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**Settlement Is Nearer  
Says One Report**

Stuttgart, March 22.—There appears to be hopes in official circles here that a peaceful settlement of the troubles in the Ruhr district will be effected. Such hopes were expressed by officials in commenting upon the situation late last night. Official confirmation was given in news dispatch has announcing the resignation of Gustav Noske, the minister of defense, and its acceptance by President Ebert.

**Uhlans Attacked.**

Aix La Chappelle, March 22.—A detachment of Uhlans was surprised Monday between Dusseldorf and Duisburg, southwest of Essen. The officers and young soldiers of the detachment were shot as enemies of the working classes, according to a wounded Uhlans who was rescued by a Belgian post and told of the attack.

**Disaster Inevitable.**

Copenhagen March 23.—The whole western industrial district of Germany is held solidly by radicals and disaster is inevitable if the government troops try to interfere there, according to information received from Berlin this morning by telephone by the Berlingske Tidende. The Social Demokraten learns that a purely workers' government is on point of formation without cooperation with the bourgeois parties.

**Another Battle Reported.**

La-Chappelle-Rhenish Prussia, Mar. 23.—Another battle is reported to be going on between Spartacans and troops of the regular army at Wessel, 22 miles northwest of Essen. The regulars, the report says, appear to have been outflanked by the Spartacans.

**Allies Hands Off.**

London, March 23.—The situation in the Ruhr valley, the stronghold of the German Reds, is expected in diplomatic and military circles here to remain virtually unchanged until the peace conferees in London decide whether German government troops shall be allowed in that district.

The conference had before yesterday a protest by Czecho-Slovakia against such action. It failed to reach a decision and put over to today the question whether the valley should be allowed to remain as it is or if the Czech protest should be overridden.

This is the only instance where the Entente may take a hand in the German disorders, and then only because Germany, under the provisions of the treaty of Versailles, does not control that section of the country. It is declared here that Entente is still maintaining a hands-off policy, notwithstanding the recurring reports that the British mission in Berlin is attempting to dictate to the Ebert government.

This morning's official message states that the Reds in the Ruhr valley possess no effective artillery or tanks, but are plentifully supplied with ri-

fler.

**Heavy Fighting North of Spandau**

Berlin, March 22.—Heavy fighting between regular troops and insurgents occurred today north of Spandau. Strong bands equipped with machine guns, which had plundered the village of Boetzow, encountered a company of regulars near Henningdorf, and the latter were obliged to retire temporarily owing to their inferiority in numbers. Arrival of reinforcements, however, was the signal for a systematic attack, with artillery preparation, and house-to-house fighting ensued. The insurgents were finally compelled to retreat, leaving 14 dead and many wounded on the scene of the fighting. They were pursued by regulars.

Government troops occupied the bridges across the Havel river near Spandau.

Coblenz, March 23.—Negotiations between the government and leaders of workers were going on in Berlin yesterday, according to advices received here, but the general strike had not been settled, as the larger labor elements and the independent socialists were demanding guarantees against militarists and more concessions from the government. Some trains were moving on suburban lines out of Berlin yesterday.

Baltic troops and units of the naval brigades withdrawn from Berlin when Dr. Wolfgang Kapp left the city, are now in camp 15 miles west of Berlin, it is said.

**Communists Hold Dozen Towns**

Copenhagen, March 22.—A despatch to the Berlingske Tidende from Berlin says the communist army in Westphalia aggregates fully 10,000 men who are equipped with mine throwers, armored cars and machine guns. The army is being constantly reinforced. It already holds about a dozen towns.

Copenhagen, March 23.—Work was resumed in the shipyards at Hamburg yesterday, according to dispatches received here, and a telegram from Kiel says that workmen there have decided to resume their posts in the most essential public services.

**Socialists Strengthen Forces**

Dusseldorf, March 23.—Small squads of independent socialists, wearing Red brassards and having army rifles slung over their shoulders, are arriving here to strengthen the forces numbering several thousand men, which are holding this city, while awaiting a threatened attack from government troops. The Red army, in which many communists have enlisted, is now drilling near the town. Socialists are patrolling the streets, but are not molesting the public. No disorders were reported today.

The people of Dusseldorf, expect government troops, which were forced to retire to Wesel, 32 miles northwest of here, to be reinforced sufficiently to recapture the city within a week.

**Concentrating Near Wesel**

London, March 22.—Latest reports from Germany show that state and government troops are concentrating near Wesel to move against the extensive districts now occupied by communists, says a Rotterdam dis-

patch to the London Times. On the other hand, the communists are mobilizing after the method of the Russians with great speed, and it is impossible to prophesy the issue of the coming battle, or when it will be fought. The communists are hampered by a lack of food, one report saying they have supplies for only three days, and that when this is consumed it is anticipated they will proceed to rob the country districts.

The dispatches quote a message from the correspondent of the Telegraaf describing the conquest of Essen by the communists. As far back as Thursday, he says, there were fights between the Reds and government soldiers in the suburbs of Essen, but the city itself continued quiet and normal. The strike had been declared off, and everybody there had resumed work.

**Both Sides Use Artillery.**

Copenhagen, March 23.—A Lipsic telegram received here last night says that fighting at Halle and in the neighborhood of that place continues with undiminished violence, both the troops and the workers forces using artillery. Halle has been completely cut from the outside world.

**Want a Labor Party**

London, March 23.—The proposal put before Gustav Bauer, the German premier, for the formation of a labor government for Germany, excluding the bourgeois parties was advanced by the independent socialists, the Exchange Telegraph correspondent at Berlin reports. He also adds:

"The majority of the people would undoubtedly vote against such a proposal, fearing it would result in a proletarian dictatorship."

"If such a government were formed it would not have to ignore the national assembly or else retire as soon as it came into conflict with the majority of the people's representatives, which would be almost certain to happen upon the introduction of its socialistic proposals."

"Premier Bauer informed the independents that it would be necessary to consult all the parties before an answer could be handed to them on the question."

**Situation Is Confused.**

Paris, March 23.—The situation in Berlin is extremely confused at present, according to advices to the foreign office today. There is apparently a conflict between the military and the civilian members of the government. General Von Seeckt, the commander of the government forces, favors prompt and energetic action against the Spartacans in the Ruhr Valley, while the civilian members of the government are still seeking to assuage the trouble by compromise. Nothing definite, it was reported, had come out of yesterday's compromise negotiations.

The foreign office dispatch report government troops in possession of Lipsic, but that Halle is likely to be captured by Red forces.

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