

BAVARIA AGAINST SOVIET RULERS

Register Unanimous Protest Against Proclamation of New Regime At Munich.

Dictatorship Not Liked

BY THE PEOPLE WHO VOICE THEIR OPPOSITION.

A Political Movement of Great Importance Reported Imminent in the Region of Hamburg.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Copenhagen, April 8.—A Berlin despatch says that Erich Muehsam, a prominent communist, who is included in the Bavarian Soviet government, has been given unlimited powers by the Bavarian central council, according to the Achnuthblatt, and thus exercises an unrestricted dictatorship. It expresses the opinion that the Soviet government, however, will not last, as the people are opposed to the dictatorship and hope that the counter-measures taken by Premier Hoffman of the old government will be effective. Protests against the formation of the Soviet Government, voiced at the political meeting in Bamberg, Northern Bavaria, are reported in despatches from that city. Deputies of all bourgeois parties of three Franconian governments, upper, lower and middle Franconia, met in Bamberg and registered unanimous protest against the proclamation of the new regime at Munich.

A political movement of great importance is imminent in the region of Hamburg, reports from Berlin say. Doctors Herz and Hauffenberg, Spartacist leaders, it is added, have almost succeeded in making themselves masters of the situation and in converting Hamburg and region between Hamburg and Bremen into a Soviet republic.

FLEETS ARE GETTING READY FOR SEASON

Crews Taking Their Places—Coal Loading to Start This Week.

Cleveland, April 8.—Officers of vessels of the Hanna fleet will report for duty after the annual fleet meeting here Tuesday, and a large number of captains and engineers of the Pittsburgh Steamship Company will leave for their boats about Monday. The crews of fifteen steamers of the latter fleet that are at Georgian Bay ports for Port McNicoll last night on a special train. The work of fitting out the steamers of some other fleets will start soon, but no sailing time has been fixed.

Coal is coming to the lakefront better and loading will be started this week at all ports from Erie and Toledo. Boats have been named to take about 400,000 tons for opening shipment, and all will report for cargoes by April 16. There is a large quantity of coal at Buffalo. Aside from tonnage managed reported covered about two weeks ago at 1917 rates, no contracts have been made.

Grain is going to seaboard freely, and a good demand for tonnage is looked for in this trade as soon as elevators at lower lake ports are relieved. Stocks are very heavy at all upper lake ports, but little chartering has been done for opening shipment compared with other periods.

An Officer Court-Martialed.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) London, April 8.—"I was buried five times in the same grave and have not been the same man since," pleaded Major Donald Grey, of an Eastern Ontario Regiment, when court martialled for absence without leave. He pleaded not guilty. The accused in August, 1914, joined the Princess Patricia's Regiment. He was badly shaken up at Sanctuary Wood, and twice wounded afterwards. He was not fit to return to France after his leave and so wired his division. He had no idea that he had been court-martialed as an absentee. He was about to apply for a medical board when arrested.

For the month of February, it is announced that the railways of the United States under Government operation show a deficit of over thirty-six million dollars, notwithstanding increases in fares and reduction of service by curtailing trains and packing the cars.

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CLAIM COMMISSION CAN SAVE EUROPE

Hungarian Leaders Earnest in Their Plans—Capitalism Fails in Efforts.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Budapest, April 8.—Great earnestness is displayed by members of the new government in carrying out the work assigned to them. They are ready to discuss their plans and to solve problems, and they refrain from abusing capitalism. The maintenance of strict discipline to protect the bourgeoisie and to prevent Red Guard outbreaks has been decided upon by the government.

Jules Alpari, prominent communist, and Jules Sevestre, people's commissioner in charge of socialization of factories, argue that communism is the only method by which central Europe can be saved from total ruin. Capitalism, they maintain, is unable to cope with the threat of bankruptcy, high wages and unwillingness of laborers to work. They point out that under communism workmen cannot strike and are obliged to accept reasonable wages.

WOMEN'S MISSION MEETING.

Being Held in Guelph—Miss Mowat Kingston, a Delegate.

(Special to the Whig.) Guelph, April 8.—The fifth annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Board of the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society, opened here today. Mrs. Charles Robertson, of Toronto, the president, was in the chair.

The Ontario Provincial comprises 27 Presbyterian societies, made up of 931 auxiliaries and 534 mission bands, with a membership of 36,640. The treasurer's statement shows a total contribution for the year 1918, of \$145,577.82, an increase over that of 1917, of \$15,451.54. In the mission band department, the ground is steadily held, the 13,054 children having given \$18,219.57. Infant and junior membership, 941 certificates have been issued, making an increase in money from this source of \$4,500.

The Home Helper department is steadily fulfilling its mission of linking up women of the church with the organization's missionary work. The departments of strange work, library and literature are playing a large part in the making of a strong Canadian people. Miss L. Mowat, of Kingston, is secretary of this department.

The supply work is one filled with practical helpfulness and opportunity, and as usual, reports a fine year of work. The "press" department is one that has grown and making itself felt. More and more is the "press" being realized as the great moulder of public opinion, and one to be taken full advantage of in the winning of the world for Christ, the report declared. The great impetus of the Forward Movement sweeping the church has caught the Women's Missionary Society in its sweep.

The welcoming address delivered by Mrs. McCrea, member of the heroic poet-patriot, the author of "In Flanders Fields."

FRANK W. WOOLWORTH DEAD.

Proprietor of 800 Stores in the U.S. and Canada. (Canadian Press Despatch.) New York, April 8.—Frank W. Woolworth, founder and proprietor of 800 five and ten cent stores throughout United States and Canada, died suddenly early today at his home at Glen Cove, L.I. He was born at Rodman, N.Y., in 1852 and his business was capitalized at sixty-five million dollars. He erected the highest building in the world in New York.

The Proposed Purchase Rejected.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Detroit, April 8.—The proposed purchase by the city of Detroit of the local lines of the Detroit United Railway at a cost of \$31,500,000, was rejected, according to almost complete unofficial returns. Sixty per cent of the vote was required to carry. The figures stood 56,601 in favor of the plan, and 84,174 against it.

To Resume Brotherly Connection.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Munich, April 8.—The complete severance from old German imperialism, as declared still to be manifest in the Ebert-Scheidemann government of Germany, and the resumption of "brotherly connection" with the Russian and Hungarian peoples is announced in a proclamation of the new Soviet government for Bavaria, formed here.

Demonstration in Munich.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Toronto, April 8.—Construction of a scenic highway through the northern districts of Ontario was urged on Hon. G. H. Ferguson, minister of lands, forests and mines, by a deputation, fifty strong, from Ontario, Victoria, Hamilton, Muskoka and other counties today.



BRITISH MISSION SEES WORK FOR RETURNED SOLDIERS. The above photograph taken after their arrival in Toronto shows from left to right: Major Francis Meynell, representing the British Ministry of Labor; Mrs. Ethel Wood, secretary of the local War Pensions Committee, London, Eng., and Capt. P. G. Sharp, of Shepherd's Bush British Military Orthopaedic Hospital, London, England. These delegates are visiting Canada for the purpose of investigating the work of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment.

G.W.V.A. DESIRES TO BE PARTISAN

It is Seeking a Change in the Constitution.

WILL URGE CITY COUNCIL

TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HOUSING ACT.

Arrangements for Banquet on the 24th—Reduced Railway Fares For ex-Members of Units Coming For Reception. At the meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association Monday evening a lively debate took place in discussing the constitution in connection with politics. The constitution at present reads that this association be "non-sectarian and non-partisan," and the following resolution was adopted which will be brought up for discussion at the next Dominion convention, with a view to obtaining the amendment of the constitution: "That the constitution be amended and that the words 'non-partisan' be obliterated."

OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAVING

PORTSMOUTH COUNCIL FINDS IT UNNECESSARY TO PASS BY-LAW

Just One Councillor Against New Time and He Declared He Would Not Put His Clock Ahead—Streets and School Under Consideration. Daylight saving was under discussion at a meeting of the Portsmouth Council on Monday night, but the feeling of the members, with but one exception, was that it was not necessary to pass a by-law to put Portsmouth under the new time, as the village was conforming with Kingston in the matter. The one objection raised came from Councillor Marks, who stated that he did not intend to put his clock on an hour. However, as far as can be learned, all the other clocks in the village have been turned on an hour, so the village will have to worry along with one time piece behind the times.

LARGEST WINTER CROP

Of Wheat Ever Grown in the United States.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Washington, April 8.—The largest crop of winter wheat ever grown in the United States was the forecast for this year by the Department of Agriculture today. An enormous yield of 337,994,000 bushels was announced, valued at \$1,891,629,000. The crop will be 152,000,000 bushels larger than the previous record crop produced in 1914.

German Leaders Arrested.

(Canadian Press Despatch.) Copenhagen, April 8.—Herr Landsberg, minister of justice, in the German Imperial government, was arrested yesterday at Magdeburg, capital of Prussian Saxony, by members of the German revolutionaries. A Magdeburg despatch stated there a Magdeburg despatch reported that Gen. Von Kleist, in command of the fourth army, and his staff also were arrested.

CANADIANS ANXIOUS FOR RUSSIAN SERVICE.

London, April 8.—The British Government hopes to be able to despatch the first part of the relief force for North-east Russia on Wednesday, it says the Mail, which adds that the appeal for volunteers is meeting with a gratifying response. There is already a large waiting list of officers and men who are anxious to serve in Northern Russia, and many Canadians being included in the number.

THE PRUSSIAN LOSSES DURING THE WAR

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Berlin, April 8.—Prussia's huge losses in officers and men during the war are indicated by a staff officer, who writes in the Lokal Anzeiger. He submits figures compiled from the official casualty lists to show that 32,554 active officers at the front were killed, wounded or missing out of a total of 34,350, and that more than 4,330,000 soldiers were killed, wounded or missing out of 10,178,000, who actually fought at the front.

WESTERN CAUCUS ON THE TARIFF

Members Find Themselves in Delicate Position For Alleged Complacency.

NOTHING IS TO BE GAINED BY EXCESSIVE DEMANDS, THEY ARE CONVINCED.

There Are No Signs That the Government Will be Stampeded From Its Present Course. Ottawa, April 8.—Western Unionist members, who comprise a practically solid unit of the Government following are having a caucus today on the question of the tariff. They surmise that during the Easter recess the Cabinet is likely to give consideration to the budget, and they desire to place before it, or particularly before the western ministers, what is described as "an ultimatum of minimum demands."

A WINDOW SMASHED.

A Man Was Struck by Another and Bumped Head.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) Napanee, April 7.—On Saturday evening, about eight o'clock, just when the traffic was at its heaviest, a returned soldier who thought a party who spoke to his wife had insulted her and he headed off and struck him in front of P. W. Smith & Bros. jewelry store. The blow dealt, knocked the man into the window, splintering the handsome plate glass window and rendering it useless. The glass was one of the finest in town, and cost in the neighborhood of \$800 and was understood could not be replaced for \$1000.

DOING EVERYTHING FOR PEACE.

No Need for Pessimism Declares Sunday Observer.

London, April 8.—The Sunday Observer says it has the best of reasons for stating that the pessimistic reports regarding the peace conference are entirely unfounded. Premier Lloyd George and President Wilson are doing everything together for a peace which it will be possible for the English-speaking democracies to guarantee, the newspaper declares, and it has authoritatively expected that the preliminary will be finally settled within three or four days.

RECORD FOR EARLY SAILING AT MIDLAND

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But Protestant Ministers Are Opposing Sale of Beer and Wine.

Quebec, April 8.—The various temperance societies came out strong yesterday against the sale of beer and wine, with appeals to their members, printed in various papers. The Protestant clergy in Quebec city gave out a statement to the effect that they are opposed to the sale of wine, beer, or other alcoholic beverages, but that they believe absolute prohibition is the only way to keep alcoholism down. The Roman Catholic clergy are taking no stand whatever. On Saturday a local paper announced that Cardinal Begin was to publish a pastoral letter on the beer and wine question, and that this would be read in all the churches of the Archdiocese, but this was not done. A statement was given out last evening that no pastoral or other letter from Cardinal Begin will be forthcoming on the referendum. The Roman Catholic clergy remain absolutely neutral.

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