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EBERT'S GOV'T DETERMINED TO PUNISH GUILTY

While An Immense Amount of Damage Has Been Done in Germany by Uprising, Not Catastrophal.

TROUBLE INCITED BY MILITARISTS

All of Whom Will be Charged With High Treason and Might be Punished by Penal Servitude.

Stuttgart, March 21.—(By A. P.)—The immensity of the damage caused in Germany by the revolution and the consequent uprisopinion of the Cabinet," President determination to prosecute the guilty were voiced by President Ebert today.

"I am optimistic enough to think that the damage has not been catastrophal, and that is also the opinion of the Cabinet," Presidtn Ebert said. "I am sorry the events of the last few days have proved there are still circles in Germany that think the distress of the lost war not great enough. They are the same groups that always desired war; they are the inciters of the militarists and reactionaries."

To Punish Guilty.

Regarding punishment of the Kapp leaders and the expectation of some that the state of siege would make necessary to execution of all the guilty, the President declared:

"Those guilty shall feel the full weight of the law. All officers of responsible position, and all leading civilians who joined wilfully will be regarded guilty and be charged with high treason and might be punished with penal servitude."

Regarding executions under martial law, Herr Ebert said: "The lawyers will determine. Perhaps some will be executed, besides the confiscation of their property. We want to punish the leaders, but to spare those who were forced into the movement or acted with true ignorance."

The President said it would take time to restore complete quiet, but declared he was confident all would be well. He expressed his thanks to the foreign governments for their attitude during the crisis, especially to France and Austria, which countries sent diplomatic delegations, and to Great Britain whose representative from the first dealt with the old government.

CARRIED NARCOTICS FROM ST. JOHN

Now Two Calais Girls Are Held in Boston, Charged With Violation of the Narcotic Act.

Special to The Standard.

Boston, March 21.—Isabelle Leclair and Mary A. Lillis, claiming residence in Calais, Me., were arrested here today charged with violation of the Narcotic Act. The young women are charged with attempting to bring into this country a quantity of cocaine, presumably acting as the agents for some unknown persons. Little could be learned from the young women, who deny all knowledge of the presence of the drug in their luggage. It is claimed, however, that the drug was being brought here from St. John. The prisoners are well dressed and appeared to have plenty of money. They were stopping at a fashionable hostelry when apprehended.

LIBERALS FISHING FOR THE FARMERS

Mr. Duff Declares the Farmer and Labor Parties Will Soon be in Liberal Fold.

Montreal, March 21.—Mr. W. Duff, M. P., for Lunenburg, N. S., spoke at the weekly luncheon of the Reform Club here on Saturday, the burden of his remarks being that there was no discrepancy between the ideals of the Liberals and the Farmers. It was quickly realized, he said, that the folds of the Liberal flag were wide enough to cover and protect the interests of farmers, fishermen, laborers and even of merchants. "It was the reason why I was elected, in spite, I should say, not of the soldiers vote, but in spite of the manipulation of their votes." He thought that a thorough understanding with the farmers and the labor parties was at hand.

UNITED KINGDOM STIRRED BY MACCURTAIN MURDER

Tragedy Comes on Heels of Sinister Rumors of Sinn Fein Plot for Revolution in Ireland at Easter Time.

London, March 21.—Not since the attempted assassination of Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has any Irish outrage of the scores perpetrated caused such a sensation throughout the United Kingdom as the murder of Lord Mayor MacCurtain, of Cork, early Saturday morning.

Reports from Cork indicate that the people decline to attribute the affair to the Sinn Fein, and already there is talk of reprisals, which, as some put it, may affect the whole country.

Revolution Feared.

The MacCurtain tragedy comes on the heels of sinister rumors of a Sinn Fein plot for another revolution in Ireland at Easter time. If such a plot exists, it is pointed out, the murder of one of the Sinn Fein leaders would not tend to throw water on the fires of conspiracy. At the moment the whole affair remains a sensational and dark mystery, whose clearing up is rendered doubly difficult owing to the disordered conditions in Ireland.

When the police of Cork visited the MacCurtain house on Saturday, to make inquiries for inquest purposes, they were refused admittance. The Lord Mayor's body, draped in the Sinn Fein volunteer uniform, lies in his residence, which is guarded by volunteers. Two hours after the murder a large force of military visited MacCurtain's home and searched the room where the body was lying.

Business Suspended.

The murder of MacCurtain followed an attempt Thursday night against the life of Professor Stockley, who was an alderman in the Cork Corporation in the Sinn Fein interests.

At the City Hall in Cork, Saturday, all business was suspended. The Sinn Fein flag floated at half-mast over the building, and a mourning card on the main entrance door bore the inscription: "Closed in consequence of the death of Thomas MacCurtain, first Republican Lord Mayor of Cork."

Various functions connected with the public life of the city have been cancelled.

GOLD AT ALSACK, SASK.

Alsack, Sask., March 21.—George Egslead filed a creek claim at the sub-agency of the Dominion Land Office, Alsack, on Friday afternoon. He brought from a shallow well what appeared to be gold nuggets and an analysist from Calgary says that the mineral is really that precious metal. The well is located on the farm of W. Andrew, ten miles West of Alsack, near an old creek or small river bed.

TOMORROW

We Will Print a Striking Article on the Subject of

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Arthur Brisbane

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TO DEMOBILIZE PERSONNEL OF NAVAL SERVICE

Five Hundred Officers and Men Affected by Order Issued by Head of Dept. of Naval Service.

WITHDRAW SHIPS FROM COMMISSION

Laying up Some of Them and Disposing of Others by Sale if Purchaser Can be Found.

Special to the Standard.

Ottawa, March 21.—Orders which will have the effect of demobilizing the 500 officers and men now engaged in the Canadian Naval Service, of withdrawing ships from commission and placing naval dockyards in charge simply of caretakers at the end of the present month, have been issued by Hon. C. C. Ballantyne, the Minister of the Naval Service. The order means that the majority of the force of officers and men now employed on ships, in dockyards and in clerical capacities in the naval service department here will be disbanded by April 1, the beginning of the new fiscal year, 1920-21.

A skeleton force, it is said, will be retained until July 1st, to wind up the business of the department, lay up certain ships, sell others and close up the yards. It is stated that the closing of the Royal Naval College at Esquimalt was at first ordered but that, subsequently, the order was countermanded. The principal vessels of the Canadian naval service are the Cruiser Niobe and Hochelaga on the Atlantic Coast, the Cruiser Rainbow and the Stadacona on the Pacific Coast, and a number of lesser craft, including trawlers, drifters, tenders and other auxiliary boats. The Niobe has not been in full commission for some time. The Rainbow is a small armoured cruiser and certain other vessels which were employed in the mine sweeping and coast patrol services during the war are naturally not required now. Certain of these auxiliary craft. It had been reported, are to be sold.

Several members of the Government, spoken to with regard to the report, stated that it must have been a departmental order, no action having been taken by the Government. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and his deputy are both out of the city. The news comes, however from an apparently good source and is in a measure confirmed by a despatch from Esquimalt announcing the receipt of such orders there.

The orders are said to result from the placing of only $300,000 for the naval service in the estimates for 1920-21 which are to be presented in Parliament tomorrow. The appropriation to be sought in the main estimates was limited to that amount it is alleged, pending a decision whether or not Canada should embark on a new naval program. The Unionist caucus, however, pronounced against naval legislation this session. The amount to be voted, $300,000, it is stated, is sufficient to carry on the present naval service until July 1st.

BRITISH DREADNOUGHTS IN THE BOSPHOROUS

Great Surprise to Turks Who Refuse to Believe That the Spoils Belong to the Victor.

Constantinople, March 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—That the mediaeval grandeur of the Sultan's pageant is an anchronism which must pass is typified by the long line of British dreadnoughts in the Bosphorus. Surprise is evidenced by most of the Turks, who refuse to believe that the spoils belong to the victor. The Sultan issued an exhortation to his subjects Friday to pursue their useful vocations in peace, regardless of foreign occupation. Meantime, a British warship was steaming towards Malta, carrying Reouf Bey, and many others of the Nationalist leaders who were supporting Mustapha Kemal's opposition to the dismemberment of Turkey, and were rounded up in a raid on Constantinople preceding its occupation. The Nationalists charge the Sultan with treachery, and say he lacks courage and patriotism.

The small number of Allied troops in Turkey has made it impossible to afford protection to the Christian population in the interior, and great uneasiness is felt for the welfare workers in Anatolia and Cilicit, as it is feared the Nationalists will take hostages.

WAR TROPHIES FOR CANADIAN GOV'T

Halifax, N. S., March 21.—With six thousand tons of cargo, the Canadian Pacific steamer Holbrook, arrived in port on Saturday after a 14 days' from Bristol, England.

The steamer brought two thousand tons of cargo for the government, including considerable war material, such as guns, carriages and aero planes which have been sent to Canada to augment the Canadian war trophies collection.

Victoria, B. C., March 21—An earthquake shock at ten hours forty six minutes, thirty two seconds, lasting nearly two minutes, was recorded at the Gonzales Observatory yesterday morning. Supt Napier estimated the distance from Victoria was 4,700 miles.

Sinn Feiners Placed Aboard Destroyers

Dublin, March 21.—There was a round-up of prominent Sinn Feiners throughout Kerry yesterday. A number of them were put aboard a destroyer by military authorities, their destination presumably being an English prison. The conditions under which Justice Moore and Justice Gordon are holding court at Roscommon is considered indicative of the precautions being made to protect some of the public men. Six armed policemen guard their lodgings at night; others follow their carriage when they drive to the court, and while they are presiding at sessions the court room is guarded by plain clothes men.

STATE OF SIEGE IN BERLIN NOW RAISED

Manifesto Issued by Trades Unions Advises a Resumption of Work—Streets of Berlin Show Peaceful Aspect.

Berlin, March 21,—(By the A. P.)—The state of siege in Berlin and the province of Brandenburg was raised Saturday afternoon it was announced officially today. The streets of Berlin, for the first time in a week present a peaceable aspect today.

The shops are closed, but only because it is Sunday. Trains are running, but the tramway service has not been resumed. Most of the hotel staffs have returned to work.

A manifesto, issued today by the Trade Unions, advises a resumption of work, now that all grounds for continuance of the strike have been removed. It also adds that the fundamental cause of the reactionary coup lie in the unnatural peace of Versailles, radical amendment of which, the manifesto declares, to be necessary. The semi-official news agency says that nothing is known regarding a report that General Von Leuttwitz, head of the Kapp military forces, had committed suicide.

Troops of the Ebert Government had removed much of the barbed wire entanglements and artillery set up by the Von Leuttwitz forces and all traces of the Kapp coup are disappearing so far as Berlin is concerned.

Apparently the Communists have found themselves unable to muster sufficient forces even to attempt a concerted effort against Berlin. Officials of the restored government officially predict that the majority of striking workmen will return to their tasks on Monday.

SENSATION FOLLOWS CORONER'S INQUEST

Over Body of Lewis King Who Was Burned to Death in Fire at Oxford Saturday.

Special to the Standard

Amherst, N. S., March 21.—A coroner's inquest was held Saturday afternoon at Oxford, and sensational evidence was given in connection with the death of Lewis King in the fire of the Wood, Patton block, Saturday morning.

Crown Prosecutor Hanaway is following the case closely and future developments will depend on the outcome of the final finish of the inquest on Monday.

The evidence given points out the fact that the fire originated in M. A. Peel's store, which destroyed the clock also that Peel and King were the last persons in the store only a few minutes before the fire. There was evidence that the two were drinking andt when Peel got home about one o'clock, he told his wife there was a fire down town. He gave his wife the key to the shop to get his papers and money and nothing was said of King who was found lying, face downwards, about three feet from the rear of the store. King's arms and legs were badly burned, but his body and face were not burned beyond recognition.

Mr. and Mrs. Rushton occupied rooms near the store in the same block gave evidence which put a serious aspect to the fire. She was awakened by the noise of scuffling and quarrelling in the Peel store and she put her ear to the floor she heard some one say "You G— D— fool you are going to burn me alive, Al." Al is young Peel's first name. This was about five or ten minutes before the fire.

The firemen testified that they had to break the doors open, they being locked. This concluded the evidence of Saturday. The case will be continued on Monday when Drs. Millar and McQueen, of Amherst, will give evidence. They have been holding an autopsy of the body. The tragedy is the whole topic of Oxford and Amherst as the parties are well known in both towns, and belong to the best families of the county.

PREMIER GEORGE DISCUSSED THE TURK QUESTION

With Indian Caliphate Delegation Who Declared That Turkey Should Have Her Pre-War Territory Restored.

PREMIER SEES NO REASON WHY TURK

Should Expect to Have Any Lighter Sentence Meted Out to Them Than Was Imposed on Germany and Austria.

London, March 21—Premier Lloyd George on Friday discussed the Turkish question with the Indian Caliphate delegation, headed by Mohamed Ali, who declared that Turkey should have all her pre-war territory restored. The Premier replied: "I do not understand Mr. Mohamed Ali to claim indulgence for Turkey; he claims justice and justice she will get. Austria has had justice; Germany has had justice—pretty terrible justice. Why should Turkey escape?

"Turkey thought she had a feud with us. Why did she come in and try to stab us and destroy liberty throughout the world, while we were engaged in this life and death struggle? Is there any reason why we should apply a different measure to Turkey than we have meted out to the Christian communities of Germany and Austria?

Must Take Sentence

"I want the Mohammedens in India to get it well into their minds that we are not treating Turkey severely because she is Mohommedan. We are applying equally the same principle to her as to Austria, which is the greatest Christian community."

Referring to the temporal power of the Caliphats, the Premier said he could not interfere in a religious campaign in which Mohammedans themselves differed. The delegation requested that the Armenian massacres be investigated by an International Commission on which the Moslems were represented.

Allies To Control

Regarding the Armenian massacres, the Premier said the Allies were bound, in the interests of civilization, to exercise control of some sort, since the Turkish government was incapable of protecting its own subjects.

"I want to give this feeling to the Mussulmens of India who stood loyally by the Throne and the Empire," said the Premier. "We recognize that we have the right to be heard in a matter which especially affects Islam. We have largely deferred to their wishes in the matter. That settlement was very largely affected by the opinion of the Mussulmens of India."

DELEGATES ARRIVE AT MONTREAL

For Dominion Great War Veterans' Convention Which Opens There Today.

Montreal, March 21—Over two hundred delegates, the advance guard of the Dominion Great War Veterans convention which opens here tomorrow, were registered here tonight. The total attendance is expected to reach four hundred and at the usual executive meeting today all members of the Dominion executive were present, including President W. P. Purney. He is not in good health, and it is probable that the duties of chairmanship will fall upon R. B. Maxwell, of Winnipeg, first Dominion Vice President.

Among the delegates registered tonight was J. L. Johnstone, of Dawson City, who ,after traveling nearly a month by dog sleigh and train, has arrived to represent the ninety-six members of the G. W. V. A. in the Yukon.

The first woman delegate ever to represent a branch is Mrs. W. G. Foster, a former nursing sister, who is here to represent Nelson, B. C., branch. Approximate numerical strength of the delegates is: Ontario, 200; Manitoba, 30; Saskatchewan, 30 to 40; Alberta, 04; British Columbia, to 40; Alberta, 40; New Brunswick, 20; Prince Edward Island, 5; Quebec 27. Newfoundland is not represented, that colony having an independent organization.

The convention will open at ten o'clock tomorrow morning, the first business being registration of credentials. The President's address and the address of the Secretary-Treasurer will be delivered at the afternoon session.

Three thousand resolutions have been forwarded to the Dominion necretary and these have been boiled down to thirty.

AUSTRALIA TO RAISE PENSIONS

Melbourne, Australia, March 21.—A government reparation bill just introduced raises the pension of permanently disabled soldiers to four pounds weekly for life for unmarried men, to four pounds eighteen shillings for a man with a wife and no children and to six pounds for a man with a wife and three children. Partially disabled men are to receive two guineas weekly.

BOMB EXPLOSION IN POLISH BAKERY

Does Much Damage at St. Catharines, Breaking Glass and Alarming Populace.

St. Catharines, Ont., March 21.—A bomb, which had been placed in the doorway of the International Co-operative Bakery and Grocery here, owned by a society of Polish residents exploded early this morning and damaged the building, as well as breaking windows on both sides of the street and causing a great deal of alarm to the people living in the neighborhood. No person was in the store at the time. After the explosion seven large railroad spikes were found in the woodwork of the establishment. Bread has been sold at cost price by the Poles, and this fact was emphasized by them today in connection with the explosion.

SEVEN BY-ELECTIONS PENDING IN ENGLAND

Heavy Opposition to Coalition Candidates Expected from Liberal and Labor Candidates.

London, March 21.—(Canadian Press).—Seven by-elections are now pending. Dr. McNamara, who was promoted to Minister of Labor, will have a stiff fight against the Liberal and the woman Labor candidate in Kambrew. Charles McCurdy, who was promoted to Food Minister, had a big majority in the general election, but will meet heavy opposition in Northampton. Five candidates have appeared in Dartford, made vacant through the death of James Bowlands, including Tow Wing, formerly Liberal member of Grimsby. All the seats likely to be vacant shortly are now held by the Coalitionists, and since Premier Lloyd George's speech earlier in the week, it is obvious that the main issue will be individualism versus socialism. There is a plethora of candidates everywhere so straight fights will be few.

Mr. Asquith, replying to Premier Lloyd George, who asked what he (Asquith) would have done if his government had remained until the end of the war, declared that the Coalition was for the war only, and stigmatises the election in December 1918 as a trick election. Mr. Bonar Law, speaking yesterday, agreed with Lloyd George that the Coalition should continue and emphasized the necessity of united action in constituencies toward this end.

FEED SHORTAGE BECOMES SERIOUS

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., March 21.—Shortage of bran and shorts is causing alarm among the stock and dairy farmers of the Province, and the Department of Agriculture, in conjunction with the Departments of Ontario and Quebec, has taken steps to get the Wheat Board to take prompt action in the matter. The situation at this time is especially serious, as, unless the cattle can be kept supplied with these necessities until grazing time, there will be a general falling off in the milk supply. "At this time of the year," E. P. Bradt, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, stated, "a large majority of the cattle in the Province are freshening, and if the feed cannot be obtained by dairy farmers for the cattle to hold them over until the grazing season, conditions will be serious."

The local committee in charge of a war memorial in Fredericton have decided to erect a monument, and will seek the assistance of the Counties of York and Sunbury and the towns of Marysville and Devon in the project.

CONFERENCE ON STATE OF PEACE DECLARATION

Senators and Representatives in Disagreement Over the Measure, and Differ as to Plan to be Followed.

SOME FAVOR SIMPLEST AFFIRMATIVE TERMS

While Others Would Repeal Declaration of War and Go on Record as Demanding Concessions from Germany

Washington, March 21.—Although active steps to declare a state of peace by Congressional resolution are not expected until late this week, Republican leaders of the Senate and House are to begin conferences tomorrow on the exact form such a declaration should take.

Some Senators and representatives want to phrase the peace measure in the simplest affirmative terms, others prefer to repeal the declarations of war and go on record as demanding certain concessions from Germany, while others are for inclusion of some sort of a declaration of International policy.

Irreconcilables Oppose.

The principal opposition to a policy declaration is expected to come from the treaty irreconcilables in the Senate, some of whom have told the majority leaders they consider the time inopportune for Congress to take any binding stand on the subject. These Senators do not like even the pending peace resolution by Senator Knox, Republican, Pennsylvania, which re-affirms the belief of Congress in an international tribunal and disarmament.

For the present, however, the Knox resolution has the right of way so far as the Senate programme is concerned. It was reported by the foreign relations committee in December and unless present plans are changed will form the basis of opening discussion of the subject late this week on the Senate floor.

House Has No Policy.

In the House the situation is less definite the Republican leaders there having formulated no policy. In December they determined to let the question of a peace declaration come up at all, but many House members believe the case may be different now that the Senate again has refused to ratify the treaty. The House foreign affairs committee already has several peace measures before it and representative Britton, Republican, Illinois, announced tonight that they would introduce another tomorrow.

MORE CONCESSIONS

Demanded of Germany by the Independent Socialists Because of Power Held in West Germany.

London, March 21—Government advices received from Germany today are to the effect that the Independent Socialists are demanding further concessions on the part of the governments probably because the communists are gaining the upper hand in West Germany. The advices from Essen, Dusseldorf and Elberfeld indicated that all three towns were in the hands of the Spartacans; and that something approaching anarchy was taking place in Essen and fighting was continued in Leipzig.

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