

# STRIKES ARE BEING CALLED IN GERMANY

WORKERS RALLY TO SUPPORT OF EBERT FORCES.

## MOVE TO CHECK REVOLTERS

Old and New Governments Vie in an Effort to Gain Control of Republic.

Berlin.—The two governments of Germany are now making wits and forces to gain control of the republic. Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, who proclaimed the new order at Berlin and himself chancellor, is employing all his efforts to assure the German people that government under him and those he selects to administer affairs will mean true democracy, increased productivity and conservation of the rights of the working people.

Friedrich Ebert, president of the old government, who, with most of his ministers withdrew from Berlin when the revolting troops marched in and Kapp and VonLeutwitz took control, is variously reported to be at Dresden or Stuttgart, and from his point of view is calling upon the socialists and working classes generally to stand by the old government and to use the strike weapon so that the counter revolution may be promptly suppressed.

In response to this appeal a general strike has been proclaimed in many places, but in other parts of Germany the call for a strike has not been received with favor.

A bloodless revolution thus far has characterized the movement upon Berlin, where the people are viewing events with that serenity to which they have been accustomed by the occurrences of recent years. There is, however, an undercurrent of anxiety because barbed wire entanglements have been thrown up in front of the great public buildings of Unter den Linden and Wilhelmstrasse, cannon and machine guns are posted at the cross streets and other points of vantage, and heavily armed guards are stationed throughout the city.

This is an ominous sign of possible clashes when those opposed to the counter revolution marshal their forces for future action.

There has been constant official reiteration of the statement that the new government is not reactionary; that it does not desire the restoration of the monarchy, but that it has come into office so that German may be rehabilitated. Chancellor Kapp, in a statement to the foreign correspondents, said that the conditions of the peace treaty would be fulfilled, so far as they could be reconciled with German honor and Germany's economic condition.

While adherence to the new government has been promised by some of the outside states, Saxony has declared against and Bavaria, Wurttemberg and Baden have joined in denouncing the movement.

The national party refuses to have relations with the Kapp government, and the conservative leader, Count Posadowsky, asserts that he will not identify himself with the new chancellor, Hamburg and Darmstadt are said to be irreconcilable.

### Revolt Stirrs Former Kaiser.

Amerongen, Holland.—The tidings of the German counter revolution caused a great stir, and much tension in Bentinck castle, where former emperor William resides, and the people in the castle stayed up until a very late hour. Observers here assert that Count Hohenzollern has been unusually nervous during the last few days. It is said that he has been seen to stop wood sawing and run to and fro and give other signs of nervous tension. The former emperor contemplated the sawing of his 16,000th tree and there was quite a celebration of the event.

### Nationalists Active in Turkey.

La Cruz, N. M.—Maj. F. M. Scanland, charged with murder in connection with the death of John M. Hutchings, race car driver, on November 2, 1919, was found guilty of involuntary manslaughter. The penalty is one to ten years in prison. A motion for a new trial was denied. An appeal to the supreme court was granted and the defendant admitted to \$10,000 bail. The case grew out of the killing of John Hutchings, the driver of one of the machines in the El Paso-Phoenix road race on November 2 last.

### Obligations Must be Fulfilled.

Paris.—Fulfillment of treaty obligations by the new German government will be insisted upon, said Premier Millerand. "Although the news from Berlin is as yet not sufficiently complete one to form an opinion regarding the counter revolution and its effects," the premier declared, "I may say that whatever may be the character or extent of the revolution in Germany, the allies are determined that full execution of the treaty of Versailles shall not be hindered in any way."



## LOWER COURT UPHELD VILLA HOLDS U. S. MAN

### Stock Dividends Are Not Taxable as Income.

Supreme Court Rules Section of the Revenue Law is Not Constitutional.

Washington, March 9.—Stock dividends cannot be taxed as income, the Supreme court held in declaring unconstitutional the provisions of the 1916 income tax act, taxing as income such dividends declared by corporations out of earnings and profits accruing after March 1, 1913.

The court divided, five to four, Justice Pitney rendering the majority opinion, Justices Holmes and Day joining in one dissenting opinion, and Justices Clarke and Brandeis in another.

Under the court's ruling the federal government must refund millions of dollars in taxes collected on stock dividends since the 1916 law became effective. Internal revenue bureau officials said the exact total of the refunds could not be estimated at this time, and that it would not be known until all claims had been filed and computed.

The court upheld federal court decrees denying the authority of congress to tax stock dividends and awarding to Myrtle H. Macomber \$1,967, which she had paid under protest on 1,100 shares of new stock received in January, 1916, as a stock dividend from the Standard Oil company of California. The case was one of a series in which J. P. Morgan, Herbert L. Pratt and others had questioned the validity of the act.

## MAN AND WOMAN FOUND SLAIN

### Gifford Bleyer, Member of Chicago Union League Club, and Mrs. Randall Are the Victims.

Chicago, March 9.—A man and a woman were found shot to death in the flat building at 8007 Lake Park avenue. They were Gifford Bleyer, thirty-six years old, married and living with his wife and two children at 918 Galt avenue, an advertising man, and Mrs. Ruth Randall, thirty years old, recently divorced. Mr. Bleyer was a member of the Union League club.

The bodies were lying on the bed in Mrs. Randall's apartment on the third floor. Between them lay a revolver. Bleyer had been shot in the right temple and Mrs. Randall in the left temple.

## SEVEN PERISH IN FLAMES

### Patients of the Ohio State Hospital for Epileptics at Gallipolis Victims.

Gallipolis, O., March 11.—Seven patients were dead and two in a critical condition as the result of a fire which partly destroyed the male ward of the state hospital for epileptics here early in the morning. The origin of the fire is unknown.

The dead are: William Smith of Toledo, Patrick Donnelly, Norwalk, O.; John S. Bala of Cumberland; Wayne Larimer of Dixie, Harold Heintz of Wheeling, W. Va.; John McNulty and James Jones of Cincinnati.

## FORESTRY HEAD RESIGNS JOB

### Henry S. Graves, Successor to Gifford Pinchot, to Return to Private Life.

Washington, March 9.—Henry S. Graves, head of the federal forestry service since Gifford Pinchot, has resigned to return to private life. Mr. Graves headed the Yale forestry school before entering government service and was at the head of the lumber operations conducted by the American expeditionary forces in France.

## Julius Kayser Is Dead.

New York, March 12.—Julius Kayser, eighty-three years old, manufacturer of gloves, underwear and hosiery, died suddenly in his home here. He was born and educated in New York. A widow and two daughters survive.

## Post to Ex-Surgeon General Blue.

Washington, March 12.—Rupert Blue, former surgeon general of the public health service, and Joseph H. White, senior surgeon, were nominated to be assistant surgeon general at large in the public health service.

## BANDIT DYNAMITES TRAIN AND SEIZES PASSENGERS.

### Demands \$50,000 Ransom for Release of American—29 Killed in Battle.

El Paso, Tex., March 9.—Joseph Williams, an employee of the American Smelting and Refining company plant at Pedricena, Mexico, is a captive in the hands of Francisco Villa, held for \$50,000 ransom. Williams, who is an American citizen, served in the world war and suffering from the effects of German gas, was returning to the United States for treatment when the northbound Mexico City-Juarez train, on which he was traveling, was held up near Corralitos, Chihuahua, 400 miles south of El Paso.

In a battle between Villa's men and the train guard, ten of the bandits and nineteen of the train guard were slain and the remaining of the defenders, fifty in number, either wounded or driven off. The train and Pullman car conductors were among the dead, the latter being killed by a shot from Villa's pistol.

## POLES ROUT REDS; TAKE 1,000

### Capture Railroad Junctions Southwest of Minsk—Much War Material Is Seized.

Warsaw, March 11.—Polish forces commanded by Colonel Sikorski attacked bolshevik troops in the vicinity of Minsk, Sunday morning, and captured these two important railway junctions and much war material. One thousand red soldiers and many officers were taken prisoner.

The attack was made in order to prevent further operations by the Russian soviet army, which has been operating from Minsk and Kolenkovitz, a distance of 20 miles, says an official statement issued at general staff headquarters here, and also to disperse bolshevik troops which were being concentrated behind the enemy lines. The newly arrived staff of the

## LEGION BONUS PLAN WRONG

### So Says Member of Organization Before Senate—Favors "Definite and Sane Policy."

Washington, March 9.—A serious mistake was made by the American Legion in presenting its proposals for soldier relief in the form in which it did, the house ways and means committee was told by Col. E. Lester Jones, a member of the legion's executive committee.

He said the executive committee would assemble this month and that he proposed to suggest that it formulate "a definite and sane policy" for presentation to congress in a "quiet and respectful way."

Colonel Jones said he believed the legion also should present a well-considered scheme for financing any plan it proposed.

## ASIA QUAKE KILLS HUNDREDS

### Tremors Near Tiflis Cause Great Damage—Thousands Homeless After Seismic Catastrophe.

Tiflis, Transcaucasia, Feb. 24 (via Constantinople, March 11).—Several hundred persons are dead and thousands of others are homeless as a result of an earthquake which destroyed Makhet, Grakall and other villages within a radius of 60 miles west of Tiflis.

The city of Tiflis was shaken and many buildings were severely damaged.

Thousands of refugees are pouring into Tiflis. The constituent assembly of the republic of Georgia immediately voted 20,000,000 rubles for first aid to the sufferers.

## Use German Seed in France.

Paris, March 11.—Sowing of the devastated areas of France has been expedited by deliveries from Germany of oats and barley, according to orders of the reparations commission. The seed is of excellent quality.

## Boiler Explosion Kills Thirty.

Berlin, March 11.—Fifty persons are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion at Demnath, Rhenish Prussia. A dispatch from that city says a large boiler in the power works exploded, burying 90 persons.

## CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION NOTES

Lincoln.—The convention in committee of the whole merged the two proposals for the creation of an industrial court and a state trade commission into one, which leaves the legislature power to do certain things along certain lines. These two propositions have been mighty touchy questions for the convention to handle and have occasioned many days of debate. After a lengthy discussion, it adopted, 54 to 28, the following amendment, by Heasty and Peterson, embodying the whole subject:

"Laws may be enacted providing for the investigation, submission and determination of controversies between employers and employees in any business or vocation affected with a public interest, and providing against unfair practices and unconscionable gains affecting the public welfare; and for the purpose of administering and enforcing such laws, an industrial commission may be created, from the final orders and judgments of which an appeal may be taken to the supreme court."

All sorts of guesses are being made around the convention chamber as to how long the convention will continue in session. The guesses range from five days to two weeks, and one guess appears to be as good as another. At the beginning of this week only five proposals remained on the general file to be considered the first time in committee of the whole. In addition to the five proposals, which may get to second reading there are three or four others still remaining for passage on second reading. This much of the work can probably be disposed of in short order. However, all the proposals which have been passed and those few still to be passed, approximately forty, which have been referred to the phraseology committee, will again have to run the gauntlet in committee of the whole.

The convention adopted Proposal 129, declaring water for irrigation and domestic use to be a natural want, and declaring the water of every natural stream for those purposes. It provides the right to divert such streams for the public use, priority of appropriation being given the better right, but when the water of any natural stream is not sufficient for the use of all desiring it then preference shall be given to domestic purposes. Those using the water for agricultural purposes shall have preference over those using it for manufacturing purposes.

By a vote of 63 to 19, the convention passed on second reading Proposal 314, which divides the state into legislative and senatorial districts and counties having more than one representative shall be divided into as many districts as representatives are to be elected instead of as a whole as at present. The basis of apportionment shall be as shown by the census and the legislature may reapportion the state not oftener than once in ten years.

With the end of the labors of the convention in sight delegates showed their anxiety to return to their home when some of the members asked to be excused. It was practically decided that excuses will not be granted, so that if delegates do go home they will be subject to call of the sergeant at arms if a "call of the house" is necessary to get the necessary votes to finally pass upon the proposals.

Proposal No. 82, which provided that all fines, penalties and license money collected by the game and fish departments be used for that department instead of going to the general fund, was defeated by a vote of 37 to 36. For the first time the "call of the house" was invoked in an attempt to get the necessary fifty-one votes, but the call was raised when it was found many members were not even in Lincoln.

The convention adopted a proposal providing that the state railway commission shall have jurisdiction over no public utility other than public carriers, including street car companies, telephone companies, etc. Gas, electric light and power and water concerns are left under local control.

President Weaver has appointed three committees which will have the promulgation of a plan for submission of the work of the convention to the voters. One on the form and manner of submission, one on public information and another to prepare an address to the voters of the state.

Short ballot advocates during the past week gave up all hope of cutting down the elective officers of the state when, by a practically unanimous vote the convention considered a motion of Meserve to bring back Proposal 827, and reinstate the office of land commissioner.

Proposal No. 332, providing for the election of railway commissioners by districts and taking away the right of Railway commission to regulate publicly owned common carriers or local public utilities was passed by the convention Friday. This proposal failed at first to get sufficient votes, but with the understanding that it would be amended, making the commissioners elective at large, when up for third reading it finally was approved by a vote of 55 to 30.

## CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

### OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

Absence of any signs of life about the home of August Oestman, a farmer residing near Auburn, brought an investigation by neighbors which disclosed that every member of the family was sick with influenza and that two children, Herbert, 9, and Lawrence, 3½, were dead with cerebro-spinal meningitis, resulting from the disease. There are 10 members of the family, and eight of them lay sick in beds, while the two dead children had been laid out on the floor by members of the weakened family. Nurses were procured for the care of the stricken family, the members of which were too sick to attend the funerals of the two children.

The retirement of Elmer E. Youngs from the race for the republican nomination for governor at the primary next month means that the nonpartisan league will not try for a state ticket, but will confine their endeavors to the election of a state legislature. Youngs was endorsed by the nonpartisan league at its state meeting at Lincoln.

Announcement has been made that Baptists of Nebraska have been assigned a quota of \$1,500,000 as their share of the \$100,000,000 fund which is to be raised in connection with the New World movement "for Americanization and spiritualization of the nation and the Near East."

Elvira Tevksbury, 89, who died March 7, in Plattsmouth, was the only real daughter of the American revolution in Nebraska. She was the daughter of James Walker, a soldier in the battle of Fort Mifflin, and she was one of only sixty "real daughters" in the United States.

At the suggestion of the Parent-Teacher association of the North Platte high school, girls of the junior class have inaugurated a campaign against silk hosiery, high heels, fluy waists, and other wearing apparel which especially appeals to the sterner sex.

Attorney General Davis has notified Charles E. Hughes that Nebraska will join with other states in the legal proceedings to keep the states of Rhode Island from winning its case against prohibition.

E. W. Reed of Haigler, Dundy county, has been endorsed by the nonpartisan league for congress, and C. E. Neuhauer of Orleans, Harlan county, for the state senate.

All records for real estate transactions for Dodge county were broken, when deals totaling \$1,910,000 were completed by the transfer during the first three days in March.

West Point voters will pass on a proposition at the next municipal election for the issuance of \$20,000 water bonds for extending the system in the city.

The University of California baseball team will meet Nebraska at Lincoln, May 19, while en route to the east to play Harvard, Princeton and Yale, it is announced.

The Farmers Grain & Supply Co. of Hildreth has protested to the state railway commission against the action of the Burlington railroad in not furnishing grain cars.

M. B. Carman, Methodist conference evangelist, completed a three weeks' revival meeting at Cozad which netted 122 converts.

Improvements for state institutions are being planned by the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, State Fair association, and state university.

Kearney voters will pass on a proposition at a special election in April to bond the city in the sum of \$125,000 for a new school building.

The Nebraska department of agriculture reports winter wheat in this state in good condition at the present time.

The cornerstone for the new Pilgrim Congregational church at Cortland was laid with appropriate services.

Work has been resumed on the construction of six miles of concrete paving west of Fremont on the Lincoln highway.

Enil Fabela of Ord, ex-soldier, drew claim #3 in the Torrington, Wyo., land drawing.

According to a letter received by Governor McKelvie from Daniel C. Roper, chief collector of internal revenue, in states where it is unlawful to sell liquor under state laws druggists will not be issued permits to sell intoxicants by the federal government. This, it is believed, means no liquor permits will be issued to Nebraska druggists.

Following a dispute over some oats, Raymond Hill, Fillmore county farmer, residing near Geneva, shot and instantly killed his father, Jacob Hill, aged 69. The slain man had been a resident of the county for many years. Young Hill when placed under arrest showed no remorse for his terrible act.

Burned crops, damaged farm machinery, sabotage of all kinds but particularly where it interferes with the production of foodstuffs, is going to mean action by the Northwest Warriors in Nebraska, according to J. W. Bryant, head of the organization's committee on Americanism.

Mayor Smith of Omaha has issued instructions to the police department of the metropolis to stop activities of liquor burglars who within the last six months have looted cellars of more than \$500,000 worth of liquor. A "highjacking" squad of ten officers has been detailed to work.

Two Elkhound boys, Tyler Parish, 12, and his brother, Morton, 10, proved heroes the other day when they stopped a Missouri Pacific passenger train running between Union and Lincoln, with 100 passengers, within twenty feet of a broken rail and prevented a wreck.

During the first week of April about 20 new road contracts will be let by the state road department calling for the expenditure of probably \$1,000,000. These new roads are scattered over the state in different localities, and it is expected that as soon as the contracts are let work will begin.

William Rummell, one of Cass county's live stock feeders, shipped a carload of twenty-two head of steers to Omaha, where he received \$14.25 per hundred. These steers averaged 1,253 pounds, having been on feed since October 9, at which time Rummell bought them for \$9.10.

More than 400 Nebraska democrats attended a dinner at Omaha at which Arthur F. Mullen sounded the keynote of the Hitchcock for president campaign. A. C. Shallenberger, former congressman, acted the part of toastmaster.

Secretary George Johnson of the department of public works says that all but 17 of the auto trucks damaged by fire when the cattle barn was burned at the fair grounds at Lincoln, have been fully put in shape.

At a meeting of a number of farmers who conduct dairies as auxiliaries to their regular farm work at Central City steps were taken to form a dairy organization in Merrick county.

Secretary of State Amsberry has ruled that separate ballots and ballot boxes must be provided for male and female voters in the April 20 primary election.

County assessors have been advised by Secretary of Finance Gross that shares of stock in building and loan associations of this state are subject to taxation.

French war certificates were presented to relatives of Gage county heroes who lost their lives in the war by the American Legion post at Beatrice.

A record-breaking transfer of real estate was recorded in Nuckolls county the first week in March when sales totaling over \$1,000,000 were closed.

The Board of Education at Lincoln instructed architects to draw up plans for the new Junior High school building which is to cost \$475,000.

An oil company has over 7,000 acres of land leased south of Table Rock and in the vicinity of Seneca, for the purpose of trying for oil.

The Lincoln High basketball team carried off first honors at the state high school tournament at the Nebraska capital.

A new hotel for Ord is one of the projects of the Community Service club. A sixty-room structure is contemplated.

Chain stores are to be established in a number of Nebraska towns by a company organized at Fremont.

Work is to be started soon on the new Syrian Orthodox church at Kearney. The new edifice will cost \$40,000. Petitions for George Jackson of Nelson for governor are being circulated at Superior.

Presbyterians of Kearney have purchased a site for their new \$75,000 church. Chadron has employed a city manager at a salary of \$5,000 a year.

Ogallala's populace is rejoicing at the sight of workmen laying the foundation for a new modern hotel.