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FRANCE WON'T LET GERMANS INTO VALLEY

Permission to Send Troops Into Ruhr District is Refused—Berlin Ultimatum to Workers Ignored.

MAY SEE RED EASTER

(By Associated Press) PARIS, March 31—The request of the German government that it be permitted to send troops to the Ruhr district, in the neutral zone near the German border, has been denied by the government of France.

Conversations over the German request have been in progress between Premier Millerand and Dr. Von Mayer, the German chargé d'affaires in Paris. M. Millerand yesterday indicated he would give the German chargé an early reply and it was handed to Dr. Von Mayer today.

The reply read in part: "Relying to your note of yesterday, I have the honor to confirm to you the conditions to which the government of the French republic desires to subordinate its eventual authorization to permit German troops to enter the Ruhr valley.

"Such an authorization, which would constitute a derogation of Articles 43 and 44 of the treaty of Versailles, could be justified only by imperative and evident necessity."

ESSEN, March 30.—The time fixed in the Berlin government's ultimatum for the workmen's forces in the Ruhr valley to surrender their arms and recognize local and government officials expired at noon today, and almost immediately the population of Essen which had been about the streets during the morning, sought shelter in their homes.

Communist army leaders say the government troops have begun to march but information received from other sources indicates they have not started, as was threatened in the ultimatum.

A state of ferment prevails in the worker's army and a number of contingents from conservative towns like Dusseldorf have withdrawn from the front.

Troops Want Their Money.

A majority of the troops are demanding payment of their wages immediately and a paymaster with money, was rushed in an automobile to the front. It is believed, however, a large element of the workers' army will not lay down its arms.

The leaders are determined not to surrender and in the opinion of many of the working men have decided to make an effort to have the mines blown up if the government troops advance, as the belief in the ranks is that the government will not grant amnesty to the leaders.

Communication between Essen and the outside world was interrupted for many hours beginning with midnight on Monday, the telegraph and telephone offices being deserted except for guards.

BERLIN, March 31—Government troops in the Ruhr region have been pushed forward, the time limit fixed in the ultimatum from the government to the workers there having been reached, says a dispatch to the Abendblatt.

Confidence in the government's declarations has been voted by the Prussian assembly which has voiced its approval of steps taken in the recent past by the cabinet.

Removal of the Erhardt naval brigade, which took part in the Kappist revolt of March 13, from Doeberitz, has been prevented.

Whether the Ruhr mining and industrial district near Germany's western border is to witness a red Easter appeared Tuesday night to be wholly contingent upon the pacifying abilities of the Prussian minister of the interior. His task is to mollify the labor elements and otherwise nullify the effects of the methods adopted in the Ruhr by General Von Watter, commander of the government forces.

Herr Severing, the new head of the interior ministry, was on his way to Essen today possessed of far-reaching powers, the granting of which gives rise to the belief that the military element has been wholly eliminated from the negotiations with regard to the situation in Westphalia.

The appointment of Severing by the government to conduct the negotiations, indeed, is considered to be tantamount to a discreet breakdown from the ultimatum to the workers.

Ohio Governor Declares War on High Rents

COLUMBUS, O., March 31—Governor Cox today called a meeting of the city solicitors of the state and the state attorney general to meet at the executive office Thursday afternoon to consider the rental situation and to decide upon some unified plan to combat increasing rents.

Burglars Visit 8 Offices; Get Small Sums of Money

Burglars who circled the entire north end, and broke into offices of eight industrial establishments, Tuesday night, got small amounts of money at several places.

The Diamond Clamp and Flask company lost \$18, the Niedwohner company, \$14, and Hood's wholesale grocery \$2 and some cigars. Others who were visited were the Carpenter's mills, the Champion Mills, the Hackman-Kleffel company, Whelan's feed store, and the Evans Machine shop. Police were working on the case Wednesday.

First Pictures of Darke County Ruin to Be Shown Richmond



Typical view of one of scores of homes wrecked at Nashville, O., and wrecked home of Park Shade.

The violence of the section of the recent tornado which swept through the western part of Ohio is shown by the above pictures. Four persons were killed and many injured at Nashville, O., near Dayton. Houses were blown flat. When the wind hit the home of Park Shade 11 persons were sitting in the house. One person was killed and all the others injured. The house was destroyed.

Relief is Urged For Stricken Families of Wayne County

Funds for relief of stricken families in the storm swept area in northern Wayne county are being solicited by various individuals and organizations of the county, through the Wayne county Red Cross, and financial relief is expected to result.

Many of the families whose homes were destroyed by the storm are completely destitute, and an urgent appeal is made to all residents of the county to assist in rehabilitating the tornado swept farms.

Owners of the stricken farms in several instances had not yet completed payments for their homes, and in no instance was the home completely covered by tornado insurance. Subscription blanks have been placed in the offices of Richmond newspapers and at Farwig's bakery.

Hollingsworth is Leader.

C. M. Hollingsworth, a farmer living in Arba, was in the city Tuesday, soliciting funds for relief work and conferring with business men of the city concerning relief measures.

Food and clothing are also needed by the stricken families, as many have nothing left to eat or wear, and no place to live, except at neighboring homes. Few of the victims were able to save any of their clothing except that which they were wearing when the storm occurred.

The Home Missionary society of Arba Friends' church have started a fund for the relief of two storm victims living near Arba, and members at Farwig's bakery.

WATSON CHAIRMAN OF G. O. P. RALLY

United States Senator James E. Watson will be chairman of the political mass meeting which will wind up the Republican Rally and love feast here on April 20, members of the committee in charge of the rally announced Wednesday. Senator Watson has informed members of the committee that he will be present and expressed willingness to have charge of the evening meeting.

Zell Swain, manager of Hiram Johnson's campaign in Indiana, has informed members of the committee here that efforts were being made to bring the senator to Indiana for two addresses on April 20. It is planned to have him address an audience in Indianapolis in the afternoon and in Richmond in the evening.

Col. E. F. Branch, of Crawfordsville, candidate for Lieutenant governor, has written members of the committee accepting the invitation to attend the rally. Replies from other state candidates in regard to the meeting are expected this week.

DENMARK RADICALS CALL STRIKE; KING WON'T BACK DOWN

COPENHAGEN, March 31—A general strike will go into effect throughout Denmark on Tuesday next, following a rejection by King Christian and the new ministry of an offer by the trade unions to furnish a compromise in the political crisis if the Rigsgaard was convened immediately.

All classes of the population are hoarding food, petroleum, candles and water. No serious trouble has developed as yet, as the police have been able to disperse hostile street crowds.

Independent socialists are joining the majority socialists in demanding a general strike. The Liberal ministry has issued an appeal to the population saying it will resign as soon as elections are over and the new Rigsgaard has met.

Tomorrow's Day! Watch Your Step Well!

Watch your step, is the slogan for Thursday. All Fool's Day will be with us once more.

If your mother or wife or husband tells you to hurry and get up Thursday or you will be late for work don't pay any attention for they will be kidding you. If you are asked to look behind you—don't do it. If a new, shiny pocketbook is lying on the sidewalk—pass it by. If you are urged to eat candy—thoroughly test it. Do not let anything surprise you—else you will receive jeering laughs.

Alabama Coal Men Agree

(By Associated Press) BIRMINGHAM, Ala., March 31.—Coal operators of Alabama today posted at their mines copies of a joint agreement by which it is proposed to set up in each mine of the district an "industrial relations committee" with power to settle all disputes between the companies and workers as to hours and wages.

WAR BRIDE INDUCES HUBBY TO SURRENDER

PITTSBURGH, March 31—Husband of the request of his war bride, an English girl, that he surrender himself to the police and serve the remainder of a penitentiary sentence which was interrupted by his escape from the Rockview, Pa., prison in August, 1917. Peru, Ind., 12,561, increase, 1,651, or 15.1 percent. Whiting, Ind., 10,140, an increase of 3,553 or 53.9 percent.

Census Statistics

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DANIELS WAS NOT FIT FOR PLACE—FISKE

Navy Department Handicapped Because of Temperamental Weaknesses of Man at Head He Tells Committee

QUIT AFTER SQUABBLE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 31.—The navy was unprepared for war in 1917 because of the "mental and temperamental characteristics of the man at its head and of the policy he pursued as the result of those characteristics," Rear Admiral Fiske, retired, declared today before the senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war.

"To prevent unpreparedness in the future," Admiral Fiske said, "the most important step is for the public to insist that the man at the head of the navy shall be imbued with the spirit of the navy, highly educated, open minded and acquainted with the principles on which naval preparedness is based, and by following which preparedness can be secured."

Has Fight With Daniels.

Admiral Fiske was aide for operations and senior advisor to the secretary of the navy several years before the United States entered the war, but resigned as aide after differences with the secretary regarding the abolition of wine from the mess on warships, and over-preparedness.

Rear Admiral Henry T. Mayo, war time commander of the Atlantic fleet, and now a member of the navy general board, was cross examined today by the committee. He read a long prepared statement yesterday in which he differed sharply with Rear Admiral Sims on some of the charges brought to the rear against the department and added a few criticisms of his own.

WASHINGTON, March 31—Facing cross-examination by counsel for both sides, Lieutenant Joseph A. Carey, flag secretary on Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher's staff at Brest, continued on the stand today before the naval court removaled from the Brest command by Admiral Sims, in October, 1917.

Fletcher's staff at Brest, "necessarily affected by the efficiency of operations," Lieutenant Carey, naval reserve force, testified today.

After conclusion of testimony by Admiral Fletcher yesterday, Lieutenant Carey was questioned at length as to details in the planning and carrying out of convoy operations at Brest under the admiral's command.

Gave Same Orders.

Tracing these up to the time of Admiral Fletcher's detachment, Counsel asked Lieutenant Carey how the operation orders prepared by Admiral Fletcher "compared" with those issued by Vice Admiral Henry B. Wilson, his successor at Brest, for whom Carey also acted as flag secretary.

Admiral Sims objected to the question, but was overruled by the court, and Lieutenant Carey declared they were "substantially the same."

SUFFRAGE HANGING ON ACTION OF TWO STATE LEGISLATURES

JACKSON, Miss., March 31—With Governor Russell appearing personally before the house to urge that body to concur in the action of the senate yesterday in voting to ratify the federal constitutional suffrage amendment supporters of that measure today were optimistic and predictions were freely made that Mississippi would be the 36th state to act favorably on the amendment.

The senate vote, 23 to 22, showed a shift of 10 members from opponents to supporters since the vote taken in February and suffrage leaders felt confident that a reflection of this change of sentiment would be found in the house, which last month also voted against ratification.

Antis Feel Otherwise.

Anti-suffrage leaders, however, while admitting that there probably might be a slight change in the number of members who would vote for the amendment said they were confident the overwhelming majority by which the resolution was defeated last month could not be overcome even if there was agreement to again take up the question for a vote. The vote last month was 106 to 25 against adoption.

Last night and this morning, hurry calls were sent to friends of the "cause," who had left the capital in the belief that the session of the legislature was about to adjourn and it was believed an early vote would be taken.

DOVER, Del., March 31—A vote on the resolution for ratification of the proposed suffrage amendment was expected to taken in the lower house of the Delaware legislature today. The resolution was reported out "on its merits" by the house committee on revising statutes yesterday. The senate will take no action until the lower branch has disposed of the measure.

Increased activity in the camps of both the suffragists and those opposed to ratification was noticed today. Suffrage workers made urgent appeals for favorable action on the resolution, pleading with the law-makers not to permit the Mississippi legislature, the upper house of which ratified the amendment yesterday, to rob Delaware of the honor of giving the final vote necessary to make the amendment a federal law.

HOME RULE BILL GOES

LONDON, March 31—The house of commons passed the second reading of the Irish Home Rule bill today.

The vote was 348 to 94.

REBEL LEADERS ARRESTED

EL PASO, Tex., March 31—General Robert Cejudo, noted rebel leader in South Mexico, has been arrested by Carranza officials in connection with an arms plot, according to an official despatch made public here today by Alberto Ruiz Sandoval, acting Mexican consul.

Smith Charged With Shielding Underworld

NEW YORK, March 31—Charges that James E. Smith, assistant district attorney had sought to shield certain persons of the underworld and had proposed to split the proceeds of the sale of such protection were investigated today by the extraordinary grand jury. The charges were made by police Inspector Henry in affidavits.

The jury yesterday exonerated Mr. Smith of a charge that he had participated in the division of a \$20,000 bribe for quashing an indictment for gambling against Arnold Rothstein.

NO CHICAGO MARKET

CHICAGO, March 31—There were no fresh receipts of live stock at the stock yards today and consequently no market, owing to the continuance to the stroke of stock yard employees.

First Spring Bride



Miss Frances Carpenter.

TEACHERS OF RICHMOND ASK HIGHER WAGE

Show Desperate Need, and Ask Board to Make Salaries Equivalent to Those of Pre-High Price Period.

\$500 MAY BE ASKED

With 90 percent of the 144 Richmond public school teachers, members of the City Federation of Teachers, present in room 20 at the high school building Tuesday night, a resolution was passed requesting the board of education to bring up the purchasing power of the present salaries to that of salaries of several years ago, by the addition of \$500 to the salary of each teacher.

It was decided to put the matter before the board as soon as possible. A spokesman for the teachers, probably an attorney will be employed, said.

Attempt to Show Need.

"This is the first concrete attempt on the part of the Teachers' Federation to present to the board of education the viewpoint of the teachers with regard to their salaries for the coming year. It was drawn up not with the idea of dictation, but to acquaint the board with the needs of the teachers," said an official of the teachers' federation.

Although Richmond teachers are paid above the average of teachers in Indiana, they are not paid as well as the highest nor what they should be according to persons who have studied the question carefully.

Very Highest Wage \$2,500.

The lowest wage paid elementary school teachers according to the pay roll list in Superintendent Bentley's office, is \$850 a year; the highest elementary salary is \$1,124, and the average \$1,013.63.

The junior high school the lowest salary is \$1,001.70, the highest \$1,502.55, and the average \$1,212.62.

In the senior high school the lowest salary is \$1,001.70 a year, the highest \$1,842.75, and the average \$1,469.79. The highest principal's salary paid is \$2,500.

Prize-Winning Domestic Science Work of County Children at Courthouse

A display of domestic science work of school children of Wayne township will be on exhibition at the county superintendent's office, courthouse, the remainder of the week. Miss Stella Harman, county supervisor of domestic science, said Wednesday.

Under direction of the Red Cross and local committees, the people of Edgerton began concerted effort to bring their village out of the chaos into which the tornado plunged when the storm leveled or partially wrecked practically all of the homes in the place.

A large garage has been converted into a temporary barracks, in which a large number of homeless people are sheltered.

CHICAGO, March 31—Districts of the