D. C.

## WASHINGTON LOOKS FOR KAPP REVOLT TO END VERY SOON

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Restoration of the authority of the Ebert government with sporadic Spartacist outbreaks throughout Germany are expected by military officials here who interpret dispatches from Colonel Edward Davis, military attaché at Berlin as indicating that the coup d'état is not so serious as had at first been supposed.

The calling of a general strike by the Ebert cabinet is regarded here as certain to encourage the most radical elements of the German nation to make another attempt at revolution and overthrow of "capitalistic society." But while the recurrence of violence in the large cities, similar to the Spartacist revolts last year, is looked for, the soviet sympathizers in Germany are said to constitute so small a minority that serious trouble need not be expected.

## WOOD LEADS; HOOVER IS STRONG, IN MINN.

(By Associated Press)

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 16.—Minnesota's Republican preference primary, held last night in rain, sleet and snow storms, and terrific gales, gave Major General Leonard Wood a plurality of 4,000 votes over Senator Hiram Johnson of California, on the face of the available returns.

Heretofore, not an avowed candidate, received such strong support in St. Paul and Minneapolis, that returns from 450 precincts showed him leading Governor Frank O. Lowden, of Illinois, by more than 1,000 votes.

The latest tabulation showed the following vote: Wood 12,627; Johnson 8,517; Hoover 4,486, and Lowden, 3,510.

## Edward Price, 83, Civil War Veteran, Is Dead

Edward Price, 83 years old, veteran of the civil war, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arlie Hiatt, 222 South Thirtieth street, late Monday afternoon. He was born in Wayne county but lived in Richmond for but 10 years. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Arlie Hiatt, and one son, William, of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be held in the Wesleyan church at Fountain City at 2:30 p. m., Wednesday. Burial in Willow Grove cemetery. The Rev. Henry Pickett will officiate at the service.

## Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Colder and generally fair tonight and Wednesday.

Yesterday.  
Maximum ..... 58  
Minimum ..... 39

Today.  
Noon ..... 45  
For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore

Partly cloudy and colder tonight and Wednesday. Rain or snow followed by a brief period of fair weather; south winds shipping to strong west winds. General Conditions—The principal storm center is now over the upper lakes with a secondary storm over the southwest, and as a result heavy rains thunderstorms and snow occurred over the Central states last night, the storm reaching violent proportions over the Dakotas, Minnesota and the upper lakes. The weather is gradually clearing over the middle west, but another storm of great size is moving into the United States from the north Pacific coast. Temporary fair weather within the next 48 hours will be of very brief duration, as the Pacific coast storm is also moving rapidly.

## WAR NEAR AS EBERT BREAKS WITH BERLIN

Head of Socialist Government of Germany, at Stuttgart, Announces Complete Surrender His Only Terms.

### ASSEMBLY TO CONVENE

(By Associated Press)

Germany's two governments—the new in Berlin, and the old in Stuttgart—are still locked in a struggle for supremacy. While reports through Paris today reiterate that negotiations are in progress for a compromise, the Ebert government in Stuttgart is equally positive that no compromise can be considered.

On the face of the announcement by the rival governments, today promised to witness the beginning of a determined contest for control.

Chancellor Kapp, backed by the bayonets of the troops that made it possible for him to oust the Ebert government, is sitting tighter in the German capital, but already feels the effect of the situation, it is stated by Socialists have used to combat him—the general strike. Against this he declares that most drastic measures will be taken immediately.

### Surrender is Demanded.

In Stuttgart, President Ebert and his followers not only deny the report current yesterday that an agreement had been reached with the Kapp forces, but declared there could be no negotiations except upon the basis of unconditional surrender by Dr. Kapp. The national assembly called together by the Ebert government, will meet at Stuttgart tomorrow to consider the situation.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg who has been mentioned as the chief of the Kapp faction for the German presidency, has eliminated himself from the situation, it is stated by Hanover newspapers. He is reported to have made a public declaration that he is not connected with the Kapp revolution, and on the contrary, disapproves of it.

Berlin is in the grip of a general strike called by Socialists and Labor leaders, as a counter stroke to the assumption of power by the government headed by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who has issued a decree threatening all strike leaders and pickets with death if there is interference with vital public services.

Extreme measures will be taken under the decree from 4 o'clock this afternoon and it is possible the crisis of the new revolution will quickly follow.

Details of the situation throughout Germany are somewhat obscured, but there seems to be reason to believe the Ebert government is still holding control in the southern and western sections, while the Kapp regime is rather firmly entrenched in northeastern Prussia and in Silesia, where many towns and cities are reported to have declared their adherence to the new government.

No Organized Fighting.  
Fighting is reported at various points throughout Germany and it is said there was bloodshed in suburbs of Berlin yesterday, but it would seem the clashes so far reported have been between militia units and disorderly crowds. So far as is known, armed forces of the two governments have not come into collision.

Heavy troop reinforcements were received today by the new government in Berlin. They marched into Berlin from nearby towns.

Chancellor Kapp, who was carried into office on the points of 8,000 bayonets three days ago, thus far has been able to produce only military backing for his government. The basis of his political authority and the source of the support other than military which he claims continue to be matters of profound mystery.

Notwithstanding this, he appears buoyant with optimism born of the conviction that the insurrection which he heads will win the people.

Threatens Strikers With Death.  
Men who act as leaders or pickets in the general strike called in this city as a protest against reactionary revolt, are threatened with the death penalty, in a proclamation issued Monday by Dr. Kapp.

The order for the infliction of capital punishment will be effective after four o'clock Tuesday afternoon and is based on the decree prohibiting any strike or passive resistance in any vital service which was issued earlier in the day by the minister of defense. The Chancellor's proclamation follows:

"Ringleaders who are guilty of acts specified in the decree for safeguarding important services and for the protection of labor and peace will, as well as strike pickets, be punished with death. This decree is effective from 4 p. m. Tuesday."

Strike May Continue.  
There is intense anticipation of the prospect of the continuation of the strike with a possibility of famine and epidemics resulting from the lack of sanitation and the stoppage of the water supply.

No world capital probably ever before experienced such a complete paralysis of all its living and commercial facilities as Berlin did today.

DRESDEN March 15.—Communications between this city and all parts of Germany are being safeguarded, said a proclamation issued here today by the Ebert government. "Certain it is that the Berlin venture will collapse of its own weakness and confusion, the proclamation declared—the fatal political and economical consequences of this step are to be deplored. All authorities are asked to assist German national assemblymen to reach Stuttgart."