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## WEST GERMAN INDUSTRY IN GRIP OF REDS

Situation Quiet in Other Centers and People Going Back to Work, Says Dispatches—Radicals Powerful.

## WORKERS FORM SOVIET

(By Associated Press)

COPENHAGEN, March 23.—The whole western industrial district of Germany is held solidly by radicals and disaster is inevitable if the government troops try to interfere there, according to information received from Berlin this morning by telephone by the *Berlingske Tidende*.

The Social Democrats learn that a purely workers' government is on point of formation, without cooperation with the Bourgeoisie parties.

Work was resumed in the shipyards at Hamburg yesterday, according to dispatches received here and a telegram from Kiel says that workmen there have decided to resume their posts in the most essential public services.

Strikers in Leipzig and Breslau have ended and postal and railway services are being resumed in both cities, which are quiet, according to dispatches received here.

BERNE, March 23.—More than 300 persons have been killed in the fighting at Elberfeld, in the Ruhr region near the occupied zone, and in the neighborhood of that city, according to today's advices from western Germany. The communists took about 500 of the capital Reichswehr prisoners at Elberfeld, and 200 additional at another point.

The dispatches bear out previous reports that nearly the entire industrial district of Westphalia is in the hands of the communists, although fighting is continuing in some places. Fresh estimates of the communists forces place them at from 70,000 to 100,000.

Famine Threatens Towns.

Famine is declared to be threatening Bochum, Dortmund, Dusseldorf and Elberfeld, because the peasants are refusing to deliver food to the communists. Encounters already have occurred between peasants and patrols of communists which were out in the country requisitioning supplies.

AIX-LA-CHAPELLE, Rhine Prussia, March 23.—Another battle is reported to be going on between Spartacists and troops of the regular army at Wesel, 22 miles northwest of Essen. The regulars, the report says, appears to have been outflanked by the Spartacists.

BERLIN, March 23.—The city now is becoming normal. The postal services are working, stores are open and electricity is available to enable the small factories to operate. The city and circle railroads have been resumed operation but the elevated has not resumed.

The following provincial reports were received today: Quedlinburg, Saxony: There has been violent fighting between troops and Spartacists. Both suffered severe losses.

Halle-on-Saale: The town is held by government troops after an artillery battle lasting for several days.

Magdeburg, Saxony: Work has been resumed. The street cars and railroads are running regularly.

Orders Punishment.

The Prussian government has ordered disciplinary proceedings, with immediate suspension from office, against August Winnig, president of East Prussia, and three other officials of the Koenigsberg government. Similar measures will be taken against President Paule and one other official of the province of Schleswig-Holstein.

Troops Are Moving.

An automobile trip made by the correspondent of The Associated Press Sunday afternoon through the industrial district in the eastern outskirts of Berlin, which during Saturday night was the scene of several clashes between troops and Spartacists, brought to light the extensive military preparations that had been made to cope with the activities of the Reds there.

The suburb of Kopenick, just eastward of Johannisthal and Aldershof where occurred Sanguinary encounters Saturday evening had become a big military camp. The correspondent saw at least a dozen camouflaged field pieces and numerous machine-guns and supplies of ammunition and stores of all kinds.

The principal fighting yesterday evening was precipitated by an attempt of the soldiers to seize a benzine plant near Aldershof. The district was quiet today but further trouble was expected.

Machine Guns Mounted.

Returning to the city, the automobile passed a long string of armored cars mounting machine guns and truck loads of soldiers going to reinforce the encamped troops. Only in the outlying districts was the military conspicuous. Profiting by the hostile reception the public gave Wolfgangs Kapp's Baltic soldiers, the government is keeping its troops in the background as much as possible.

Military authorities are blamed by the government press for recent disasters, it being asserted that they and the troops were so nervous that they lost their morale.

Nerve Was Plumbed Gone.

"Soldiers are so nervous over Bolshevism," says a statement issued by the Bureau, "that whenever they saw four or five persons approaching them in a group they would jump to the conclusion that they were Reds, and would start trouble."

Assertion is made that there is no indication of a reorganized Red Army, and it is said that the government is doing its utmost to reassure the Berlin public. Owing to non-political strikes of printers, employees of tramroads and the subway, and others which prevent the issuance of news-



"First Lady" as Friends Know Her

## INSTITUTIONS WILL SUFFER IF MINERS STOP WORK—SMITH

Every public institution in the state will suffer severely if the prediction of coal miners and operators of the central field, indicted by a federal grand jury at Indianapolis recently, come true.

This statement was made Tuesday morning by Dr. S. E. Smith, superintendent of Easthaven. Dr. Smith is a member of the state purchasing board, which buys coal and other supplies for all state institutions.

Officials of miners' and operators' organizations predicted that under the indictment of the federal grand jury, it would be impossible to sit in a wage scale conference on April 1, and that if no scale were made, miners would stop work and production cease. "Easthaven has not only two or three weeks' supply of coal on hand," Dr. Smith declared, "and other institutions of the state are in even worse condition. The board has made futile efforts to purchase coal on the open market, but it is impossible to find free coal."

"The situation throughout the state is really serious, and state institutions are facing a greater shortage than they did last November during the coal strike. Members of the board sent men to the mines in an effort to discover the cause for the fuel shortage, but so far the whole affair cannot be solved.

### Why are Cars Lacking?

"Operators claim that the shortage is due to lack of cars for transporting the production, and that the men are forced into idleness through lack of transportation. The men sent to the mines found no cars, but why the cars are lacking is a mystery."

Indiana university, the penal institutions and hospitals of the state will be affected alike by a stoppage of production, Dr. Smith said. He declared that all of these institutions were barely keeping enough coal on hand.

The city light plant will not be greatly affected by the threatened stoppage, according to Superintendent Dillon, unless federal control of fuel is resumed, and the coal confiscated by the railroads.

### Domestic Consumers Safe.

"We are receiving coal every day at the light plant," Dillon said Tuesday. "As far as I can see now, we will not be greatly affected by a stoppage such as is threatened."

City coal dealers have for some time had only enough coal to supply the city's normal needs, but all have said they would pull through safely. Domestic consumers are safe until warm weather comes for good.

### Two Veteran Male Carriers Hale and Hearty After 90,000 Miles

NEW YORK, March 23.—The general scale committee representing the anthracite mine workers met here today to decide whether the hard coal diggers will remain at work on April 1, pending the negotiation of a new wage agreement. The operators have asked the mine workers to remain in the mines after March 31, when the present contract expires.

Union leaders predicted before going into session that the men would not remain at work unless the mine owners agreed to make any wage increase retroactive to the expiration date of the present contract. The operators are understood to oppose any such arrangement on the grounds that any wage advances will have to be made up by raising the price of coal. They contend that coal prices cannot be made retroactive and they would suffer losses.

NEW YORK, March 23.—Claims of anti-suffragists that the Anthony amendment to the constitution if ratified would be ineffective in states where state constitutions restrict suffrage to "male" citizens until such constitutions had been amended, are erroneous, according to an opinion obtained from Charles E. Hughes, for-

thirty-five of the thirty-six states necessary for the ratification of the amendment have acted favorably and should the action of the Delaware assembly be against it the suffragists would have but slight chance of winning before next winter, as no other legislatures will convene in regular session until that time.

Both the suffragists and those opposed to the ratification of the amendment have made a hard fight in Delaware and both sides today appeared confident of victory. Notwithstanding the support received by the suffragists from the national leaders of both the Democratic and Republican parties, the anti-suffragists declare the amendment will be defeated.

### Not To Be Heard Yet.

No one here today cared to venture a prediction as to just when the amendment would be taken up by the assembly. It was said, however, that its chances of even a hearing in either house were remote until the school

session ends on April 1.

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