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MUELLER NOT TO HEAD NEW HUN CABINET

Line-up of Tentative Body Given, But Declination Puts Situation Up in Air Again—Bauer Member.

SOVIET STILL STRONG

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, March 27.—Herman Mueller, foreign minister of the cabinet of Premier Bauer, has declined to accept the task of forming a new German ministry, according to information by the French foreign office today.

BERLIN, March 27.—Announcement of the following personnel of the German cabinet was to be made today, according to the Vorwärts: Premier, Herman Mueller; Foreign affairs, Herr Landsberg or a Democrat; Finance, Captain Fisher Cuno; Treasury, Dr. Wirth; Justice, Ludwig Haas; Interior, Herr Koch; Defense, Herr Gessler; Economics, Gustav Bauer; Food, Herr Hermet, a Centralist; Labor, Dr. Schmidt; Transport, Dr. Bell; Posts and Telegraphs, Herr Gissbert; Minister without portfolio, Eduard David.

Herr Von Graefe, former Prussian under secretary for National Welfare, has undertaken the task of forming a Prussian ministry, according to the Tagblatt.

WESEL, March 27.—Government troops made a sortie southeast of this city today, drove besieging workers forces from their posts, shelled their retreating columns and raised the siege of Wesel on both the east and Southeast. Artillery operated by workers forces dropped two shells into the city and then withdrew.

While the counter attack against the beleaguered forces was going on, reinforcements arrived here. Among them were the Death's head Hussars and Uhlan.

Allied commissioners conferred with General Kabisch, and soon after the Belgian military authorities at Buderich, in Belgian territory south of here and across the Rhine, began issuing passes for civilians to return to the city.

ROTTERDAM, March 27.—Hundreds of fugitives from the Ruhr district are nearing the Dutch frontier, according to a correspondent of the Courant.

Some arrived at Steerenburg last night, bringing stories of the "red terror" in towns through which Spartacists have driven armored cars.

They confirm reports, the correspondent says, that the workers forces are being led by Russians or other foreigners.

THE HAGUE, March 27.—Preparations to meet any emergency at the frontier have been made by the Dutch government, according to authoritative information given The Associated Press.

Plans have been perfected for the instant mobilization of three levies of the second division and if it becomes necessary civic guards and volunteer corps from some frontier villages will be called to arms.

FALKENSTEIN, Saxony, March 25.—Government troops entered Gotha today to round up leaders of workers and search the city for arms and ammunition. A long column of troops was passed by the correspondent when he left Gotha and his luggage was searched several times by soldiers before he was able to get clear of the armed forces gathered there.

Workers have taken over control in towns and cities of Lower Saxony, but there is an impression their ascendancy will be short lived as they are not sufficiently organized in a military way to resist pressure successfully.

It is noticeable that the nearer one comes to districts where government troops are in power the weaker is the workers' hold on affairs.

CHEMNITZ, Saxony, March 26.—Communists are firmly entrenched in control here and prepared to resist attacks by government troops, which may be sent against the city. In the event the troops secure control, a general strike may again be called. Heinrich Brandler, chairman of the executive committee of the workers declared today his followers were closely co-operating with workers in the Ruhr valley.

"We do not expect an attack, as the government forces are too weak," he said, "but if it comes we will resist."

Jefferson Farmers Will Buy Co-Operatively; Name Committee to Purchase

Appointment of a buying committee to purchase fuel, fertilizer, lime, and similar articles, for all the farmers in the township was made by the Jefferson Township Farmers' federation, at a meeting in Hagerstown, Friday night. Louis Cutter is chairman; Albert Smith and Oscar Bland were appointed members.

About 50 farmers attended. Grafton Stewart, president of the organization, presided.

Rev. Semans Gets Call From Duluth Pastorate

A call from a Duluth, Minn., pastorate has been received by the Rev. R. L. Semans, pastor of the First Methodist church here. Rev. Semans said Saturday that although he had not accepted the call, he had written to the Duluth congregation for further information regarding the pastorate.

The Duluth church is one of the largest in that city. Rev. Semans said, and is in an exclusive residence district. Rev. Semans has been pastor of First church here for two years.

Middleboro Is Made Separate Voting Precinct By County Commissioners

Voters of the town of Middleboro were given a precinct by the county commissioners Saturday. The voters of the town filed a petition for a precinct.

The third precinct in Wayne township will be split, in order to give the town a precinct of its own. It is understood that the voters in the north section of the town will vote at a precinct to be located in Middleboro, and that those in the south end will continue casting their ballots at the residence of Edgar Norris, County Auditor Brooks will announce the precinct boundaries later.

Action on the proposed improvements of the county tuberculosis farm was deferred by the commissioners until May 1. By that time contracts for the water system, and for the superintendent's cottage, will have been let.

PASSENGERS JOLTED WHEN RAIL BREAKS; 2 CARS DERAILED

Steel cars saved 35 people from death or serious injury when a sleeper and day car attached to No. 114, Pennsylvania passenger train en route from Indianapolis to Columbus, were derailed and partially turned over near Dublin at 5:45 a. m. Saturday.

Several people were bruised and cut by flying glass, and one man received a badly cut head and a broken arm. He is a resident of St. Paris, O., and was taken to his home after treatment. He was a mail clerk, whose name could not be learned.

The accident was caused by an old defect in a rail, over which the engine and the first three cars of the train safely passed. Engineer C. F. Smith of Columbus, said the train was traveling 55 miles an hour. When the cars were derailed, the couplings were broken and the cars tore up about 250 yards of track.

Eleven in Sleeper.

Eleven people were in the sleeper but none received serious injuries. Practically all of the 24 occupants of the day car received cuts and bruises. A doctor was among the passengers. The train is an all steel train from St. Louis to Columbus. William Cowser was the conductor in charge.

LOWDEN TO BE HERE, HIS MANAGER SAYS

Indiana campaign directors for Governor Frank O. Lowden's presidential campaign accepted the invitation on Governor Lowden's behalf, to attend the Republican rally here on April 20, E. M. Campfield treasurer of the central committee announced Saturday. This is the second presidential candidate who has promised to attend.

According to his Indiana manager, Governor Lowden agreed to be here all day, April 20, and to deliver an address. The announcement followed a personal conference.

H. C. Hogan, Wood campaign manager in the state, is in Chicago, and the matter of General Wood's appearance here for the rally was to be taken up Saturday. General Wood is planning to tour Ohio during the week of April 19, and it is believed that arrangements can be made for his appearance in Indiana.

Following reports received that a senatorial investigation of the activities of the Wood campaign in Indiana was impending in Washington, Hogan issued the following statement:

"Absolutely not one cent has been spent in purchasing interviews, endorsing the candidacy of Leonard Wood. Reputable reporters, employed on the newspapers in Indianapolis, received assignments to interview men of prominence in this city who had telephoned that they desired to voice expression of esteem for Wood. At that time there was no one in the office who could be used for this character of work, and the sum actually spent was \$22.50."

"This was considered, and generally conceded, to be legitimate publicity.

Noah Petro Surrenders Self at Winchester; Is Short \$13,000, Statement

WINCHESTER, Ind., March 27.—Noah Petro, of Muncie, formerly of this county, near Losantville, has been arrested and is now in jail here on a charge of forgery. Petro created a sensation last August when he came to Sheriff Davison of this county and stated that he had forged some notes and desired to be put in jail.

The sheriff, not having a warrant for him, did not lock him up. His manipulations will aggregate about \$13,000, it is alleged, and in most cases his father-in-law, Frank M. Thorburn of near Losantville, has been the sufferer, although Petro's father's name has been forged to the notes in some instances, it is alleged.

Recently Petro was tried on a civil case regarding a note which was agreed to be signed by him and his father-in-law and the jury returned a verdict that the signature of Thorburn was genuine, notwithstanding the fact that Petro had testified that he forged Thorburn's name.

Petro is now in the position that if he pleads guilty to the criminal charge of forgery he will be sentenced to the penitentiary, otherwise should he plead not guilty he will be committing perjury. Banks in Winchester, Farmland and Modoc and several individuals are the victims. Petro will be arraigned today.

Car Situation Relieved Here by C. & O. R. R.

Every effort is being made by the C. & O. railroad officials here to prevent a complete suspension of shipping by Richmond manufacturers, an official of that road said Saturday.

The C. & O. has been able to supply the factories on its line with cars as needed, and have been allowing some cars for other industries in the city.

"The C. & O. is not entirely without cars," the official said, "and for the present we have been able to allow a few cars to companies not on our line. How long this will continue, however, I cannot say, but we will do everything possible to prevent suspension of industries."

Suffrage, Anti-Suffrage Forces Fight in Delaware

(By Associated Press)

DOVER, Del., March 27.—Although the Delaware legislature was in adjournment until next Monday, today saw little let-up in the struggle for and against its ratification of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment.

Workers on both sides continued campaigns in preparation for the vote expected next Tuesday or Wednesday.

Admiral Fletcher, concluding his direct testimony, declared his orders directing the convoy of the Antilles with three other transports were disobeyed by Lieutenant Commander F. M. Freeman, escort commander.

MONEY SPENT LEGITIMATELY, SAYS PROCTOR

National Head of General Wood's Campaign Denies "Slush Fund" Charges Made by Borah.

LOWDEN ALSO WRATHY

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The people approve campaign methods of the open and straightforward sort that we have adopted," said the statement. "We resent any statement or imputation of illegal or corrupt expenditure and shall hold the guilty person responsible therefore."

"This attack at this time looks like the last stand of the old guard."

CHICAGO, March 27.—Governor Lowden, in a telegram to Senator Borah at Washington, D. C., last night challenged all candidates for the Republican presidential nomination to a showdown of all campaign receipts and expenditures—"together with the names of contributors and amounts contributed, and all books, records and vouchers, for the purpose of the widest possible publicity."

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Telegram to Borah.

Governor Lowden's telegram follows:

"The statement made by you in the senate today, as reported by the Associated Press, with reference to the expenditures of the various candidates in the presidential campaign to date, so far as it applies to me is in no way warranted by the facts."

"I will gladly join with all other candidates for the Republican nomination to submit to you or a committee to be appointed by you, all expenditures made in the campaign, together with names of contributors and amounts contributed, and all books, records and vouchers, for the purpose of the widest publicity."

"I will not be a candidate for the nomination to the presidency, and was not seeking public office."

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Mr. Hoover added that "as a citizen I advocated the accomplishment of full publicity and proper restrictions," on campaign expenditures.

"Frank A. Lowden."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 27.—Denial was made by Harry C. Hogan, of Ft. Wayne, that interviews containing endorsements of the candidacy of Major General Leonard Wood for the Republican presidential nomination had been bought in Indiana.

He stated, however, that Indianapolis reporters had been employed to interview men known to favor the Wood candidacy. Hogan is the Wood manager in Indiana.

He reiterated his statement of March 8, that he was not a candidate for the nomination to the presidency, and was not seeking public office.

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Main Street Bridge To Be Done in 60 Days—Smith

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