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EBERT'S MEN GRIP BERLIN; KAPP FLEES

Excitement and Turmoil Continue in Wrenched Republic—Soviet Movement Not Gaining Momentum is Belief

REORGANIZE, DEMAND

(By Associated Press)

Berlin is still under the rule of bayonets but troops loyal to the Ebert government patrol the streets. Forces which supported the regime set up last Saturday by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp and his followers left Berlin yesterday.

Withdrawal of these soldiers, however, left chaos behind as the rear guard turned against jeering crowds in Unter den Linden and fired, many citizens being killed and scores wounded. More bloodshed occurred near the parliament buildings while in Charlottenburg and other suburbs resulted in loss of life.

While radical elements have not made organized attacks on the capital, economic conditions are described as serious. The resumption of power by the constitutional government is opposed by those who believe it bargained with the reactionary leaders who tried to seize control, and there seems to be an urgent demand for a reorganization of the ministry, and changes in policy in important particulars.

Soviets Formed, Claim.

Reports from Germany outside of Berlin are of such a character that a clear view of the situation is hard to obtain at present. While it is said Soviets have been firmer in a number of important towns and cities and in industrial districts, it does not appear the movement is gaining momentum.

Communist sympathizers seem to have met with stern opposition at many points.

While statements have been issued in Stuttgart by the Ebert government that there were no negotiations of any nature with the Kapp regime in Berlin and that a compromise of any kind was out of the question, the developments here regarding the formation of a new cabinet would make it appear that the chief demands made by the Kapp interests have been virtually agreed to.

Experts Are Demanded

There appears to be little doubt for instance, that a cabinet reorganization has been decided upon. In addition to the prospective change in the ministry of defense eliminating Gustav Noske, who as a civilian, is contended to be unqualified for the handling of the nation's military forces, the forecasts are that other ministers are also to be of the "expert" type, which was one of the Kapp demands, according to a statement made by the party leaders after Wednesday's conference here.

LONDON, March 19.—Hundreds of persons have been killed in the mining districts of Germany in collisions between miners and troopers, it is declared in reports from Germany received from Copenhagen, the Central News correspondent in that city telegraphed.

General Von Luettwitz is reported to have left Berlin by airplane, and it was impossible to arrest him while the iron division was in the city, says a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange telegraph company. In fact, the dispatch says, it is not known whether orders for the arrest of Luettwitz or Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, chancellor of the reactionary government were ever issued.

STUTTGART, March 19.—Fifty persons were killed at Dresden in a sudden clash between a student organization and a mob according to the story of a witness who has arrived here.

At Frankfort 80 persons have been killed in recent disorders and several hundred wounded have reached the hospitals. In addition a number of injured are drifting into first aid stations which it has been necessary to establish throughout the city.

STUTTGART, March 19.—Officials of the Ebert government of Germany, and members of the National assembly plan to return to Berlin Saturday believing by that time conditions at the capital will be normal.

Reports received here today stated communist uprisings in the vicinity of Berlin had been suppressed. It is hoped to establish railroad communication between Stuttgart and Berlin tomorrow.

News Details of Disorder.

Details of the disorders in Berlin, while the Kappist troops were withdrawing, during which the crowds were fired upon were reported to government officials by telephone today.

It was said that although the general strike was still continuing at the capital a new crisis was not feared as socialist leaders had promised officials that as soon as the Kappist troops had left order would be given for a resumption of work.

Soldiers to be Given Amnesty.

Decision has been reached to grant amnesty to the soldiers who took part in the revolt last Saturday but to prosecute the leaders of the movement. Reports made by loyal officials indicate the troops involved in the uprising numbered from 40,000 to 50,000, and it was thought best to get them out of Berlin before attempting to apprehend any of the leaders.

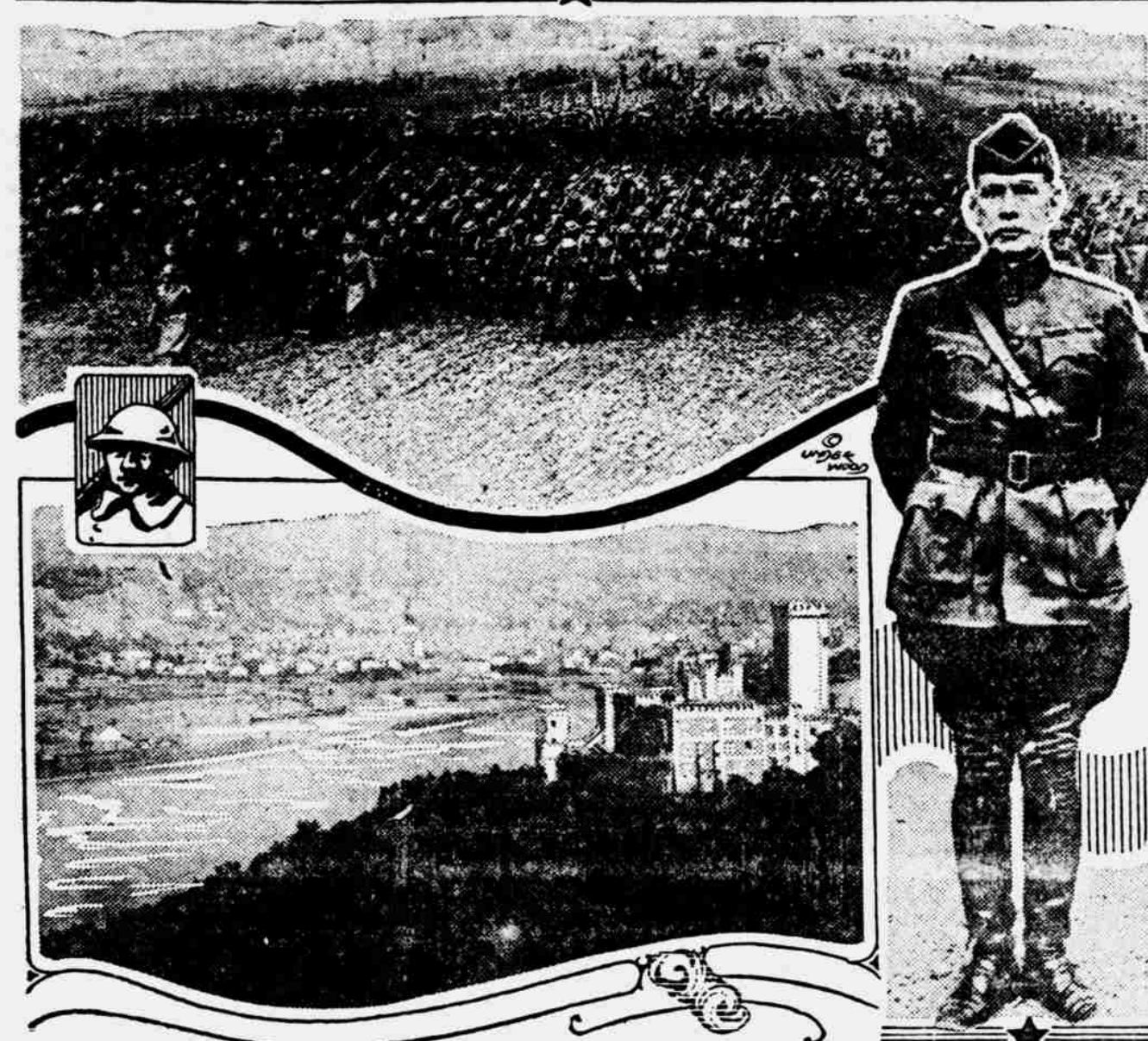
Some members of the Ebert ministry were in favor of taking drastic steps against all who participated in the revolt but there is strong sentiment in favor of confirming arrests to the principal figures in the abortive revolution.

FLOODS THREATEN CINCY

(By Associated Press)

CINCINNATI, March 19.—People living in the lowlands on the outskirts of Cincinnati are preparing to move, to escape flood waters of the Ohio river.

Wilson Alone Can Direct U. S. Forces Further Into Germany



American Army of Occupation taken during a review near Coblenz; Major General Henry T. Allen, and view of Coblenz and the Rhine.

Marshal Foch has no authority over the small American army of occupation which, under command of Major General Henry T. Allen, is holding the Coblenz bridgehead. General Allen is co-operating with the British and French commander on the Rhine, but only President Wilson has authority to direct him to send his forces further into Germany than the line marked off by the terms of the armistice. The reason for this is that the United States is still technically at war with Germany.

Retiring Soldiers Shoot Back Into Berlin Crowd; City Powder-Barrel

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, March 19.—All Germany with the exception of the Southern states is rebellious, and Berlin is a "barrel of gun powder which may be ignited at any time," says a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company filed at Berlin yesterday.

The dispatch describes the withdrawal from Berlin of the iron division and naval brigades, which marched down Unter den Linden at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon in the midst of a pouring rain.

Crowds the majority of which were extremist radical workers, looked on as company after company filed down the street in the direction of the Brandenburg gate on their way to Doeberitz.

Rifles Ready to Fire.

The soldiers marched to the accompaniment of drums and with Prussian banners flying," the message says. "They were armed, carrying their rifles ready to fire and with their fingers on the triggers.

2,100 LEAGUE BALL BUTTONS ARE SOLD

The prospect of Richmond again becoming identified with organized baseball brightened Friday when a field committee of five business men began an actual canvas of business firms for the sale of booster buttons.

Agencies that would guarantee a minimum of \$100 only were solicited, and at noon \$2,100 had been pledged with less than one-fifth of prospective agencies being solicited. The committee continued its work throughout the day.

The total sum necessary to place baseball on a firm financial footing for this and succeeding years, as well as liquidating the already existing indebtedness on the park, approximates \$15,000.

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The booster buttons will be in the hands of the committee next week and will be placed on sale by the various guaranty agencies.

Embargo Placed on List Freight Cars by Penny

Embargo on list cars or mixed cars loaded at the freight house of the Pennsylvania railroad Friday caused by the acute shortage, was announced Friday.

The great number of cars that tied up because of inability properly to handle the freight, "strikes of freight handlers and a shortage in building, are given as reasons for the shortage. Freight shipments have increased enormously.

Officials hope for a readjustment of the situation soon.

Mortgage Exemptions Must Be Filed Soon

Affidavits for mortgage exemptions on 1920 assessments, payable in 1921, must be filed with the county auditor during March and April, Howard Brooks, county auditor, said Friday.

All real estate owners having mortgages on their property are entitled to exemption, not exceeding \$1,000, the maximum amount of exemption allowed by the state statute, said Brooks. Exemptions are being filed with the auditor as rapidly as in former years.

The weather is clearing over the west, while another storm is developing over the northwest. The present storm was quite severe in parts of Colorado, with heavy rain east of the Rocky Mountains except over the north where it was snow.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair in south; show central and north portions tonight. Colder Saturday; fair and colder in south portion.

Yesterday. Maximum 44
Minimum 30
Today. 48

For Wayne County, by W. E. Moore—Partly cloudy tonight and Saturday. Occasional rains and snow; colder this afternoon, probably changing to snow by night with strong shifting winds.

General Conditions. The Rocky Mountain storm which has caused rain and warmer weather over Indiana is moving rapidly eastward and colder weather is following with temperatures going below freezing tonight and possibly before.

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U. S. PROTESTS SALE OF HUNS' PROPERTY; ENGLAND IS NAMED

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 19.—"Strong remonstrances" have been made by the American government against rulings of the allied reparation commission that under the peace treaty, sale of certain German property in neutral countries, can be forced, if necessary, to satisfy the initial payment of the German indemnity.

Under Secretary of State Polk of the state department, writing today to Senator Henderson, Democrat, of Nevada, said: "A further protest" was in preparation, as such a construction of the treaty was contrary to an official interpretation exchanged between Germany and the allied powers.

Mr. Polk's letter was in response to an inquiry by Senator Henderson regarding reports that Great Britain had requested that German property and all rights of German citizens in electrical enterprises in South America be taken over by the commission and subsequently transferred to Great Britain as part of the indemnity due it by Germany.

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Cattle	1,214	66,123	54.00
Hogs	3,284	54,924	16.72
Sheep	742	8,905	12.00
Automobiles	408	147,505	361.53
Farm Tools	209	27,022	135.11
Furniture	1,448	168,368	113.15
Money	176	87,151	495.00
Banks	29	5,070	178.50
Building, Loan, Stock	2	1,300	650.00
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EACH TAXPAYER HAS \$495, REPORT SHOWS

Each Wayne county taxpayer has approximately \$495 in cash, according to an average compiled by assessments up to March 15, made public Friday. A total of \$87,151 in money was listed against 176 tax payers.

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T. P. A. to Celebrate 25th Anniversary; Kramer is Selected for President

The twenty-fifth annual election of officers for Post C of the Travelers' Protective association will take place in the club rooms Saturday night. Two complete tickets, red and blue, are in the field.

A president, secretary, treasurer, three members to the board of directors, and two delegates and alternates to the national convention in June at Portland, Oregon, are to be elected.

C. H. Kramer has been selected by both tickets as choice for president. O. H. Gable and E. K. Quigg are the nominees for secretary. The secretary forms a third delegate to the national convention. In addition to this list of nominees, 13 chairmen of committees are to be elected.

March 27 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the post, and in addition to the installation of officers elected Saturday, a special program is being planned. The post is in the most flourishing condition of its history, 510 men being members.

Efforts will be made during the next two months to increase the membership to 550. This number will entitle the post to an additional delegate to the national convention.

C. O. Tooker will sing several popular songs at the election Saturday.

County Conference of Church Movement Planned April 6th

(By Associated Press)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., March 19.—The jury charged with deciding the innocence or guilt of Truman H. Newberry and 84 co-defendants on trial for eight weeks for alleged violation of the election laws, resumed its deliberations at 9 o'clock this morning.

The case was passed to the jurors late yesterday and an hour later they were excused for the night by Judge Clarence W. Sessions. Owing to the large number of defendants and various verdicts that might be returned, there was much speculation as to the amount of time the jurors might require for their decision.

Two Counts Still Remain. Of the six counts in the indictment, only two remained—the first, charging criminal conspiracy to procure the nomination and election of Newberry in violation of state and federal election laws, and the sixth, charging use of the mails to defraud.

Instructing the jury, Judge Sessions said verdicts of guilty or not guilty on either or both of the counts might be brought in as to all the defendants, but that a return on each of the defendants would be necessary if the verdict differed as to individuals.

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