

EBERT LEADERS GATHERING FORCES TO COMBAT NEW REGIME IN BERLIN

Prussia Is Nucleus Around Which Military Leaders Are Building up Government - Gustav Noske Has Forces at His Disposal - Chancellor Kapp Issues Manifestos In Which He Says New Government Will Insure Real Democracy.

BERLIN, March 15—Leaders of the Ebert government, ousted from power by the sudden reactionary revolt Saturday morning, are apparently gathering their forces to combat the new regime here.

Prussia seems to be the nucleus around which the military leaders have built up their movement. Reports from various cities in other parts of Germany would indicate that Gustav Noske, minister of defense in the old government, has forces at his disposal, and that there is a popular opposition to the new regime.

Men who are directing the policies of the government headed by Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, however, have not as yet secured political support, although a statement issued last night declared the prestige of the government has increased in South Germany since Saturday.

Strike orders were issued yesterday in this city, and it is expected the critical moment for the new government will come when workmen walk out.

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

Steps being taken overseas for possible military action against Germany as a result of the revolution were being closely followed here. Interest centered in Marshal Foch's conference today with the allied commanders at Mayence and in the report from Paris that after this conference he would call a meeting of the supreme war council.

Chancellor Kapp has issued manifestos in an attempt to convince the people of the government over which he is presiding will insure the establishment of a real democracy in Germany.

TROOPS IN CONTROL OF CITY.

BERLIN, March 14. — An announcement was made by the new government late tonight of reports from Munich that the Bavarian socialist government had resigned and that the troops were in control of that city.

Another announcement by the Kapp government, stated that conditions in east Prussia were quiet, civilians and militia guarding the railways and the postoffices.

In Mecklenburg-Schwernin no strikes have taken place. General Lettow-Vorbeck (former commander of the German troops in German east Africa), has taken charge of the troops, who are supporting the new government.

GERMAN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO MEET AT STUTTGART.

BERLIN, March 15. — (By wireless to London). — The German national assembly has been summoned by the Ebert government to meet at Stuttgart tomorrow, Tuesday, March 16.

Berlin advices Sunday night reported that the old German government had established its seat at Stuttgart, the capital of Württemberg.

REQUEST RECOGNITION.

LONDON, March 15. — One of the first acts of the new government in Berlin was to request recognition from the allied commissioners in Germany, according to an official British message today.

AMERICAN TROOPS EMBARRASSED.

WASHINGTON, March 15. — Officials said the situation so far as the American forces were concerned was a complex one. The United States is the only nation having troops on the Rhine which has not become a party to the treaty of Versailles.

HON. ROBERT N. PAGE HERE TOMORROW

One of North Carolina's Three Gubernatorial Candidates to Spend Tuesday in Gastonia - Will Speak at Courthouse Tomorrow Night at 8 o'Clock.

Hon. Robert N. Page, of Biscoe, one of the three candidates for Governor in North Carolina, will be in Gastonia Tuesday, the 16th and will in all probability speak at the courthouse Tuesday night.

Hon. Robert N. Page, candidate for Governor, will be in Gastonia Tuesday, March 16th, and he is very anxious to see as many of his friends and supporters as possible.

Please do your best to get to see him while he is in Gastonia.

Very truly yours, CHAS. ROSS, Campaign Manager.

14 MULES AND 39 BALES OF COTTON BURNED

Mr. Frost Torrence Suffers Loss of Barn at Plant Gastonia Ice and Coal Company at \$16,000 - Practically No Insurance - Young Howell Boy Arrested Charged With Setting Fire to Cotton.

Fire which was discovered Sunday morning about 11 o'clock at the plant of the Gastonia Ice and Coal Company near the Gastonia Manufacturing Company's plant totally destroyed a large barn and contents belonging to the ice and coal company, together with 14 mules and horses, a large amount of feedstuffs and the greater part of 39 bales of cotton that were stored in the barn.

Coming as it did at an hour when a great portion of people were probably at church, the fire was most likely undiscovered until it had gained too great headway.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It is reported, however, that it originated from cigarettes or matches in the hands of some boys who were seen around the barn some time Sunday morning.

It has been later learned that Alton Howell, 12-year-old son of Mr. George Howell, has been arrested charged with setting fire to one of the bales of cotton.

His trial will come up tomorrow morning in municipal court.

REV. G. L. KEER AT FIRST A. R. P. CHURCH.

Pastor Kings Mountain Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church Delivers Strong Sermon Sunday.

Rev. G. L. Keer, pastor of the Kings Mountain Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, occupied the pulpit of the First A. R. P. church Sunday morning and evening.

The sermon was a striking discussion of the joys and rewards that come to the christian who overcomes, and of the fruits of the tree of life.

GASTON'S ONE BIG CHANCE TO WIN IS NOW HERE

With Only One Candidate For Congress, Say Local Democratic Leaders, County is Practically Assured of Success - Major Bulwinkle's Candidacy Meets With Favor Throughout the District - Some Political Gossip.

Friends, not only in Gaston county, but throughout the entire Ninth Congressional district, of Major A. L. Bulwinkle, Gaston's candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress, are delighted with the reception which his candidacy has received throughout the district.

Numerous leading Democrats of the county are very clearly of the opinion that Gaston has the opportunity of a lifetime to send a man to congress provided we can agree upon and unitedly support one man instead of having a political scramble among ourselves.

Since he announced his candidacy a few days ago Major Bulwinkle has met with great encouragement throughout the district. Well known over all this part of the State because of his army record, where he attained the rank of major, he will undoubtedly have the backing almost to a man of the ex-service men both in the county and throughout the district.

Present indications are that, if the Gaston Democracy will content itself with one candidate for Congress, the remainder of the district will, to a large extent, stand aside and accord Gaston's candidate a free field.

The hope that the campaign will move along as outlined above is, of course, a natural one with Gaston Democrats.

Loss of water from automobile cooling systems by evaporation is claimed to be prevented by a radiator cap consisting of several flat circular chambers, which condense the vapor and return it as water.

MARSHAL FOCH WILL DOUBLE FRENCH FORCES ALONG RHINE RIVER

Will Send Three More Army Corps to Wiesbaden, Neustadt and Bonn - Foch Will Call Meeting Supreme War Council - General Strike Affecting All Public Service Called in Parts of Germany.

PARIS, March 15—France contemplates sending three more army corps to Wiesbaden, Neustadt and Bonn, thus doubling her forces along the Rhine, according to the Petit Parisien.

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

Advices from other sources, however, indicate the reactionary movement begun on Saturday is confined to Berlin, and that mobs are busy looting stores in some quarters of the city.

A general strike effecting all public services has also been called at Kiel, Bremen, Hamburg and Regensburg, while public sentiment in favor of the Ebert government is declared to be increasing in Cologne, Essen, Dusseldorf, Bochum, D'Isburg, Spandau and Frankfurt.

GOOD LUCK ONLY BROUGHT AMERICAN CONVOYS TO PORT SAYS ADMIRAL SIMS

Charges That Navy Department Used An Unsafe Code Which Was Interpreted and Deciphered - Says Announcement of Sailing of First American Destroyers Was Printed in Berlin Four Days Before They Arrived in Queenstown.

WASHINGTON, March 15—German submarines were enabled to attack the first convoy of American ships sent to France because the navy department used an unsafe code which was intercepted and deciphered, Rear Admiral Sims today told the senate investigating committee.

Only a measure of "good luck" brought the convoy safely to port, the admiral said, and other troops and destroyers were endangered through similar incidents early in the war.

Admiral Sims said he implored the department not to send messages regarding troop convoys in the code referred to, but the warning was disregarded.

Information regarding convoys bound for France was known in social circles in Paris before even General Pershing was informed officially, Admiral Sims asserted.

Arrangements for the early convoys were "confusing" and did not conform to the navy department made no effort to consult him and thus avail itself of the experience of the allies in handling troop ships.

Military forces at Leipzig appear to favor the new regime, while a contrary view of the situation is taken by the people generally, it is reported.

As an illustration of how completely I was in the dark," the admiral said, "I received information from both the French and British naval authorities concerning the convoy, before I was officially informed of it by the department."

Referring to a message from Secretary Daniels dated June 6, 1917, marked "very confidential" and containing directions for the protection of the convoys by destroyers, Admiral Sims said it "would be impossible to find a more striking example of the department's insistence upon making decisions based upon complete misinformation."

The whole scheme of troop convoys, outlined in this message, showed a complete ignorance and disregard of convoy methods and of war experience in the submarine zone," he continued.

In response to his protests, the admiral said, he received a reply that the "department recognizes the soundness of your recommendations," but because of the "present sensitive public opinion considers it essential that the escort orders for the first convoy, already issued, be executed by American destroyers."

"Throughout the war," he added, "American troops received more protection than the allies were able to give their own troops on the high seas."