

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 Vorwaerts: Premier, Herman Mueller; Foreign Affairs, Herr Landsberg or a Democrat; Finance, Captain Fleischer Cuno; Treasury, Dr. Wirth; Justice, Ludwig Haas; Interior, Herr Koch; Defense, Herr Gessler; Economics, Gustav Bauer; Food, Herr Hermet; Centralist, Labor, Dr. Schmidt; Transport, Dr. Bell; Posts and Telegraphs, Herr Gissberts; Minister without portfolio, Edouard David.

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

WESEL, March 27.—Government troops made a sortie southeast of the 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 beleaguering forces was going on, reinforcements arrived here. Among them were the Death's head Hussars and Uhlans.

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 Steenburg 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 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 Brandt, 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, Saturday 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 Brock 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 people were in the sleeper but none received serious injuries. Five 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. Campbell 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 April 20, and to deliver an address.

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 here.

No information concerning Senator Hiram Johnson's appearance has been received.

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 Davidson 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. Thornburg 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 alleged to be signed by him and his father-in-law and the jury returned a verdict that the signature of Thornburg was genuine, notwithstanding the fact that Petro had testified that he forged Thornburg'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 committed to jail. Banks in Winchester, Fairland and Modoc and several individuals are the victims. Petro will be arraigned today.

Weather Forecast

For Indiana by the United States Weather Bureau—Fair tonight and warmer in north and central portions; Sunday partly cloudy and warmer in north portion.

For Wayne County by W. E. Moore—Fair tonight; Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer; probably rain Sunday night or Monday.

General Conditions—The weather has cleared over the Central states and temperatures last night were about normal. There are two storms over the west, one over western Canada and another over the southern Rocky mountain plateau. The temperature will rise generally Sunday, going above normal during the next 36 hours. The western storms will move slowly eastward, probably reaching here Monday, or possibly before. Severe cold weather is reported over the Yukon valley in Alaska, where temperatures are from 20 to 30 degrees below zero.

MONEY SPENT LEGITIMATELY, SAYS PROCTOR

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

LOWDEN ALSO WRATHY

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, March 27.—"Any money used in furtherance of Major-General Leonard Wood's presidential campaign has been expended openly for perfectly legitimate publicity in the presentation of his merits and not one cent for any indirect or corrupt purpose," said a statement by W. C. Proctor, national campaign manager, in reply to charges made in the senate yesterday by Senator Borah.

The people approve campaign methods of the open and straightforward sort that 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."

Major General Wood is campaigning in Michigan. Colonel William Cooper Proctor, chairman of his campaign committee, issued a statement saying: "We received no statement or imputation of illegal or corrupt expenditure and shall hold the guilty person responsible therefore."

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 for president, in submitting to yourself 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 sincerely hope this may be done and at once."

"FRANK A. LOWDEN."

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., March 27.—Denial was made by Harry C. Hogan, of Ft. Wayne, that interviews containing insinuations 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.

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, insinuations of 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 is conceded, to be legitimate publicity."

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 cars 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 the ratification of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment.

Workers on both sides continued campaigns in preparation for the vote expected next Tuesday or Wednesday. Throughout Delaware today champions wearing the yellow and purple colors of the suffragists and the red roses of the opposition were engaged in special pressure on members of the lower legislative branch.

72 Teachers Take Second Examination of Year

Approximately 72 teachers took the qualified teachers' examination at the high school Saturday. C. O. Williams, county superintendent, said.

This is the second teachers' examination of the year, the first having been held in January. Both grade and high school teachers took the examination.

Bolsheviki Take Denikine's Last Base; Odessa Falls To Ukrainian Forces

LONDON, March 27.—Novorossisk, the last base in southern Russia, under control of General Denikine, has been captured by the Russian Bolsheviki, according to a wireless dispatch from Moscow.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 27.—The Bolsheviki have recaptured Perekop, on the Isthmus between the peninsula of the Crimea and the mainland.

PARIS, March 27.—Odessa, the great Russian port on the Black Sea, has been occupied by Ukrainians under General Pawlenko, commander of the Ukrainian national army, according to information received by the Ukrainian mission in Paris today.

WORK TO MAKE MAIN ST. WOODEN BRIDGE AGAIN SAFE TODAY

Traffic on the Main street wooden bridge over the Whitewater may be resumed late Saturday afternoon, city officials think.

The abandoned abutment of the old National road bridge, which supports the west end of the temporary wooden bridge, gave way suddenly late Friday afternoon, causing all traffic over the bridge to be barred.

The abutment collapsed about 4:30 p. m., but workmen on the new Main street bridge noticed it slipping earlier in the afternoon and notified city officials, who were unable to do anything.

Routed Around Fifth Street. Streets cars were re-routed around Fifth street Friday night and this morning, and interurbans transferred their passengers to city cars at West Fifth street.

Although the cause of the collapse of the abutment has not been determined, it is believed that the recent cold weather coupled with water washing, beneath the stones, weakened the pile. The abutment was one of the supports of the old National road covered bridge over Whitewater.

NO CAMPAIGN, NO FINANCE, HOOVER TELLS LABOR MEN

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Herbert Hoover replied today to the inquiry as to campaign expenditures addressed to him by the National Labor Union, by saying that "as I have no campaign, I have no finance."

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.

"A number of clubs have sprung up, doing me the honor of advocating my nomination," said Mr. Hoover in his letter. "I have no knowledge of their resources, which are very small. I have no doubt that they would be only too glad to keep their books open for inspection at all times."

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

Main Street Bridge To Be Done in 60 Days—Smith

The new Main street bridge will be completed within 60 days, Isaac L. Smith, contractor, estimated Saturday.

"With the good weather that is coming now we are able to accomplish a great deal in a seemingly short length of time," said Smith.

"Although we have been handicapped by the bad weather, that has been so prevalent this winter, I believe that we will be practically completed within 60 days."

Fletcher Says Orders Were Disobeyed at Brest

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—Counsel for Admiral Sims, expected to complete the cross-examination of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher today before the naval court of inquiry investigating the removal of Fletcher's removal from command at Brest, by Admiral Sims in October 1917, four days after the transport Antilles was sunk off the coast of France.

Admiral Fletcher, concluding his direct testimony, declared his orders to the Antilles were to remain at Brest with three other transports were disobeyed by Lieutenant Commander F. M. Freeman, escort commander.

Assembly Member Arrested

(By Associated Press)
PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—Charles Solomon, one of the Socialist assemblymen unseated by the New York legislature and three other New Yorkers, were in jail here today charged with inciting to riot.

They were arrested last night when the police broke up a mass meeting in Labor Lyceum to protest against the unseating of the five socialist members of the New York assembly.

Hungary Is Under Army Rule

VIENNA, March 27.—Admiral Roddy, regent of Hungary, plans to issue a proclamation establishing a military dictatorship over the country, according to information received from Buda Pest. This step, which is expected soon, is said to be inspired by the difficulty of attending government under the present constitutional system.

General Soos, minister of war, is to be made chief military executive of Hungary, it is said.

CABLES CUT IN IRELAND

PARIS, March 27.—Several cables passing through Ireland, some belonging to the Commercial Cable company, have been cut, according to information received here.

Shall Women Be Regular in Politics?



Mrs. Arthur D. Livermore, and, below, Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany.

Is it to be "my party right or wrong" or the individual? The question is agitating many women who will vote for the first time. Mrs. Arthur D. Livermore, chairman of the New York Republican Women's state executive committee, says "yes," and Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, chairman of the Manhattan branch of the League of Women Voters, a Democrat, advocates independence.

Chicago Plan Offers Practical Solution of Housing Problem

Chicago has offered the first practical solution of the housing problem by establishing an organization to finance a movement to provide the necessary houses.

The plan was made public Friday by a committee of the Chicago Real Estate board. Details of the plan follow:

Fifteen million dollars will be subscribed to the corporation by public spirited citizens. Loans equaling 80 per cent of the value of building and lot, with \$6,000 as the maximum figure, will be made to prospective home builders.

The plan is the idea of Frederick H. Bartlett, a member of the committee. It was unanimously accepted by the committee and endorsed by the Chicago Association of Commerce and the Boosters' club. It was announced \$2,000,000 has been subscribed to the fund without solicitation.

Details of Plan. According to the plan, nominal capital stock will be issued to individuals who will represent the underwriters of collateral trust bonds to the extent of \$15,000,000. The bonds are to be secured by mortgages, to be deposited with the Chicago Title and Trust company as trustee.

The trust company will apply for articles of incorporation, after which banks, trust companies, and corporations will be invited to underwrite the fund. When \$15,000,000 has been raised the underwriters shall elect a board of directors who, in turn, will elect officers. The officers may serve with or without pay, as approved by the underwriters.

"The interest rate shall be uniformly 6 per cent," Mr. Bartlett's plan reads. "Real estate board commissions will be charged. The borrower shall pay the loan at the rate of 10 per cent." (Continued on page 13)

Night Riders Break Out Again; Chute Is Banned

MAYFIELD, Ky., March 27.—The first outbreak of night rider troubles in western Kentucky in 13 years occurred last night, when between 200 and 300 tobacco growers from the northern section of Graves county, visited the Mayfield tobacco chute and applied the torch.

The renewal of night riding is said to be the result of the fight of tobacco growers of this section of the state against the dropping prices of tobacco. Growers recently organized and hundreds agreed not to sell their crops on any warehouse floor. Recently 20 McCracken county growers, at the point of shotguns, forced several growers coming to Paducah with their tobacco to turn back.

Submit Dry Law—Wheeler

(By Associated Press)
WILMINGTON, Del., March 27.—The way to decide whether there has been a reaction against prohibition is for candidates for congress to say so openly and advocate resubmission of the 18th amendment, Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel for the anti-saloon league declared here today at a conference of dry leaders. "We gladly accept that gauge of battle," he said.

May Vote at the Primaries

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, March 27.—Illinois women will be permitted to vote at the presidential preference primary, April 13, regardless of whether national suffrage had been ratified by 36 states prior to that time. Attorney General Brundage today, at the suggestion of Governor Frank O. Lowden, reversed a previous ruling denying the women a vote.

CULEBRA SLIDE REMOVED

PANAMA, March 27.—Obstructions in the Culebra cut district of the Panama canal were removed yesterday and the great waterway is again open for traffic after a six day interruption.

GREW TO DENMARK

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—Joseph C. Grew, of Massachusetts, now counsel of the Embassy at Paris, was nominated today by President Wilson to be minister to Denmark, succeeding Norman Hapgood, whose nomination was not confirmed by the senate.

CITY OFFICERS BELIEVE FARE RISE IS JUST

Richmond Probably Will Not Fight T. H. I. and E. Petition for Straight Five-Cent Rates, Intimation.

UNPROFITABLE, CLAIM

Richmond will probably not fight the petition of the T. H. I. and E. traction company to increase the fares on street cars in the city to five cents straight, city officials intimated Saturday.

The traction company, which operates and owns the street car system here, Friday filed a petition with the public service commission at Indianapolis asking for an increase in rates.

Mayor Zimmerman said Saturday that if the claims of the company were true, there would be no use in fighting the petition.

Several members of the city council Saturday were either quiet or thought that the petition was justified.

Councilman Waltermann said that after careful investigation, he believed that the traction authorities were justified in asking for a higher rate of fare.

Councilman-at-large Matt Von Pein said that although he was not in favor of increasing the fares, he believed, if the company was really losing money, that they were entitled to ask for an increase.

The petition, filed with the service commission, would also do away with the sale of six tickets for 25 cents.

Only \$12,200 was left the company from the gross revenue of \$108,000 last year, according to the petition. From this fund it was necessary to pay for extensions and depreciations, the petition states. The depreciation fund alone amounts to \$30,000, it is claimed.

Cite Cost of Fuel, Labor. The increased cost of fuel and employment is also brought out.

Robert I. Todd, president of the traction company, said:

"The additional revenue that would be gained by the discontinuance of the sale of tickets would not nearly produce sufficient revenue to care for an adequate depreciation fund and for a return on the investment in the property, but it would help some."

"There has been a tremendous increase in the cost of operating a street railway and salaries have been increased. Up to the present, however, there has been no increase in the Richmond city fare."

The date for the hearing had not been set, Saturday.

Red Cross to Assist in Return of 12,000 Poles

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—The American Red Cross at the request of the National Polish committee, will assist in the return to this country of the 12,000 Poles, who at the outbreak of the war, enlisted to fight in the Polish army. The first detachment of 3,000 men will reach Hoboken in a few days.

Two other ships, the Mercury and the Princess Matoka recently sailed for Antwerp to return with two months 5,300 Polish-American troops.

At the request of the war department the Red Cross has equipped these vessels to provide entertainment for the troops on the voyage.

No Coal Increases Here, Say O. D. Bullerdick

The retail price of coal to Richmond consumers will not increase soon, says O. D. Bullerdick, coal dealer.

He said that Richmond coal dealers are tied up to mine operators with long time contracts and although a 27 per cent increase in wages probably will be granted to miners, the retail price here will not be affected.

He also predicts that the coal shortage will be overcome within the next month, as consumption will decline and open weather will permit transportation.

Find Surgeon's Clamp in Body

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 27.—An autopsy performed on the body of Mrs. Jennie Cholakian, who died at a hospital here under intense pain which physicians could not account, disclosed the presence of a surgeon's clamp in the body. District Attorney Nathan A. Tufts announced today. The clamp, five inches long, apparently was forgotten after an operation. The district attorney said there was no evidence as to where or by whom the operation was performed.

Paul Little Is Recovering

(By Associated Press)
LEXINGTON, Ky., March 27.—Paul Little, the 12-year-old boy who was rescued yesterday after being in the hands of kidnappers for 36 hours, had a good night's sleep and aside from being a trifle nervous, is in his usual health today. No clue has been developed to the identity of the kidnappers, the family said today.

Two Fires on U. S. Vessel

SOUTHAMPTON, March 27.—Two fires on the American liner Philadelphia, damaged the vessel so badly today that her sailing was abandoned pending extensive repairs. In view of similar fires on the steamer New York here recently, the manager of the lines believes the fire of incendiary origin.

POLISH CAPITAL MOVED

LONDON, March 27.—The Polish government was removed on Thursday from Warsaw to Bromberg in Polish Posen, 25 miles northwest of Thorn, according to a Berlin dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company, quoting rumors in that city.