

GERMAN WORKMEN VOTE TO CALL STRIKE DESPITE THREAT OF EXECUTION

Government Attempts to Coerce Strikers to Return to Work; Socialist Leader Sent to Prison for Inciting Labor Movement; Court Room Guarded by Troops During Trial.

(By Associated Press.)

London, Feb. 4.—Death by execution is the threat held over Berlin workmen who do not return to their tasks today. Undismayed by the efforts of the German government to end the strike, workmen at Jena in the grand duchy of Saxe-Weimar have joined the movement of protest.

SOCIALIST SENTENCED.

The Berlin Vorwarts says that the building where the socialist leaders are being tried by court martial is closed to the public and is guarded by troops.

Heinrich Schultze, the first prisoner to be tried, has been sentenced to six months imprisonment for having distributed leaflets urging workmen to strike.

Berlin has been one of the main centers of the strike movement, and it has been admitted officially that 120,000 workers were idle because of strikes there, while unofficial estimates have run as high as 500,000.

The German capital was quiet Saturday, according to semi-official statements received in Holland, virtually the only form in which news of the strike has been permitted to leave Germany.

LEADERS TO MEET.

A significant announcement is made semi-officially in Berlin, where the foreign ministers of Austria and Germany and General von Ludendorff, chief quartermaster general, will meet today in Berlin.

They will discuss economic and political questions. American troops on the front in Lorraine have engaged the Germans in a heavy artillery duel. Two Americans were killed, nine were wounded and one suffered from shell shock during the bombardment.

Raids at isolated points and artillery bombardments in various sectors mark the operations on the other fronts in France and Italy.

Vigorous prosecution of the war until peace can be obtained "based on principles of freedom, justice and respect for international law" has been decided upon by the supreme war council, which has just completed its meeting at Versailles.

The council found the speeches of Chancellor von Hertling and Count Czernin unfavorable.

The supreme war council took steps toward a general military policy in all the main war theaters.

Saturday's Berlin newspapers reaching Holland and Denmark failed to throw much additional light on actual happenings in Germany. The most interesting item appeared in the socialist organ, Vorwarts, in the form of a notice to its readers:

"Through the force of circumstances," says this notice "it is at present impossible for us to give news of many events which would especially interest our readers. We ask our readers not to regard these omis-

sions as an attempt on our part to kill events by silence."

Rotterdam dispatches told of the resumption Saturday of negotiations between Count von Hertling, the imperial German chancellor, and the social democratic members of the Reichstag, which ended, however, without the chancellor, agreeing to meet the leaders of the strike movement.

Arrests in Berlin. Reports reaching Amsterdam yesterday said that the total number of arrests during the week in Berlin was 160. The dispatch added that quiet prevailed in the capital Saturday.

A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says a meeting of the central committee of the railway workers of all Germany took place Sunday in Breslau, Silesia.

BAKER WARNS U. S. AGAINST GERMAN NEWS OF STRIKE

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front. Opposite the French, the Germans confined operations to minor raids north of the Aisne and upper Alsace.

British Bomb Railway Centers. Profiting by the favorable atmospheric conditions, the British successfully bombed railway centers in Flanders and air squadrons undertook attacks upon munition plants and other military objectives in the Rhine area.

London and Paris, as well as Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne, were visited by hostile aircraft.

In Italy a further improvement in the combat situation is noted. The Italians were successful in following up their plans to regain points of particular strategic importance along their battle front.

The Italians captured the hostile strongholds of the important peaks of Col Del Rosso and the Monte Di Val Della, which resulted in an appreciable advance of the Italian line in this area, the capture of 100 officers, 2,500 men and a large quantity of munitions.

In Palestine the British are pushing slowly but steadily forward, enlarging their sphere of operations and consolidating the ground won.

British Casualty List for Week Makes New Record

London, Feb. 4.—The British casualties reported during the week ended today totaled 6,354, divided as follows: Killed or died of wounds: Officers, 51; men, 1,325. Wounded or missing: Officers, 173; men, 4,805.

The lowest mark for many months past is reached by last week's casualties.

They compare with 8,588 the previous week, with 17,043 the week immediately preceding that and with 9,951 for the week ended December 31, the previous low figure for any week in recent months.

Hitchcock Assails Wilson; Says Does Not Know Facts

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tons of shipping in constant use. We all know the total tonnage now available is nothing like that amount. We all fear it will not approximate that a year from now.

"Yet the secretary of war is so out of touch with the shipping board and shipping authorities that he makes a statement that is absolutely preposterous."

"I have no doubt of his sincerity, but this act indicates again the extent to which one department is out of touch with another department."

Lack of Plans. Turning to Secretary Baker's war plan, Senator Hitchcock said:

"Secretary Baker says we have plans. I am sorry to disagree with him. If there is one thing more conspicuous by its absence than any other in the operation of the various departments and bureaus in Washington, it is that it has been planning for the future."

"I do not deny that the various departments have planned as far as they could in advance, but who has prepared the master plan which will harmonize all the other plans?"

"Nobody—nobody could."

Referring to the president's opposition to the two committee bills, the senator said it was on the ground that the president alone has responsibility for conduct of the war, adding, "The mere statement presents an absurdity."

Wilson Not Responsible. Asserting that congress has a large measure of responsibility, Senator Hitchcock said, it would be "monstrous" to hold the president responsible for the 2,000,000 tons of freight piled up in New York, for the "breakdown of transportation."

"The middle and jumble of priority shipments, the shortcomings of the ordnance department and quartermaster's department, sufferings of the unnecessarily sick soldier and nine months' delay in construction of the government powder factory."

The senator summarized the enormous burdens on the president, including his formulating a foreign policy, designing all the legislation for congress to pass, dictating the industrial and political activities of the country and looking after expenditures of \$250,000,000 a week.

President's Attitude Unfortunate. "The president does not want the committee to report the cabinet bill and," he continued, "if press reports be true, he objects even to a discussion of this legislation in the senate."

"This attitude on the part of the president is unfortunate, but not altogether unnatural."

"In the first place the president belongs to the school of political philosophers who adhere to the belief that all important legislation should originate with and be proposed by the executive."

"I cannot subscribe to this scheme of government, although it has come

obvious advantages in that it provides leadership, order and program.

"Since he became president, Mr. Wilson has enforced his view upon congress to a large degree and generally with good results."

"In the main, I have been one of those who have followed his leadership and supported his policies and I expect to do so in the future."

"Now and then, however, an exception must be made."

No Principle Involved. "This is one of those cases. The question at issue is not partisan. Neither is any principle involved. The matter at issue is purely a practical question whether we can improve the efficiency of war administration by adopting business methods in buying supplies and whether we can get order out of confusion, and action, instead of delay, by co-ordinating great government bureaus now running almost independently and often at cross purposes."

I agree with Senator Chamberlain that the president does not know the real situation.

"He cannot give two months to an investigation such as we have done."

"Like a king, surrounded by a court, he hears virtually only one side."

"The people who complain do not reach the president nor even members of his cabinet. They come to senators and representatives."

"The president and secretary of war have evidently realized the defects of the existing system and attempted to change it without legislation, but without success."

Praising Edward Stettinius, the war department's new surveyor of purchases, Senator Hitchcock said he is without legal authority, like all the other voluntary agencies, and that a legally constituted munitions director was needed.

Senator Hitchcock said Great Britain and France both had been forced to remedy government weakness by a system similar to the war cabinet and suggested that the president, under the bill, would appoint and direct the war cabinet and, if he pleases, could appoint Secretaries McAdoo, Baker and Daniels as the members.

Is Question Mark. "In the first and second paragraphs of the 'Resolutions on the war by the National Nonpartisan league' you declare the league's loyalty and say that it 'stands unreservedly pledged to safeguard and defend and preserve our country.' You immediately follow this by the declaration: 'We stand for our country, right or wrong, as against foreign governments with whom we are actually engaged in war.' Still we hold that when we believe our country wrong, we should endeavor to set it right. Here is the question mark that has no place at this time in American literature, and which does, in the light of the pure purpose of our country, great injustice to its cause."

"In the fourth paragraph you declare that you are opposed to 'waging war for annexation' and you have permitted this paragraph to stand in the face of the fact that over and over again it has been made clear that this is not a war for annexation."

"You have permitted us to stand the fifth paragraph wherein you plead for a policy that will be 'in harmony with and supporting the new democracy of the world' in its declaration of these fundamental principles. It must be clear to every thinking man that organizations which tend to divide the people of America upon class lines will sooner or later bring America to the very unhappy condition in which the new democracy of Russia is itself today."

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STATE COUNCIL 'CALLS' LETTER OF NONPARTISANS

Defense Body Replies to Stand of Nebraska Chapter of National League; Dwells on Literature.

Nebraska State Council for Defense, through George O. Brophy, H. E. Clapp and R. L. Metcalfe, members of the executive committee, has written a letter to O. S. Evans, state manager and secretary of the National Nonpartisan league, replying to the league's offer to share the work of the state council.

"In this connection we desire to call your attention to the fact that some of the literature your organization is circulating in Nebraska is not in harmony with the concerted effort now being made by Americans of all political parties and of all classes of occupation in support of the great enterprise in which our country is now engaged," the letter states.

"We recognize the patriotism of most of the men who have joined your organization in Nebraska. We feel assured, however, that these men have not carefully read and analyzed your 'war program and statement' of principles, which so long as it remains in its present form will greatly hinder patriotic effort in Nebraska."

"We respectfully call your attention to the booklet now being generally circulated by your organization throughout Nebraska and entitled 'War Program and Statement of Principles.'"

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and you say: 'A declaration of war does not repeal the constitution of the United States and the unwarranted interference of military and other authorities with the rights of individuals must cease. There has been no attempt on the part of the government to muzzle the press or individuals, nor has there been any unwarranted interference of military or other authorities with the rights of individuals.'

HITCHCOCK IS CHARGED WITH GIVING SECRETS

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military committee, said the quartermaster general had admitted it.

Hitchcock Leaves it to Jury. Senator Williams demanded that Senator Hitchcock disclose the name of his informant in all cases and Senator Hitchcock declined.

Senator Williams then replied that in accordance with legal practice he would "enter a general denial."

"And I shall leave it to the jury," rejoined Senator Hitchcock.

In support of Senator Hitchcock's statement on shoes ordered, Senator McKellar, another democrat member of the military committee, cited testimony of the quartermaster general, that from March to December 31, 1917, orders were given for 21,170,000 pairs.

"I am not going to delay the senate with all the proof," said Mr. Hitchcock. "I am merely stating the facts."

When Senator Hitchcock declared Secretary Baker had "wildly exaggerated" in predictions of ability to send troops abroad, Senator Penrose, republican, asked:

"I am curious to know what influenced the secretary to make such statements so apart from the facts. Was it his sanguine and hopeful nature or lack of information to justify them?"

Replying that he believed Secretary Baker merely lacked information, Senator Hitchcock said:

"I consider it reckless—a terrible mistake to so mislead the country. Of course the secretary did not do it intentionally, but only because he did not have the information."

"Because there was no re-ordination of the shipping board with other government agencies."

Hoping to get 1,000,000 men to Europe without sufficient ships to transport them was characterized by Senator Hitchcock as living in a fool's paradise."

Unless something is done the United States will face the world's greatest disaster, he said.

"I can't believe the secretary intended it as a gigantic bluff, or intended to deceive the people, said Mr. Hitchcock, "but he didn't know; he was out of touch."

Recommended Discharge of Unnaturalized City Planner. City council committee of the whole recommended to the city planning commission the dismissal of Otto J. Showlander, clerk, on account of not having been naturalized. City clerk reported to the commissioners that B. Kverild, superintendent of the planning commission, received his final naturalization papers last year. Both men are of Swedish nativity.

New Surveyor General. Washington, Feb. 4.—Louis H. Mosser of California today was nominated to be surveyor general of California in place of the late Frank H. Gould.

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