

SIMS READING OF TESTIMONY IS FINISHED

Admiral Completes Reading of Long Prepared Statement—Charges 13 Separate Cases of Costly Mistake.

NAVY WAS NOT READY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 18.—Approaching the conclusion of his long arraignment of the navy department's conduct of the war, Rear Admiral Sims laid before the senate investigating committee today, 13 specific counts in his indictment, charging mistakes and costly delays.

Retelling his declaration that his criticisms were aimed at no individual but that "responsibility for any failures" rested upon "the navy department as an organization," Admiral Sims said: "If I have shown that there was lack of conviction or clear understanding on the part of the navy department as to where its efforts should be directed; if I have shown that the navy was hampered by a lack of preparedness, by lack of essential plans, and by being held back in the beginning; if I have demonstrated that victory was won in spite of these errors but in spite of them, and that such errors were only nullified by a combination of circumstances which we would be foolishly indeed to count upon in the future—then I will feel that I have been fully justified in submitting my letter to Secretary Daniels of January 7."

If any individual was responsible, Admiral Sims said, the fact would necessarily have to be developed by persons who knew the "inner workings" of the department during the war.

The admiral's summary of his charges follow: "That, in spite of the fact that war had been going on for nearly three years, and our entry into it had been imminent at least from Feb. 2, 1917, the vessels of the navy were not ready for war service when the United States entered."

"That the first few months after America entered the war were extremely critical ones for the whole allied cause, due to the success of enemy submarines."

"That this critical situation was made clear to the navy department a few days after America entered the war, and repeatedly thereafter by cables and letters, supported by independent advice to the government from the American ambassador in London and by Mr. Hoover."

No Plans for Three Months

"That the navy department supplied no plans or policy covering our participation in the war for three months after our entry therein."

"That, having information as to the critical situation of the allies, the navy department did not promptly assist them, and thereby prolonged the war by delaying the sending of anti-submarine vessels, none reaching Europe for nearly a month after war was declared, and 2 1/2 months elapsing before thirty vessels arrived."

"That the navy department failed to appreciate the military value of time."

"That the navy department violated fundamental military principles in a tempting to formulate war plans of operation without having sufficient knowledge of the whole situation."

Lacked Liaison With Allies

"That the department's representative with the allied admiralties was not supported, during the most critical months of the war, either by adequate personnel or by adequate forces that could have been supplied."

"That the navy department violated fundamental military principles in dispersing forces away from the critical area in order to meet diversions of the enemy."

"That the navy department, in the first months of the war, sent in the direction of details although 3,000 miles distant from the scene of active operations, where the situation was changing from day to day."

"That the navy department in not clearly defining the responsibility and delegating authority to its representative in Europe, failed to follow sound principles, common alike to the business and military professions."

Violated Unity

"That the navy department, by controlling the operations and movements of certain forces within the war area, violated the fundamental military principle of unity of command."

"That the navy department failed to keep its representative abroad completely informed as to its plans affecting dispatch and disposition of forces in the war zone and frequently reached decision in such matters through information gained from sources other than its representative in the war zone."

Admiral Sims said he was not inconsistent to the splendid work done by the navy at large or the various bureaus and other offices of the navy department. His statements were directed "almost entirely" to pointing out defects in the administration of the navy department during the first few months of the war, he said.

Praises Work Itself

"The navy if loyally and properly supported and directed may be counted upon to maintain the finest traditions of the force," he added, and the officers and men of the naval militia and naval reserve he said, "without their invaluable help much of the work done by the navy in this war could not have been undertaken."

"The outstanding feature of their service was the cheerful and loyal support which they gave to the regular navy at all times, and under all conditions," he declared.

The thought would occur to many persons, Admiral Sims said, that "hindsight, is better than foresight and that it is always easy, in the light of hindsight to point out from our seats in any undertaking."

Grand Duchess Olga, Sister of Late Czar, is Found in Rags; Helping Poor

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Grand Duchess Olga, sister of the late Czar Nicholas of Russia, has been found by American Red Cross workers, living in a box car near Novorossysk, South Russia. It was announced today at the headquarters of the American Red Cross here.

The Grand Duchess, according to the announcement, is one of three surviving members of the house of Romanoff. She was found "tolling among fellow refugees from the territory recently conquered by the Bolsheviks, although herself clad in rags, and grateful for any food and clothing she could find."

BOLIVIA EXPRESSES REGRETS FOR ATTACK

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The American government today asked Chile, as one of the great and powerful nations of South America to use its strong influence to prevent serious difficulties between Bolivia and Peru. The request was conveyed by under secretary Polk to Beltran Mathieu, the Chilean ambassador, at a conference at the state department.

LIMA, Peru, March 18.—The aide-camp of President Guerra, of Bolivia called at the Peruvian legation at La Paz yesterday and expressed the Bolivian government's regrets for the attack on the legation last Sunday night, according to official advice received here today.

After the receipt of this information, foreign minister Porras forwarded a note to LaPaz, asking for material reparation for the loss incurred and the arrest of officials involved.

Detailed reports of the incident indicate that many Peruvian commercial houses were looted during the disorder at LaPaz, and confirmation has been received of the report that the office of the newspaper, LaRazon, was destroyed.

A crack Bolivian cavalry regiment which was sent to Guayaquil, near the frontier, has been withdrawn to La Paz, which city is apparently under martial law.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, March 18.—A new cabinet has been formed by President Jose Gutierrez Guerra, the portfolio of foreign relations being retained by Carlos Gutierrez. Great indignation has been caused here by an attack upon Colonel Gomez, of the Bolivian aviation service, by a party of 40 Peruvians. He was attacked with stones and sticks and painfully injured.

Preble County Schools To Have Play-Day April 30

EATON, O., March 18.—April 30 has been fixed as the date for the annual play-day festival and field day meet of the Preble county school, which will be under the direction of the Preble County School Athletic association. It will be an all-day affair and will be held at the county fairgrounds.

County School Superintendent W. S. Fogarty, Walter Waggoner, C. R. Coblenz and Marion Huber have been named committee to select judges. Supt. Fogarty, J. S. McDivitt and Charles Hunt will select the penants and other trophies. Huber Conaroe will solicit bids from bands in the county to furnish music.

The association reorganized for the present year by electing J. P. McIntire, of West Alexandria, president, and H. A. Hoffman, Lewisburg, secretary and treasurer.

Biggest Crowd of Season Expected to See Rouskaya

With only a small portion of two seat sections remaining unsold, one of the largest crowds of the season is promised for the concert to be given by the Yeskes Jazambas band and Columbia Saxophone sextette, with Baroness Noska Rouskaya, at the Coliseum Thursday evening. The concert will begin at 8:15 p. m.

In fact, the saxophone has been growing so fast in popularity that the study of it is being taken up all over the country. But it is far from an easy instrument to play, and it is no light task to assemble a body of players competent to appear to a public as a worthwhile music.

In fact, in order to gather together an organization such as the Columbia Saxophone sextette, it was necessary to try out over 60 different players, not only from this country but from Europe, too, before it was possible to choose the very best of all saxophone players and form them into the present splendid sextette.

County Has Most Cash in History, Claim Assessors

There is more ready cash in Wayne county this year than there has been for a number of years past, according to reports being made to assessors by taxpayers. Assessors, say they never before knew the taxpayers to list such sums of money.

"I do not know whether these unprecedented amounts of money will continue to appear through the assessing season or not," said that official, "but if they do the amount of cash listed in Wayne county will be from three to four times as much as has usually been listed heretofore."

It goes to prove that the prediction of the state tax board was correct—that with the listing of all property at its true cash value the taxpayers would list their ready money the same as their other personal property and pay taxes on it.

FORT WAYNE NEWS PUBLISHER SUCCEUMS

FORT WAYNE, Ind., March 18.—Clarence F. Bicknell, president of the News Publishing company and publisher of the Fort Wayne News and Sentinel, died at a hospital here early today, following an illness of several weeks. He was 55 years old.

U. S. HAS GREATEST NAVY PROGRAM OF WORLD'S NATIONS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The United States, American naval experts say, is building more warship tonnage than any other nation.

Twelve superdreadnaughts and six great battle cruisers, aggregating 665,400 tons, are under construction in private and navy yards. They will carry a total of 152 16-inch rifles, and 24 14-inch rifles, and all will have the new electric drive engines.

With the completion of this fleet, probably in 1923, the United States will have a battle force of 19 superdreadnaughts and six battle cruisers in the first line, and eight dreadnaughts and a number of smaller battleships in the second line.

American naval men say that among the world's fighting craft, the six battle cruisers and six of the new battleships—the South Dakota, Montana, North Carolina, Massachusetts, Indiana and Iowa—will be in a class by themselves.

To Go 37 Miles an Hour.

The cruisers will have a speed of about 33 knots—37 land miles—and each will carry eight 16-inch guns. They will be 874 feet long over all, 90 feet wide, will displace 35,500 tons, and have 18,000 horsepower.

The six super dreadnaughts will be even more powerful, each mounting its main battery, 12 sixteen-inch rifles. They will be 684 feet long, 105 feet broad and displace 43,200 tons. Their speed will be 23 knots an hour and horsepower 60,000.

These ships and battle cruisers are just being given the name, but many of the other six battleships are well on the way to completion.

BEHNEN DROPS DEAD IN FIELDS

William Behnen, who lives on the New Paris pier adjoining the Richmond Water Works, suddenly dropped dead while tilling his fields at 2 p. m. Thursday.

His son was assisting him and when the father fell he ran to the phone at the water works and summoned a physician. Coroner S. Edgar Bond investigated.

Mr. Behnen was 53 years old, and had lived on the farm for 25 years. The widow and six children survive. The cause of the death was thought to be apoplexy.

Board of Works Delays Action on Light Issue

No definite date for the proposed joint meeting of city councilmen, manufacturers and other city officials to discuss thoroughly the recommendation of Superintendent Dillon, of the light plant, for a \$20,000 bond issue to purchase additional equipment for the plant, was set by the board of works Thursday.

The matter was referred to the board by council. Members of the board stated that they wished to withhold action until they had had more time to investigate conditions relative to the bond issue.

Awarding of contracts for 500 feet of rubber hose for the fire department was made. The Boyton Woven Hose and Rubber company was given the contract for 200 feet at \$1.35 per foot; the Gutta Percha Rubber Manufacturing company received a contract for 200 feet at \$1.30 per foot and the Bi-Lateral Fire Hose company was awarded a contract for 100 feet at \$1.40 per foot.

A petition for the construction of a cement road and gutter and the paving of the roadway from North Third to North Second streets from North A street to the C. & O. tracks, was filed. The Kleinfelt-Newhoeber company and the Swayne Robinson company were the petitioners. The petition was referred to the city engineer for plans and specifications.

Declarations are Filed by Candidates in County

Declarations were filed with the county clerk by four candidates for delegate to the state convention and by four precinct committeemen candidates.

C. O. Williams, 104 Southwest First street, Republican, filed his declaration as candidate for delegate to the state convention from the Seventh ward, and James E. Fry, Richmond, and J. P. Dillon, 808 South A street, both filed declarations as Republican candidates for state convention delegate from the Fourth ward. The Hon. Davis of Greensboro, Democrat, filed his declaration as a candidate for delegate to the Democratic state convention from Center and Clay townships.

The precinct committeemen, all Republicans, who filed were Oliver C. Hunt, Franklin township, precinct 2, Franklin; L. C. Engelbert, 828 North Tenth street, precinct 15, Wayne; Benjamin F. Connelly, Washington township, precinct 2, Washington, and Ross M. Cramer, Harrison township, precinct 1, Harrison.

Cen'tville Mandate Suit Will be Argued April 8

Conclusion of the testimony in the mandate suit of the town of Centerville against the T. H. I. & E. Traction company was reached in the circuit court late Wednesday afternoon. Argument has been set for April 8. Centerville seeks to have the traction company reroute its tracks temporarily so that the completion of the paving of the main street may be made.

BIRDS FLY AS SHERIFF LEAVES; FINDS JAIL EMPTY

SHERIFF V. T. Baker awoke this morning to find the county jail empty. Some time after midnight the eight prisoners all held on various charges, sawed and cut their way to liberty. Searchers failed to find trace of them.

May 1 May Be Named American Day for City

A letter received by Mayor Zimmerman from the National Security league, of New York city, relative to a May 1 celebration advocating Americanism was referred to him for action by the board of works Thursday.

The board will concur with whatever action the mayor takes. A proclamation may be issued making the day a holiday, and that parade and other demonstrations will be held.

FLAT TAX MAY BE PUT ON ALL INCOME; PLANS WORKED OUT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—Treasury officials were called today to present the department's views to the house ways and means committee on raising federal revenues to meet losses as a result of the decision of the supreme court that stock dividends are not taxable.

The committee also expected to discuss stock dividends and present income and excess profits tax laws, proposed by Secretary Houston in a letter to the committee yesterday.

Joseph S. McCoy, government attorney, and Wayne Johnson, solicitor of international revenue were to present the department's plans and to answer questions as to the best solution of the problems presented by the court decision.

Would Repeal Exemptions.

Chairman Fordney was expected to present to the committee a plan calling for a flat tax on all profits or incomes, with the same percentage on large and small incomes and providing for the repeal of the \$2,000 exemption provision.

Under such a plan he stated, the rate of taxation would be reduced from the present rate of 22 per cent to approximately 17 per cent.

Democratic members of the committee, however, oppose such a plan on the grounds that it shifts the burden of taxation from large incomes to the smaller ones.

WASHINGTON SEES SOVIET MENACE IN NEWS FROM BERLIN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The collapse of the military revolution in Germany in the opinion of officials here, has left the Ebert government with an even greater problem on its hands, that of controlling the workmen's movement, started to checkmate the militarists.

Reports of the formation of soviets in a number of places have been received, and while the exact extent of this movement is not known, some observers here feel that the general strike may prove a double edged sword.

Official Washington is discussing how far the allies should go in lending moral support to the Ebert government in the opinion of officials here, the present state of the public mind, in pressing demands for the punishment of those guilty of war crimes, and for indemnity for the destruction of the German fleet at Scapa Flow.

Radicals, Home in Their Earthly Paradise, Suffering From Cold and Hunger

(By Associated Press)

MOSCOW, March 18.—Many radicals who were deported from the United States on the steamship Buford have been suffering privation since they arrived in Russia. They have failed to locate their relatives and have not yet secured employment. Efforts are now being made by Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman, leaders of the deportees, to form an organization which will give employment to members of the party who are in distress and care for them pending permanent arrangements.

Headquarters of this organization will be established at Petrograd, with a branch in Moscow, and it is planned to give all deportees from the United States advantages of the facilities it offers.

FINISH TROOPS COMPELLED TO RETIRE BY BOLSHIEVIKI

(By Associated Press)

HELSINKI, Finland, March 18.—Finish troops have been forced to evacuate their positions at Soulaervi, north of Lake Ladoga, and retire northwestward in the direction of Porajarvi, according to an official statement by the Finnish government staff, which reports severe fighting with the Bolsheviks yesterday.

The village of Soulaervi is said to have been almost destroyed. This front is just to the north of the one along which there was serious fighting about a fortnight ago.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Rain tonight and probably Friday; warmer, with temperatures above freezing.

Yesterday
Maximum 45
Minimum 30

Noon 42
For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore.—Rain tonight and Friday night; warmer; southeast winds will shift to south with increasing force.

General Conditions.—The storm reported over the west continues to move eastward and rain will begin falling tonight and continue at intervals Friday. Cold weather continues to prevail over North Dakota and Minnesota, ranging from zero to eight below, while a marked rise in temperature is taking place over the middle west. This storm will be followed by cold blustery weather, temperatures going below freezing after the storm center passes.

MUSIC TEACHERS OF STATE TO BE GUESTS OF CITY

Richmond is planning to entertain at least 400 members of the Indiana Music Teachers' association, which convenes here in annual session Tuesday afternoon, April 20, and closes Thursday evening April 22. Representatives of the local committee of 21 people interested in arrangements for the session here, met with State President R. C. Sloane Wednesday evening for organization. At that time Mr. Sloane made public the complete program for the convention.

Tuesday morning the reception committee headed by Samuel L. Carton and Kent Morse of Earlham, will meet all incoming trains. Guests will register at 10 a. m. at the Grace M. E. church, where all business sessions will be held.

Mrs. L. E. King will be in charge of an information booth in the reception room of the church. Guests will be directed to available hotels and private rooms at the headquarters. E. L. Allen, Miss Emma L. Fetta and G. A. Copeland have charge of lodging arrangements.

National Representatives Here.

Mrs. Minnie Murdock Kimball, chairman of the program committee of the state association, will preside at the first session at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Grace M. E. church. Representatives of the National Federation of Music teachers will speak.

At 3:30 p. m. Mrs. Francis E. Clark, formerly music supervisor of the Minneapolis schools, now head of the educational department of the Victoria company will speak on "The Future of American Music."

The convention will be formally opened in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. when a community sing will be held. President R. C. Sloane will preside. Mrs. M. F. Johnston, director of the Richmond Art association, is chairman of the committee in charge of an informal reception in the Public Art gallery from 9 to 11 p. m. Tuesday. The famous exhibit of the New York Society of Painters will be hanging in the galleries.

Wednesday, 9 a. m. at Grace M. E. church—General business will be taken up. Reports of committees will be heard, and nominating and auditing committees will be appointed.

Wednesday, 10 a. m.—Sectional conferences will be held as follows:

Grace M. E. church, violin department, P. Marinus Paulsen, of Marion, Ind., presiding.

Public art gallery, high school, voice department, Dean R. G. McCutchan, of DePauw university, presiding.

High school auditorium, piano department, L. Eva Alden, chairman, of Terre Haute, presiding.

Grace M. E. church auditorium, organ and church music department; Prof. Denham Thompson, of DePauw university, presiding.

Room 33, high school, public school music department; E. B. Birge, supervisor of music in Indianapolis schools, presiding.

In the high school auditorium at 1 p. m. Wednesday the Garfield orchestra under the direction of Miss Edna Mariatt, will play.

1:30 p. m. High school auditorium, Otto Miesner, of the Milwaukee State Normal School, will speak on "Public School Music Credits," and demonstrate a piano he invented.

2:30 p. m. Grace M. E. church, reports of sectional meetings. A general conference including reports from the chairman of each sub-committee. Mr. Carton will preside.

4 p. m. Recital, Grace M. E. church, Arthur Mason, of Columbus, Ind., national officer and former president of the Indiana association, in charge.

6 p. m. All members of the I. S. M. A. who are also members of the Music Department of the State Federation of clubs will dine at the Y. M. C. A. Mrs. W. H. Longman and Miss Emma L. Fetta in charge of arrangements. Local Women's club co-operating.

Quartette to Sing.

8 p. m. at the Coliseum. Through the assistance of Ray Weisbrod The Columbia Stellar quartette, including Reed Miller, Andrew Sardo, Arnold and Daniels, will sing.

Members of the State Music association will also appear on the program. All members of the association and others holding the regular \$2 ticket will be admitted free of additional charge. Admittance to others, \$1.

Thursday 9 a. m. Grace M. E. church, business session, report of nominating committee and election of officers for the coming year.

10:30 a. m. C. F. Durst, organist of Cincinnati and a Cincinnati singer in residence at the Reids Memorial church, Denham Thompson, presiding.

1:30 p. m. Final business session at Grace M. E. church.

2 p. m. Inspection trip of Starr Piano company.

5 p. m. Following Starr Piano trip all members of association will dine at the Y. M. C. A. Mason Thompson will preside.

8 p. m. "Richmond Night" has been arranged including concert by high school orchestra, and the singing of "Pan" by a ladies' chorus.

During the convention various demonstrations, including the Dunning system by Miss Elizabeth Hassemer will be staged.

Mr. Sloane was unanimously elected city committee chairman by the group which met with him Wednesday evening. Other chairmen of the local committees not already named, include: Ray Weisbrod, advertising committee; ticket committee, Miss Flora Broadbush; Miss Alice Knollenburg, Mr. White, and Caroline Heitbrink; Lester W. Carlander and John F. Thompson, decoration committee.

RED CROSS HOLDS POWER IN ESTHONIA

REVAL, Estonia, March 18.—Two governments are holding power in Esthonia. One is the regularly constituted executive body of the country, and the other is the American Red Cross commission under command of Lieutenant Colonel Edward Ryan, of Scranton, Pa. This commission has been vested with authority to take any measures, political or economic, to stamp out the typhus plague raging there.

Hawkins, Who Tried to Steal Cop's Auto, Sentenced

Gail Hawkins, colored, 30 years old, of this city, charged with grand larceny, was fined \$10 and costs, sentenced to the state prison for one to fourteen years, and disfranchised for two years, in circuit court Thursday.

Hawkins, who was recently released from the county jail, was re-arrested following an attempt to steal an automobile belonging to a policeman from the police garage.

RATIFY TREATY WITH RESERVATIONS, URGES HOOVER STATEMENT

NEW YORK, March 18.—Herbert Hoover, in a statement issued from his office here today, advocates early ratification of the peace treaty, so long as the final form gives freedom of action and room for constructive development of peace, and with reservations which "should satisfy the most timid as to entanglements."

The statement was issued in response to a request of the Washington Star for his views on the subject.

Mr. Hoover expressed the belief that the reservations "do not destroy the possibility of the creation of a potent organization to mitigate the dangers in front of us, and the alternative of a continuation of our state of war for another year, or the unthinkable thing, for us to make a separate peace after we have gone so far as to agree on its main lines with comrades in arms."

Wilson Should Accept Treaty

Despite the feeling of President Wilson, and his associates, that the strength of the league of nations is somewhat undermined "by the reservations," Mr. Hoover expressed the opinion, "they also should accept them."

"Regardless of what any of us may think should have been the provisions of either the league or the treaty," he asserted, "we and the world should not be kept waiting longer for a settlement."

SENATE MOWS DOWN MANY RESERVATIONS

WASHINGTON, March 18.—One after another the senate today voted down proposed reservations to the peace treaty.

A list of about a dozen reservations was to be disposed of during the day, under an agreement to limit the debate and to put the resolution of ratification in final form for a vote tomorrow.

While plans were not being made for a show-down before tomorrow and perhaps not until Saturday, Senate leaders were prepared to put the pact to a test immediately if all the remaining reservations were disposed of before adjournment.

A night session was regarded as likely in the event it seemed possible to bring a conclusion to the famous controversy which has been before the Senate many months.

The presence of William Jennings Bryan, his influence to persuade the Democrats to accept the best compromise they could obtain on the reservations submitted by the Republicans, so that the treaty might be ratified before the presidential election gave added uncertainty to the outcome of the ratification vote, despite the almost solid alignment of the minority yesterday against the Leinroo reservation to declare this country's policy toward future European wars.

Renk Casket Covered With Flowers as Dead Musician Is Laid to Final Rest

Final tribute to Ernest Renk was paid by the Rev. W. J. Cronin at the solemn requiem high mass in St. Mary's church at 9 a. m. Thursday. The Revs. Mattingly and Ryan assisted. The Richmond city band, which Mr. Renk was leading when he died, led the funeral procession to the church, and afterwards to St. Mary's cemetery. The church was crowded with his friends. About 40 fellow employees of the Richmond Casket company attended the services. Numerous floral tributes were sent. A blanket of 200 Columbia roses, covering the entire casket, was sent by the Richmond high school orchestra sent a beautiful calla lily piece, a harp design from the employees of the casket company and a lyre from the band.

Farm Federation Heads To Meet Saturday Here

Work of the newly appointed county agent of Wayne county will be outlined at a meeting of the directors of the County Farmers' federation, in the court house next Saturday afternoon.

At directors of the organization, and other farmers interested in the work of the county agent are urged to attend.

County President Theodore Davis announced Thursday that a meeting of all township organizations, to inaugurate a live stock survey of the county will be held March 31. This meeting was called at the request of the state federation which is preparing a survey of live stock throughout the state.

William Stump Finance Head of Church Drive

William Stump has been appointed Wayne county director for the financial campaign of the Inter-Church World movement. Each denomination in the county will appoint its director, who in turn will co-operate with Mr. Stump. Roy Babylon, director for the United Brethren church, with Stump, will attend the financial training conference in Indianapolis at 10 a. m. Friday morning. E. H. Scott has been appointed director for a division of the Friends' church that covers most of Wayne county. He will probably attend the conference.

RED REVOLT IS NOW FEAR IN GERMANY

Pendulum May Swing to Other Extreme Following Collapse of Reactionary Movement.

MEASURES ARE TAKEN

(By Associated Press)

The collapse of the reactionary dictatorship in Berlin has been quickly followed by the resumption of authority on the part of the old government.

Its chief task for the moment, it appears, will be to deal with the disorderly condition which the Spartacists are endeavoring to prolong for their own purposes.

Dispatches stating that Minister of Defense Noske, the strong arm of the constitutional regime, is back on the scene in Berlin, have been followed by reports that President Ebert also has returned to the capital from Stuttgart. Pending his return Vice-Premier Shiffer, of the Bauer cabinet, took over the direction of affairs relinquished by Dr. Kapp, when he gave up his effort to establish a new government.

Kapp Commits Suicide?

There are reports current in Berlin that ex-Chancellor Kapp had committed suicide, but these so far lack confirmation.

His prosecution, together with that of other leaders of the reactionary movement, is stated to have been ordered by President Ebert.

Announcements by Dr. Kapp as well as official statements from the officials of the Ebert government reflect the fear of a radical uprising in Germany.

In fact Dr. Kapp's announcement stated he had resigned from the direction of affairs so that the country might be enabled to fight Bolshevism.

Workers Rise Everywhere

From various cities come reports of uprisings of workers and advice from Berlin state that red forces under command of Spartacist leaders are marching on that city. As the Ebert troops have not as yet resumed full control, an attack by the Reds is feared.

Throughout Germany radical elements have in many places taken over direction of affairs at least temporarily. No disorders occurred while the members were assembling. Aeroplanes flew over the