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DIFFICULT TASKS ARE FACING EBERT'S MEN

As German National Assembly Date Approaches

WILL GO TO ANY LENGTH TO STABILIZE COUNTRY. WEIMAR, Germany, Feb. 4. (By Frank J. Taylor.)—The fate of Germany nationally and internationally hangs on the results accomplished by the National Assembly, which formally opens here Thursday.

The assembly, which really is the first congress of the new republic, must untangle the intricate maze of problems brought about by the war, a group consisting largely of farmers, mechanics and other everyday people must undo the work of Germany's former rulers, the warlords and the Junker supporters. A minority of disgruntled radicals has already opened a campaign of political sabotage to prevent the assembly from accomplishing its purposes but the government, with the vast majority of the people behind it, is determined that nothing shall interfere with the stabilization of political and economic conditions and is prepared to go to any extreme to protect the assembly.

Weimar was actually the capital of Germany today, through the presence of Chancellor Ebert, his cabinet and their entire staff, who have arrived here from Berlin. Ebert himself will open the assembly Thursday with an address to the various bureaus, each of which has some particular phase of reconstruction to work into concrete form for presentation to the delegates as a whole. Philip Scheidemann is scheduled to begin the political debates on Saturday. There are many cross currents in the

Soldiers Councils Seized Telephones

IN THE WEIMAR REGION. BERLIN, Feb. 4.—The first direct attempt to interfere with the National Assembly, which convenes in Weimar on Thursday, has apparently been taken by the soldiers councils in that region. Reports were received here today that the soldiers' council in Erfurt (15 miles west of Weimar) had seized the telephones of all governmental and assembly telegrams from Weimar. The telegraph officials protested but were powerless. At the same time similar action was taken by the soldiers' council in Eisenach (45 miles west of Weimar). The government, it was learned today in preparation to declare a state of siege in Weimar if such a step is found necessary to protect the assembly.

British & U.S. Cruisers Going to Hamburg

TO PROTECT FOOD STEAMERS. BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Four British and American cruisers have entered the Elbe, enroute to Hamburg, to protect steamers loaded with foodstuffs, it was reported here today. Several large steamers have left Koenigsberg, bound for London. Hamburg is expected to be the central distribution point for food supplied to Germany by the allies. Spartacist uprisings have been reported there recently. Recent dispatches said that dock workers in Koenigsberg had refused to permit the departure of ships until they had received certain concessions.

Majority Socialists Win Saxon Election

ALSO HOLD SWAY IN PRUSSIA. BERLIN, Feb. 4.—Majority Socialists won a plurality in the state elections in Saxony, according to complete returns made public today. The delegates to the Saxon council were apportioned as follows: Majority Socialists, 40; Democrats, 25; Independent Socialists, 15; Conservatives-Stresemann party, 3. The Majority Socialists now have a plurality in the Saxon and Prussian state councils as well as in the National Assembly.

Committee is Making Progress on Draft

ON DRAFT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS PLAN. PARIS, Feb. 5.—The special committee, which is drawing up the constitution for the league of nations agreed provisionally last night to the preamble and two of the articles; it was officially announced today. Satisfactory progress is being made on other parts of



WILLIAM KIRKPATRICK McNAUGHT, C.M.G., president and general manager of the American Watch Case Company, of Toronto, member of the Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission, former president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, and the Canadian National Exhibition, and a member of the Ontario Legislature from 1906 to 1914, who passed away Sunday morning at his late residence, 614 Huron St., Toronto, in his 74th year.

CABLE NEWS In Tabloid Form

NORWEGIAN CABINET HAS RESIGNED. CHRISTIANIA, Feb. 5.—The Norwegian cabinet, headed by Gunnar Kjesbu, has resigned. It has ceased to maintain control of parliament. Its resignation was accepted by the King. The present Norwegian cabinet, headed by Gunnar Kjesbu, was formed on Jan. 29, 1913. It had rather a stormy career.

THOUSANDS OF PERSONS HUNGRY IN AUSTRIA.

VIENNA, Feb. 4.—Thousands of persons are hungry in Linz (100 miles west of Vienna), according to advices received here today. Food shops have been plundered and other depredations committed. Disturbances are continuing.

No Improvement Today in London Situation

MAJORITY OF STREET RAILWAYS IDLE. LONDON, Feb. 5.—There was no improvement today in the strike situation in London. All tubes and underground lines, with the exception of the Metropolitan, which has one line running into the city, were still tied up. Hotels and restaurants while able to replace a few of their servants were still offering only meager imitations of their regular menus. Thousands of people again had to trudge long distances to work, unfortunately through slush and ice, caused by a sudden thaw followed by rain during the night. Today will decide whether the staffs of electrical power stations will join the strikers. The electrical power engineers association has promised to keep the stations in operation. More men returned to work today in Glasgow while the presence of Lord Pirrie, controller of merchant shipbuilding in Belfast gives some hope of a settlement there.

Simon E. Baldwin, former governor of Connecticut and at one time considered a Democratic presidential possibility enters upon his 80th years today.

UNITED STATES WILL HAVE A BIG GODFATHER'S TASK In Protecting the Interests of Small Nations.

JAPAN IS FALLING INTO LINE WITH ALLIES. PARIS, Feb. 5. (By Robert J. Bender.)—The impression was growing today that the United States must willingly or unwillingly assume the role of godfather to many of the small countries and communities if the league of nations is to accomplish all that is intended. Not only have these peoples begun to look to America as a protector, but the big powers are showing a disposition to regard America as the one nation which can exercise a mandatory over certain territories without engendering international jealousies. The attitude of the larger nations in this regard was indicated in an interview given the United Press yesterday by Major-General Frederick Maurice, former military director of the British general staff, in which he handed out that America should finance reconstruction in the minor countries and provide a large navy to cooperate with the British fleet as an international police force. President Wilson appreciates that one of his largest tasks would be to

FIRST STEPS FOR A TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dr. Merchant Requested To Meet Advisory Industrial Committee

The inaugural meeting of the Advisory Industrial Committee for the year was held last evening.

The meeting was opened with an informal discussion concerning the manual training and Industrial Education needs of this community and of the ways and means which might best be followed to provide such a training especially to youths employed in our manufacturing. The consensus of opinion was that the time is now opportune for the establishment of an Industrial Day School even though commenced on a very small scale.

Mr. John A. Lang was appointed chairman of the Committee on the motion of Mr. A. S. Capwell and Mr. A. Welker.

Mr. Capwell appointed vice chairman on the motion of Mr. Welker and Mr. Baetz.

On the motion of Mr. Capwell and Mr. Welker it was decided to request Dr. Merchant, Director of Industrial Education, to meet with the Committee on such a date as is convenient to him preferably in the next two weeks for the purpose of arriving at a plan of procedure and that two representatives of each of the following bodies be invited to attend the meeting: Councils of Kitchener and Waterloo, Public School Boards of the two towns, the two Separate School Boards, the Boards of Trade and the Trades and Labor Councils of each center. It was also decided that the Advisory Industrial Committee be arranged in four groups of two members each whose duty it shall be to inspect the evening classes during a certain week each month. The members present were Messrs. Lang, W. H. Halliwell, A. H. Welker, A. S. Capwell, J. H. Baetz and H. P. Becker. Messrs. J. Walters, E. D. Lang and O. R. Pongelley were also present at the invitation of the Committee.

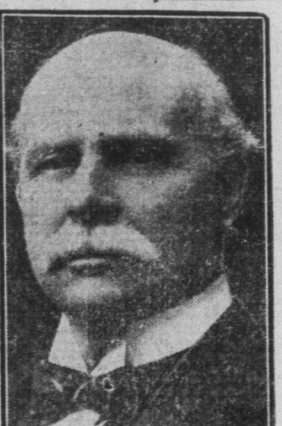
Mexico Has Recognized The Ebert Government

ACCEPTS VON MAGNUS AS CHARGE. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 5.—Ernesto Garza Ponce, Sub secretary in charge at the Mexican Foreign Office, stated today that the Mexican government has recognized Arthur von Magnus as Charge d'Affaires for the German government. Von Magnus was formerly employed at the German legation by Von Eckardt, the late German minister. This is looked upon as recognition of the Ebert government.

Players Entertained Last Evening

The executive of the senior hockey team entertained the All-Star players, and locals at Gettas and Gettas, after the game last evening, a royal meal was provided to the well-deserving bunch of boys. Mr. George Lang provided supper to the stars on their arrival in the city yesterday and their visit was made an enjoyable one as is evidenced by the fact that Jerry LaFlamme and George Donohue missed the Toronto train this morning. McCarthy and Roach of Hamilton returned even the expenses of their trip. Without doubt the game drew together some of Ontario's finest sportsmen.

Spokane—Western Pine Manufacturers' Association.



LORD DEVONPORT, former Food Controller in Britain, who is one of the leaders in the movement in Britain to resist continued Government control of business.

Germany Desires to Retain Her Colonies

SAYS SECRETARY ERZBERGER. BERNE, Feb. 4.—Settlement of the German colonial problem "On the basis of right" will determine whether there will be a real world peace "or merely an armistice," Matthias Erzberger, leader of the Christian Peoples party, declared today in an address before the German Colonial Offices. Secretary Erzberger said that Germany has the right to retain her colonies as she is over-populated and needs them for expansion. The meeting was called to protest against a partition of German colonies among the Allies.

Portugal's Troubles Are Still Unsettled

GOVERNMENT PROCLAIMS A BLOKADE. MADRID, Feb. 5.—The Portuguese government has proclaimed a blockade of all ports between Aveiro and Comina, a dispatch from Lisbon reported today. Foreign ships now in these harbors will be permitted to sail. It was also reported that no ships will sail from Oporto, which is controlled by the Monarchists, through fear of interference by Republican warships concentrated off that city.

British Government is To Investigate Packers

AMERICAN MEAT TRUST PROBE. LONDON, Feb. 5.—According to plans today the inquiry into the activities of the American meat packers in this country will be short but effective. It is not proposed to attempt to call any of the American packers or their representatives as witnesses, unless they voluntarily offer to testify. The investigating committee will be formed of representatives from the Board of Trade and the Food and Agricultural Ministries. "Their investigation," so a high official of the Board of Agriculture told the United Press will be informal. The American packers will, if they wish it, be given an opportunity to "Read in" corrections of the American commission's report but this will not mean that the committee will accept the "Correction". The findings will be submitted to the departmental heads, who will formally submit a joint report with recommendations to parliament as to what action is advisable. Parliament may then act.

Spartacans at Bremen Handing Over Arms

TO ASSOCIATES IN OTHER CITIES. BERLIN, Feb. 5.—Spartacans in Bremen have decided to deliver their arms to Hamburg and Bremerhaven troops, instead of to the government forces sent against them from Berlin, according to advices received here today. Workmen at Hamburg held a demonstration in sympathy with the Spartacans insurgents. Armed workmen have garrisoned the Vulkan shipyards in Hamburg and work is at a standstill. Though they have control of the municipal government in Bremen, the Spartacans offered to surrender to avoid destruction of the city. An unconfirmed dispatch from Copenhagen yesterday reported that Spartacans and Government troops were fighting in the outskirts of Bremen.

PAYMASTER SENTENCED FOUR YEARS

TORONTO, Feb. 5.—Four years penitentiary was the sentence imposed on Captain C. P. Fisher, Army Medical Corps paymaster, convicted of stealing \$15,000 from the government.

WHAT FORM OF FORCE WILL LEAGUE OF NATIONS EMPLOY?

The Plan Which Presently Finds Most Favor

HOME ARMIES LIKELY TO BE SMALL.

PARIS, Feb. 5. (By Fred S. Ferguson.)—The peace delegates were working today on the most difficult problem involved in the creation of the league of nations, namely, the force with which the league will make its decisions effective.

Opinion seemed to be divided as to whether this force should be moral or physical. Many plans had been submitted ranging from complete abolition of armament to organization of an international military and naval police under a single commander.

The plan finding the greatest support among responsible delegates, however, provides for no such radical departure. It proposes merely the reduction in each nation's armament to a point consistent with the maintenance of domestic tranquility.

The league itself is to be the ultimate judge as to the size of the army and navy to be needed by each member nation.

The manner of raising armies would be left to the individual countries. Great Britain and the United States almost certainly would rely on volunteers, attracted by good pay. France and Italy would possibly return to conscription, on the ground that they could not pay the wages corresponding to those in the British and American armies. But whereas France had a conscript army of 800,000 before the war, it possibly would need only about 20 or 25 per cent of that number under the league.

In the case of Great Britain and the United States, the number of soldiers would approximate their former standing armies (320,000 for the British and 75,000 for the Americans).

When the Central powers were taken into membership, the league would fix the size of their armies. Only Great Empires would be likely to call such armies to distant points. In the event of trouble on the American continent, the United States would be directed by the league to take action. Similarly European troubles would be settled by the utilization of the armies nearest to the district affected. It is believed this plan will meet with the readiest approval of all countries, since it means the least change in present methods and overcomes the natural prejudice, which is felt by other countries, as well as America, against sending troops to distant lands, except in the case of the greatest provocation.

Interchanges of views by the various powers indicate that one feature of the new "Freedom of the Seas" laws will be the prohibition of floating mines and prohibiting of all mines outside territorial waters. Such mines would have to be anchored and designated so they would be rendered non-explosive if they broke free. The three-mile limit to territorial waters possibly will be extended however, due to the fact that modern guns, both land and naval, have a great range.

New Industry Has Decided to Establish Factory in This City

The Gem Crib and Cradle Company of Canada, Will Manufacture Children's Furniture. Another Industry May Build a New Factory.

One more industry has been added to the city's roll. The Gem Crib and Cradle Company of Canada has been formed and will begin manufacturing operations immediately. The manager will be Mr. F. C. Brandt, manager of the Lloyd Manufacturing Company. The company will manufacture a high class of children's furniture, including cribs, cradles, baby-walkers, both in wood and steel. They will begin operations in the Queen block North Queen Street. The company also have leased the Bernhardt building on the same street. The establishment of the industry in this city followed the visit of Mr. C. H. Hedstrom of Gardner, Mass., here this week, referred to in these columns two days ago, who returned to the American city yesterday. The company consists of three Massachusetts gentlemen and will be a branch of the parent plant in Gardner. Realizing the possibilities for a big Canadian trade they decided to open a Canadian factory. The company have many Canadian orders on hand and this fact coupled with the survey they have made of the Canadian field indicates that they will build up an extensive business. Mr. Brandt, who is the best possible.

The Valuable Stock is Also Being Sold

On Farm Recently Sold By Mr. H. Knell.

Regarding the sale of Mr. Hy. Knell's valuable farm near Bridgeport to Mr. Henry Schmidt of Lexington as announced in the Record some days ago, Mr. Knell stated that his future intentions are not decided as yet, and there is no truth in the report that he will leave shortly for California. Mr. Schmidt who takes possession of the property on March the first is a well known cattle raiser, having owned several up-to-date farms in this district. The farm, which comprises 120 acres is in exceptionally good condition, having been in experienced hands for the past five years. Stock and implements are being sold privately and Mr. Knell stated that no trouble is being experienced in the disposing of anything. Buyers are coming from all parts. The cattle comprise fifteen head of brown Swiss cows, the leading breed of its kind in Canada and a flock of pure bred Shropshire sheep, unique in this country; pure bred hogs and horses are also going. The Knell farm has been a mecca for those interested in cattle and farming, for the past five years, as many as 150 people visiting there in one day. The best wishes for future success go to Mr. Schmidt.

League of Nations Will Not Affect Alliance

SAYS HON. MR. BALFOUR. PARIS Feb. 5.—Alliances between various nations will not be affected by the existence of the society of nations now in process of formation, it was declared by Arthur J. Balfour to newspaper interviewers here last night. The British Foreign Secretary was asked the direct question as to whether the formation of a world society would involve the abrogation of alliances. Under the auspices of the Dutch Women's Suffrage Association a notable celebration is to be held in Holland today in honor of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the first suffrage association at Amsterdam. Conventions Opening Today. Huntington W. Va.—West Virginia Lumber and Builders' Supply Dealers' Association. ***** MRS. BAKER WAS BORN & IN YEAR OF WATERLOO ***** Wingham Feb. 5.—Mrs. Katherine Baker died at Belmore on Saturday in her 104th year. She was born in 1815, and married when 16 years of age. She has 10 children and 500 grandchildren and a number of whom she outlived. Some of her children survive at ages ranging from 75 to 86. *****