

PLOT TO RESTORE KAISER TO THRONE

Monarchists, Getting Whip-hand, Prepare for Coup at Berlin

STORE UP MUNITIONS

Allies May Be Occupying Mannheim Bridgehead—Eisner Honored at Funeral

By the Associated Press London, Feb. 27.—The monarchists of Germany are contemplating an early coup d'etat, in the opinion of the Mail's correspondent at Berlin, who says that the officer class, with its general staff, has been gradually getting the whip-hand there since January 13 and now holds the government in its power. "The threatened coup d'etat would be carried out in Berlin alone," he writes, "and would probably for a time be successful, although it would certainly result in ruthless civil war and unscrupulous political murders. A large number of officers are said to be associated in the plot, which aims at the overthrow of the present government and the restoration of the old order of things. A secret meeting of monarchist officers was held at Charlottenburg on February 16. It was summoned by Major von Herringen, son of the former Secretary of War. Thirty officers attended and each is said to have pledged himself to hold in his residence a quantity of munitions ready for an emergency and to assemble at a certain place when called upon. Every member of the plot has been requested to enlist as many officers loyal to the former Emperor as possible, it is understood. The government has been warned of what is going on."

The correspondent says the organization of new bodies of troops by the government, a step which alone can save it from the Spartans and other extremists, has been possible only by reason of the government yielding to the old officer class, which, he says, "has already bullied the government into winking at numerous political crimes and arbitrary acts which have been committed."

Weimar, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—The special assembly train running daily between Weimar and Berlin was diverted by the way of Leipzig yesterday because strikers at Halle have taken up the rails. The last train over the former route passed through Halle at full speed because it had been known that Spartacist adherents were planning an attack upon it. There is a question whether it is feasible to run the train by the way of Leipzig because there is danger of the strike spreading to that city.

Berlin, Feb. 26 (Delayed).—(By A. P.)—The parliamentary special for Weimar, which left Berlin at 8:30 o'clock this morning, has been stopped at Leipzig. It is reported that a government courier who left Berlin Tuesday night has not yet arrived at Weimar. The government has sent an ample force of troops to Halle to restore order and normal conditions. The commanding officers have been directed to quell disorders in the sternest way. The troops are expected to arrive in Halle this afternoon.

Basel, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—A Mannheim dispatch to the Basel Nachrichten says that Eisner's troops were to occupy the Mannheim bridgehead at noon yesterday. Kurt Eisner's funeral at Munich yesterday was one of the most imposing ever seen in that city, thousands following the casket to the eastern cemetery. All labor organizations in the city carried banners draped with crepe and there were hundreds of wreaths laid upon the grave, one being taken there by a group of Russian prisoners of war. All business was at a standstill. Bands had been playing at intervals in the cortege, and when the hearse reached the cemetery all the bells in the city tolled. Herr Landauer, a member of the labor council, delivered an oration. Among the other speakers were Herr

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Jaffa and Herr Unterleitner, member of the ministry, Hugo Haase and Carl Kaywitz. Berlin, Feb. 26, Delayed.—(By A. P.)—Herr Goffmann, Bavarian Minister of Worship and leader of the Majority Socialists, is a complete nervous wreck and is in retirement, according to a dispatch received here from Munich. Major General Garres, ministerial councilor, who was wounded during Friday's riot in the Bavarian Diet, has died of his injuries, it is reported. The Munich Post, the organ of the Majority Socialists, demands that the Diet shall make an unequivocal declaration of the Diet's undisputed sovereignty, and declares that the proclamation of the Soviet republic there means rebellion against the empire.

JUGO-SLAV PARTY PLANNED

Washington, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Political leaders of all states of the new Yugo-Slav kingdom, meeting at Sarajevo, Bosnia, last week, adopted a resolution favoring the establishment of a great Constitutional Democratic Yugo-Slav party to embrace all parties of the kingdom in sympathy with its purpose. A dispatch received from Belgrade yesterday by the official information Bureau of the Kingdom of the Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, said this party would support organization of the new Yugo-Slav state upon the principle of constitutional and parliamentary monarchy as established under the present Serbian dynasty with "centralized state legislation and the broadest administrative local autonomy."

ALL MUST WORK, SOVIET PLAN

Russians Being Registered for Compulsory Labor London, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—The Russian Soviet government, says a wireless dispatch, is instituting a system of registration preparatory to enforcing the principle of compulsory work for all.

FRANCE DEMANDS FOE'S WARSHIPS

Will Insist on Division of Fleet by Peace Conference

OPPOSES SINKING PLAN

Britain Insists Teuton Vessels Shall Not Be Used as Armed Craft

By the Associated Press Paris, Feb. 27.—The French delegation to the Peace Conference will energetically oppose the general sinking of the German fleet, says Stephane Lausanne, in the Matin. "Other powers of course, may do what they like with their share of the fleet, but the French Government and navy is firmly determined to use the ships which fall to France when the fleet is divided up among the Allies in proportion to the losses each suffered during the war. "Georges Loygues, Minister of Marine, clearly explained the reason for this attitude to the Navy Committee of the Chamber of Deputies recently. He showed that France gave up her dockyard plants to make munitions at the beginning of the war, stopping all shipbuilding. She lost 15 per cent of her naval tonnage and comes out of the war with a weakened navy, which she has been unable to keep in repair for five years. "France needs a navy to police the

sea and protect her colonial empire, the second largest in the world. What would the country say if, a year hence, the chamber asked for a vote of credit to build ships identical with those sunk? The most pacific nations in the world have navies and the United States has just drawn up the most important program ever voted by the American Congress."

London, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Barnett Crutwell, in the House of Lords yesterday called attention to the press report that the Paris Conference was contemplating the sinking of all the German naval ships now in British custody at Scapa Flow and asked the government if there were any possibility of this project being carried out. The Earl of Lytton, Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, replying in behalf of the government, said that this question was of the utmost interest, but offered difficulty. The suggestion that these German ships should be taken out to sea and sunk would only be carried out if the representatives of the nations assembled at Paris came unanimously to the conclusion that this course was on the whole the best one that could be adopted.

They had no authority to disclose what information had been given to the British delegates, but he could say that the British Government attached overwhelming importance to the point that these ships should not in the future form any part of the naval armament of the world and that they should not be added to the fleet of any nation. That was a question of policy on which the government felt very strongly. If these ships were not again to be used as ships of war, he continued, there remained only three possible ways of disposing of them: First, they could be taken out to sea and sunk; second, they could be broken up, and, third, they could be put up at public auction and sold to the highest bidder under conditions as to their future use. It was simply and solely an economic proposition whether it would pay to break up these ships and use the material in them for other purposes. If that could be done, he had no doubt that the conference would decide that they should be so used. But the matter was one for the conference to decide.

TRUCE DEALINGS OFF, SAYS RUMOR

Berlin Dispatch to Geneva Reports Sudden Ending of Armistice Parleys

GERMANS LEAVE SPA

Washington Believes Message Is Misinformation or Has Been Misconstrued

By the Associated Press Geneva, Feb. 27.—Last evening's newspapers print a Berlin dispatch stating that owing to the sudden suspension of armistice negotiations, the German commission left Spa yesterday morning for Berlin. The reason for the reported suspension is not given. General Ludendorff is expected to arrive in Berlin today, and Field Marshal von Hindenburg will go there shortly.

Washington, Feb. 27.—(By A. P.)—Officials here believe that Berlin dispatches published in Switzerland referring to "suspension" of the armistice negotiations either were based upon misinformation or have been misconstrued by the Swiss papers. No advice has been received in Washington to cast doubt upon earlier dispatches reporting the conclusion of the negotiations with the acceptance by the Germans of drastic renewal conditions. Negotiations between Allied and German financial, economic and military missions have been in progress at Spa for some time, but there has been no intimation from Allied sources that any

thing in the nature of a crisis had developed there. In the absence of definite information, it would seem probable that the meetings, if they have been broken as reported, have been suspended only temporarily.

On February 14 Marshal Foch presented to the German armistice commission at Treves the provision for an extension of the armistice between the Allies and Germany. These provisions he received from the Supreme Council of

the Peace Conference. They were accepted by the Germans after being referred to the national assembly at Weimar, and were signed by the German delegates on the evening of February 16.

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