

SEVERE FIGHTING CONTINUES IN GERMANY

Breslau, Germany, March 25.—Street fighting, resulting from communist outbreak, has been progressing for forty eight hours here and continued desperately all last night; machine gun firing and hand grenade explosions going on steadily. The dead and severely wounded have been lying in the streets for forty eight hours, less seriously hurt huddling in groups. Two thousand police hold off of town and workmen other half. The number of casualties undetermined, but at least twenty killed and fifty wounded this morning.

PLANS IRISH ELECTION NOT BEING OPPOSED

Dublin, Ireland, March 25.—It is far from certain that the Nationalists will contest the elections for the Ulster Parliament. The Unionists are going ahead with their election plans and preparing to select candidates and it is not unlikely that Sinn Feiners will take the field against them, but the Nationalists are still of two minds as to whether to enter the lists.

If they do their successful candidates will, it is understood, take their seats in the new parliament. In accordance with the party tactics adopted at the parliamentary election two weeks ago, Sinn Fein candidates if elected will have nothing to do with the Ulster parliament.

Conferences have been held lately in Dublin between Nationalists and Sinn Fein leaders for the purpose of trying to agree on a plan of joint action with regard to the forthcoming elections. The first meeting, it is said, was between Joseph Devlin and President De Valera of the Dail Eirann. They discussed several proposals of mutual party action and the conversations had not been concluded when Mr. Devlin left for London for the reopening of Parliament. Later two other nationalist leaders went to Dublin to talk with Mr. De Valera, but, it is said, no agreement would be reached.

Ulster Nationalists have no love for the Sinn Fein and they are loath to take any step that would aid the Sinn Fein cause. Hence one section of the party here is in favor of contesting the elections. Another section, said to be equally strong, would refrain from entering the elections because of the belief that the formation of a Nationalist opposition in the Ulster parliament would be playing directly into the hands of the Unionists.

"Suppose," said a prominent Nationalist to the correspondent, "we contested the elections. We could win at the most only 12 or 15 seats out of the 52. Our opposition therefore not only would be futile but it would be a blessing to the Unionists. To crush our little Catholic minority, the Unionists would sink all their own differences and present a solid front against us. If there is no opposition, they will be deprived of a sectarian rallying cry, and they will have some lively fights among themselves which may disrupt their whole party organization."

A meeting of the Nationalists is to be held soon to decide the question of contesting the elections. If they go into them it will be for the avowed purpose of using the elections as a means of trying to make the Partition Act unworkable. The Ulster Nationalist is opposed even more strongly than the Sinn Feiner to the scheme of partition, for in Ulster the Nationalists will be in a hopeless minority in the new parliament.

N. C. COTTON COMMISSION RECOMMENDS DRASTIC CUT

COMMISSION AND BANKERS RECOMMEND TOBACCO REDUCTION ALSO HALIFAX MAN ON COMMISSION

Washington, March 23.—Decision to recommend a reduction of 50 per cent in cotton acreage for the present year was reached at a conference here Wednesday of the members of the North Carolina Cotton Commission and a committee of bankers from that State. After reviewing conditions in the cotton market, both foreign and domestic, the conference concluded that the present surplus would be sufficient for a year's demand, even if no cotton were grown this year. Production of a normal crop on top of the present surplus, which those attending the conference said was the largest on record for this time of year, would force the price down to 5 or 6 cents, it was predicted.

The conference agreed unanimously to urge farmers, merchants, bankers and all others interested in the cotton growing industry to unite in bringing about the acreage reduction recommended. The conference, agreeing that similar conditions prevail in the tobacco industry, also urged a reduction of acreage in the golden weed for this year.

The North Carolina Cotton Commission was appointed by Governor Morrison under act of the General Assembly, together with a committee of bankers of North Carolina to make a general survey of business conditions with respect to the agricultural situation. The cotton commission was specifically appointed to investigate cotton conditions and to make such steps in conjunction with cotton commissions appointed by others of the cotton growing States, as would tend to stabilize cotton conditions. The commission is composed of R. O. Everett of Durham chairman, A. W. McLean of Lumberton, now a member of the War Finance Corporation, and L. J. Baker of Palmyra, while the bankers' committee is composed of H. C. McQueen, president of the Murchison National Bank of Wilmington; W. B. Drake, Jr., president of the Merchants National Bank of Raleigh, and W. L. Parsons, president of the Bank of Pee Dee. The joint committee after discussing the situation for the greater part of the day issued a statement which reads:

"From the most reliable information obtainable, it appears that there is larger surplus of cotton on hand at the present time than at the same time in any year in the past. The domestic consumption is greatly reduced on account of the unfavorable conditions in the home markets. The foreign demand is reduced to approximately one-third on account of the unsettled conditions and consequent lack of buying power in foreign countries, which, in normal times, consume about two-thirds of the American crop. As an evidence of this condition, it is reliably stated that recently spot cotton was lower in Liverpool than in New York, taking into consideration the adverse exchange conditions.

"Those who have studied the subject most carefully are unanimously of the opinion that with the present lack of buying power both at home and abroad, there is cotton enough on hand now to supply the actual demand for a year or more even if no cotton at all were raised during year 1921 in America. At the present time the price of cotton is far below the cost of production. With anything like normal production in 1921 it is

Bobbitt Found Not Guilty, Famous Beef Trial Ended

Halifax, 3 P. M.—Reports from of something like ten feet. Said she Halifax just received are that jury was down and could not get up from in trial of A. E. Bobbitt indicted for eight o'clock Sunday night until knowingly and wilfully* slaughtering seven o'clock Monday morning when a diseased animal and offering for she was butchered.

A. E. Bobbitt, the defendant, next testified, giving in substance practically the same thing as his son, the preceding witness. Said that he had the cow butchered and examined the beef several times during the day Tuesday, then carried beef to Tillery, selling one quarter to Jack Jones at fifteen cents a pound, one quarter to Chas. Marks at same price, one to Alonzo Powell, Scotland Neck, at twelve cents per pound and one to Tom Walslow at ten cents per pound. This was considered under the market price at the time. Said he did not learn anything about a complaint of the beef until Mr. R. H. Allbrook called the following day and told him that the beef was not fit to eat. Thereupon he immediately came to Scotland Neck, got the beef, and reimbursed the people to whom he had sold, and did the same thing in Tillery.

Proceedings up to the time case was given to jury are as follows: At reconvening of court after lunch hour yesterday another witness for prosecution was examined, with testimony practically same as those preceding.

Dr. Ferguson, of Halifax, testified that the animal could not have become sick in the short length of time it was down, and that the beef could not have made anyone sick. He had not seen the beef in question. Prosecution rested.

The first witness called for the defense was David Bobbitt, son of defendant, who stated that he was out visiting in the neighborhood Sunday until something like eight o'clock that night, when he came home. That he heard a noise out in the lot and investigated. Says the cow had caught her leg between the weather board, and ceiling of the barn; that he got help and got her out and that she lay down on ground and did not get up any more, so far as he knew; that he assisted in butchering the cow the next morning, having to roll the cow out of the stable and drag a distance

FORD CAR DISAPPEARS

Sometime during last night someone took possession of a Ford Roadster belonging to Boyette-Shields Co., which was under a shelter at the rear of their store. They are working on several clues, and it is believed that the guilty parties will be apprehended during the day and car recovered. This is the first occurrence of this kind in Scotland Neck, and it is hoped that the thief will be caught and dealt with severely, as an example to other.

WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Local showers late tonight or Saturday. Moderate South winds.

likely that not only the new crop but the old crop now on hand and unconsumed will sell for 5 or 6 cents a pound. There is nothing in the situation to indicate any increase in price. It seems that the only way to prevent real disaster to cotton farmers and others interested in the cotton section is to reduce the acreage at least 50 per cent and decrease fertilizers used on the reduced acreage at least 50 per cent.

"The committee unanimously agreed to urge the bankers, merchants, farmers and all others interested in the cotton industry to unite in bringing about reduction herein recommended.

"Practically the same conditions and the same recommendations apply to the tobacco industry."

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Being questioned by solicitor Midyette as to whether he or any of his family had eaten any of the beef, the defendant stated that neither he nor any of his family ate any.

Walter Bobbitt, another son of defendant, testified to practically same thing as his father and brother. Stated that he assisted in butchering beef, but not in its sale.

Defense closes. Attorneys for prosecution and defense then proceeded to argue the case, attorneys for state being Solicitor Midyette, assisted by Attorney Hunt Parker of Enfield. Attorneys for defense are Messrs A. P. Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, E. L. Travis, Halifax and W. E. Daniel, Weldon.

Dog Bites Child

This morning about noon Mrs. John Edwards was walking down Main Street with her little son, John, Jr., when, just as they were passing the Central Garage a bird dog lying in the door of the garage suddenly jumped out and bit the little fellow on the arm, badly bruising it and breaking the skin. Mr. W. O. Lawrence, proprietor of the garage, hearing the child scream ran out and attempted to kick the dog, when he made a rush at him, but he succeeded in landing a sound kick in the dogs face and made him run off. We learn that the dog in question is the famous turkey dog owned by Mr. Chas. Lawrence. It seems that the dog was not provoked in any way, and heretofore has always been of a peaceful disposition and frequently handled by his own children.

GERMANY LACKS RADIUM, HAS BARELY ENOUGH TO MEET MEDICINAL NEEDS

Berlin, March 23.—Once the chief producer of radium, Germany now has barely enough to meet the medical needs of the great universities. There is only one gram of radium in all Berlin, and proportionately even less at Heidelberg and other university cities.

The shortage is said to be due to the fact that Karmothit, used in the manufacture of radium, is no longer imported from America. The Germans say the United States could supply plenty of Karmothit, but in view of the low purchasing power of the mark the Germans cannot afford to buy it.

HOBGOOD LOOKS FORWARD, HOLDS INTERESTING MEETING

Hobgood, N. C., March 25.—Yesterday the Hobgood branch of the Farmers Union was host to the Speed branch, and although the weather was such as to make any one want to stay at home, the meeting was well attended.

The purpose of the meeting was to get the farmers together and talk over things in general, but principally called for the purpose of creating a good feeling among members of the union. Mr. W. W. Shay of the Swine Extension Service of North Carolina gave the audience an excellent talk on hogs and hog culture, and his talk made a good impression on all present. He was followed by Mr. A. C. Kinney, also of the Extension Service who made a highly intelligent talk on milk and the dairy cow.

It is the purpose of the Hobgood branch of the Farmers Union to get the members interested in pork and cattle industry and cut down the cotton acreage and the meeting yesterday was just the beginning of meetings of this kind to be held in Hobgood at least once a month.

After several short talks by members of Union all present adjourned to the Old School building where they partook of a delicious basket dinner and barbecue which the ladies of Hobgood had prepared for the occasion. If one can judge by the expressions of those present, the meeting was highly enjoyed and was a great success. Hobgood is alive and is going forward despite the present depression.

EX-PRESIDENT WILSON ILL

Former President Willson suffered an acute attack of indigestion today which caused hurried calls for medical assistance. It was said that he had entirely recovered an hour later and able to eat light lunch.

JAPANESE MINISTER MARINE DENIES JAPAN COMPETING WITH U. S.

Tokio, Japan, March 25.—Assertions that Japanese naval program is being followed for the purpose of competing with United States Navy is denounced as preposterous and absurd by Vice Admiral Tomosaburo Kato, Japanese Minister of Marine, in interview with Associated Press. He declared that Japan is not trying to compete with American Navy and that Japanese naval program has been formulated so that island Empire could be defended against emergencies arising in Far East alone. He said that Japan is willing to agree to a naval policy if other powers are willing to do so.

INCOME TAX FIGURES OVER THREE BILLION

Washington, March 25.—Income and excess profits tax collections of March 15th installment estimated by Secretary of Treasury Mellon at six hundred and seventy five million dollars, and he predicted that on this basis the total revenue for the fiscal year would amount to three billion and fifty million dollars, which is up to his expectations.

KNIGHT TEMPLARS SERVICE HERE SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The regular Easter Memorial Service of St. Aldemar Church No. 12 in Enfield will be held next Sunday afternoon, Easter Day, at Trinity Episcopal Church at 3:00 o'clock. The public is cordially invited. The following program has been prepared: Processional Hymn, No. 516, "Onward Christian Soldiers."

Christ Our Passover is Sacrificed For Us, by Schilling
First Lesson.
Magnificat, by Atkinson
Second Lesson.
Nunc Demittis, by Atkinson
Sermon Hymn, No. 450, "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name."
Sermon, by Rev. Reuben M. Ashford
Offertory Solo, "Easter Day"

Miss Ellen S. Knights' Service.
Solo, "I Will Dwell in the House of the Lord," by Vernon Exville
Miss Louise Darden

Memorial Address, by Sir Knight Dr. Chas. Anderson
Memorial Address, by Sir Knight R. C. Dunn
Recessional Hymn, No. 507, "The Song of God Goes Forth to War."

FRENCH HONOR SOLDIER FLOWERS PLACED ON TOMBS

(By Associated Press)
Paris, March 25.—Flowers are brought by an unceasing pilgrimage of mourners and placed on the slab that marks the grave of the unidentified French soldier under the great Arch of Triumph that dominates the western part of the city.

The pile of flowers and wreaths is fed with fresh contributions from early morning until late at night. There seems no end to the little ceremonies by organizations held at the grave to honor the war dead. Little shop girls bring small bunches of violets that cost 50 centimes; statesmen passing through Paris place there great wreaths as tributes from their countries.

Since November 11, 1920, when the unknown soldier was placed under the arch, there has always been a group or crowd of mourners at the shrine of the dead. There has always been a huge pile of flowers. On Sundays, thousands stream there from the 12 avenues that converge at the Etoile, as the circular open space surrounding the arch is called and there is a procession of people with bared heads passing by the mound of flowers.

Many teachers bring their classes and there is a movement afoot to arrange that in each of the public schools of Paris a small contribution shall be collected on a separate day in each school to buy flowers to be placed on the slab by a delegation of honor pupils, so that there may be such a tribute of the children of France to the war dead every day of the year.

LOW NECKED GOWNS MAKE INSURANCE HIGHER

Geneva, March 25.—Swiss women who wear short skirts and low-necked gowns will have to pay higher rates of life insurance than those who do not. The Swiss insurance companies have announced that fixing the premiums on policies of women's lives they will take into consideration the women's wearing apparel. The shorter the skirt or lower the décolleté, the higher the insurance rate will be.

The Swiss companies justify this action on the ground of a great increase of illness and disease among their women clients which they claim is due to the wearing of short skirts and low-necked dresses.