

# BERLIN IS GUARDED TO PREVENT RISING

Monarchists Expected to Try to Overthrow Republic Today, Ex-Kaiser's Birthday

## TROOPS ARE MOBILIZED

By the Associated Press  
Berlin, Jan. 27.—Heavy patrols of soldiers guarded the government buildings last night and stopped all traffic over streets in that neighborhood where barricades were thrown up by the troops before midnight. Rumors were heard during the evening that monarchists had planned an uprising today, which is the birthday of former Emperor William and that Gustav Noske, minister of defense, had massed troops as a precautionary measure.

While government officials have denied any knowledge of an intended insurrection and say the attack on Matthias Erzberger, minister of finance, yesterday, prompted the mobilization of forces, it is declared the authorities sought to forestall action on the part of the supporters of the imperial regime. It was reported last night that attacks against the independent Socialists and radicals were planned as the first step in the monarchist coup.

Deep indignation over the attack on Herr Erzberger was expressed in a proclamation issued last night, the attempted assassination being called "a criminal excess of political warfare."

The proclamation said that it was hoped the deed would arouse the anger of the general public and prevent every one against violence. Sympathetic inquiries were made at the Erzberger home by the Italian and British charges d'affaires and President Ebert telegraphed condolences to the wounded minister.

It was not the first attempt made to kill Erzberger. Last June at Weimar he barely escaped capture by a handful of troops, who, as was later proved, deliberately planned to lynch him.

The attack at that time was commonly believed to have been inspired by the conservatives and militarists. Erzberger escaped in an automobile and remained in hiding for several days.

When the present Helfferich-Erzberger trial began the government assigned two plain-clothes men to protect Erzberger. They accompanied him to court the first day, but their presence was objected to by the judge, who ordered the detectives out of the chamber and told them to wait outside.

Erzberger scarcely made any trips about the city, almost using his official car, even for such short distances as between the ministry of finance and the chancellery, which are about 200 yards apart.

The Pan-German organs are prominently printing reports of the present trial and accompanying the evidence with editorial comment praising Helfferich for coming forward and "exposing" the minister.

Yesterday's session of the Erzberger-Helfferich trial was the quietest since suit started a week ago. The evidence concerned the minister's relations with

the Thyssen iron firm, after which his attitude toward exports was discussed. There was less wrangling on the part of the attorney, and Erzberger also was spared much of the grilling that had marked the previous session.

The attack on Matthias Erzberger occurred outside the Criminal Courts Building after a hearing of the Helfferich libel suit. He was slightly wounded in the shoulder by a shot fired by Otwin von Hirschfeld, a former cadet officer. When arrested Von Hirschfeld said that he considered Erzberger dangerous to the empire.

Erzberger's Luck With Him  
Erzberger had left the courtroom and was seated in his automobile talking to his attorney, who was standing on the running board and holding the door open. Hirschfeld crept beneath the attorney's arm and was actually in the automobile when he fired.

It is said three shots were fired. The first hit a vest button and glanced off, the second struck Erzberger's watch and was deflected, while the third bullet entered his shoulder. The bullet had not been extracted at 9 o'clock this evening but Erzberger was reported to be resting fairly comfortably.

Before the shooting Hirschfeld wrote his parents a letter, in which he explained that he was acting from "patriotic motives."

**NEW SURGEON GENERAL**  
Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, of Hampton, Va., Selected, It Is Said  
Washington, Jan. 27.—(By A. P.)—Dr. Hugh S. Cumming, of Hampton, Va., is understood to have been selected to succeed Dr. Rupert Blue as surgeon general of the public health service. Doctor Blue's term of office expired on January 15 and Doctor Cumming's nomination was expected to be sent to the Senate within a day or two.

Doctor Cumming for a number of years was quarantine officer at Hampton Roads and is at present in Europe studying typhus conditions there. Doctor Blue has served two terms as surgeon general. He was first appointed during the administration of President Taft and reappointed by President Wilson.

Doctor Blue will remain in the public health service, probably with the rank of assistant surgeon general, doing research work which he has under way, including the fight on influenza.

**DEATH MARS REUNION**  
Reading Man's Child Dies After Reaching Home From Italy

Reading, Pa., Jan. 27.—There was mourning today in the new home of Romeo Carusi at Millmont instead of the happiness he had awaited for years. Pasquiline, his seven-year-old daughter, lay dead.

Pasquiline was still in her cradle in Italy when Romeo left to make a home for both on this side of the Atlantic. He was nearing his goal in Reading when the world war called him into army service. He started to save again upon his discharge last year, and there was enough at length for the home and ocean passage for two. Last Tuesday they were gathered in his arms at Hoboken pier. The little girl, however, failed to recover from sickness contracted on the voyage and today she died.

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# SULL'INCONSULTO SCIOPERO IN ITALIA

Gli Agitatori tra i Ferroviari Hanno Raggiunto un Altro Fiasco

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Roma, 27 gennaio.—Lo sciopero dei ferrovieri volge alla fine e nonostante le minacce degli elementi turbolenti ed anarchici il buon senso torna a prevalere tra gli scioperanti e moltissimi hanno già ripreso servizio. Gli agitatori potranno così tra breve constatare che le loro sfolte manovre hanno raggiunto un altro colossale fiasco.

I servizi vanno di ora in ora migliorando merce l'opera dei ferrovieri rimasti al loro posto, di migliaia di volontari che hanno offerto i loro servizi e di quelli che torrano al lavoro. Soltanto in Genova e Torino, i due centri del movimento per lo sciopero, il servizio è parzialmente ostacolato, ma si è già provveduto ad inviarvi il personale in eccedenza delle linee meridionali e di numerosi volontari.

Un certo numero di volontari, appartenenti alle più aristocratiche famiglie, hanno assunto il servizio dei macchinisti in una maniera maravigliosa. La Marchesa Guiccioli ha organizzato un corpo di donne per sopprimere al servizio della pulizia dei carri passeggeri.

I giornali sono concordi nello stimmatizzare le interne agitazioni dei ferrovieri e del postelegrafonici, le quali in certo qual modo impacciano il governo negoziati con le Potenze Alleate.

Il deputato socialista Marchioro è stato denunciato alle autorità giudiziarie poiche in alcune riunioni ha parlato istigando l'odio di classe e la rivoluzione ed anche per lesa maestà, avendo proferto insulti all'indirizzo del Sovrano.

Un membro socialista della Camera dei Deputati ha ricevuto avviso dal partito socialista russo che la Repubblica del Soviet in Russia manderà in Italia Angelica Balabanoff, come ambasciatrice. Si dice che essa abbia ricevuto un incarico ufficiale da Lenin. La Balabanoff è nota per la sua propaganda rivoluzionaria.

Seemanti gli ultimi disprezzi giunti da Napoli, in quel compartimento ferroviario gli scioperanti hanno ripreso tutti il lavoro ad eccezione di tre.

Il governo ha deciso di compensare i ferrovieri che sono rimasti estranei allo sciopero.

Count Desiderio Pasolini  
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