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## SPARTACANS CLASH WITH EBERT'S MEN

Ruhr is Scene of Sanguinary Fighting as Government Moves Against Radicals — 8,000 Toll, Paris Estimates.

## MOST CENTERS QUIET

(By Associated Press) Berlin, notwithstanding the return of the Ebert government, to control, still presents pretty much the aspect of an armed camp, with the food supply short, and sanguinary fighting occurring at intervals in the suburbs.

Serious trouble occurred in the Moabit industrial quarter Sunday night, and in one conflict reported Sunday, 20 Spartacists were killed in an engagement and 84 others who were captured, were summarily executed.

In the Ruhr industrial region, immediately adjoining the Allied zone of occupation, there is veritable civil warfare, with opposing armies of communists and government troops drawing up their forces in line of battle. Government detachments have been defeated in some of the preliminary skirmishes.

### Leipsic Now Quiet.

Leipsic has quieted down after the government victory there. Among the agricultural population in some sections of Northern Germany there is increasing unrest.

Southern and eastern Germany are reported fairly quiet. There is a threat however, of a renewal of the general strike in Bavaria, because of dissatisfaction over some of the terms of

skirmishes.

PARIS, March 22.—Eight thousand persons have been killed since the German revolt broke out on March 13, according to advices received here. Of this number 850 were killed in Berlin alone.

Spartan forces in the Ruhr valley of Germany numbering at least 20,000, and some estimate them at 40,000, according to latest advices received at the foreign office here.

They are well organized, being composed of old shock troops and veterans, supplied with artillery, machine guns and mine throwers, and having batteries of 77 centimeter field guns with plenty of ammunition.

### Harden's Relative is Head.

William Major Berfeld, a relative of Maximilian Harden, is commander of these troops. He is also known as the man who published Prince Lichnowsky's report, blaming the German government for starting the world war, and was also prominent in the Spartacist troubles at the time of the armistice and also in January, 1918.

Ebert government authorities are concentrating troops and planning to surround the Ruhr valley and force the Spartacists to capitulate. These men, however, are younger and less trained than the Reds.

The occupation of the Ruhr district by German troops is in direct violation of Articles 42 and 43 of the treaty of Versailles, it was pointed out at the foreign office, which added the comment that this was the first act committed by Germany in violation of the treaty, the other violations being those of omission.

### To Consult With Allies.

It was indicated that the French government would take no separate action in the circumstances, acting only after consultation with the allies as to what measures were necessary.

Two German officers have been sent by the Ebert government to acquaint the French authorities with the situation in the Ruhr district. These officers are expected to reach Paris this evening.

The foreign office advices regarding the composition of the Red army in the Ruhr region are that it was recruited for the most part among the front workers and not the miners. The military organization extends also to the civil services, and the postoffice and the telegraph lines are in control of the communists.

STUTTGART, March 22.—Troops from Silesia, are officially reported to have arrived in the Hohenzollern district, and fighting with the Spartacist army there is expected tomorrow. Exaggerated rumors as to the size of the Red forces there are current in this city. Some reports place the number at 70,000.

### Spring Sure Is Welcome In Eaton; Out of Coal

EATON, O., March 22.—Nor more reasons than one the present spring-like weather is welcomed by Eatonites. Probably they welcome it most because of the fact that coal is not obtainable in the city and has not been in the last several days. Dealers haven't a pound of coal, they say, and are unable to get orders filled.

Domestic customers who laid in their usual winter's supply find their bins are empty, due to the severe and long drawn-out winter. The natural gas pressure has been behaving nicely and this has greatly relieved the situation.

### Richard Strolls En masse, As Sunday Bows in Spring

Half of Richmond was either driving or strolling through the country Sunday, and the other half were wishing they could make it unanimous.

Sunday was the day that Old Sol was to have crossed the "imaginary line that runs around the center of the earth" on his northward journey, and real spring weather was on tap.

Pedestrians who wanted a quiet stroll in the country had their dreams shattered, for more automobiles were in operation Sunday than at any time during the last five months. The roads as a rule were in passable condition. Tourists reported, however, stalled autos averaged one to a mile between here and Dunreath.

## How President Wilson Looks Today; Cloak Covers Him



President Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and Admiral Grayson (in uniform) photographed at start of president's daily airing. No pictures had been taken of President Wilson since his breakdown last October until a few days ago, when he gave orders to allow the battery of camera men on constant duty about the White House to photograph him as he left on his daily ride with Mrs. Wilson. He has been taking a short auto trip each day since fair weather came. Admiral Cary T. Grayson, his personal physician, accompanies the President and Mrs. Wilson. The usual bevy of secret service men go along. The President wears a cap and a flowing cape. The cape prevents a close scrutiny of his left arm and side, said to have been partially paralyzed early in his illness.

## "BLUE" TICKET IS CHOSEN BY T.P.A.

With the exception of one office, the blue ticket made a clean sweep of the annual elections of Post C. of the Traveler's Protective association in the club rooms Saturday night. The only break was the election of A. Gordon of the white ticket as chairman of the railroad committee.

Extensive plans are being laid for next Saturday night when the installation of officers and celebration of the 25th anniversary of the organization in Richmond will take place.

Plans are also under way for the launching of a membership drive. A membership of 550 will enable the Post to send four delegates to the national convention at Portland, Ore., in June. The present membership is 510.

### Kramer is President

The newly elected officers, to be installed next Saturday are: C. H. Kramer, president; E. K. Quigg, vice-president; M. L. Hasty, secretary-treasurer; J. P. Highley, T. H. Hill, E. Leob, board directors; and J. P. Highley and G. A. Mendenhall as delegates to the national convention.

M. L. Hasty will also be a delegate of the post of secretary-treasurer entitling him to the same. Following are committee chairmen:

### Employment, O. H. Gable; hotel, G. A. Mendenhall; membership, O. F. McKee; Railroad, A. Gordon; sick and relief, C. B. Beck; good roads, B. T. Hill; Press, L. M. Feeger; Legislative, G. P. Freeman; commerce, W. H. Bates; entertainment, C. O. Tooker; and reception, B. C. Bartel.

**County Domestic Science Exhibits To Be Started**

Domestic science exhibits at school children in Dalton and Harrison townships will be held Friday, Miss Stella Harman county supervisor of science work, said Monday.

The Dalton township exhibition will be held in the Dalton school and the Harrison township work will be displayed at the Jacksonville schoolhouse. Pupils in both schools will give a special committee, relative to the exhibits, said Miss Harman.

Exhibits in the other townships of the county will be held all next week. The best work in the townships, and special work, will be on exhibition at the county exhibit, in the courthouse, the week of April 5.

## Price of Vines Leaps; Is Prohibition the Cause?

Although it may not mean anything, the price of grape vines has jumped from \$8 to 40 cents each since prohibition went into effect.

One year Concord grape vines are priced at 40 cents each and two year Concord and Niagara grape vines are priced at 50 cents, say county nurserymen.

These prices are about double those of last year, while before prohibition became effective the present 40 cent vines could be purchased for 8 cents. Prices for young fruit trees are in proportion.

In addition to prohibition, the recently passed law prohibiting the importation of grape vines from France and Belgium, and the fact that nurserymen gave more time to raising vegetables during the war than to grape vines, are cited as reasons.

## Served in France; Now Wants To Be Sheriff

Ray Keck, who served 19 months in France with the Rainbow division, filed his declaration to seek the nomination for sheriff on the Democratic ticket at the forthcoming primary.

Thomas Ryan, who resides near the Wernie Orphans' home, filed his declaration to ask the Democratic nomination for commissioner of the eastern district.

## SCHOOL CHILDREN WORK ON MORE DOLLS FOR NEAR EAST

Work on toys for the children of the Near East is underway in the grade schools, and in Garfield school, preparatory to the sailing of the second "Joy ship" the middle of April. Last month the school children made and dressed dolls for their Near East cousins.

## President Takes Treaty Again to His Bosom

(By Associated Press)

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## U. S. AND ENGLISH NAVIES TO EQUAL

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## Woodward Will Run for County G. O. P. Chairman

Will Woodward, of Dublin, county chairman of the Republican Central committee, will be a candidate for that position during the next term, according to David Hoover, member of the county council and personal friend of Woodward. In a statement to Hoover, Woodward is said to have denied the report current in the west part of the county that he was not a candidate for the chairmanship.

He is survived by his widow and three children. The body was to arrive in Richmond at 4:45 p. m. Monday, and was to be taken to the home of his father-in-law, Thomas J. Bennett, 216 Richmond avenue, from whence funeral services will be held at 2 p. m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Earham. Friends may call at any time.

## Baptist Part in Church Drive To Be Discussed

The Part of the Baptist Church in the Inter-Church World Movement will be discussed by A. G. Vining, Baptist state director of the movement, at a general meeting of the First Baptist church congregation at 8 p. m. Friday.

He will outline what the Baptist church has accomplished and what remains to be accomplished. He will make the congregation acquainted with the purpose of the coming campaign of the Inter-Church World movement.

F. M. Jones is Baptist county director.

## Duffin and Kirkpatrick On Shriners' Committee

Charles E. Duffin and Charles Kirkpatrick, both of this city, have been appointed members of the committee on reception and hospitality for the ceremonial session of Shriners in Indianapolis next Friday. W. Krelle Kendrik, of Philadelphia, the imperial potente, will be the guest of honor.

William D. Morris, of Liberty, also is a member of the committee.

## SENTENCED TO PAY \$1,000 FOR DEFRAUDING U. S.

(By Associated Press)

DETROIT, March 22.—Soterios Nicholson, former army captain, convicted with Grant Hugh Browne and Lester Waterbury, of conspiracy to defraud the government in the purchase of ordnance salvage, was sentenced in the United States court today to pay a fine of \$1,000. Browne and Waterbury were sentenced two weeks ago to serve prison terms.

## RAILROAD WORKERS AND EMPLOYERS STILL MEETING

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22.—Representatives of the railroad corporations and the employees' unions today resumed their conferences on creation of the railroad board of wage adjustment, provided by the Transportation act. The sessions of the conference today were executive.

## GIBSON BUYS "LIFE."

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Charles Dana Gibson, the artist, it became known, has bought a controlling interest in "Life" the weekly humor publication.

## GERMANS TO FIGHT PEACE TREATY WITH BARRAGE OF WORDS

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Mar. 22.—Germans are preparing a formidable world propaganda in favor of a revision of the Versailles treaty and the holding of a new international conference at which vanquished nations might be represented for the object of changing or eliminating many clauses of the present treaty between the allied nations and Germany, according to a Geneva dispatch.

A book entitled "The Greatest Crime of Humanity," has been prepared and 10 million copies printed for free distribution in America, England and France, and it is said that millions of other pamphlets along the same line will follow.

## Revolt Halted Movement.

The reactionary revolt in Berlin on March 13 put a temporary stop to the movement, it is said.

Captain Andre Tardieu, one of the French delegates to the peace conference, has written an article which appeared in last week's edition of "L'Illustration," in which he declared himself as being opposed to any revision of the treaty.

"Let us first help our allies," he wrote, "and we will find this to be better than to dream of a movement in favor of benevolence to our vanquished enemies, which instead of inspiring gratitude, fosters arrogance."

## Hears From Spirits

(By Associated Press)

Mrs. Reginald de Koven.

NEW YORK, Mar. 22.—Messages

which Mrs. Reginald de Koven believes were received by her from the spirits of her relatives and friends and are proof of spirit communication are recorded in her book, "A Cloud of Witnesses," published recently. They give more than the customary information as to how people live and what they do on the "other side."

Mrs. de Koven is the author of several books, including a "Life of John Paul Jones." She is a graduate of Lake Forest University. Her husband, the composer of "Robin Hood" and "Rip Van Winkle," died Jan. 16, in Chicago. Most of the messages are supposed to be from a beautiful and talented sister of Mrs. de Koven, who died in the spring of 1918.

## COUNCIL TO DISCUSS LIGHT CO.'S ISSUE

(By Associated Press)

CITY COUNCIL WILL BE CALLED WEDNESDAY, at 7:30 p. m., to act on the proposed bond issue for additional equipment for the city light plant, as the result of action by the board of works Monday.

At that time board members said, City Attorney Robbins will have an ordinance ready for presentation to the council as a committee of the whole, with city officials and manufacturers to discuss the bond issue, said that nothing could be accomplished by a meeting of that nature, and that an extra session to act on the issue was needed.

It is imperative that action be taken on the bond issue as soon as possible," said a city official.

## R. R. MEN AND SEA EMPLOYEES COMBINE

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Mar. 22.—Thousands of persons assembled back of the city hall today in preparation for the funeral of Thomas McCurrian, lord mayor of Cork, who was shot to death by an unknown assassin early Saturday morning.

Trains brought great crowds to the city this morning and the shops were closed in order to afford the citizens an opportunity of testifying their respect for the late lord mayor.

Many contingents of Republican volunteers came to Cork from various parts of the country to attend the funeral and 1,500 of them assembled in a procession which marched in military formation to the cathedral, carrying wreaths.

LONDON, Mar. 22.—Dispatches

THOMAS MacCurrian, lord mayor of

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