

## MUNICH SOVIET RESTORED ORDER BY A COMPROMISE

Parliamentary Decisions Are to be Referred to Popular Vote Under New Plan—Coalition Cabinet Named to End Chaos.

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Munich, March 14 (delayed).—A week full of alarms, tribulations, angry street demonstrations, sieges and abortive coup d'états has ended the Munich soviet having arrived at a compromise which, if given a fair chance by all parties, may at last restore something of equilibrium to the shaken government and social framework of Bavaria. Furthermore, the Bavarian example might point a way for the recovery of the whole German body politic, for what happens in Bavaria undoubtedly is accorded importance far beyond the country's borders.

Before appointing a new Bavarian Cabinet a congress decided the principles that are to constitute the foundation of the new constitution of Bavaria. First, the Spartacan proposal to proclaim Bavaria a soviet republic pure and simple and to place all authority in the hands of the councils of workers, soldiers and peasants was rejected by a large majority.

### Compromise is Adopted.

That done, a resolution was offered, representing a compromise between the majority and minority Socialists, which was adopted almost unanimously. The keystone of this scheme is the acceptance of a democratic parliamentary government, subject to modifications which will be submitted to the public referendum. The chief of these modifications is the proposal

that a national soviet be organized, something like a first chamber, with authority to initiate legislation and refer parliamentary decisions to popular vote.

After agreeing to these principles the congress appointed a new Socialist coalition Cabinet in which the majority Socialists are preponderant and from which the Spartacans were excluded.

### More Food Than a Year Ago.

This soviet question indeed goes to the heart of the present troubles of Germany. It would be a mistake to attribute the present unrest of the German masses primarily to economic causes. All those with whom I have talked agree that the people in this section of the old German Empire at least are better off as regards food than they were a year or two ago. The source of the trouble is the psychological collapse, following the military breakdown due to the utter blackness of the political and commercial future.

The masses begin to see that the Weimar convention has given them nothing but pompous words, imitations and scoldings, while they are desperately seeking a path out of their present misery. This is why they cling to the soviet system in one form

## TURKEY HAS PLENTY OF FOOD WITH PRICES UNUSUALLY HIGH

In Order That Food May be Placed Within Reach of the Poor American Food Board is Selling Flour at Ten Cents a Pound Which is Expected to Bring Down Other Prices.

Constantinople, March 15.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)

Contrary to reports Turkey is well supplied with food, and, while prices are unusually high, they are much lower than those prevailing in the Balkan states and in some other countries of Europe.

The following list of current prices which the consumers are asked upon to pay shows the actual condition:

Flour 26 cents pound; potatoes 11 cents; beans 20 cents; meat 50 cents, and eggs 20 cents a dozen.

Vegetables of all kinds are not only abundant but relatively cheap. Clothing and shoes also may be had, but generally the prices charged are so high as to take them far beyond the purses of the poor. Hotel rates are lower than in most European cities and the cost of living is as could be expected in a country just emerging from a long war.

In order that foodstuffs may be placed within range of the poor, the American food administration is now selling white flour at ten cents a pound, which is expected to bring down other prices as far as the actual necessities are concerned. The work of the Americans is attracting wide attention and much interest.

### Trouble Behind Scenes.

This is why the present compromise, which might of course prove to be the portal to either complete soviet government or ordinary parliamentary government, is exercising a pacifying effect upon the Bavarian people. But the question is whether the compromise will be allowed to materialize with the constitution of a new Cabinet or whether an even more perilous crisis awaits Bavaria.

In this connection I obtained today authentic information of what is going on behind the scenes. It is not reassuring and serves to show how settlements nowadays are made or wrecked elsewhere in Germany. While the congress was busy working on the compromise and appointing a new Cabinet representatives of all the military units assembled in the city met and adopted a resolution declaring that unless a purely Socialist government was formed and began work immediately the troops themselves would form some sort of government in co-operation with the soldiers' councils throughout Bavaria.

### Spartacan Terrorism Denounced.

The resolution denounces Spartacan terrorism and expresses confidence in the importance to have 100,000 copies printed that it was the intention of the troops to acquire in the new government, if it were formed, but that if one were not presently formed the soldiers would disperse the congress and form one themselves. I was told that the same attitude was taken by the Third Army Corps at Nuremberg and Wuerzburg had taken the same attitude.

In view of the fact that the congress actually formed a Cabinet excluding the Spartacans, the threat of the troops might be taken to be merely of academic interest, but the commandant thought their resolution of sufficient importance to have 500,000 copies of it printed and scattered by aeroplanes.

### Oppose Entering Party.

In fact, it was said that the Munich committee of the party already had decided against entering the Cabinet on the ground that, although the Spartacans had been excluded, they, nevertheless, had three delegates in the congress committee which had the right to control the Cabinet.

### After Three Days.

The greatest suffering I ever endured (says an old salt, in telling a story which he clearly means to be believed) occurred in connection with an accident on Lake Superior.

I had gone out in a small boat for a sail. When out of sight of shore a sudden squall carried away the little sail and half the mast, leaving me with only a small paddle to navigate with. It was three days before a passing steamer picked me up.

I had gone through agonies, but my worst suffering was from humiliation after I was rescued. The first thing I asked for was a drink of water. One of the men in the rescuing boat looked at me as if he thought me delirious, but when I repeated my request he took a tin cup, leaned over the side of the boat and dipping up some water gave it to me.

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### For 120 Miles.

While on a voyage to Santa Barbara, we stopped at an island, and the captain captured a young seal for

Drugs, and in fact all medicines, are very scarce and expensive. Most large centers in Turkey and Asia Minor need medical assistance.


The care of a million or more destitute Armenian, Syrian and Greek refugees in the Caucasus and throughout Asia Minor presents a most serious problem. It is estimated that there are in these countries not less than half a million fatherless children whose condition demands immediate relief. The American Committee for Relief in the Near East is taking up the task, but is finding that its resources are being severely taxed.

Smallpox is prevalent in Constantinople, two cases having developed in the American colony, while the Swedish minister is only now recovering from a severe attack. Most hospitals are hard pressed for medicines and supplies, while the shortage of physicians is pronounced.

Plagues, too, are disturbing the Turks. The Turkish pound has depreciated; its present value being twenty per cent. below normal, while gold is at a high premium. The exchange rates of money of most other countries also has declined, the American dollar, the English pound and the Greek drachma being the only issues which have stood firmly at par.

(relates an officer). As the boat started, the mother seal was noticed swimming about, howling piteously. The cub barked in response.

After reaching the wharf at Santa Barbara, the captive was tied up in a jute sack and left loose on deck. Soon afterwards the cries of the mother seal were heard again, and the little seal responded by casting itself overboard, all tied up as it was in the sack. The mother seized the sack, and with her sharp teeth tore it open, and then the two swam away joyously. The mother seal had followed the schooner one hundred and twenty miles.



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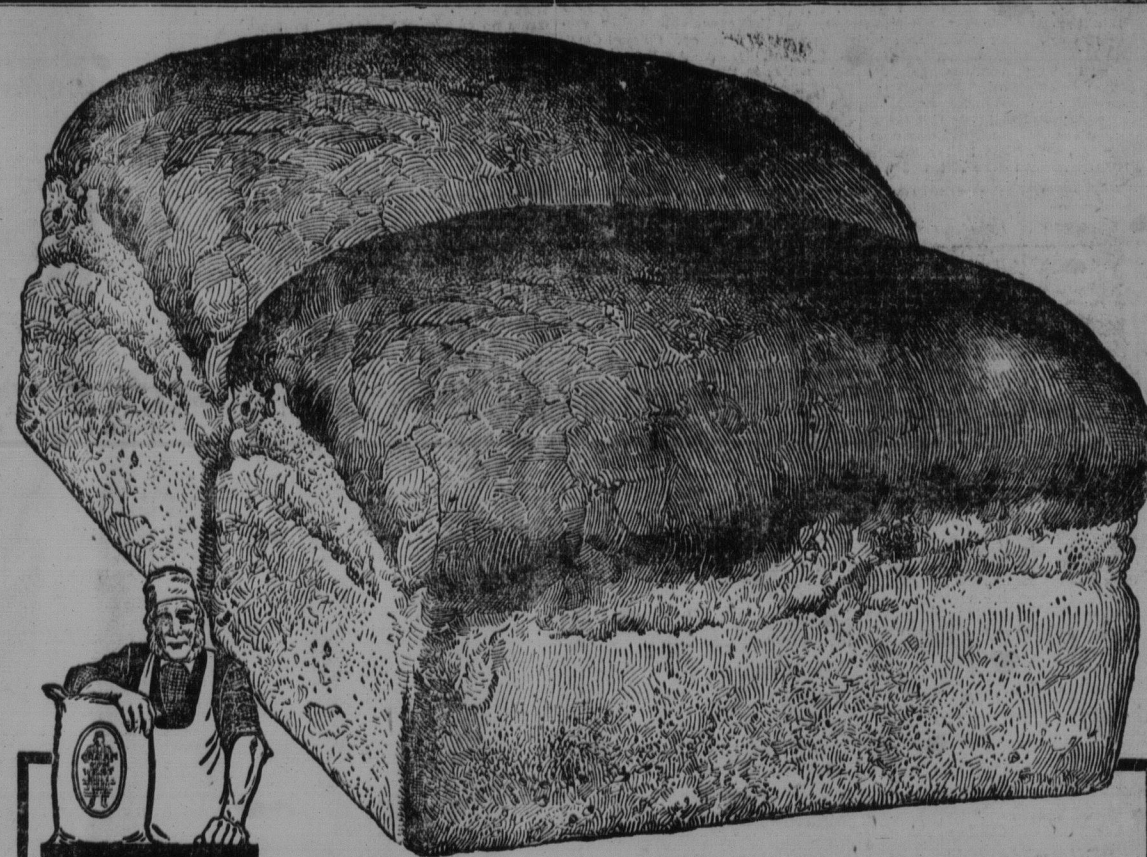
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