

BAVARIA SEEN AS RALLYING GROUND OF MONARCHISTS

Ludwig's Former Kingdom Has Had Five Premiers in Four Years.

Munich, Nov. 28.—(By Mail).—When the world war swept Ludwig III from his throne, Bavaria's ship of state went careering on a stormy political sea, the violence of which has forced a rapid change in the men at its helm. Dr. von von Knilling, who became head of the government last month, is the fifth premier this Southern German State has had during the four years since monarchy was abandoned in November, 1918.

The revolution, which put the last of the Ludwigs into the discard, at the same time installed the Socialists, Kurt Eisner, in charge of the regime. Eisner's radical ideas and practices embittered many Bavarians who clung to things imperial, and

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his term of office was cut short in February, 1919, by assassination at the hands of Count Arco-Valley.

Johannes Hoffmann, a Majority Socialist, who had been Minister of Education under Eisner, next took up the reins of power, but died the capital in April, 1919, in the face of a "Red Republic" uprising. This movement was crushed about four weeks later, and Hoffmann returned to the premiership. Under his tenure of office, a new constitution declaring Bavaria a free state was adopted the following August.

A surge of reactionary feeling carried in Gustav von Kahr, a Nationalist, as Hoffmann's successor, dating from May, 1920. Von Kahr figured prominently in various public capacities, one of which was co-organizer of the Bavarian military force known as the Einwohnerwehr, in company with George Escherich. Political circumstances necessitated a new vote for premier on July 16, 1920, and von Kahr was retained in office, forming a Coalition cabinet of the bourgeois parties.

Differences within the Bavarian People's Party over negotiations for special considerations of Bavaria with the republic, led to the selection of Count Hugo von Lerchenfeld, a member of this party, as premier in September, 1920. Count Lerchenfeld is married to an American. He resigned from the head of the government early last month, following criticism of the Rightists that he had been too weak and submissive in the face of the Berlin Government.

The new premier comes from the same political party as did his predecessor, and has always lived in Bavaria. Doctor von Knilling was born in Munich, August 1, 1865, and was educated here in the public schools, the academy and the university. In 1892 he entered public office, and has been in the public service almost continuously ever since. His opinions at

the present time are said to be representative of the middle classes.

Reactionary Hotbed.

Today, with the second largest state in the new German republic, noted as the hotbed of Germany's reactionaries, von Knilling takes over the administration of its 16,429 kilometres and 7,140,333 inhabitants during a period of most trying politics. His selection has been opposed in the press of the extreme right on the grounds that Bavaria's present-day needs demand rather an economist than an educationist as premier.

About him, within the state, Nationalists and Socialists alike have been actually arming, each faction claiming this action necessary for self-protection. Reports have been frequently circulated during the past few months that a "putsch" was contemplated for the purpose of restoring the monarchy. The Socialists declared November 11 had been selected as "the day," and urged reinforced watchfulness over the reactionaries after November 5.

The Nationalists, who have come to be known as Bavaria's "Fascisti," assert they have armed themselves merely to defend the sovereignty of the state and to guarantee public order. Of late their activities have become more open and more vigorous, due to encouragement from the success of Fascism in Italy. A comparatively unknown agitator named Hitler has risen as a candidate for the "Mussolini" of the state.

Munich has long been a bee-hive for the monarchial elements of the republic. The notorious Organization Consul, which spread its Nationalist tentacles all over Germany, was found to have its headquarters here. It is in the south that the Socialist Government at Berlin sees its greatest danger from domestic quarters, and any coup started here, if only for a Bavarian monarchy, it is feared, might easily prove all the spark that is needed for the reactionary tinder lying about in other parts of the country.

Von Knilling's selection was born of a desire on the part of the politicians in power to present a stiffer back-bone to Berlin. This attitude already has found a pointed expression in the state's opposition to the law in which the Federal Government wished to administer the new law for "defence of the republic," which was framed after the assassination last June of Dr. Walter Rathenau, then foreign minister. Bavaria stood out for the right to try to her own courts such offenders as were found within her borders, and only receded on the point after the central administration agreed to do nothing impinging upon the state's rights.

It remains to be seen to what extent the new premier will carry on the previous policy. In his inaugural address on November 9, the anniversary of the German revolution, he reiterated Bavaria's loyalty to the republic. In the same speech, Dr. von Knilling admitted there was some basis for the fear that the state was threatened with disturbances, but cautioned against believing sensational rumors.

RECENT WEDDINGS

Todd-London.

A quiet wedding was solemnized at the Main Street Baptist parsonage, 222 Main street, last evening, when Harry Wendell Todd, a well known young farmer of the Narrows, Queen's county, was united in marriage to Miss Annie Mary London, of Cambridge, Queen's county. Rev. Dr. David Hutchinson performed the ceremony. The groom presented the bride with a wedding gift of a beautiful wrist watch. Mr. and Mrs. Todd will spend a few days in St. John and will return to make their home at the Narrows. Many friends extend good wishes.

RECENT DEATHS

J. F. Black.

The death of J. F. Black occurred on Sunday at his home in Richibucto at the age of eighty-five. He is survived by one son and two daughters.

Mrs. Ernest W. Seely.

Mrs. Ernest W. Seely of Moncton, died suddenly in Boston, according to word received yesterday in Moncton. She was apparently in perfect health when she left her home on Saturday for Boston.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

John R. Sullivan of Montreal, and Meyer Ehrlich, Detroit, were each fined \$1,000 and costs by Magistrate Gundy at Windsor yesterday for having moonshine. The court cut the fines in two when counsel pleaded for a smaller penalty.

The body of Mrs. Enos Publicover of LaHave, who was visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Carmen Felt, at Petite Riviere, Lunenburg County, N. S., was found in the well of the Felt home yesterday morning, apparently a suicide. Ill-health was given as the cause. She leaves a husband and several children.

The captain and crew of the two-masted schooner Gordon Fudge of St. John's, Nfld., were brought to New York yesterday after being rescued from almost certain death in a violent storm at sea five days ago. The schooner was picked up 1,000 miles off the United States coast in a sinking condition by the steamer Annie Mononine.

SAYS SHE MARRIED PRINCE OF WALES

Unknown Woman Demands Entrance to Windsor Castle on Grounds That She is Wife of Heir to Throne.

London, Dec. 14.—(By Mail).—An unknown woman, who has been lodging in Windsor for some time, paid a visit to Windsor Castle during the week-end, and announced that she had come to take possession of the apartments set aside for her own and her husband's use.

She claimed to be the wife of the Prince of Wales, but refused all particulars concerning herself.

Her parents, she said, were "the Marquis and Marchioness of Malvern," and she added, "I am hunting for my husband, the Prince of Wales." She possesses a good knowledge regarding the various members of the Royal Family, and is obsessed with the idea that she is a member of the House of Windsor.

When asked who she was she gave the name of "Amy Lillian Widdowson," but from papers in her possession it is likely her proper name is Amy Lillian Daves.

Asked how long she had been married, the woman replied, "thirteen years."

"Do you know the Prince is only twenty-seven or twenty-eight years of age, and that he could only have been about fourteen then?" she was asked. It was then observed that the woman wore no ring, and the question was put to her: "Where is your wedding ring?" She responded, "I lost it, and did not get another." In answer to the question: "Where were you married?" the woman replied: "At St. George's Chapel."

The woman is sharp featured and has gray eyes. While resident in Windsor she has received letters from Birmingham.

COMMENTS ON THE ENCYCLICAL

Rome Newspapers Discuss Relations of Vatican and Italy and Proposed Ecumenical Council.

Rome, Dec. 27.—Divergent views of the meaning of important passages in the papal encyclical are expressed by various Rome newspaper in their commentary on the document.

Regarding a passage alluding to the relations between the Vatican and Italy, the "Tribuna" feels no hostility against the present regime, but complete reconciliation.

The Epoca, on the contrary, considers an accord between the Vatican and Italy to be a necessity of the times, without either party being obliged to renounce its own political or spiritual convictions, while the Giornale d'Italia considers the words of the Pope "an invitation towards the conclusion of a definite understanding with Italy, indicating the road to be followed."

The Giornale d'Italia nevertheless thinks the most important passage in the encyclical is the announcement of the possible convocation of an ecumenical council, which Pius IX. and Leo XIII. proclaimed to be impossible, on account of the fact that temporal power was lacking. It recalls that the Vatican ecumenical council of 1870 was suspended in July of that year because of the sudden departure of 180 French and sixty German bishops as a consequence of the Franco-Prussian war.

The resumption of the council now, immediately after another war which so profoundly changed the conditions of these two countries, it adds, might be dangerous to the serenity of the discussions, and this, perhaps, was the thought of the Pope in not taking a definite decision regarding the convocation of the council.

BURNS ARE FATAL TO YOUNG CHILD

Cornwall, Ont., Dec. 27.—Christie McDonald, the two and a half years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John MacDonald of Bonville, suffered so greatly from burns that she died in a George O'Brien, last week to two and one-half years in Sing Sing for attempted burglary. Sullivan explained the letter by saying, "I under-

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