KAPP'S BALTIC FORCES START TERROR REIGN

Estimated 200 Persons Killed at Essen—Wreak Vengeance On Members of Former Reds.

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Dusseldorf, April 9.—Kapp Baltic troops, a contingent of the government army, has begun a reign of terror in Essen, killing men and women as it did in Berlin, assaulting with a knife and slashing all suspected of being workingmen or members of the former reds. Machine gun rattle and rifle fire all day and night has terrorized the inhabitants, who are keeping within doors. It is estimated 200 citizens were killed by the troops.

The reichsweir was welcomed formally by the Krupp directors and mine owners, Burgomaster Luther and other officials, but workingmen who had fought the Kappists recognized Kappists among the reichswehr,, whereupon the troops answered their sneers with hand grenades and personal assaults.

Mrs. Etan Harding of the London Daily News, and F. A. Voigt of the Manchester Guardian, British war correspondents, were arrested by Lieutenant Lindsmeyer because he was displeased with their telegrams which were found in the postoffice. Mr. Voigt's hands were in his pockets throughout the interrogation.

"I'll teach you damned Englishmen to behave in the presence of a Prussian officer," said Lindemeyer, and he ordered two soldiers to assault Mr. Voigt, who was badly beaten up.

Mrs. Harding recognized the troops as part of the Iron division, part bearing the swastika insignia of the marine brigade which supported Kapp. Lieutenant Lindemeyer ordered the insignia removed, then freed Mrs. Harding.

Experienced traders on the street have openly expressed themselves that there is not the slightest doubt but that a corner in the corn market exists. They point to the low price of hogs to prove that the high price of corn is not based upon a shortage of the grain, but upon manipulation.

Spanish Capitalists Seek South American Company

Madrid, April 9.—Spanish capitalists are engaged in negotiations for the acquisition of the German Transatlantic Electric company, which operates in South America.

Over The Political Fence

Thorne A. Browne of Lincoln, candidate for the republican nomination to fill the vacancy in the state railway commission caused by the resignation of Victor Wilson, is making political hay in Omaha. Mr. Browne was appointed to succeed Mr. Wilson, but the appointment holds only until after the election next fall. Prior to that time he was secretary of the commission. He is a graduate of the state university and was for years the political correspondent of the Nebraska State Journal.

Nebraska's primary day looms in the political offing, with one solid week ahead for the candidates to present their cases before the electorate. The chief business in hand in Omaha this week was that of impressing upon men and women their duty of registering.

It was the busiest week ever experienced by H. G. Moorhead, election commissioner. He estimated that on Thursday and Friday his office registered 5,500 men and women. The advent of women into the field of politics has brought new problems and additional work to Mr. Moorhead's office. Approximately 15,000 women have registered.

The registrations were closed last night and the election commissioner will now face the task of preparing the poll books for election boards, who will serve in 168 voting precincts on primary day, April 20.

The primary ballots are being printed. Each precinct will vote within itself for delegates to the county conventions and for candidates to serve on the county central committees and to that extent the ballots for each precinct will differ.

Candidates for county commissioner will be voted for only in the precincts which comprises the commissioner districts affected. Next Thursday the election commissioner will publish sample ballots in the Omaha newspapers. This will enable voters to become familiar with the arrangement of the ballots in advance of primary day.

The initials of T. F. Sturgess and T. F. Stroud are the same, but that is another story. Mr. Stroud is republican for county commissioner in the Third Commissioner district. When Mr. Sturgess heard that Mr. Stroud's name had been filed for this important public position, he said: "There is a man for the job. He is just the man we want in the county board to represent the Third district. He should and will be nominated and then elected."

Galbraith Miller, jr., of Milwaukee, treasurer of the Leonard Wood campaign committee in Wisconsin, was the guest of Roy T. Byrne yesterday.

Governor S. R. McKelvie states that he expects to be accompanied by several speakers for his open air meeting at Fifteenth and Farnam streets next Saturday evening. He says he is superstitious enough to believe that there is some lucky association for him in this particular street corner.

Voters are requested to remember the public library bonds which will be submitted April 20. The library board members say they have given this matter careful consideration and are convinced that library improvements are needed.

A man who writes that he has his potatoes planted and has time to read and talk politics, suggests that some of the eminent speakers who are to regale Nebraskans next week should be induced to appear in a series of public debates. He believes that a forensic free-for-all between W. J. Bryan and Senator Hitchcock would be worth the money. He also suggests that if the senator will not agree to meet Mr. Bryan, a match might be arranged between Hiram Johnson and Mr. Bryan in the Omaha Auditorium.

One of the interesting and entertaining features of the local campaign in the democratic fastnesses is the exchange of communiques between the factions commonly differentiated as "wet" and "dry." Harland L. Mossman is the chief scribe for the "independent democratic committee," whose members will not publicly compromise themselves with light wines or beer. They are supporting W. J. Bryan for delegate-at-large and are opposing Senator Hitchcock and Arthur Mullen. The independents are at present engaged in the task of training their political guns on Mr. Mullen.

"In 1918 the democrats paid the penalty for having elected Mullen," Mr. Mossman writes in his latest statement. "Until Mr. Mullen became committeeman the democratic party was in control of everything in Nebraska. Since that time he has alienated the good will of thousands by his brutal, boss tactics, and has brought nothing but dishonor and defeat to the party in this state."

Two City Blocks Bought By Mrs. George A. Joslyn

What participants said was one of the largest real estate deals recorded in Omaha was finished yesterday when Mrs. George A. Joslyn purchased, through A. P. Tukey & Sons, the land between Twenty-second and Twenty-fourth streets, Dodge street and Capitol avenue. The price paid was not announced.

The land will be used for some public benefit not yet determined, Mrs. Joslyn said. A small strip at Twenty-fourth street and Capitol avenue was not included in the tract.

Employes Entertained.

Employes of the Bemis Bag Co. danced, sang and made merry last night at the company plant, Eleventh and Dodge streets. The Bemis Glee club, composed of employes of the company, sang several selections.

Lower Lumber Prices Here Presaged by Retail Men

A slackening of general demand for lumber, accompanied recently by fluctuations in the lumber market, presages probable reductions in retail lumber prices this summer, according to Omaha lumber dealers.

They do not expect an immediate break, but predict arrival of lower prices by July 1.

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