

HICKORY DAILY RECORD

VOL. V. NO. 158

HICKORY, N. C., MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 15, 1920

PRICE FIVE CENTS

OLD GERMAN GOVERNMENT READY FOR STRIFE

Forces of Ebert and Noske Prepare for Struggle With Kapp and Various Reports from Ger- many Indicate Division—Strikes Called Labor Leaders

By the Associated Press
Berlin, March 15.—Leaders of the Ebert government ousted from power by the sudden reactionary revolt Saturday morning are apparently rallying their forces. They are being aided by labor, which is declaring a general strike.

Plans seem to be the nucleus around which the military leaders have built up their government. Reports from various cities throughout Germany indicate that Gustav Noske, the war minister, has forces at his disposal and there is strong sentiment for him.

Even in Hamburg the old government has taken control of strategic points and the Hamburg senate has issued a proclamation denouncing the new government.

Men who are directing the policies of the government headed by Dr. W. F. Kapp have not as yet secured a general support, although a statement issued last night declared the presence of the new government had increased in south Germany since Saturday.

Strikes called in this city were held yesterday and it is expected the crisis in the new government will come when the workmen walk out. Chancellor Kapp has declared he will take vigorous efforts to put down uprisings.

FRANCE TO SEND MORE TROOPS TO RHINE

By the Associated Press
Paris, March 15.—(Havas Agency).—France contemplates sending three more army corps to Weisbaden, Neustadt and Bonn, thus doubling her forces along the Rhine, according to the Daily Matin. Marshal Foch will call a meeting of the supreme war council as soon as he returns from Mayence where he will confer today with allied commanders.

Reports reaching this city state that every step has been taken to maintain order in occupied districts in Germany and that the inter-allied commission for the Rhish province has received the German high commissioner after having conferred with the allied military chiefs.

Information received here would seem to indicate that the utmost calm is prevailing in Germany, although the severe censorship in Berlin may be responsible for a lack of news from that city.

GIVE DIPLOMAS DEFINES STATUS POLITICS MAIN QUESTION TO SOLDIERS OF AMERICAN RELATIVES FORCES IN SEATS OF THE MIGHTY

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 15.—While technically still under the direction of Marshal Foch American troops on the Rhine would not participate in any allied advance on Germany without specific instructions from President Wilson, it was said today at the war department.

Officials said the situation so far as the American forces are concerned was a complex one, so far as the United States is concerned. The United States is the only nation having troops on the Rhine not a signatory to the Versailles treaty, though they still technically are operating under the armistice.

Under those terms they still were subject technically to the orders of Marshal Foch as the allied commander.

Steps being taken overseas as a result of the revolution in Germany were being followed closely here. The American troops on the Rhine consist of about 13,000 men.

Everything Is Viewed From Political Angle by Legislators at National Capital—Wilson's Attitude on Presidency Causes Specu- lation—Hectic Life It Is

(BY W. S. MANN)
(Copyright, 1920 by the Washington Star)

Washington, March 15.—With the entire house of representatives, one-third of the senate, and the president and vice president of the United States to be elected in November, all questions at the national capital are considered in their bearing upon politics. International policies, legislation by congress and to a certain degree the administration of the executive departments are concerned in such consideration.

Thus it falls out that it is a perturbed and hectic life the statesmen, near statesmen, politicians, officials and their followers are leading just now and will continue to lead for some months to come. All observers are agreed that the political situation in the country at large is more unsettled, uncertain and hard to gauge than it has been for many years. Some of the veterans in congress compare it with the troublous times of 1896, seeming to find many points of similarity in conditions.

At this hour, or it should rather be said the moment for situations change with remarkable suddenness and swiftness, interest centers mainly in President Wilson's endurance contest with the senate over the league of nations; in what constructive legislation congress may enact; and, of course in the uncertainty over presidential candidacies in both parties.

The possibility of the senate giving the president a modified form of treaty, unacceptable to him and inducing his withholding it from being made effective, is the most disturbing feature of the general situation in Washington. That would mean precipitating the whole subject of the league of nations in the presidential and congressional campaign and causing the issue to be the paramount one of the national contest at the polls.

Wilson to Be Active
That President Wilson is to take an active part in the conduct of party affairs throughout the campaign is now assured. The president is regarded as having practically recovered from his long illness. That is to say, while his physical strength may be still depleted, no one can charge that his mental vigor is impaired. He can still write letters upon international subjects well up to his old form and as charming in diction as ever.

If it is asked whether he may be a candidate for another term the answers are conflicting, depending upon the personal opinion of the one interrogated. Whether he is or not, there is no doubt in any one's mind that he will have much to do with dictating the policies of his party of which he is the titular head. The expression of his personal preference for a candidate would have great weight with the rank and file, it is admitted.

The best judgment in Washington is that the president's future course, as to the policies of the Democratic party, will depend largely upon the outcome of the treaty consideration in the senate. Some definite outcome in this direction is expected within ten days, at the outside.

In congress the main questions relate to expenditures, to taxation, to the cost of living, and to something to be done in recognition of the soldiers. The railroad problem is out of the way for the next few months, pending resumption to normal conditions under private ownership of the properties. All admit it will be a tedious proceeding to get the roads back to where they were when the government took them over for the exigencies of the war.

Reduce Cost of Living
Everybody in congress wants to do something for the soldiers, but there are wide divergencies of opinion as to what should be done and how it should be accomplished. The one thing all are intent upon avoiding is to take action which might result in accentuating the present financial and taxation system and lead to further inflation of credits, with consequent pyramiding of the cost of living.

The stern fact which faces congress is that the normal expenditures for the support of the government although cut to the bone, are so enormous as to require the continuance of extraordinary taxation for a long period to come and to warn against adding to them materially. None of the statesmen and financiers in congress sees hope for material reduction of taxes, and consequently lessening of high living costs.

Little at This Session
Congress is striving to clear up the work of the session so as to adjourn early in June and let everybody get home to take care of their own political fences. The enactment of the necessary appropriation bills will consume most of this time, with a few general measures edged in between times. It is not expected that this

LYERLY AND GILLEY ENTERED IN PRIMARY

Petitions endorsing Councilmen Eubert Lyerly and J. L. Gilley for aldermen in the first and second wards respectively have been filed with the city manager. There is no other petition out for mayor. Mr. J. D. Elliott having the race all to himself. Mr. J. H. Patrick has been entered for councilman from the first ward and Messrs. Porter Burns and J. J. Hefner are entered for councilmen from the second ward, making three men to vote on at the primary election on Monday, March 22, from that ward.

Those signing the petition for Mr. Lyerly for alderman are:
B. L. Whitener, B. M. Doll, K. C. Manzie, A. C. Hewitt, L. H. Warlick, Z. B. Buchanan, Geo. C. Yelton, D. M. McComb, Rev. S. B. Strapp, C. C. East, J. W. Hore, P. A. Setzer, R. S. Brown, Chas. H. Goiner, Geo. S. Watson, Albert R. Hoffman, Dr. W. B. Ramsay, Geo. W. Killian, O. C. Cloninger, T. M. Johnston, J. B. Gibbs, Rev. W. W. Rowe, R. D. Abernethy, W. J. Shuford, S. A. Isenhour, M. H. Yant, P. T. Fennell and George Bailey.

The petitioners for Mr. Gilley follow:
A. M. West, Geo. L. Lyerly, A. C. Henderson, J. R. Boyd, W. C. Thompson, S. E. Wright, C. M. Hardin, N. W. Clark, James Drum, C. S. Sipe, George Moser, Frank Beck, William Bush, A. J. Redshaw, Rev. C. Kuegel, J. F. Ginn, W. B. Payne, Dr. F. C. Longaker, J. H. Gordon, S. L. Spencer, H. P. Batts, J. W. Clarkson, W. P. Spans, H. M. Doll and W. J. Morell.

ASK FOR RECOGNITION

By the Associated Press
London, March 15.—One of the first acts of the new government in Berlin was to request recognition from the allied commissions in Germany, according to information reaching here today. The request was ignored, the commission taking the position that they would not so much as recognize the new government by answering its note.

AGREEMENT REPORTED

By the Associated Press
Berlin, March 15.—An unconfirmed report was current shortly before midnight tonight that the new German government had reached an agreement with the Ebert government in order to prevent the threatened railroad strike.

WITH OLD CROWD

By the Associated Press
Berlin, March 15.—(By Wirenews).—It is reported here that the south German generals and Saxon troops have given their adherence to Noske.

FOR SOVIET GOVERNMENT

By the Associated Press
Paris, March 15.—Independent socialists and communists met yesterday at Mannheim and decided to take advantage of the present situation in Germany and proclaim a soviet government, according to advices from Baden, the news having reached that city by telephone.

Majority and independent socialists throughout Germany appear to be uniting around the military movement initiated at Berlin on Saturday, according to a Baden dispatch to L'Informatioin.

In some sections of Germany the strike order is said not to be viewed with favor, but there are indications the Socialist parties will attempt to bring about a total tie up of business today or tomorrow.

BROADWAY CROWD SEE ROBBERS LOOT WINDOW

New York, March 13.—While Broadway last night was crowded with theater goers, three armed bandits smashed in the window of a jewelry store at 37th street, kept the crowds at bay with their revolvers until they had emptied the contents of several trays into their pockets and then escaped, shooting no one, when who attempted to stop them.

A few minutes later three men entered another Broadway jewelry store, a few blocks uptown, and after throwing pepper in a clerk's eyes, grabbed some trays of jewelry and ran from the store. The men, alleged to be members of the trio were arrested after a chase.

THOUSAND HOMELESS AS RESULT OF FIRE

By the Associated Press
Grandview, Texas, March 15.—Approximately 1,000 persons were homeless here today and seven of their eight business blocks were in ruin with an estimated loss of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000 as the result of a fire which burned from yesterday afternoon until this morning.

STATE DEPARTMENT IS WITHOUT HEAD

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 15.—The state department today was technically without a head. Frank L. Folk, who has been acting secretary since the resignation of Secretary Lansing, has resumed his duties as under secretary, law offices of the department having held that he could not hold the office of secretary ad interim for more than 30 days.

The senate foreign relations committee planned today to give further consideration of the nomination of Eambridge Cobby but the meeting was postponed because witnesses were unable to appear.

Some hold that under the Overman act, delay in acting upon Mr. Cobby need not embarrass the state department.

BARRINGER CASE IN NEWTON TUESDAY

Newton, March 15.—The case of the state against Belton Barringer, charged with manufacturing and retailing liquor, which was sent up to their superior court from the county court has been remanded to the county court by Judge Harding and will come up tomorrow before County Judge Jesse C. Simon.

State witnesses in the case against Barringer were requested by the judge of the superior court to appear in the county court in Newton Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock without being re-subpoenaed.

COTTON CONSUMED DURING FEBRUARY

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 15.—Cotton consumed during February amounted to 516,594 equivalent 500-pound bales of lint and 25,320 bales on linters, the census bureau announced today.

GRANTED RIGHT TO TEST PROHIBITION

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 15.—New Jersey was granted permission today by the supreme court to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the prohibition amendment.

MUTINY REPORTED AMONG JAPANESE

By the Associated Press
London, March 15.—A revolt has broken out among several units of Japanese troops in Siberia, according to a Moscow wireless dispatch today.

The soldiers ripped off their shoulder straps and substituted red straps, the dispatch said.

Growth of the revolutionary forces in Korea also is reported by the dispatch, which says the Japanese authorities have made many arrests. At the same time, the soviet message asserts, the Japanese government is taking special measures to fight the communist government at home.

Markets

COTTON
By the Associated Press
New York, March 15.—The unsettling influence of the German news was considered responsible for Liverpool cables and led to some scattered liquidation at the opening of the cotton market today. First prices were 20 to 60 points lower during the first few minutes. There was an active trade demand at the decline, however, and the market recovered nearly half its losses shortly after the call.

GRAIN

(Corrected daily by Horsford Milling Company)

Wheat	.....	\$2.60
Corn per bu.	.....	\$1.90
Oats, per bu.	.....	\$1.00
Rye, per bu.	.....	\$1.90
Compeas	.....	\$4.50

Weather

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy and warmer tonight and Tuesday, increasing winds, mostly southwest.

COUNTY DEMOCRATS READY FOR CAMPAIGN

Newton, March 15.—In a meeting largely attended, and by some characterized as the most rousing ever held, the Democratic executive committee of Catawba county met in Newton at the call of Wilson Wardick, chairman, on Saturday and proceeded to take store of the issues of the day and to formulate plans for the coming campaign, which will materialize in November, and to lay the foundations for a campaign that will carry to every voter the convictions of the times and which will show to every man and woman in Catawba county that Democracy is the prime factor and redeemer of their stability.

It was unanimously agreed and resolved that a convention or mass meeting for the purpose of nominating the ticket of Democracy in Catawba, and for the purpose of electing delegates from Catawba to represent this county in the State Democratic Convention called to be held in the city of Raleigh, be called to be held in the city of Newton on Saturday, April 3, 1920 at 12 o'clock, M. at which time the Democracy expects an old time love feast such as is in due accord with all mass meetings.

It was further resolved, in accordance with the Democratic State Plan of Organization, that on Saturday, March 27, at 12 M. meetings are called to be held in the several precincts of Catawba county for the purpose of electing delegates to the convention to be held in Newton on Saturday April 3rd, as above and for the purpose of perfecting the precinct organizations by formation and election of the different precinct executive committees.

It was a getting together such as one seldom sees in these times of individual effort and was easily classed as one of the old time rallies of the Democratic forces in Catawba, and from this get together meeting much will flow that will be of serious import to those in Catawba county who would oppose the forward march for good that is characteristic of the annuals of the Democratic party in this county and state: from it one can easily predict a stiff front to the enemy in this county and in the end a ticket triumphant.

It was the consensus of opinion that a very strong ticket could be placed in the field by the party and one, nominated in a mass meeting or convention without factional fight and other outcroppings, would be acceptable to a majority of the voting strength of this county, a ticket composed of the strong men of the county nominated in the free, easy method of conventional activity.

Many forward looking plans for the good of Catawba county, and many for the very salvation of the county, indeed were presented and discussed and selected as probable planks to be incorporated in the local county platform; a committee appointed by the chairman to draft and lay before the convention assembled a platform including the numerous ideas of those present, which ideas largely center upon "A business conducting-of a business county."

The fire and enthusiasm of those present was such as is seldom seen in a meeting of representatives of a party not in power and it surely, in the mind of the writer, means a hard, grueling contest for the opposition, and a contest which the writer thinks will close with success to Democracy.

AMERICANS BURNED IN BARRACKS FIRE

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 15.—Two members of the American expeditionary forces at Vladivostok were burned to death in a fire which destroyed the American barracks in that city March 6 and two others are missing, according to a cablegram from Major General Graves to the war department today.

Partial remains of two men were found burned beyond recognition. Partial search of the ashes, the cable said, failed to reveal traces of any other bodies.

session will be productive of very much general legislation, therefore in addition to the railroad bill, the oil land leasing bill and the other measures already passed.