## HOOVER REFUSES TO SPECULATE ON WAR CONDITIONS

Confines Testimony Before the Senate Committee to Facts Only-Sims Scores Lack of Confidence.

Washington, March 15.-Sending of surplus anti-submarine craft to European waters would have greatly aided the allies at a "dangerous period" of the war, Herbert Hoover testified today before the Senate investigating committee, supporting contentions of Sims as to the critical allied situation in the spring of 1917.

Submarine sinkings were so great in this period as to endanger the outcome of the war, Hoover declared. Whether the navy could have done more to meet the situation in Europe,

Hoover declined to state. Hoover said the war would have come to an end "almost in a moment had allied food supplies been

"The situation was dangerous, almost beyond description, and I can't over emphasize the dangerous position the allied cause was in," Hoover

"The supply of breadstuffs was most critical and did not exceed three to four weeks' reserve stocks. The result was to create the utmost anxiety on the other side, as at the rate of sinkings then taking place, the war had a debatable end.'

"If sinkings had gone on at the rate of 800,000 tons a month could the allies have gone on?" Chairman Hale asked.

"My personal opinion is that they could not, but I want to reserve my judgment because by strict denial the allies might have met the situation. They were never reduced to the final state of privation although they were on the serious borderland, not only at that time but during the following winter.' Withholds Opinions.

Asked if he thought the navy de-partment did everything it could to meet the situation, Hoover replied that he knew nothing about naval policy and would not give an opin-

Hale asked is sending of destroyers to Europe would have shortened the war.

"If we had surplus equipment and could have applied it certainly would have helped," Hoover replied. would not go so far as to say it would have shortened the war because the duration of the war is a most complex thing with a hundred

Admiral Sims today supplied documentary evidence that he was not kept informed as to naval department plans for operations in the war

Admiral Sims said the first Intimation he had that he was not in the full confidence of the departmentcame soon after he submitted his first reports from London. He learned then, by accident, he said, that an agreement had been reached by the Y y department and British and French naval officers in Washington early in April regarding the dispo sition of American naval forces. The terms of this agreement were cabled to Admiral Jellicoe by the Uritish representative on April 13, 1917, he

The officer also charged that without notifying him before hand, the department arranged with the French naval attache to send 10 or more yachts to combat submarines off the French coast; arranged to establish two naval bases in France, sent naval forces to that country; dispatched six destroyers from Boston; sent 100 cannon to France on naval colliers: started a campaign in the newspapers for a North sea barrage; dispatched the fifth destroyer squadron from St. John's to Queenstown and sent four additional destroyers from New York to join his forces.

Some of these vessels, he said, arrived overseas before he knew of their allocation to command.

He declared that great confusion existed with regard to the establishment of the bases in France. The admiral said he received a letter early in August from the officer assigned to command the Bordeaux base saying "the situation in France is not clear to me," and that he had asked upon being ordered to the command of the base what his duties were he had been unable to obtain any infor-

"After waiting about four weeks, I received orders to proceed with a party of eight persons, but still no instructions," the officer said.

A similar condition existed with regard to American naval aviation forces sent abroad, Admiral Sims said

ILLINOIS MAN SHOOTS

WIFE AND SUICIDES New York, March 15 .- Lawrence Harrington, of Aurora, Ill., Friday shot his wife probably fatally and then shot himself, dying almost instantly. Mrs. Harrington is at a hospital here and hopes for her recovery are said to be scant. Har-rington arrived at York Thursday night from Aurora, and called on his wife at the home of her mother, Mrs. Rosa Keyes, where she has been for six weeks. He asked her to return with him and she refused, he left the house, bought a revolver and returned in a few moments, when the shooting took place

ACCUSED NEGRO KILLED. Montgomery, Ala., March 15 .- Wilbur Smith, negro and former soldier, was shot to death by six masked men near Legrand, Montgomery county, last night after his arrest by Frank Robinson, a farmer, on a charge of

attacking a 6-year-old white girl. NAME RUSSIAN COMMISSION. Paris, March 13.-The League of Nations council today adopted a resolution for appointment of a commission of 10 members for the investiation of conditions to Russia.

\*\*\*\*\*\* DON'T CROWD, GIRLS.

Seattle, Wash., March 15 .-Perry Cunningham, who says he is from Alaska and "on the was seeking a bride here today. In a letter to the Star, he said he must be mar-ried by his 25th birthday. March 31, or lose a fortune of \$25,000 left him conditionally by an uncle.

### U. S. WILL TAKE ALL OSAGE OILS

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High Prices Asked By Private Producers Leads to Move-Federal Refineries May Come

Washington, March 13 .- The government has decided to take over the entire oil production of the Csage Indian nation, totaling 15,000,000 barrels a year to insure Its supply of fuel oil for the navy, shipping board and war

department, it was learned today. Fuel oil producers are asking such several occasions has rejected all bids

and now faces a serious shortage. The government decision to take over the Osage nation oil was reached at a series of meetings of the council of national defense and following conferences between John Barton Payne, chairman of the shipping board and secretary-elect of the interior department, Secretary Baker and Secretary

A permanent oil policy has been determined upon to cover a period of years and insure a continuous supply. The outline of this policy will be made known in a few days, probably beginning when Payne takes office as head of the interior department. One of Payne's first acts, it was learned today will be to announce that the government will take all its royalties from government lands in the form of crude oil.

The crude oil thus obtained will be traded for fuel oil or held in storage until such time as the trade can be made at what government officials regard as fair terms. Present high prices asked by fuel oil producers will not be recognized, it has been de-

Another item of the oil policy is a decision of the officials that unless the government is able soon to purchase fuel oil at a reasonable price, shipping board and navy department will co-operate in going into foreign fields, buying crude oil and refining it in competition with United States

Intire Shipping May Be Tied Up By Demand For Big Wage Increases-About

7,000 Out.

New York, March 15 .- The strike of local longshoremen checkers and dock workers to enforce demands for an increase in wages and adjustment of working hours, which was unanimously voted last night became effeetive this morning. The unions involved claim a mem-

bership of between 7,000 and 8,000. Steamship owners said if the full membership walks out, coastwise shipping would be nearly tied up. Companies affected include the Mallory, Clyde, Morgan, Old Dominion, Southern Pacific and the Ocean Steamship Company lines.

Longshoremen are now paid 65 cents an hour for a basic eight-hour day with \$1 an hour for overtime. They demand \$1 an hour and \$2 an hour for overtime. The checkers want an increase from \$25 a week to \$38.50 and a reduction for four hours a week. The dock workers want a per cent increase in wages over

their present scale of \$35 a week. Steamship owners declared they were unable to meet the demands because they are bound by the award of the national adjustment commiswhich was to remain in effect until September 30, 1920.

## PAPER SUED FOR\$150,000

Chicago, March 15 .- Mrs. Jennie M. Vale, mother of Mrs. Ruth Randall, pretty divorcee, who a week ago killed Clifford Bleyer, wealthy advertising man and then ended her own life, brought suit for \$150,000 damages against the Illinois Publishing and Printing Company, publishers of the

Chicago Herald-Examiner today. The suit is based on the "unauthirzed publication" of Mrs. Randall's diary, which was found in her apartment after police broke down the

BERGER CASE CONTINUED. Chicago, March 14.-Victor Berger and four other socialist leaders sentenced on January 23 of last year to serve a 20-year sentence for draft obstruction obtained another continnance, when the case came up in the United States court of appeals today. By agreement of attorneys the case

was continued indefinitely. STERLING AT \$3.48.

New York, March 15 .- Demana sterling was 1 cent lower at \$3.48 on early nominal quotations today.

## GERMAN GOVERNMENT FALLS IN BLOODLESS REVOLUTION

Dr. Kapp, Monarchist, Assumes Chancellorship-Treaty of Versailles to Be Fulfilled, Message From Berlin Says.

Berlin, March 15 .- It is reported that it is intended to pro-claim Field Marshall Von Hindenburg "imperial president."

A proclamation has been issued by the old regime, calling on the people for a general strike, declared that it is the only means against the return of William II.

London, March 15 .- Official advices reaching the press association are that the revolutionary troops have brought artillery into Berlin. They state laso that the members of the Ebert gov-ernment have proceeded to Drescen to set up their regime.

NAME NEW CABINET. Berlin, March 15 (noon).—A new imperial ministr yhas been formed. It is provisionally com-Imperial Chancellor—Dr. Kapp.
Minister of Defense—Gen,
Baron Von Luettwitz.

Minister of Finance-The Oberfinanzrat Bank.
Minister of Public Worship—

Dr. Traub. The other ministers have not as yet been appointed.

The government of President Ebert in Germany fell today.

In a bloodless revolution, Dr. Wolfgang Kapp, president of the fatherland party, and a recognized monarchist, was proclaimed chancellor. General Luttwitz is the new minister of defense.

Plans to promote the aims of the monarchists or the reactionaries are disclaimed by the new government. In a message made public today it is announced:

"The new government under Chancellor Kapp says in its program to be made public that it will honorably fulfill the treaty of Versailles. It gives emphatic assurances that the government has no reactionary or monarchial aims."

Berlin was threatened during the night by the immediate danger of a violent revolution. It became known at midnight that revolutionary bodies of troops had begun to move on Berlin from Doeberitz.

Generals Von Oldershausen and Von Ovan and Lieut. Col. Wetzel went to meet these troops and warn them of the consequences of their action. Troops from the Baltic joined in the re-

The troops which were concentrated at Doebritz, including the Erhard and Loewenfeld naval brigades, nevertheless, continued their advance on Berlin and at 5 o'clock this morning were at the Tiergarten railways station.

President Ebert, his wife and members of his cabinet, left Berlin by auto early today without resigning their posts. Chancellor Kapp dissolved the Prussian assembly this morning.

Berlin is reported quiet and normal. Detachments of soldiers are patrolling the Wilhelmstrass and are stationed about the Hotel Adlon, headquarters for the various foreign missions. A dispatch to Basle today says

that the new government aims at a military dietatorship with a cabinet of specialists. There is no indication that Dr. Kapp plans an attempt at re-establishment of the monarchy.

Paris seems the most seriously agitated of allied capitals over the German situation. Certainty that the new government is monarchistic in tendency causes the French to regard the situation as extremely serious. Many French expect a new war at

So far the revolution has been bloodless.

News from the German provinces is to the effect that general calm prevails.

A late dispatch to London claims that loyal republicans are still holding the east part of Berlin, the revolutionists being in possession of the western part of the city.

Public security police are reported in possession of most of the important public buildings.

#### SCORES SEEKING CURES FROM ANOTHER "HEALER"

New Orleans, La., March 15.-Led by a score of crippled and ailing men and women, hundreds of persons crowded the Mississippi levees last night trying to reach the ramshackle houseboat of John Gudney, a kindling peddler, known as "Brother Isaiah" from reputed cures by the laying on of hands.

The newspapers Vorwaerts and Freiheit have been suspended.

LONDON HEARS IT

London, March 13 .- Revolutionary troops entered Berlin today, a news agency dispatch asserts. The revo-lutionists declared the government overthrown. Dr. Wolfgang Kapp was named chancellor.

The foregoing dispatch was filed in Berlin at 8:50 a, m. today.

A Berlin dispatch from Carl D. Groat, United Press staff correspondent confirmed the news agency dispatch that the government of President Ebert, first head of the new German republic has been over-

The Berlin dispatch did not a:ention the "revolutionary troops," however. It said the revolution was "peaceful." Far..er dispatches had said the rachswehr and public security for s of Gustav Noske nad been co lined to their barracks and ordered to be ready for any emer-

Dr. Kapp, who has assumed the chancellorship is known as a violent reactionary and has opposed the Ebert government since its inception. As head of the powerful fatherland party he is considered an advocate for restoration of the monarchy. Kapp has been reported as closely in touch with the activities of the pan-Germanist groups who have been backing Field Marshal von Hindenburg for the presidency. Hindenburg was last reported as accepting the offer to become a candidate.

Fall of the Ebert government may be fraught with the most far reaching consequences. Allied lears have made every effort to insure its security, publicly declaring that any change of government in Germany would be sure to endanger the treaty of Versallies.

Ebert depended for support largely on the troops of Gustav Noske, his minister of defense who crushed the Spartacan and other radical out-breaks. While Noske had full control over the reichswehr and volunteer troops his hold on the regular army was weak. The disaffection of this element, headed by officers who retained, secretly at least, their allegiance to the former kaiser probably forced Noske to give up his post without fighting.

Reports that the revolution was brewing have been current for months. Pan-Germanist and monarchists recently have been gaining power.

Revelations in the Erzberger-Helfferich trial weakened the confidence of the people in the Ebert administration and gave the reactionaries an opportunity they did not miss to crystallize opinion against the government.

Ebert always has been considered an interloper by the aristocrats of the old kaiserist regime. His lowly birth and unconvincing personality have been held up to scorn time and again

by the military clique.

The revolution will bring the allies face to face with these problems: Forcing the new government to adhere to the treaty of Versailles.

Holland that the former kaiser, now interned in the Dutch nation, will be so guarded that there will be no opportunity for his return to Germany Forcing the new government to adhere to the allied decision to make Germany punish her own war guilty by trial before a German tribunal at

General Von Luttwitz, who was commander of the first reichswehr group, and a lieutenant of Noske, apparently was guilty of complete deception to his chief. He was accused by Die Freihit yesterday of being implicated in the plot when it was first discovered by the government. Noske has been accused of

disloyalty to the Ebert government. Today's successful coup was the result of careful preparation both by propaganda among the masses and careful work among army officers by the reactionaries. Radical and industrial outbreaks gave them their first chance. At the time of the Spartacan outbreaks, when grave fears were felt in allied circles for the safety of the government, the pan-Germanists and monarchists did everything in their power to embarrass President Ebert. Noske, however, succeeded in bolstering up the strength of the administration by ruthlessly repressing each

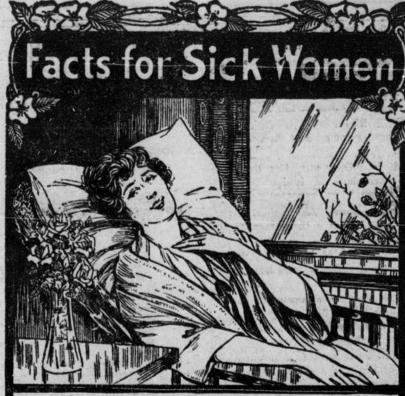
disturbance. The reactionaries found their next opportunity when the allied demands for punishment of the German war guilty and lists of accused were forwarded to Berlin. These brought a storm of indignation from every circle of German opinion. The Ebert government, in a series of notes, warned the allies that it could not-dare not-turn the accused over to the allies for trial before entente military tribunals.

The government practically told the allied premiers that surrender of the accused Teutons-including powerful figures in the old kaiseristic clique-meant its downfall. Allied investigations bore out this statement and the premiers finally agreed that the accused might be tried before German tribunal at Leipsig as the Ebert government had

#### PROHIBITION DRIVING FOREIGNERS FROM U.S.

New York, March 15 .- Prohibition is causing so many foreign born to leave the United States that emigration is exceeding immigration, according to Congressman Isaac Siegel, a member of the House immigration

Ellis Island records today showed that immigration since Jergaret. totalled 53,000, while totalled 53,000, while the country, Most of You'll phave gone back to Poland and Czestowski to stay. It is estimated that the forces for March will be 36,000. the figures for March will be 36,000 departures and 24,000 arrivals.



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Age Quickly. A visitor going through a rug factory stopped beside an Armenian who was busy plying his shuttle. "You make antique rugs, too?" he inquired presently.

"Oh, yes," was the grinning reply. Dis rug when hees finished is 200 years old."-Boston Transcript.

Evidences of Income. "Bliggins is trying to dress in a way that will make people think he is making a whole lot of money."

"Silk hat and patent leather shoes and all that sort of thing?" "Not these days. He has to put on a suit of overalls and is carrying a plumber's outfit."

Every human heart is human .-Longfellow.

No woman is a thing of beauty to her maid.

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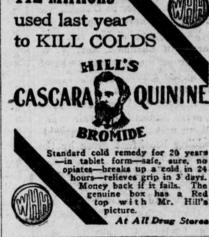
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