

## WEST GERMAN INDUSTRY IN GRIP OF REDS

Situation Quiet in Other Centres 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 shantytowns 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 postal and railway services are being resumed in both cities, which are quiet, according to advices 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 force place them at from 70,000 to 100,000.

**Famine Threatens Towns.**  
Famine is declared to be threatening Bochum, Dortmund, Duesseldorf 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-CHAPPELLE, Rhineland Prussia, March 23.—Another battle is reported to be going on between Spartans and troops of the regular army at Wesel, 22 miles northwest of Essen. The regulars, the report says, appear to have been outflanked by the Spartans.

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 Spartans. 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.

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## "First Lady" as Friends Know Her



Mrs. Woodrow Wilson.

This is the newest picture of Mrs. Woodrow Wilson. It was taken a few days ago at a Red Cross meeting in Washington. The president's wife is wearing a plain dark colored chaise longue with one of the new overblouses. Her wrap is a voluminous cape of fur with a cluster of flowers giving a spring touch to the winter wrap. She is wearing one of the small tight fitting trousers which she seems to favor for informal occasions.

## Suffrage Hangs Upon Action of Delaware Legislature, in Session

(By Associated Press)  
DOVER, Delaware, March 23.—Whether the women of America will participate in the forthcoming presidential primaries and in the November national election as provided in the proposed amendment to the federal constitution apparently rested today with the Delaware legislature in extraordinary session here.

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.

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## 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.

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 ground 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.

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## R. U. Johnson and Wife Off for Italy



Ambassador and Mrs. Robert Underwood Johnson photographed just before sailing.

Robert Underwood Johnson, graduate of Earlham and new United States ambassador to Italy, is on his way with his wife to take up his duties in Rome. Before his departure he conferred with President Wilson regarding the chief executive's attitude on Italian questions.

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

IS IT healthy to be a mail carrier? Richmond has two living examples to the affirmative. John E. Donlin, who has served the Richmond postoffice 31 years, and Ed A. Dickinson, who has been a mail carrier for over 30 years, are more hale and hearty than they were when they started. In fact, Mr. Dickinson started thinking it might improve his health. And it did.

Mr. Donlin and Mr. Dickinson calculate they walk about 12 miles a day, 300 days a year, making 3,600 miles a year, or about 90,000 miles apiece, for the sake of Uncle Samuel's customers. This means about 45,000 city squares a year. Count it up for yourself, and then try it for your health.

**Wears Out 124 Pairs.**

On an average mail carriers wear out three to four pairs of shoes a year. Their boots have to be resoled every six or seven weeks. According to this, Carrier Donlin has demolished about 124 pairs of shoes.

That doesn't mean that he has worn them a brief time and then laid them aside, for a carrier gets heavy shoes and wears them completely out. Often he keeps more than one pair on the "go," however.

Time was when a nice pair of men's shoes could be bought anywhere from \$1 up to \$6. Today shoes can be bought for \$10—that is, if the buyer seeks high and low and jumps in on

a sale. Prices run as high as \$20.

**Even H. C. L. Don't Worry Them.**

Despite this, Richmond's two oldest carriers are growing younger instead of older, they say, and they should worry about high prices—only the blankety-blank situation hits everything, so they can't quite avoid the subject.

"Carrying mail is one of the most interesting jobs man could want. I have cultivated congenial friends I wouldn't have missed for anything. People on my route are no end considerate and kind to me," said Mr. Donlin. His route lies in the north part of the city from the Pennsylvania station to the Wayne Works, and

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**Detectives Cause Three Deaths; Kentucky Mining Town Is In Turmoil**  
(By Associated Press)

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., March 23.—Harlan county, Kentucky, on the Kentucky-West Virginia border, was the scene today of much excitement. Bands of miners were searching the country for operatives of a detective agency who are alleged to have started a fight at Wallins Creek Saturday night with miners, which resulted in the killing of three persons and the wounding of several others.

The clash was the outgrowth of ill-feeling said to have existed in Harlan county coal fields because of importation last week, of a group of detectives by the Kentucky Steam Coal company, where a strike is on.

The dead are:

Bud Taylor, miner; Deputy Sheriff John Burkes, and James Hall, detective. The names of the wounded could not be ascertained.

**State Commissioners are Against Investment Account As R. R. Rates Basis**  
(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Strong opposition to the railroad corporation's proposal that property investment accounts form the basis for valuation of the railroads, preliminary to the new rate adjustment under the transportation act, was expressed before the interstate commission today by John E. Benton, general solicitor of the association of state railroad commissioners.

Appearing as a representative of the public, Mr. Benton declared that congress had expressly forbidden the use of investment accounts as a valuation basis.

The state railroad commissioners, he asserted, are against any change in the established classification group for the purpose of rate making. Increases, he said, should not be horizontal, but should be made upon the traffic that ought to bear it.

**Methodist Pastors to Remain in Charge**

The Methodist ministers holding charges in Richmond will probably remain in their present incumbencies during the coming year, it was said Tuesday by high officials of the North Indiana conference.

The local pastors include the Rev. R. L. Semans, pastor of the First M. E. church, the Rev. E. L. Gates, pastor of the Fairview Methodist church, and the Rev. A. H. Backus, pastor of the Grace M. E. church.

## MINERS' WAGE INCREASES TO SOAK PEOPLE

President Withdraws Government Control of Bituminous Coal Prices so Increase May be Absorbed in Prices.

### REPORT IS MADE PUBLIC

(By Associated Press)  
WASHINGTON, March 23.—President Wilson today withdrew government control of the price of bituminous coal so that the 27 per cent wage advance for miners recommended by the majority of the coal strike settlement commission may be absorbed in the price the consumer will pay after April 1. The commission estimated this wage advance at \$200,000,000 a year.

At the same time the president made public the majority and minority report of the commission and wrote the operators and miners asking that they reach an agreement on the basis of the majority report alone as speedily as possible, so that uncertainty regarding the fuel situation might be removed.

**President Warns Operators.**  
The operators were warned by President Wilson against violating laws, against combinations in restraint of trade, and profiteering and also not to exact "unreasonable prices for coal."

"I am aware," said the president, "that at present, as a result of the shortage created by the coal strike, and of the consequent interference with transportation, and as a result, also, of the exceptionally unfavorable winter, the demand for coal continues active."

"I desire to impress upon the coal operators, the extreme importance, not only of their complying to the fullest extent with the laws against combinations in restraint of trade, and again profiteering, but also of their exerting themselves affirmatively to prevent exacting of unreasonable prices for coal."

**Public to Protect Itself.**  
"I am sure the public fully appreciates the desirability, where practicable, of leaving commercial transactions untrammelled, but at the same time I am satisfied the public will find ways to protect itself if such liberal policy shall appear to result in unreasonably high prices."

John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, in a formal statement expressed disappointment that the president had affirmed the majority report of the commission, but said the miners were suggesting that they participate in a joint wage conference.

**Ignores Reform, Says Lewis.**  
"The affirmation of the majority report of the commission by the president," said Mr. Lewis, "will be keenly disappointing to the mine workers, ignoring, as it does, any vital reform for which they have asked consideration."

"Furthermore, the majority commissioners usurp the authority rendered in them in presuming to render decisions upon questions which were not raised by the operators prior to the formation of the commission."

"Never the less, the miners are ready and willing to respond to the president's suggestion to participate in a joint wage conference in the hope that a new agreement can be concluded. It is obvious that such an agreement should be confirmative by April 1st."

**No Reserve Training for 1920, Announcement**  
(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Plans for the recount of the ballot cast in the Ford Newberry senatorial election contest in Michigan, were agreed upon tentatively today at a conference between senate privileges and election committee, and counsel representing both sides.

Chairman Watson, of the subcommittee, said that the recount would not begin for at least 30 days, as approximately that time would be required to assemble the ballots and bring them to Washington.

About three weeks, the chairman estimated, should be required to complete the count, which would be done by 10 boards of two members each.

**Two Leave City for Indefinite Periods**

Patrolman Vogelsong left Tuesday for Michigan City with Gail Hawkins, colored, sentenced to serve a term of one to 10 years for larceny. Hawkins was sentenced after trying to steal an automobile belonging to a member of the police force, from the police garage.

Deputy Sheriff Carl Wadman took Philip Demedoff, convicted of forgery March 11, to Jeffersonville, where Demedoff is to serve a sentence of two to 14 years.

**City's Population To Be Announced Tonight**

The population of Richmond, gathered from the 1920 census, will be announced by federal authorities at Washington, Tuesday at 9 p. m. Tuesday.

The 1910 city population was 22,324. The population for Glen Falls, N. Y., New Amsterdam, N. Y., and Madison, Wis., will also be announced tonight.

**Morgenthau Named for Mexican Ambassador**

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Henry Morgenthau, of New York, former ambassador to Turkey, was nominated today by President Wilson to be ambassador to Mexico. He will succeed Henry P. Fletcher, who resigned recently because he did not agree with the administration's Mexican policy.

## Weather Forecast

For Indiana, by the United States Weather Bureau—Partly cloudy to night and Wednesday; probably showers; warmer tonight in east portion with fresh to strong winds.

Yesterday  
Maximum ..... 63  
Minimum ..... 27

Today  
Maximum ..... 64  
Minimum ..... 27

For Wayne County by W. E. Moore—Unsettled and continued warm to night and Wednesday. Probably showers Wednesday, possibly tonight. Brisk and strong south wind prevails.

**General Conditions.**—Fair weather still prevails over the great central valley and Eastern states. It is becoming unsettled in the west, with showers. An extensive storm prevails over the Rocky mountain states and Pacific coast. Heavy rains throughout California. This storm is moving slowly but will undoubtedly cause showers here within the next 48 hours, possibly within 24 hours. Temperatures much above normal prevail as far north as Canada, with 70 above in South Dakota. Severe cold weather still continues over Alaska, Nome reporting 12 below and Tanana 40 below. The weather will continue warm here for at least 36 hours.