

GOVERNMENT TROOPS RAISE THE SIEGE OF WESEL

(By The Associated Press.)

WESEL, March 26. — Government troops made a sortie southeast of this city today, drove besieging workers' forces from their posts, shelled their retreating columns and raised the siege of Wesel on both the east and south east. Artillery operated by workers' forces dropped two shells into the city and then withdrew.

While the counter attack against the beleaguering forces was going on, reinforcements arrived here. Among them were the Deaths' Head Hussars and Uhlans. Allied commissioners conferred with General Kabisch and soon after the Belgian military authorities at Buderich, in Belgian territory, south of here and across the Rhine, began issuing passes for civilians to return to the city.

Snipers are still active in territory evacuated by the workers' forces. Seven shots were fired at the correspondent of The Associated Press and American newspaper men accompanying him, while they were returning from advanced Belgian outposts on the Wesel side of the Rhine today. They were on an island formed at the confluence of the Lippe and Rhine, which is considered Belgian territory.

Dissensions seem to have broken out among the workers' troops. The staff at Hagen resigned yesterday because the one at Essen, which is directing operations on this front, failed to observe the 48 hour truce effective Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. There is also some trouble among the government forces judging from constant references to "cowards" in calls for enlistment. Those issued today stipulated that "no cowards" were wanted.

100 RUSSIAN OFFICERS ASSISTING.

(By The Associated Press.)
LONDON, March 27. — One hundred Russian officers sent to Germany by Nikolai Lenin, Russian bolshevik premier, are assisting in the operations of the German workers' army before Wesel, says a Copenhagen despatch to The London Times, quoting an interview with an Ebert government officer at Muenster, by the correspondent of the Politiken.

The despatch says the workers have taken over control of the Krupp works at Essen and are turning out arms and ammunition. The officer expects Wesel to be evacuated by government troops in order that devastation and bloodshed may be avoided, the correspondent says.

GENERAL LOCKOUT.

(By The Associated Press.)
OOPENHAGEN, March 27.—Decision to proclaim a general lockout on March 29 has been reported by the organization of Danish employers, owing to steadily increasing wages and demands of workers. All factories will be closed with the exception of those vitally important. Labor is expected to counter this move by declaring a more extensive strike.

COMMUNISTS ENTRENCHED.

CHEMNITZ, SAXONY, March 26.—Communist are firmly entrenched in control here and prepared to resist attacks by government troops which may be sent against the city. In the event the troops secure control, a general strike may again be called. Heinrich Brandler, chairman of the executive committee of the workers, declared today his followers were closely co-operating with workers in the Ruhr valley. There are 12,000 men under arms in this district. The executive committee today sent a number of demands to the Saxon government. It asked that the siege of Leipzig be raised; that officers of the reichswehr be dismissed; that Dresden students and volunteers be disarmed; that miners be armed and placed under control of the executive committee of workers; that the government be remodeled so that workmen could be given guarantees and that a new Saxon legislature be elected.

In an election held March 15, two days after the Kapp revolt in Berlin, an executive committee composed of ten communists, nine majority specialists and one independent socialist, was chosen. Immediately after the election a general strike was called and workers took charge of the munition storehouse and the barracks and disarmed a small force of government troops there. Student volunteers resisted, but were disarmed without bloodshed.

"We expect to retain control," Brandler asserted, "until our demands are granted. It is all nonsense to imagine we intended to establish a soviet form of government."

ORANGEBURG AND SUMTER SHOW GOOD INCREASES.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Population statistics for 1920, announced today by the census bureau, included: Orangeburg, S. C., 7,290, an increase of 1,384, or 23.4 per cent over 1910. Sumter, S. C., 9,508, increase 1,309, or 17.3 per cent. Hasting, Neb., 11,847, increase 2,208, or 24.7 per cent.

MARVIN RITCH COMES OUT FOR CONGRESS

Charlotte Attorney Who Figures in Labor Agitations Announces That He Will Make Run on Democratic Ticket.

Marvin L. Ritch, of Charlotte, who has figured more or less prominently in certain labor disputes in North Carolina during the past year, was in Gastonia yesterday. While here he announced to The Daily Gazette reporter his intention to run for Congress.

"I am going to run on the Democratic ticket," he said, "subject to the action of the Democratic primaries in June. If I am defeated in the primaries, then I will get out and work for the man that is nominated. I am not going to spend a cent for campaign purposes, but you will see that funds will not be lacking when the expenses are to be paid."

Mr. Ritch declared that he would visit every county seat in the district and would make a speech in every courthouse. "Many people have accused me of cleaning up last year in the textile troubles. I want to say that I made only \$2,768.50 from both my law practice and labor work."

Speaking of the strikes and disaffections among textile workers in North Carolina last year Mr. Ritch said that if it had not been for these troubles, cotton would be selling for from 25 to 30 cents, and the cotton yarn industry would have been "on the blink."

Mr. Ritch gave The Gazette practically the same interview here Friday afternoon as appears in The Observer of Saturday, as follows:

"Yes, you may say for me that I am in the running and will be in it until the finish. My law practice and work with labor both in the year 1919 netted me only \$2,768.50. Since opening a law office in Charlotte on July 1, 1914, I have been primarily engaged in making men and studying men and their ways, while everybody else has indulged in the sorry game of making money. It is a wicked contrast to have to support but I'm thankful to say that I have gotten along very well and have succeeded to a satisfying extent."

"About 50 per cent of the lies, misrepresentations and exceedingly overdrawn bad temper that was displayed around Charlotte against me last year was worked up by the friends of the crowd that handled big fine new automobiles around the city hall during 1918 as commonly as if they had been one-bladed pocket knives. I ran all of that 'gang' of crooks away from the city hall and I'm exceedingly proud of the job."

"It was either them or their friends who were running around on the streets of the city of Charlotte looking for 39 other good men to take me out and 'string' me to a limb. It was that crowd who warned me to leave Charlotte within 48 hours. Now for their pleasure I beg to advise that I'm still here; am in this race for Congress, and that if they don't want me to open up on them with all my guns they had better not start anything. It is the duty of every good man to stand his trial."

"As for the labor and capital struggle that was pulled off in North Carolina last year, I wish to say that I have no apologies to make. Economically it was the greatest thing that ever happened for the south, the textile manufacturers and their labor. All other business people are now advertising for the money they are all making as a result of the economic regulation and curtailment of production. That is the game that all other great industries of the country are playing on the south; then why shouldn't we here in the south give them a slight amount of their own medicine? The manufacturers were among my slightest troubles."

RED CROSS WILL HELP RETURN THE POLES.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—The American Red Cross, at the request of the National Polish Committee, will assist in the return to this country of the 12,000 Poles, who at the outbreak of the war, enlisted to fight in the Polish army. The first detachment of 3,000 men will reach Hoboken in a few days.

Two other ships, the Mercury and the Princess Matoika, recently sailed for Antwerp to return within two months, 5,300 Polish-American troops.

CALIFORNIA FURNISHES ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., March 27.—A man, the police said had been seen frequently with Mrs. Ruby Beed, a young divorcee, was under arrest today in connection with the finding of Mrs. Beed's body in her apartment last night. She had been garrotted with one of her undergarments and a man's handkerchief was stuffed in her mouth. The body was hidden under a pile of clothing and the landlady of the apartment house said she had not noticed it when she visited the room earlier in the day.

The police said they believed Mrs. Beed had been dead since Wednesday. They added that they were positive robbery was not the motive for the killing.

There has been a steady increase in the production of coal in Venezuela for several years.

THINKS ROAD BOND ISSUE WILL FAIL

Time is Not Opportune — Visitors in Raleigh Think it Would Be Foolish For Legislature to Tackle Issue.

By W. T. Bost, in The Greensboro Daily News.

RALEIGH, March 26. — Col. LeRoy Kirkpatrick's proposal to stampede a hot air legislature into going it \$50,000,000 on hard surface roads, and to prod this body into such legislation by adopting woman suffrage campaign and picketing methods, impresses a few stragglers of the body who have been here today and yesterday but madding.

An uncommon per centage of hard surface advocates are the 14 legislators who came in and out yesterday and today. They are highly favorable to a better state highway system. But these fellows are averse to entertaining a delegation of outsiders whose presence would be interpreted as a threat to the legislature and therefore a stop to the very proposal to build roads.

Colonel Kirkpatrick isn't regarded a judgmental man. Charlotte's former international mayor who defeated Woodrow Wilson in a speaking contest May 20, 1916, when the President was chief speaker, or thought he was at the celebration of the myth and Colonel Kirkpatrick presented him, pushed the crowd. Then the colonel's congratulations to Emperor William, now champion woodcutter of Holland, are remembered affectionately. The Kaiser was then on the throne and America was singing "he kept us out of war," that great national hymn of 1916.

Then Colonel Kirk came here last year and speaking to 91 good roads bugs, 89 of whom were Baptists and Primitive Baptists, denounced the fellow who went to the baptismal font with his wife and told a lie to the preacher. Then after committing the assembly of 89 Baptists to infant baptism, he called Bickett's speaking "warmed over flap doodie cakes," and declared himself out of politics for keeps.

Taxation Comes First.

The proposal of the colonel falls heavily today, not because the project isn't good; but the tax program of the 1919 general assembly, which was universally adopted, now is having the fight of its life, with odds against it. It looks much as if the income tax amendment will be beaten unless the demagogue goes out to meet the demagogue; the honest taxationist appeals to the one honest non-taxpayer. Revaluation, which was universally adopted, carrying with it Collector Josiah William Bailey, who claimed it as his baby, the child of pressure, not of his brain, is under terrific fire and its proponents are being charged with concocting this device to enlarge the power of the state in taxation. To spring a \$50,000,000 bond issue out, and before the state knows what are its necessary revenues next year, would, according to these members here, prove the truth of the attack and put every revaluationist in the hole.

For that reason, the legislature will in all probability take-up suffrage instead. There are converts to "the cause" in that bunch here today. But they are not taking up suffrage because they think it more important than good roads; they do think the traveling on a wave of democracy easier than over a traditional distrust of bonds. The Republicans favor suffrage and have made it an issue. And to invite complications by going into \$50,000,000 bond issue the visitors here think would be the last word in foolish politics.

This view will most likely be taken. It is understood to be the feeling of Governor Bickett, who isn't a suffragist but is a friend of Old Man Inevitable. He may think the old codger is a hard surface highwayman, but not until the tax question is straightened out. And it is far from being straight.

The governor does not believe that Colonel Kirk can get his 5,000 together. Neither does Rufe A. Doughton, who has been here. Both agree on the capital importance of getting the tax system straight. And both think that the materials, the cost of labor, and everything entering into construction raise seriously the question whether the state can build roads any more rapidly than it is now building without artificial processes to attract people here.

WOOD CAMPAIGN MONEY IS SPENT LEGITIMATELY.

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, March 27.—Any money used in furtherance of Major General Leonard Wood's presidential campaign has been expended openly for perfectly legitimate publicity in the presentation of his merits and "not one cent for any indirect and corrupt purposes," said a statement by W. C. Proctor, national campaign manager, in reply to charges made in the senate yesterday by Senator Borah.

"The people approved campaign methods of the open and straight forward sort that we have adopted," said the statement. "We want any statement or imputation of illegal or corrupt expenditure and shall hold the guilty person responsible therefor."
"This attack at this time looks like the last stand of the old guard."

PERSONNEL OF GERMAN CABINET IS ANNOUNCED

(By The Associated Press.)

TO COMPLETE CROSS-EXAMINATION OF FLETCHER

(By The Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Council for Admiral Sims expected to complete the cross-examination of Rear Admiral William B. Fletcher today before the naval court of inquiry investigating Admiral Fletcher's removal from command at Brest by Admiral Sims in October, 1917, four days after the transport Antilles was sunk off the coast of France.

Admiral Fletcher, concluding his direct testimony, declared his orders directing the convoy of the Antilles with three other transports were disobeyed by Lieutenant Commander F. M. Freeman, escort commander. The orders, presented in evidence, called for the convoy to be held together in sailing from the French coast, but Commander Freeman, the admiral testified, permitted the escort force to be split, part of it going out with three transports, including Antilles, while one vessel remained behind to escort the fourth transport, which was late in arriving at the designated point of rendezvous.

NO SESSION TODAY.

(By The Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—The senate naval subcommittee which is inquiring into Rear Admiral Sims' charges concerning the navy's conduct during the war held no session today, but will resume Monday. Rear Admiral H. T. Mayor, who commanded the American fleet during the war, and Rear Admiral A. W. Grant, former commander of a battleship unit, will be the next witnesses heard.

TO GET OUT OF SIBERIA APRIL FIRST

(By The Associated Press.)

VLADIVOSTOK, March 19.—Evacuation of eastern Siberia by American troops will be completed by about April 1, in the opinion of officers here. The transport Thomas sailed on March 10 with Colonel Morrow and 18 men of the 27th regiment and the South Bend, which will leave on March 22, will take 2,000 more American soldiers. The remaining force of 1,000 men with General William S. Graves and his staff, will depart on the Great Northern late this month. The Americans have been in Siberia a year and a half and have seen service in the Khabarovsk region and in Trans-Baikal.

SUSPENDED SOCIALIST STARTS A RIOT

(By The Associated Press.)

PHILADELPHIA, March 27.—Charles Solomon, one of the socialist assemblymen suspended by the New York legislature, and three other New Yorkers, were in jail here today charged with inciting to riot. They were arrested last night when the police broke up a mass meeting in Labor Lyceum to protest against the unseating of the five socialist members of the New York assembly.

The others under arrest are Joseph P. Cannon, president of the United Mine and Smelter Workers' Union, who also is charged with making seditious utterances; Royal W. France, a lawyer and J. August Gerbert. They will be given a hearing later in the day.

Although there was great disorder and several fights when the police ordered the meeting stopped because of alleged radical utterances of one of the speakers, no one was hurt. A large squad of reserves aided the policemen attending the meeting in emptying the hall and clearing the streets in the vicinity.

FORMER SERVICE MAN SHOT AND KILLED.

TOLEDO, O., March 27.—The body of the man shot and mortally wounded by gangsters in a rooming house here yesterday was identified by Dr. James Corrigan, of Cleveland, as that of his brother, Charles Corrigan, a former service man.

Dr. Corrigan told police he had seen his brother but once since his return from the army several months ago. Corrigan succumbed from a bullet wound under the heart without revealing the identity of his assailants. The police have arrested a number of suspects.

Great Britain has adopted the metric system for use in its official pharmacopoeia.

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS UNTIL MONDAY

(By The Associated Press.)

DOVER, Del., March 27.—Although the Delaware legislature was in adjournment until Next Monday, today saw little let-up in the struggle for and against its ratification of the woman suffrage constitutional amendment. Workers on both sides continued campaigns in preparation for the vote expected next Tuesday or Wednesday.

An end to the fight next week is regarded as assured. Suffrage advocates declared that should Delaware refuse to be the thirty-sixth state needed for ratification of the proposed constitutional amendment they will turn their attention to four other states — Connecticut, Vermont, North Carolina, and Louisiana. Suffrage organizations now have representatives at work in all four. They are seeking special sessions of the Connecticut and Vermont legislatures and counting on action in the North Carolina assembly for July.

IDENTITY OF MURDERER STILL UNESTABLISHED

(By The Associated Press.)

STUEBENVILLE, O., March 27.—Identity of the person or persons who killed 11 year old Frances South, near her home at Adena, 25 miles west of here three days ago, had not been established today in spite of the fact that numerous armed posse have scoured the surrounding country since the body of the girl was found Thursday afternoon.

Officers, assisted by posse of citizens, were searching today for a man dressed in a soldier's uniform. This man, according to several Adena residents, was seen late Thursday near the spot where the body, with the hands tied with a military hat cord, was found.

The four negroes arrested Thursday night as suspects were still in jail at Carrollton today. They denied knowledge of the killing.

Previous belief that Frances South was the victim of a man wearing a military uniform was done away with today when the child's mother identified the cord which bound the wrists as a part of her tam-o'-shanter hat. Coroner T. B. Kirk said he felt sure the child had been kicked to death. Her skull was fractured and there was an imprint of the heel of a shoe over her right temple.

Three more suspects were arrested by searching parties last night. Two were foreigners and the name of one is said to correspond with the initials on a handkerchief which was bound across the girl's mouth.

SURGEON'S CLAMP IS FOUND IN DEAD WOMAN'S BODY.

CAMBRIDGE, MASS., March 27.—An autopsy performed on the body of Mrs. Jennie Cholakian, who died at a hospital here under intense pain for which physicians could not account, disclosed the presence of a surgeon's clamp in the body. District Attorney Nathan A. Tufts announced today. The clamp, five inches long, apparently was forgotten after an operation performed some time ago, and was sewed into the body. The district attorney said there was no evidence as to where or by whom the operation was performed.

BACK FROM SOUTH AMERICA.

NEW YORK, March 27.—William Lavarre, Jr., an explorer connected with the Rice Institute of Houston, Tex., who has been conducting zoological investigations along the Rio Negro in South America, arrived here today. On the steamship Manco from South American ports. He brought with him a large number of specimens of birds and beasts.

PERSONNEL OF CABINET.

BERLIN, March 27.—Expectations this morning were that the new cabinet, announcement of which is looked for shortly, will compromise six socialists, four democrats and four members of the centre party.

3,500 FIELD GUNS FOUND

PARIS, March 27.—Great quantities of arms have been discovered in Germany by the allied officers, charged with supervising execution of the peace treaty according to advice received here. In Brandenburg and in the immediate vicinity of Berlin alone, 3,500 three-inch field guns were found.

TO SEND ENVOYS TO WESEL.

(By The Associated Press.)
BERLIN, March 27.—After a conference at Hagen, the three socialist parties delegates have decided to send envoys to Wesel in an attempt to bring about a cessation of fighting there, according to the Vossische Zeitung.

BERLIN, March 27.—Announcement of the following personnel of the new German cabinet will be made today, according to the Vossische Zeitung:
Premier, Herman Mueller.
Foreign Affairs, Herr Landsberg, or a democrat.
Finance, Captain Fisher Cuno.
Treasury, Dr. Wirth.
Justice, Ludwig Haas.
Interior, Herr Koeh.
Defense, Herr Gessler.
Economics, Gustav Bauer.
Food, Herr Hermet, a centrist.
Labor, Dr. Schmidt.
Transport, Dr. Bell.
Posts and Telegraphs, Herr Giesberts.
Minister without Portfolio, Edouard David.
Herr von Graefe, former Prussian under-secretary for national welfare, has undertaken the task of forming a Prussian ministry, according to The Tageblatt.

MUELLER DECLINES.
PARIS, March 27.—Hermann Mueller, foreign minister in the cabinet of Premier Bauer, has declined to accept the task of forming a new German ministry, according to information by the French foreign office today.

POLISH GOVERNMENT REMOVED TO BROMBERG
LONDON, March 27.—The Polish government was removed on Thursday from Warsaw to Bromberg in Polish Posen, 25 miles northwest of Thorn, according to a Berlin despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company, quoting rumors in that city.

A staff correspondent of The Associated Press, stationed at Warsaw, filed a despatch from that city on Thursday, which contained no hint of any intention on the part of the Polish government to leave Warsaw, nor were there indications in the military news contained in the correspondent's message of any reason why it should feel impelled to make such a move at this juncture.

ANY EMERGENCY
THE HAGUE, March 26.—Preparations to meet any emergency at the frontier have been made by the Dutch government, according to authoritative information given The Associated Press. Plans have been perfected for the instant mobilization of three levies of the second division and if it becomes necessary, civic guards and volunteer corps from some frontier villages will be called to arms.

FEW STATES MAY BAR SUFFRAGIST THIS YEAR

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Women in several states may be denied a vote in the coming presidential election despite ratification of the suffrage amendment before November, it is said at the headquarters of the national woman's party here, unless changes are made in registration laws.

In order that women all over the United States may register for the coming November election under existing laws, ratification must be completed before May 1, 1920, on which date Georgia closes its registration. Excluding Georgia the next date is June 30 when registration closes in Rhode Island. Registration in all other states does not close until September or October by which time suffrage leaders are confident the amendment will be ratified.

Other requirements, however, beside the element of time may nullify the women's vote next November in certain of the states, especially in the south, unless the legislatures are willing to make necessary changes in the laws. Payment of a poll tax is required in eight of the states; in Virginia over a period of three years before the election and in Florida and Louisiana for the two years previous. Texas law calls for the payment of a poll tax on January 1, Alabama and Mississippi on February 1 and North Carolina and South Carolina on May 1.

Pressure will be brought to bear upon the legislatures, where necessary, to have registration re-opened and the laws modified, it is said here, but women political leaders hope the changes will be accomplished without difficulty. In states where women have not heretofore been given the privilege of fulfilling the necessary requirements, provision should be made for them to go to the polls this November if the amendment is ratified in time, they assert.

No opposition to the operation of the suffrage amendment in strongly anti-suffrage states, similar to tactics employed in the south to limit the negro vote after the passing of the 15th amendment, is considered likely by suffragists here.