

REVOLUTIONARIES QUEST EBERT AND OLD GOVERNMENT

Bloodless Upeaval in Berlin Results in Officers Friendly to Ex-Kaiser Regaining Power.

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background. The former minister of foreign affairs, Gottlieb Von Jagow, and General Baron Von Falkenhausen, former governor general of Belgium, are among the leaders of the counter-revolution.
While the movement has been carried out rapidly and in apparent order, there is an undercurrent of anxiety among the people of Berlin as to possible future occurrences. Counter measures are expected soon, although the Kapp government has taken precautions to place those members of the former government who could be reached, under arrest.

Von Luetwitz' Statement.

General Von Luetwitz has issued the following order:
"I am personally taking over the executive power for Berlin and the mark of Brandenburg. The decrees issued by Defense Minister Herr Noske in accordance with the decree of January 13, will remain in force. The decree of January 13, relative to the proclamation of martial law, is maintained and extended to those parts of the imperial territory not yet affected thereby. The state of siege hitherto existing in the free state of Saxony is at the same time raised.

"The troops under command of the newly formed government are charged with the execution of the requisite measures."

Kaiser Not Implicated.

The Hague, March 13.—Neither the former emperor nor the crown prince is implicated in the overthrow of the German government, so far as can be learned here. The Associated Press was assured today by an entirely reliable authority that both Amerongen castle, where the former emperor lives, and the Island of Wieringen, where the former crown prince makes his residence, are as ready so closely guarded that it will be absolutely unnecessary for the Dutch government to take further measures to prevent intrigue or their escape.

It is learned, however, that J. B. Kan, secretary general of Holland, who is charged with guarding the former emperor and crown prince, is engaged in conference with the minister of justice.

Overthrow in Provinces.

London, March 13.—Reports reaching the Weekly Dispatch from Berlin say that in the provinces a similar "peaceful overthrow of the socialist government" has occurred except at Brunswick and Magdeburg.

Minister of Defense Noske and other members of the Ebert ministry, according to the Dispatch's advice, motored to Dresden and surrendered to the commander of the garrison there.

Barbed Wire Bars Street.

The entrance to Wilhelmstrasse from Unter den Linden is now off with barbed wire and further protected with field guns and machine guns. Numerous troops with their lorries and field kitchens are stationed outside the British embassy close to the corner. Their flag, Germany's former naval colors, is leaning against the embassy window.

There has been no attempt to molest foreigners, and members of the allied missions find no difficulty in passing in their cars through the barricades.

The ordinary Berliner seems to treat the counter-revolution lightly, but on investigation one finds a general feeling of uneasiness as to what the future may bring forth.

It is thought that the Agrarians, who naturally support the movement, will send food to Berlin quickly and in as large a quantity as possible in order to maintain the prestige of the new government. But no one knows what the workers in the Ruhr coal fields and the railwaymen will do.

Admiral Fails of Purpose.

Alexanderplatz, near the police prefecture, is crowded with people this evening, for the most part workers, the number of whom is estimated at about 50,000.

According to the Tagblatt, the counter-revolutionary troops are composed principally of the Erhardt and Loewenfeld brigades, about 8,000 in all. Admiral von Trotha, chief of the admiralty, was sent on the government's orders to Doehlin to detain the troops from what was termed a "politically insane" plan. After attempting to calm the men, he returned to Berlin, his mission unfulfilled.

The chief of police, Eugen Ernst, replying to the request of General Von Luetwitz to remain at his post to prevent disturbances, said that it will be to the interest of the fatherland for him to remain provisionally at his post and do everything in his power to avoid civil war and fresh bloodshed, he could only give his final answer after consulting his party friends. The deputy chief of police, in a brief speech to his subordinates, requested them to continue to perform their duties.

Kapp Issues Statement.

Chancellor Kapp, of the new Berlin government and Major General Von Luetwitz, have issued the following proclamation:
"The overthrow of the government must not be taken as a reaction. On the contrary, it is a progressive measure of patriotic Germans of all parties with a view to re-establishing law, order, discipline and honest government in Germany. It is an overdue attempt to lay the foundations for the economic resurrection of Germany, enabling her to fulfill those conditions of the peace treaty which are reasonable and not self-destructive.

"Inspired by zeal and a desire for the benefit of all the German people, the new government invites heartily the acceptance and co-operation of the independents for the creation and discharge of laws for betterment of the working classes."

Blames Socialists for Taxes.
The manifesto charges the socialist government with overburdening

the people with taxation, failing to create conditions for an increase of production in all lines, suppressing newspapers which criticize it and otherwise interfering with personal liberty and refusing to dissolve the national assembly and issue writs for new elections.

"Last, but not least," says the manifesto, "a government where the chief spokesman is Erzberger, must be swept away."

It further declares that a change of government is purely an internal affair and a German question which alone concerns the German people. It promises to use every effort to maintain internal and external peace and prevent a recurrence of the mistakes of "a government now happily defunct and obsolete."

Kapp Born in America.

Wolfgang Kapp, the new chancellor, is a son of Friedrich Kapp, a veteran of the revolution of 1848, and well known in the United States where he had later migrated. Wolfgang Kapp was born in the United States and lived there until his 12th year. He went to Germany in the 70s and occupied various public offices and Prussian ministry posts.

Herr Kapp was one of last year's active pan-Germans and with Admiral Von Tirpitz was founder of the fatherland party. He was the author of a secret memorial against Dr. Von Bethmann Hollweg, which was exposed during a session of the Reichstag.

Major General Baron Von Euetwitz is a soldier of the old school. He was in charge of the first regiment in Berlin during the early revolutionary days when he came to the rescue of the new government troops which ultimately succeeded in putting down Spartacist uprisings.

Von Luetwitz also has been an outspoken and fearless critic of the regime now overthrown, and it is said that Minister of Defense Noske forced him from the influential position which he had held.

Allied Military Heads Will Hold Conference

Coblenz, March 13.—A conference attended by Marshal Foch, Field Marshal Sir Henry H. Wilson, chief of the British imperial staff, and Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen, commander-in-chief of the American army of occupation, will be held Monday at French headquarters in Mayence.

Allies Not to Pay Attention to Hun Affairs

Paris, March 13.—The opinion expressed in official circles at the moment is that the allied governments will take an attitude of aloofness and detachment toward the civil strife in Germany and permit the German people themselves to determine the form of their government.

The armed disorders in Germany are looked upon as most unfortunate both for that country and the remainder of Europe at the time when reconstruction had begun.

Bryan Says He Is Not Seeking Nomination

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of nations. This is reward enough for any man. Who could desire more? I desire quiet and rest, and look forward to a few years of uninterrupted happiness at home.

"At home I can devote myself to literary work, long ago planned but crowded out of my busy life—work that will make a permanent record of what I have tried to accomplish for the American people and the world."

Has Not Lost Interest.

"I have not lost interest in public questions nor shall I while I live, but I prefer to aid younger men with full pulse and tireless energy, who can take up and carry on the people's cause. I have scanned the horizon for such men; I have welcomed them into the arena of politics whenever I have discovered them, and it gives me joy to support them in every way possible while they clamor the cause of the masses."

"We have great issues before us and mighty work for those who are willing to put the welfare of the public above their own ease and comfort and risk all in the protection of the common people from the assaults of privilege. Besides not desiring the nomination, I think it is my duty to the progressive democrats of the nation to go as a delegate to the national convention if Nebraska democrats desire it and aid them in opposing the reactionaries and friends of the saloon."

"This is my position, and I conclude with a heart overflowing with gratitude for the loyalty and confidence which my friends have manifested. No American has been more fortunate than I in the character and constancy of his personal and political friends. It is an honor to have been a collaborator with them."

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Article Ten To Be Voted Upon Monday

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adopted for the sake of simplicity and clarity.
This latest move of Senator Lodge had a tendency to restore harmony in the republican ranks, but at the same time caused the compromise to lose strength on the democratic side. It was the old story all over again; whenever a change was made it won republican votes and lost democratic votes, or vice versa, so that the balance always remained about the same. The difficulties of satisfying senators who want the obligation under article 10 preserved and senators who want the obligation destroyed in the same reservation apparently were insuperable.

Hitchcock Pessimistic.

Senator Hitchcock, the democratic leader, declared today that the treaty could never be ratified on the basis of anything that has yet been put forward, and he saw no hope now of obtaining any concession that would enable the administration senators to join in ratification.

Senator Wadsworth of New York, a strong supporter of the original Lodge program, led off the attack today on the compromise submitted yesterday by Senator Lodge. He insisted that it did leave a distinct obligation under article 10 to preserve territorial integrity and political independence, although it sought to limit the means by which the obligation could be fulfilled without the consent of congress.

Senator Reed of Missouri, democratic "irreconcilable," also assailed the compromise. "Why have they offered this thing?" he asked. "Because they either think they have fooled somebody or else they are changing it in fact to get the votes of men who would rather sit here and draw their salary than protect their country. Political artful dodgers won't get far."

Farman's 14-Year-Old Daughter Youngest Aviator

Paris, March 13.—Mlle. Andree Farman, 14-year-old daughter of Maurice Farman, the airplane manufacturer, is probably the world's youngest aviator.

She began to pilot an airplane last June, and now takes her father for aerial joy rides to the seaside and to his chateau in the country, on the banks of the Loire.

Edwards Requests Name Be Kept Off Primary Ballots

Trenton, N. J., March 13.—Gov. Edward I. Edwards, who asked that his name be left off the presidential primary ballots in Illinois, announced Saturday that he had sent similar requests to his supporters in other states.

Plucky Saloonkeeper And Wife Save \$12,000 From Trio of Bandits

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire, Chicago, March 13.—Otto P. Gross, a saloonkeeper on the North-west Side, drew \$12,000 from a bank in order to cash pay checks for his customers. Fifteen minutes later three bandits entered the saloon, fired 20 shots at Gross and his wife, Clara, wounding both of them seriously. Due to the plucky fight he put up, Gross saved the money, but it may cost his life.

Convict Seven I. W. W. On Charge of Murder

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which Eugene Barnett and John Lamb were found guilty of third degree murder. The court's instructions did not permit of such a verdict.

Thirteen men were charged with Grimm's murder. Two, John Doe and John Smith, were not apprehended. The case against Bert Faulkner was dismissed for lack of evidence.

The state called 75 witnesses in support of its contentions that Grimm was killed while standing at the head of his division, and in rebuttal called about 100 witnesses.

Defense Called 115 Witnesses.

The defense placed 115 witnesses on the stand, endeavoring to show that Grimm's death was the result of an alleged raid upon the I. W. W. hall and that no shooting occurred until uniformed men rushed to the hall.

The state contended that there was no raid until after the shooting and that the defendants had no right even in defending their hall, to station men in rooms in hotels opposite the hall and upon a hill 1,200 feet distant to fire upon the marchers, as it was alleged was done.

Efforts to introduce evidence to show there had been a conspiracy to raid the hall were stopped by the court.

Plead Self-Defense.

Self-defense was the plea for all of the defendants except Loren Roberts. An alleged confession of Roberts that the defendants had no right even in defending their hall, to station men in rooms in hotels opposite the hall and upon a hill 1,200 feet distant to fire upon the marchers, as it was alleged was done.

The trial started January 26. Two defense witnesses were arrested on perjury charges, shortly after they testified.

Fears of possible violence led state authorities to ask that federal troops be sent here and a company of the 35th infantry has been on duty in Montesano for several weeks.

German Situation May Bring Action by Allies

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actionary element, is today virtually a dictator, with a cabinet in which he is chancellor and Von Luetwitz, minister of war. The revolution began Friday.

"Full information of the exact situation is not yet available, but it is apparent that the revolution so far has been unaccompanied by bloodshed."

"Noske has left Berlin. According to information available, other ministers in the Ebert cabinet also have gone from the city."

"Muller is said to be in the custody of the revolutionists. The troops that have been serving under Noske are said to have joined the revolutionists. The independent socialists have declared a general strike."

May Restore Dynasty.

These messages, read in the light of press dispatches, left no doubt in the minds of government officials that the party now dominant in Berlin was monarchistic and militaristic. That it would like to restore the old Hohenzollern dynasty is the inference drawn from the occurrences in the German capital. There is a well-grounded opinion here, however, that the allied governments will not consent to the restoration of Emperor William, or the crown prince.

The allies regard the former kaiser as a criminal and hold that the German government acknowledged this when they signed the treaty of Versailles with its provision for the trial of William. It is believed to be doubtful also if the allies will consent to having the new government dominated by men who are on the list of those whose trials for offenses against the laws of war and humanity were demanded by the allied powers.

Full of Danger.

The whole situation produced by the coup d'etat in Berlin is full of uncertainty and danger and it is believed here that the European allies will immediately take common counsel to determine what steps are essential on their part to remedy

conditions that may prove harmful to allied interests, and endanger execution by Germany of the terms of the peace treaty.

The report that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg had been proclaimed "imperial president" of Germany attracted interest in official circles in Washington. The opinion was given that if Hindenburg was placed at the head of the new regime he would be merely a cat's-paw for General Ludendorff, who is regarded as the real force behind the monarchist and militarist movement.

Have Formidable Army.

One serious factor in the situation is that Germany apparently has still a formidable military force in being. Her military demobilization under the conditions laid down in the peace treaty has been slow. Recent official reports received here indicate that the military force of the German government is comprised as follows:

Reichswehr (the real combat force), 250,000 men;

Sicherheits-Polizer (state constabulary) 75,000 men;

Various military contingents that are only partly demobilized or engaged in adjusting the military records of the war, 50,000;

Home guards (military) estimated at from 200,000 to 2,000,000, but believed to number about 300,000 men.

Strength of Allies.

The strength of the principal allied powers is as follows:

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hied forces in the occupied territory in details as follows:

French troops, 154,000; British troops, 106,000; United States troops, 15,000, including those being used for policing Silesia during the plebiscite period.

It is the intention of the United States government to reduce its armed forces in the German oc-

cupied territory to 6,800. There are now in European countries, according to the latest reports received, 774 officers and 16,316 men of the American army. Maj. Gen. Henry T. Allen commands the American troops in the occupied areas. Brig. Gen. William H. Stage commands the American contingent in Silesia.

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