

MARTIAL LAW PROCLAIMED THROUGHOUT ALL GERMANY

MANY PERSONS KILLED AND WOUNDED IN MELEE BETWEEN MOB & POLICE

Mob Was Organized By Extremists As Protest Against Industrial Council's Bill Before Reichstag - Gustav Noske, Minister of Defense Is Commander-in-Chief For Greater Berlin District.

(By The Associated Press)

BERLIN, Jan. 13, Tuesday, 8 p. m.—The government proclaimed martial law in all sections of Germany following the mob demonstration this afternoon, in which at least 10 persons were killed and many other wounded by machine gun fire from guards in front of the reichstag building.

Gustav Noske, the minister of defense, has been appointed commander in chief for the Greater Berlin district and Brandenburg province. Street parades, meetings and demonstrations of all kinds have been prohibited.

Many persons were killed and wounded in a melee between members of a mob and police guards in front of the reichstag building here this afternoon.

The mob, organized by extremists as a protest against the industrial council's bill now before the reichstag, began to gather this morning. By noon every street leading to the Tiergarten was crowded with masses of people carrying red flags and placards. Anticipating a demonstration before the reichstag building the authorities had surrounded the building with public security guards and machine gunners who barred approach to the edifice. As time passed the crowd was joined by striking tram employes and soon inflammatory speeches were begun by agitators.

When the reichstag convened at 3 o'clock the crowd surrounding the building was estimated at 40,000 and new delegations of working people carrying red flags and banners inscribed with the words: "All power to the soviets," continued to arrive. Troop reinforcements in huge motor trucks were added to the guards on duty, but only one arrest had been made since noon. The man taken into custody is said to have shouted "Down with Noske."

Attempts were made by the guards to quietly disperse the mob, but it was heedless of warnings. At last the mob, regardless of the machine gunners and other defenders of the building, made a rush against the police lines, trying to disarm the guards and disable the machine guns.

When it was seen the mob could not be checked in any other way fire was opened on it. The shooting was at close range and the front of the building was littered with dead and wounded. The most severe casualties were inflicted on the crowd which approached from the Simonstrasse side of the structure. Order was soon restored.

The reichstag continued its sitting until 5 o'clock, at which time it was announced ten bodies of persons killed in the fight had been brought into the court of the building.

Rifles and machine gun fire was opened on the mob at 3:40 o'clock and lasted five minutes. It was most severe around the west portal of the building. Later, the correspondent of The Associated

Press counted at least twenty men lying in the outskirts of the Tiergarten, apparently wounded. When the troops began firing the crowd ran pell mell in all directions.

At the sound of the guns members of the lower house of the reichstag left the building.

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CHARLES E. HUGHES WILL HEAD DELEGATION ENDEAVORING TO SEAT SOCIALISTS

New York Bar Association Decides Upon This Course After Long and Stormy Session By Vote of 174 to 177 - Will Make Strong Fight to Seat Socialists.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—A special committee of the bar association of New York City headed by Charles Evans Hughes, will go to Albany probably today to give legal support to the five socialists suspended at the opening session of the assembly.

This course was determined upon early today after a long and stormy session of the bar association at its annual meeting. The organization adopted a resolution of Justice Hughes condemning the action of the assembly in suspending the socialists and pledging their legal aid. The vote was 174 to 117.

As a result of the bar association's action the socialists committee of eight, having charge of the fight for reinstatement of the suspended men, was prepared today to go ahead with the development of detailed plans for the legal contest. Many decisions have been delayed, it was explained, until the bar association had taken action.

It is all very well to think of America as a melting-pot, but one must remember that some things won't melt unless we make it very hot for them.—New Orleans States.

MANY PERSONS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN LOST

(By The Associated Press.)

LA ROCHELLE, FRANCE, Jan. 14.—More than 400 persons are believed to have lost their lives in the wreck of the steamer Afrique on Eocene Bonne shoal, Bay of Biscay. Only 57 survivors are known to have been landed. Hope for the rest of the passengers and crew faded during the night as hour after hour passed without cheering tidings and 72 hours after the vessel foundered many feared one off the greatest marine tragedies of modern times was enacted off the coast before dawn Sunday morning.

Sailors and French colonial soldiers are the only persons from the ship known to have reached land safely.

It was impossible to approach the Afrique," said Captain Jouan, of the steamer Ceylan, which was summoned to the scene of the wreck by wireless on Saturday and which attempted to rescue those on board the doomed vessel. "I remained in wireless communication with the ship, however, and received the following message: 'I am drifting and

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK TO BUILD NEW HOME

Stockholders Authorize Directors to Make Plans For Modern Five or Ten-Story Office Building - Details to Be Announced Soon - Work to Begin at Early Date.

At the regular annual stockholders meeting of the Citizens National Bank held yesterday, the officers and directors of the bank reported the best year in the history of the bank. Mr. R. G. Rankin was added to the list of the directors of the bank. The directors were authorized to sell \$200,000 worth of additional stock at \$200 a share, thus adding the sum of \$400,000 to the capital stock and increasing the capital stock and surplus fund of the bank to \$640,000.

Plans were also discussed looking to the building of a new home for the bank. Tentative plans from Mowbray & Uffinger, architects, of New York, were shown and discussed. It is the plan of the officials to erect a modern five or ten-story building on the present site, work to begin at an early date. The matter of deciding upon the details of the building and other kindred matters was left to the discretion of the directors with power to act. However, it was stated today by high officials of the bank that a decision would be reached in a few days, and that actual work on the building would begin soon.

It is understood that during the period of dismantling and tearing down of the building now occupied by the bank and erection of the new home the force and officials will have their quarters in the Armstrong mill offices in the Realty building.

DENY CHARGES THAT DEMPSEY DODGED DRAFT

Jack Kearns Says That Jack Dempsey Had Mother, Invalid Brother and Sister to Support - Appeared in Charity Fights.

(By The Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Jan. 14.—Denial of charges that Jack Dempsey, heavyweight pugilistic champion, was a "draft dodger" and "slacker" and defense of his conduct during the war was made by Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, in a signed statement issued here today.

"Dempsey was not a 'draft dodger' during the war," Kearns' statement said. "Anyone who makes such a charge cannot support it with facts."

"When the draft came Dempsey was placed in class four-A, because he was married, and, in addition, was supporting his mother, an invalid brother and a sister. Dempsey made no claims for exemption.

"Some time later the draft board, readjusting the classifications, placed Dempsey in class A-1, but almost immediately afterwards put him in class 2-B. He remained there during the rest of the war. If the conflict had lasted a few weeks longer, it seems a certainty he would have been performing service."

Kearns recounted Dempsey's services as a riveter in Philadelphia and Seattle shipyards, and added:

"He also was appearing in fistic contests at benefits for the different war charities. By this means approximately \$100,000 was raised for the various war funds."

Dempsey paid travelling expenses and fought without remuneration, Kearns said, and "frequently was 'broke' as a consequence."

"Those who are charging Dempsey with being a 'slacker' because he worked in the shipyards and helped to raise nearly \$100,000 for the various charities," the statement concluded, "are smudging the reputation of every other exempted man who served the nation in the army at home."

The great national exposition of South American manufactures and products which was planned for Pretoria in March and April has been postponed until 1922.

fear the ship will go ashore." Later came another message: "We are sinking." That is all I know about the loss of the Afrique."

Some of the rescued sailors declared that when, with great difficulty the boats were swung out, passengers were afraid to jump for them, seeing they were already half full of water.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD

Massmeeting and Conference in Interest of Law Enforcement and World Prohibition to Be Held in Central School Auditorium Friday Afternoon and Evening - Banquet to Be Served.

There will be held Friday afternoon in the Central graded school auditorium at 3:30 o'clock a conference in the interest of the nation-wide movement for Law Enforcement and World Prohibition. This announcement was made by Prof. W. P. Grier, county director for Gaston county. Following this conference at which two speakers of national importance will speak there will be a banquet served by the Woman's Club.

After the banquet there will be a mass meeting of citizens. Those in charge wish it stated that there will be no soliciting for funds at this meeting. Invitations have been extended to several hundred of the leading citizens of the county and a large attendance is requested.

On the Sunday following, January 18, which has been designated by Governor Bickett as Law Enforcement Day, this subject will be presented throughout the State from all the pulpits.

Extracts from Prof. Grier's letter are as follows:

"We have planned to have a conference in the interests of Law Enforcement and World Prohibition to be held in the Auditorium of the Central graded school building in Gastonia on the afternoon of January 16th, beginning at 3:30.

"It is very urgent that you be present or send some one as a substitute to this conference. There will be a speaker and worker of national importance here to tell us just what and how we should go about the work, and also to explain what the movement really means. Immediately following this conference there will be a supper served in the building free of cost. Your expenses to and from this conference will be borne. After supper we will re-assemble in the auditorium for a mass meeting, to which the public of the county is invited to hear a speaker of national reputation. Please insist on your community being well represented."

ST. MARK'S CHURCH HAS HAD GOOD YEAR

The yearly congregational meeting of St. Mark's Episcopal church was held Monday night. Reports from the various activities of the church to the vestry showed that the membership and finances of the church were in good shape. This church is without a pastor, but Rev. E. N. Joyner supplies twice a month. The pledges to missions were increased over 400 per cent for the next three years. The quota for the endowment of Sewanee was oversubscribed and pledges for local purposes were increased over \$1,000.

The newly elected vestry is constituted as follows: A. G. Mangum, Senior Warden; S. G. Fry, Junior Warden; W. D. Anderson, Secretary; W. E. Haynes, A. M. Hunnicutt, E. Mazzyk, J. A. Price, P. T. Withers, W. L. Balthis, Treasurer.

Reports were heard from the secretary to the Vestry, church treasurer, Sunday school treasurer, officers of Woman's Auxiliary, Altar Guild, Junior Auxiliary, Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Daughters of the King.

Delegates to the Diocesan Convention which meets in Asheville February 11th were elected as follows: W. L. Balthis, P. T. Withers, J. A. Price; alternates, A. G. Mangum, Richard Fayssox, W. D. Anderson.

Special Sermon.

On Sunday, January 18, Rev. F. M. Huggins, pastor of the First Baptist church of Belmont, will preach a special sermon on the subject, "Family Worship in the Home," and the entire membership is urged to be present. Fathers and mothers are especially asked to be present if possible. At the conclusion of the service a called meeting of the group captains of the church will remain for a conference looking toward the canvass to be made on January 25th for the local expenses of the church. An evangelistic campaign will soon start in the church and the membership is urgently requested to be praying for its success.

NO CHANGE OF RATIFICATION OF PEACE TREATY BY NEXT FRIDAY

Hope Abandoned by Leaders of all Factions Involved in Controversy - Democratic Senators Feel That Next Week Might Bring An Agreement on Reservations - Both Sides Must Make Concessions.

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Prospects of ratification of the peace treaty with Germany by the senate before Friday, the date of the initial meeting of the league of nations council, had been abandoned today by leaders of all factions in the controversy. William Jennings Bryan, in telegrams to a number of members of the senate a few days ago, urged that the treaty be ratified before the league council met so that the United States might participate.

Among democratic senators, however, there was a well defined feeling that next week might bring an agreement on reservations which soon thereafter would result in another ratification vote. Republican leaders, particularly those of the mild reservation group, viewed the compromise negotiations of the last few days as promising.

Statements of Senators Lodge and Hitchcock, republican and acting democratic leaders respectively, given separately to a delegation representing organizations seeking early ratification through compromise, were pointed to as indicating that republicans and democrats had prepared the way for reaching a common ground. Both leaders emphasized in their statements that each side would have to make and was willing to make concessions.

Because of its possible effect on the treaty controversy, senators on both sides of the chamber showed great interest to-

day in the democratic leadership caucus, set for tomorrow. Senators Underwood and Hitchcock are candidates for party leader to succeed the late Senator Martin, of Virginia.

BRYAN URGES CONCESSIONS.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 14.—If unable to effect an acceptable agreement with republican senators on the peace treaty and league of nations, William J. Bryan, here last night, urged democrats to permit and possibly assist republican senators exercising their majority power.

Then, if the republicans did not leave in the treaty and the league covenant what the democrats thought should be there, Mr. Bryan said he would favor taking the whole matter before the people in the campaign, discussing it along with domestic issues. He would have his party ask the people for authority to replace what the republicans had taken out, Mr. Bryan declared, and by that plan the democratic party could not be held responsible for delay in final declaration of peace.

SOVIET ARK LEAVES KIEL FOR UNKNOWN PORT.

KIEL, Tuesday, Jan. 13.—The United States army transport Buford, carrying 249 Russians depored from the United States, left Kiel for an unnamed Russian port at 7 o'clock this evening.

Previous advices indicated that the Buford might land her passengers at Hangoo, on the southern Finnish coast, whence the party might probably go by rail to the Russian frontier, a twelve hour journey.

COLLEGE STUDENTS THROUGHOUT COUNTRY FAVOR IMMEDIATE RATIFICATION TREATY.

New England Colleges Show Decided Preference For Compromise Proposition - Western Colleges About Evenly Divided on Ratification With and Without Reservations - Southern Colleges Back Wilson.

(By The Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Incomplete returns from 53 of nearly 400 colleges and universities whose students and faculty members voted yesterday on four questions concerning the peace treaty and league of nations, showed that out of a total of 41,889 votes cast, 22,643 favored any compromise which would make possible immediate ratification.

The wording of the proposition, which was generally favored, follows:

"I favor a compromise between the Lodge and the democratic reservations in order to facilitate ratification of the treaty."

The proposition favoring ratification of the league and treaty without reservations got 8,979 votes; that opposing ratification in any form 2,923, and that favoring ratification, but only with the Lodge reservations, 7,344.

In New England there was a decided preference for the compromise proposition, which was shared generally by the eastern colleges. In the middle west the early returns showed a preference for the same proposition, while the votes were quite evenly distributed between ratification without reservations and ratification with the Lodge reservations for second place.

In the south reports from 12 universities and colleges showed a large plurality for ratification without amendments. Those favoring the compromise plan came next.

The intercollegiate treaty referendum committee received telegraphic returns here from all the colleges and complete results were expected to be announced before midnight.

MAJORITY WITH WILSON.

(By The Associated Press.)

ATLANTA, GA., Jan. 14.—Reports

today from 12 universities and colleges throughout the south which participated in the intercollegiate referendum showed a large plurality for ratification without amendment or reservation of the peace treaty with its entwined league of nations covenant. Those favoring reservations with a compromise of the reservations offered by the opposing sides came next.

The vote against ratification in any form was small as was the vote on a proposal to postpone action on the league of nations until after peace had been established. Views of the students and faculty members were divided in about the same proportion.

Among the institutions that had reported were the Universities of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Furman, Tulane, Vanderbilt and the North Carolina A. & E. College, Trinity, Davidson, Sophie Newcombe College for Women, Salem College for Women and William and Mary.

IN THE WEST.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Jan. 14.—Eight of 20 middle western colleges in the intercollegiate referendum yesterday voted in favor of any compromise which would make possible immediate ratification of the peace treaty, and eight were in favor of ratification without reservations or amendments, according to incomplete returns compiled today. Three favored ratification with the reservations proposed by Senator Lodge and one voted in favor of a separate peace.

The voting generally was light, and so divided that not any one of the four propositions voted on received a large plurality.