

German Rioters Force General Harries to Haul Down Old Glory

NEBRASKA COMMANDER FORCED TO HAUL DOWN FLAG RAISED TO PROTECT ENTENTE OFFICIALS

General Harries, Former Commander Sixth Nebraska, Compelled By Berlin Mob To Bring Down American Flag He Had Raised Over The Adlon Hotel

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Berlin, Jan. 7, (Night).—Rioters forced General Harries of Omaha, Neb., to haul down the American flag which was raised over the Adlon hotel to protect entente officials today.

Shooting in front of the hotel caused the officials to seek refuge within. They suggested that General Harries, head of the American mission, hoist the American flag as a means of protection. When the flag was raised the crowd went wild and threatened to storm the hotel until it was lowered. This finally was done.

Scores of persons were killed in the rioting which resulted from a collision yesterday morning between rival processions of the spartacides and government demonstrators. Motor cars armed with machine guns and manned by sailors, raced through the streets shooting in all directions. The fusillade was heard throughout the city.

(General Harries is a resident of Omaha and left this state in command of the Sixth Nebraska infantry. When that organization was split up at Camp Cody he was placed in command of the depot brigade at that place. He later went overseas and is now a member of the American mission in Germany.)

Government Concentrates Troops
Copenhagen, Jan. 8.—The German government concentrated great forces of troops outside Berlin Monday night, planning to enter the city at daybreak Tuesday and crush Liebknecht's rebellion, according to Berlin advices received here from various sources. Field Marshal Von Hindenburg was reported to have arrived from German military headquarters and it is assumed that he will direct the attack on the spartacides.

Truce Declared?

Berne, Jan. 8.—A truce has been declared between government forces and the Liebknecht element, according to a dispatch filed in Berlin yesterday and received today. The dispatch said the truce will continue while the rival forces discuss the government demands. The spartacides are to evacuate all government buildings and surrender Police Commissioner Eichorn.

The Spartacides will be represented at the conference by their parliament delegates while Ebert's ministers will act as the government's delegates.

If the spartacides refuse to accept the conditions it was reported the government will take severe repressive measures. Demobilization Minister Noske has been given full military power to carry out the measures.

Spurn Government's Offer

Copenhagen, Jan. 8.—The spartacides have spurned the government's proposal to arbitrate on the condition of disarming all followers except soldiers, evacuate all public buildings and surrender Police Commissioner Eichorn, a Berlin dispatch stated today.

According to other reports the revolt has spread to Mannheim, where the spartacides raided a social-democrat meeting, smashed the furniture and attempted to wreck the offices. The rioters were dispersed.

The spartacides still control the postoffice and other government buildings and frustrated attempts of the government forces to retake the Spandau arsenal, according to reports from various sources.

The spartacides, it is said, have placed machine guns in the windows of buildings opposite newspaper offices which they have been unable to seize, and are preventing publication.

Seize Reichsbank

Geneva, Jan. 8.—The spartacides have seized the Reichsbank in Berlin, according to reports received here today.

Supply 10,000 Firearms

Paris, Jan. 8.—Ten thousand firearms were distributed among spartacides in Berlin yesterday, according to a Basle dispatch to the Midi today. The dispatch said the spartacides occupied the central telegraph exchange Monday but that the employees are still working.

Spartacides Control Railways

Frankfort, Jan. 8.—The Anzeiger reported today that the spartacides control the railways of Berlin and all traffic has ceased.

All available military forces will be employed to crush the spartacides.

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FORMER U. S. SOLICITOR GENERAL PLACED UNDER ARREST IN CHICAGO

Chicago, Jan. 8.—Charles H. Aldrich, United States solicitor general in 1892 and 1893 was under arrest here today charged by Frank C. Patten with running a confidence game. Patten, a real estate man, asserted Aldrich borrowed \$700 from him on securities which he later found to be improper. Aldrich denied the charge. He was released on \$2,000 bond.

TROTSKY PROCLAIMED DICTATOR OF RUSSIA; LENINE ARRESTED

Copenhagen, Jan. 8.—Leon Trotsky, bolshevik war minister, has been proclaimed dictator of Russia and has arrested Premier Lenine on the charge of forming a coalition with the Mensheviks (radical minority) according to a Moscow dispatch received today by the Gothenberg Gazette.

HUNDREDS PAY LAST TRIBUTE TO COLONEL THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Oyster Bay, Jan. 8.—Hundreds of men and women, representing a nation in mourning, gathered here today to pay their last tribute to Colonel Theodore Roosevelt. Trains were considerably delayed by a snow storm but each brought a throng.

Mrs. Roosevelt, who has borne up bravely, did not leave the home at Sagamore Hill, after the brief memorial there.

The funeral procession from the house was composed of fifteen automobiles. Those assigned to the first car were Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, Mrs. Archibald Roosevelt, Mrs. Richard Derby and Mrs. Douglas Robinson.

Proceeding the motor hearse by ten minutes, Captain Archie Roosevelt and Theodore Douglas Robinson went to the ivy covered church to make final arrangements.

Christmas decorations—giving rise to thoughts of the holidays and good cheers—were still in place in the church. Evergreens were on the chancel and attached to the roof was a huge green Christmas bell.

The coffin was draped with the United States flag. The flag of the first volunteer United States cavalry—the roughriders—was also draped upon it.

Just as the body was borne into the church the sun came out for the first time today, glinting the snow which covered everything.

There was a solemn stillness, broken only by the shuffling of the undertaker's professional pallbearers. The most tense moment seemed to be when the mortal remains of the late Colonel Roosevelt were carried slowly up the aisle while Dr. Talmadge impressively uttered the first sentence of the Episcopal funeral ritual.

The services in the church lasted just eighteen minutes. Many in the crowd were weeping. Among those who stood in the road near the church were many old men who had known Colonel Roosevelt for years. They seemed deeply affected, leaning heavily on walking sticks, their white heads bowed in grief. Hundreds of vehicles lined the road in front of the church—automobiles and old fashioned wagons.

As the cortage started to the cemetery the church bell tolled and a moaning foghorn on Long Island Sound added to the melancholy note. The crowd became denser as it drew near the cemetery. All points of vantage from which view of the grave could be had were thronged.

When the hearse reached the cemetery the only floral tribute at the grave was a single orchid which some passerby had thrust into the mound of new yellow earth cast up beside Colonel Roosevelt's last resting place.

FIRST DIVORCE OF THE YEAR GRANTED IN DISTRICT COURT

The first divorce of the year was granted in district court before Judge L. M. Pemberton this morning, the successful applicant for a separation of matrimonial bonds being John W. Sample. His wife, Hazel L. Sample, did not put in her appearance, making no defense. F. A. Dutton appeared as the attorney for Sample.

Two criminal cases were dismissed by Gen. L. W. Colby, acting county attorney. The case against F. M. Everett, charged with cash-

ing worthless checks, was dismissed; the defendant having made good the amounts which he received. The second case dismissed was that of the state against George Booth, charged with arson.

Injunction proceedings were filed in district court by Chas. P. Bachle against Jacob S. Meyers, the plaintiff seeking to restrain the defendant from cutting down trees on a farm in the Ellis vicinity. Rihaker Kidd & Delehant appear as the attorneys for the plaintiff.

PARTY OF 12 PERSONS IN ARMED AUTOS DEMAND TO SEE KAISER

Amsterdam, Jan. 9.—Two armed automobiles containing twelve persons arrived at Amerongen castle late Sunday night and demanded to see the former kaiser immediately, it was learned today. The burgomaster became suspicious and gave orders that the occupants of the automobiles be prevented from carrying out their demands. After

some parley the automobiles departed.

One report said that the automobiles came from Germany and that it was a plot to aid Wilhelm to escape. Another report was that the automobiles were United States army cars from Belgium and that the party consisted of newspaper correspondents who wanted to interview the former kaiser.

ROAD ADMINISTRATION SIGNS CONTRACT WITH PENNSYLVANIA

Washington, Jan. 8.—The railroad administration has signed an operating contract with the Pennsylvania line and six subsidiaries. An annual rental of \$53,603,437 is provided.

AMERICAN LABOR CHIEFS GO TO LONDON FOR CONFERENCE

New York, Jan. 8.—Samuel Gompers and four other labor officials sailed today for England on the Carmania. The officers in the party were James Duncan, vice president of the American federation of labor; John R. Alpine, William Green and Frank Duffy. They will confer in London with the British parliament committee and get together with other labor men to aid and advise the peace conferees.

WEATHER FORECAST
Fair tonight and Thursday; O warmer southeast and colder O extreme east portion tonight. O Maximum temperature for 24 O hours ending Wednesday morn O ing at 8 o'clock, 30; minimum O temp. 17; temp. at 8 a. m., 19. O At 11 o'clock, 24.

STATESMEN OF ASSOCIATED POWERS TO HOLD FIRST JOINT CONFERENCE THURSDAY IN PARIS

Heads Of British, French, Italian And American Governments To Meet In First Joint Conference For Discussion Of Preliminary Plans For Peace

By Robert J. Bender
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Paris, Jan. 8.—American, British, Italian and French statesmen will hold their first joint meeting tomorrow, it was officially announced today.

The conference which will be held in the foreign office, will be attended by President Wilson, Secretary Lansing, Foreign Minister Balfour, Lord Cecil, Premier Orlando, Foreign Minister Sonnino, Premier Clemenceau and Foreign Minister Pichon.

Balfour, Orlando and Sonnino will arrive in Paris tonight. The others are already here.

Premier Clemenceau and President Wilson are believed today to be approaching some understanding regarding their views on the "balance of power" and the "league of nations."

The two leaders certainly had an opportunity to exchange views on this matter as a result of their unexpected meeting late yesterday in the office of Colonel House. Great

interest was attached to this meeting as it was the first time Clemenceau and Wilson have met since the former's frank declaration in favor of retention of the balance of power and the latter's simultaneous statement in Manchester that this ancient institution must give way to the league of nations.

American circles have all along held the opinion that the divergence of Clemenceau's and Wilson's views was more apparent than real and that both are working toward the same end only along different channels.

The meeting took place in the Hotel Crillon at dusk, the president walking down the Murat palace to the hotel in a drizzling rain. He was accompanied only by secret service men and was wholly unrecognized by the public. Clemenceau had gone to the hotel to see Colonel House. While the meeting was wholly unplanned it was believed to have been anticipated by only a few hours a scheduled conference between the two leaders.

CHAIRMAN CHITTENDEN NAMES COMMITTEES FOR THE YEAR

The newly organized board of supervisors, with W. E. Chittenden officiating as chairman, met this morning and transacted considerable business.

Chairman Chittenden submitted his list of committees for the ensuing year, as follows:

Finance and audit of claims—Siefkes, Scheideler and Goble. Bridges—Essam, Siefkes and McPherson.

Public grounds and buildings and poor farm and supplies—Scheideler, Essam and Dailey.

Auditing county treasurer—Dailey, Essam and Scheideler.

Auditing other county offices and official bonds—Goble, Siefkes and McPherson.

Judiciary and roads—McPherson, Dailey and Goble.

The report of the committee on rules was adopted, the only change in the old rules being that in the future requisitions for supplies must be signed by some person or committee authorized by the board.

The application of Dr. G. L. Roe for reappointment as county physician was read. There was no other applicant and the appointment was made unanimously.

Register of Deeds J. A. Weaver submitted the name of J. B. High for re-appointment as deputy. The

appointment was approved by the board, the salary to be paid from fees of the office for the year 1919.

County Clerk-elect G. L. Mumford submitted the name of J. C. Emery as his deputy and that of Miss Elda Walls as stenographer. The appointments were approved, the stenographer's salary being fixed at \$60 per month.

The jury lists for the year 1919 were submitted and accepted, over 500 names from the seven districts in the county being submitted.

The applications of seven applicants for appointment as janitor of the court house were read at Tuesday afternoon's session. Herbert Palmer, who has so efficiently officiated as janitor for many years, has rented a farm and will devote his attention to agricultural pursuits after March 1. Those who applied for the janitorship were S. Guy McCullough of Blue Springs, W. C. Schreve, Robert Vickers, Arthur Wilson, Enos C. Powell, E. L. Means, and Ebert C. Oden of Beatrice.

The board adjourned at noon until 2 o'clock this afternoon. At the afternoon session, the bonds of the new county officers were submitted and approved.

The board is in session as the Express goes to press.

AMERICAN DISTILLERS WILL FIGHT ALL DRY MEASURES

Chicago, Jan. 8.—American distillers will fight the various dry measures now threatening. This was indicated today with the announcement that attorneys have been appointed at a meeting here to fight both the legislative amendment, now ratified by nineteen states, as well as the wartime prohibition rules which will prevent sale of liquor after July 1.

THOMAS NELSON PAGE TO LEAVE ITALIAN POST IN NEAR FUTURE

Paris, Jan. 8.—Thomas Nelson Page, ambassador to Italy, is tired out by the strain of the war and will retire within a short time, it was reported in political circles here today.

Thomas Nelson Page, famous as an author before appointment to his present post in 1913, was born in Oakland County, Virginia, April 23, 1853.