

# SEES OPPORTUNITY TO END ILLITERACY

## Doctor Finegan Declares Census Data Gives Chance to Improve Conditions

### AMERICANIZATION SESSION

Harrisburg, March 24.—Now that the federal census has been completed, illiteracy can be stamped out in all states. If federal and state governments cooperate, Dr. Thomas F. Finegan, superintendent of public instruction, declared yesterday at the Americanization sessions of the Pennsylvania Safety Congress.

Doctor Finegan said that the federal government should furnish each state with names and addresses of all illiterates.

"If the federal government does this," he said, "I am sure that with the attitude of Governor Sprout and the cooperation of the state departments we shall be able to eliminate illiteracy in Pennsylvania."

A symposium took place in the morning on "The Public Utility and Its Hazards," and the speakers represented the steam, electric, gas and electric companies. Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Philadelphia, presided at last night's session. The principal speaker was Mrs. Mary Woolson, Boston, who spoke on "The National Movement for Safety."

The place of women in industry was presented in a series of addresses at the night session with Mrs. J. Willis Martin, Philadelphia, presiding. Miss Mary Anderson, of the United States Department of Labor, said women had won a notable place in industry as a result of the war and would keep it.

### Troops at Wesel Nearly Encircled

Ruhr valley depends largely on the continuation of French industries. With a fuel from that source they will be completely hampered, with the possibility that a partial shutdown would be necessary. The Ruhr valley is producing scarcely sufficient coal for Alsace-Lorraine, and reports received here indicate the situation in Westphalia, Germany, is unchanged. Rumors that a provincial council will not be proclaimed here have been confirmed, but it is said the bitterness of the laborers against the government troops is intense. One labor leader is quoted as saying the miners were ready to allow themselves to be disarmed by the Entente, but would rather die than surrender to the regulars.

In case of an attack by regular troops, the miners, it is said, have decided to destroy mines and wells throughout the strike district.

Dusseldorf, March 23 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—Leaders of the elements which have taken over control of this city insist the movement should not be termed communistic, as soviets throughout Germany are considered impossible and dangerous. It is desired above all to do away with militarism, they add, and show the Allies that Germany is determined to take such a stand.

There are a few armed guards, but no real army under control. It is planned to have an old army commander, Captain Bredem, in charge of the "security guards," which is to be composed of workmen, who can be called to arms in case of emergency, but not regularly drilling as militia, which is what the workmen want to abolish.

Friedrich Stahl, one of the eight members of the Dusseldorf executive committee, installed in the provincial government house, gave to the Associated Press a statement on the workmen's views. He said the movement precipitated by the Kamp revolt was particularly a workmen's protest against that military movement and militarism in general.

"This is no soviet revolution," he declared. "At the moment, at least,

we are standing on the same grounds as the regular government chosen by the people of Germany. What we want the government to do is to uphold the people's will expressed in the last elections; that is to say, make a decided move to the Left (towards socialism) and to crush militarism in every form, more especially as it has dared to show itself in this Kamp revolt, as well as under Gustav Noske. We want work to give evidence to our own people, as well as to the world in general, of our will to work and develop.

"This is neither an uprising nor a revolution, but only a decided vote of distrust against the government in Berlin, which failed to uphold the principles of the revolution of November, 1918, whereby our people got rid of royalty and their military supporters.

"Everything will go on smoothly. The workmen, including the head and hand workers, will work now with a will, while under military rule, as it had developed last month under Noske, they worked against their will.

"We shall rigorously put down looting, disorder or plundering and if the government should send troops to fight against us—well, we are very strong, and the workmen, most of them experienced soldiers under a military leader, would leave their workshops and factories and turn against them.

"A central executive committee, now being formed at Hagen, is to consist of one member of each of the three Socialist parties, and the Democratic party. Under this central committee the several town executive committees will conduct the business of the country in connection with the regular city authorities for the welfare of the people, and, above all, for the working people."

The provincial government house, where the executive committee has taken up its headquarters, is protected by troops of armed men and rows of barbed wire, which Herr Stahl requested to be explained was erected and left by government troops not by the workmen. The executive committee announced that all the workers, except a few guards, had returned to their places yesterday. The general strike having ended Saturday.

The tramways and other services are operating apparently normally and the banks are open. Three of the five newspapers are not publishing because of the printers' wage strike, which is not connected with the workmen's movement.

Coblenz, March 23 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—Otto Meindorf, who was released from prison to take charge of the communist movement in the Ruhr basin, has ordered all workmen who have seen military service to report

for duty, threatening, if they fail, to obey, to cut off their food rations. Communists are requisitioning all foodstuffs, but actual seizures must be made in the presence of officers and looters are severely punished. Since gaining control, the Reds have re-established the German food ration and have requisitioned druggists and doctors to care for the wounded.

The communist military equipment is a complete modern warfare uniform, but some of the men in the ranks are wearing civilian clothes. Reports reaching here state many women are fighting with the communists.

There are many anti-Semitic demonstrations, although many of the communist leaders and officers are Jews.

Hamburg, March 23 (delayed).—(By A. P.)—Order is being maintained here by patrols of workmen and the security police, and it is announced the strike will cease after victims of recent fighting in the city have been buried. Admiral Meurer, who has been under arrest for several days, was released today.

Non-commissioned officers and sailors who recently arrested higher officers of the fleet announce the latter must be held until the naval personnel can choose its own officers, and threaten that if this course is not followed naval units will disband and disperse. In the meantime the navy has been placed at the disposal of the Ebert government to fight the revolt of the Extreme Left, if necessary.

What will happen in England? Will England have a new panic as radicalism advances in Berlin and will Lloyd George find his anti-red issue tremendously popular? And will that lead to dramatic but not necessarily wise steps to meet the threat to the East?

The issue seems to turn on the psychological state of England. How strong in reality is the Labor party movement and the reawakening of liberalism signaled by the return of Mr. Asquith to Parliament? Will liberalism be chilled by this new evidence of the coming up of new and subversive forces in Europe as a result of the war and of the victor's peace that was made?

France Favors Intervention. France, or, at least, the French Government, must perform a long and arduous task, but its influence will inevitably be on the side of intervention in Germany. France was the strongest influence making for intervention in Russia. And France sees in the German revolution the loss of much that has been awarded to her by the treaty.

That will give the world a breathing spell and an opportunity to think. What is apparently being set up in Berlin in a government just short of a Bolshevik government. An all-Socialist or labor cabinet, such as is independent or Spartacist cabinet. Even if the Spartacists participate in it, it will have more in common with what would be a pure labor government in England than with the Communist government in Russia.

Allies Permit Deluge. The Allies might have stopped the course of events in Germany with a democracy of the Ebert-Bauer sort if Ebert and Bauer, just as they might have slowed up the revolution in Russia by getting behind Kerensky. But the policy of the peace conference was to hold up Ebert just long enough to get his signature to the peace and let the deluge come.

The deluge is in sight, and it finds Mr. Wilson busy with domestic politics and resentful in spirit at the sea which he has been obliged to cross. It finds Mr. Lloyd George deeply occupied with domestic politics. It finds France with no thought but of her own fate if she fails to get her reparations, and if in spite of the feeble barrier of Poland the revolution of eastern Europe becomes the revolution of eastern and central Europe.

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likely no definite announcement on the congressional fight will be made until Campbell has suggested tentatively the name of James J. Connolly, his chief lieutenant in the Twenty-fifth ward.

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Magistrate William F. Campbell, Moore leader of the Twenty-fifth ward, is now canvassing the Fifth district on the congressional situation. Mr. Costello is in Florida. It is regarded as

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