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## Agreement With The Workmen Reached

### Ebert Government and Opinions

#### No New Government, But Present Cabinet Re-Organized — Still Another Reactionary Movement in Germany Regarded As Not Impossible.

Paris, March 25.—The German government has reached a definite agreement with the workmen in the Ruhr valley, where the general strike has been paralysing industry and where hostilities between soldiers and workmen have been in progress for several days, according to news reaching here from French semi-official circles today from Berlin.

The basis of the agreement, the advance state are as follows:

"The formation of a workmen's army charged with maintaining order."

"The remodelling of the cabinet, with labor union participation."

"The disarmament of the troops which took part in the recent coup d'etat."

"The passage of laws for social reform and the carrying out of administrative reforms."

"The socialization of mines, particularly the coal mines and the potash workings."

"The dissolution of 'counter revolutionary' formations."

"Improvement of the food supply system."

All the majority parties, it is declared, have accepted the conditions under which the government does not consider it will be necessary to form a new ministry, believing a few changes will suffice.

The despatches report the majority parties as of the belief that a new reactionary movement is not impossible. They point out that General von Seeckt has failed to disarm the Baltic troops, which are still concentrated a few miles from Berlin under the command of their former chiefs.

**REDS SAID TO BE 120,000 STRONG.**

The Hague, March 25.—Fighting in the Ruhr district of Germany, where it was expected, a truce had been agreed to, has been resumed, according to the "Telegraf."

Spartan forces are nearing Wesel, the newspaper says, and a Muenster despatch to the Rotterdam Courant says the Red army's strength is now 120,000.

Some reports from the frontier indicate that the workmen are bombarding Wesel with large calibre guns. The advances are conflicting, however, other reports declaring the situation is quiet.

The semi-official Netherlands Correspondence Bureau states that the Dutch minister of war has been in conference with the army leaders with regard to the taking of precautions against the crossing of the frontier by German revolutionary troops or fugitives.

**ONLY CHANGES IN EBERT CABINET.**

Berlin, March 25.—Conferences over the reconstruction of the cabinet took place yesterday and it was decided that the Ebert ministry will not retire in a body, but merely be subjected to a "freshening up."

A prominent Democrat declared that was really all that was required in view of the proximity of the new elections.

The official announcement was made that the Majority Socialists would surrender the post of minister of interior to Philipp Scheidemann's party, which is only too glad to dodge the uncomfortable assignment of overseeing the army.

Gustav Bauer will retain the premiership, it is said, and the proposition of a labor cabinet has been definitely jettisoned, the Majority Socialists having succeeded in inducing other parties to oppose the scheme.

Paris, March 25.—(Havre)—An American message quoting Berlin despatches to the "Telegraf" says it is reported a new German cabinet has been formed with Gustav Bauer remaining as premier and Dr. Schiffer as vice-premier.

Dr. Herman Mueller is said again to have been given the portfolio of foreign affairs, and Herr Gessler, mayor of Nuremberg, has been appointed minister of "domestic defence." The other members of the cabinet are reported as follows: Interior, Herr Koch; finance, Captain Fisher Cuno; transportation, Herr Bell; treasury, Herr Wolf. Other portfolios, it is said, have been distributed among the Socialists and Democrats.

**Against Allied Interference.**

Washington, March 25.—The United States is understood to have decided to join with Great Britain and Italy in opposing any military action by the allied governments to force preservation of order in the Ruhr valley.

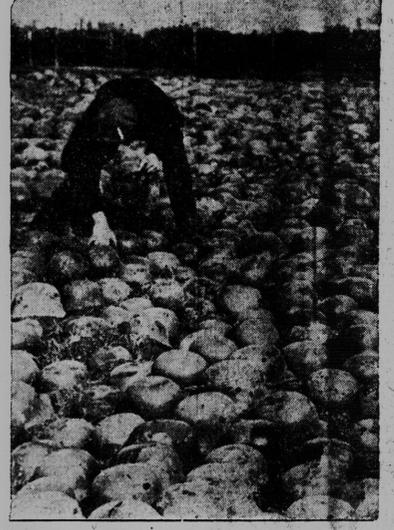
**Depose Officers at Kiel.**

London, March 25.—Naval units at Kiel on Tuesday deposed their officers and the officers of the Baltic station, as well as Rear-Admiral Beyer, the newly appointed chief of the station, according to advices from Berlin. These posts were filled with deck hands and members of the republican officers' league. The units are taking orders from the civilian government.

**Abandoned Aflie.**

New York, March 25.—The American auxiliary schooner City of St. Helena, 1920 tons, bound from Marseilles and Oran for Beaumont, Texas, has been abandoned and is on fire 330 miles off the Georgia coast, according to a wireless message received here today. The crew was rescued by the American steamer Grove from Boca Grande, Florida, for Baltimore.

## NEW USE FOR GERMAN STEEL HELMETS



At Crowdon, England, where much of the spoils of war have been placed, it has recently been found that German helmets speak splendid material for good roads, and they are being utilized for this purpose in the vicinity. Tens of thousands of these helmets were taken during the last months of the war.

## As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "a hard winter dies hard, but I do believe spring is at hand."

"I wouldn't holler till I was out of the woods," said Hiram, "but the sun's runnin' some."

"I was wondering," said the reporter, "if you would set muskrat traps this spring."

"I have that to the young fellers," said Hiram, "but the muskrats aint as plenty as they used to be."

"I remember a bit of intervals," said the reporter, "where after the freshest wetness in the river there was a long gully filled with water that remained for many weeks. There was no current, and I remember the wooden box traps set along its shores to catch the unwary muskrat. I suppose they seldom or never get much chance to live. Who'd ever thought in them days they'd be muskrat skins? Beats all—don't it?"

"Many a time," said the reporter, "when I was fishing in a great many brook in the early spring, I have seen a muskrat nose out of the water among the alders and sive when he saw me. An electric light would go through me at such a moment, and I fancy the muskrat would be as glib as a cat on a hot tin roof."

"Well," said Hiram, "if a muskrat knew some of the folks that was gonto be muskrat skins, he'd excuse him if he staid in deep water—yes, sir."

## Big Lot of Liquor Seized in Madawaska

### Thirty Cases and Five Barrels Taken

Some Labeled "Glass" and Some "Tea" — Fredericton Assessment — The Small pox at East Memramcook — New "Flu" Cases at Chipman.

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., March 25.—A heavy shipment of liquor arrived last night from Madawaska county accompanied by sub-inspectors. The liquor was seized on Tuesday by Sub-inspector McLaughlin. It was consigned to David Martin at St. Leonard's and was marked in various ways. "Glass," "Tea," and other words were marked on the packages, which consisted of thirty cases and five barrels. The liquor included some standard brands. The seizure was one of the largest made in some time. It had come from the province of Quebec.

The meeting of the city council has been called for Friday night to make up the assessment for 1925 and consider proposed legislation. A heavy increase in assessment is expected.

G. R. Perkins, city clerk and treasurer, who has been ill for several months, is now able to be out daily.

The department of health has received information from East Memramcook, Westmorland county, concerning smallpox at that place to the effect that the disease was brought from Halifax by a man who had been working there, and was communicated to other residents of East Memramcook. It is said it was concealed, and until Dr. Desmond, district medical health officer, was there to investigate had not been recognized by any physician. Several houses in the village of Chipman, Dr. W. A. Warwick, district medical health officer, has been sent there. This report is the first of new cases of influenza received in some time.

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## KILKENNY M. P. UNDER ARREST

### Sixty-Five Sinn Fein Prisoners Taken From Queenstown to Belfast Jail.

Dublin, March 25.—William Cosgrove, Sinn Fein M. P. for the northern division of the Queen's county, was arrested at his home in Dublin.

Belfast, March 25.—Sixty-five Sinn Fein prisoners, who were removed from Queenstown aboard a British sloop which was accompanied by two destroyers, arrived here this morning.

The Sinn Feiners were removed from the sloop under a strong guard and taken to the city jail, which had been cleared of ordinary prisoners. The jail has been fitted with barbed wire and other security measures, and the prisoners will be guarded by troops.

Dublin, March 25.—A civilian named Smith was shot last evening while walking in South William street. He died later. His assailant escaped.

London, March 25.—The recent seizure of Dublin Castle mail bags, says an Evening News despatch from Belfast, has disclosed the fact that the republican army ranks are honeycombed with spies and informers, to whom are attributed some of the more recent Irish tragedies.

The newspaper adds that today there were further transfers of large bodies of the Irish constabulary from the North of Ireland to the South.

## D. S. C. R. OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY

### Another Says Not Guilty to Charge of Conspiracy to Defraud Government of \$2,500.

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, March 25.—Captain R. J. Parr and Captain David T. Booth, medical officer and paymaster, respectively, of the department of soldiers' civil establishments, were arraigned before Judge Costworth yesterday afternoon on a charge "that they did conspire to defraud the Dominion government of monies aggregating \$2,500."

Captain Booth pleaded guilty. Captain Parr pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury. It is alleged that they falsely certified that certain soldiers who had been discharged had been recalled for treatment and cashed bogus checks in connection therewith.

Toronto, N. J., March 25.—Every bank in the city was guarded by armed men yesterday and a police patrol loaded with riot guns was held in reserve at police headquarters all day following a "tip" that a gang of professional automobile gamblers and bank robbers had been traced here. Nothing happened.

**POPE TODAY RECEIVED PREMIER OF POLAND.**

Rome, March 25.—M. S. Kuski, premier of Poland, was received in private audience by Pope Benedict today, after he and Ignace Jan Paderewski, former Polish premier, were guests of honor at a reception given by the Polish minister to Italy, Cardinal Gasparri, papal secretary, and Mgr. Cerretti, under secretary, were among the guests.

## RICH MAN'S BOY IS HELD FOR A RANSOM

### Kidnapping of Seven-Year-Old Lad

#### E. R. Little of Lexington Agrees to Give \$25,000 for Return, as Demanded, But Youth Still Was Captive Today.

Lexington, Ky., March 25.—Although E. R. Little, Toddington capitalist, had announced that the demanded ransom would be paid, Paul Little, his seven-year-old son, today was still a captive of a kidnapper, who lured him away yesterday. It was said that the kidnapper demanded \$25,000 ransom. Little announced that all demands would be met, declaring: "I do not care about the \$25,000 if I can get my son back safely."

The lad's playmates said he had told them the man had promised him a dollar to deliver a box of candy. Later a note was delivered to the Little home, containing threats to kill his son if the ransom was not paid.

**LEAVE MONTREAL; SAY THEY DO NOT LIKE THE FOOD**

Quebec, March 25.—The reason of the Canadian government's decision to expel the liege idlers at the wharf in Shelburne, N. S., since Sunday, became known here last evening, when eleven of the ship's officers and firemen reached Quebec city and told of leaving the ship all in a bunch, leaving only three firemen and four others on board to look after the machinery. They left the ship mainly on account of the food, which was highly indigestible, and they said he was sick with the gripe.

**Another Story**

Halifax, N. S., March 25.—"The best answer to give to the Quebec report that the Dominion government's ice-breaker Montclair is lying idle at a wharf in Shelburne, N. S., since Sunday, became known here last evening, when eleven of the ship's officers and firemen reached Quebec city and told of leaving the ship all in a bunch, leaving only three firemen and four others on board to look after the machinery. They left the ship mainly on account of the food, which was highly indigestible, and they said he was sick with the gripe."

Mr. Harvey said that on Tuesday he had received a request from the captain of the steamer for additional firemen and oilers. These were supplied the following day and the ice-breaker put to sea. He said he knew nothing of any trouble, beyond the fact that the men who had left the steamer were regarded as deserters. It will be remembered that some of the crew left the steamer when she was imprisoned in the ice off Cape Breton and walked ashore on the ice, proceeded to their homes, practicing that they had endeavored to return to the steamer, but had been unable to do so. These, too, it was said at the marine and fisheries agency this morning, are regarded as deserters.

## GRAND NATIONAL RUN TOMORROW

### London, March 25.—(Canadian Press)

—Tomorrow there is run over the famous course at Aintree, near Liverpool, the Grand National, recognized as the most severe test of endurance and jumping power of any race in the world. The distance, twice around the course, is four and a half miles. It is thought to be something like three to one against any animal safely completing the two circuits and yet for weeks last year's winner, Mrs. Hugh Peet's Pothly, has been favorite at prices as low as seven to two.

## THINKS HIGHER PAY NECESSARY

### Report on Ontario Civil Service — Strongly for Merit System.

Toronto, March 25.—"A survey of the service in connection with re-classification convinces us that further increases are amply justified in a great many classes of positions where salaries are not yet commensurate with duties and responsibilities," says J. M. McCutcheon, civil service commissioner, in his second annual report, tabled in the legislature yesterday.

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## C. P. R. FINANCE

### Issue of \$12,000,000 Guaranteed by New Equipment to Be Constructed in Canada.

New York, March 25.—It was announced last night that the Guaranty Trust company of New York heads a syndicate which is offering \$12,000,000 Canadian Pacific Railway equipment trust six per cent. gold certificates to be issued under the Philadelphia plan. They will be dated April 1, 1926, and will mature semi-annually from Oct. 1, 1929, to April 1, 1932. The issue is to be specifically secured by standard new railway equipment to the value of \$15,000,000.

Montreal, March 25.—The Montreal Gazette says: "The equipment against which the new securities will be issued, involves an outlay of some \$15,000,000. It is the largest piece of corporation financing ever effected in Canada, and is the first financing done by the C. P. R. since 1918."

## C. P. R. BRAKEMAN PLACED ON TRIAL

### Ottawa, March 25.—Because of the wreck on the C. P. R. on January 25, when the second section of a train bound from Chazy Creek to North Bay, crashed into the first section east of Corbett, Ont., was heard in police court yesterday, when Thomas J. Curley, rear end brakeman on the first section, was placed on trial, charged with criminal negligence. A. E. Phipp, K. C., for the defense, after several witnesses had been heard, consented to the dismissal of his client to the assizes and for a jury trial and the case was adjourned until Monday. In the meantime Curley is allowed at liberty.

## SLOW TIME IN TOW TO HALIFAX

### Halifax, N. S., March 25.—According to reports from the United States shipping board officials, the steamer Western Comet, which is towing the Nesco to this port, will probably not arrive until early next week. Yesterday afternoon they were 554 miles east of Halifax, and making a little better than two knots an hour. The Nesco, which was bound from New Orleans via Norfolk to Antwerp, has engine trouble and has been in tow of the Western Comet since March 17.

## WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Meteorology, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The weather has been fair and mild from southern Ontario to the maritime provinces, while in the Lake Superior district it has been showery, with in Manitoba fair and rather cold. A well defined disturbance is centred over the southwest states and another is moving northward off the middle Atlantic coast.

**RAIN THEN CLEARING.**

Maritime—Strong winds or gales from northwest with rain in southern districts tonight and early Friday, then clearing.

Gulf and North Shore—Fair and mild today, followed by strong wind tonight.

New England—Fair tonight, warmer in western Connecticut and Massachusetts; Friday, rain, moderate variable winds, becoming southerly.

Toronto, March 25.—Temperatures: Highest During Stations. 8 a.m. Yesterday. Night.

Prince Rupert ... 34 38 34  
Victoria ... 26 40 36  
Calgary ... 18 38 18  
Edmonton ... 2 32 2  
Prince Albert ... 4 32 2  
Winnipeg ... 34 20 8  
St. John's ... 38 44 38  
Sault Ste. Marie ... 42 46 38  
Toronto ... 45 63 40  
Kingston ... 42 60 40  
Ottawa ... 36 60 30  
Montreal ... 44 58 40  
Quebec ... 38 54 32  
St. John, N. B. ... 38 48 32  
Halifax ... 40 68 32  
St. John's ... 38 40 36  
Detroit ... 44 68 30  
New York ... 46 60 42

## MONTREAL TO HAVE DAYLIGHT SAVING MAY 2

Montreal, March 25.—The administrative commission of Montreal this morning decided to introduce daylight savings on May 2.