

Fear Bloodshed When German Socialists Meet

Radical Leaders Threaten to Assassinate Opponents of Terms Laid Down by the Internationale at Moscow

Workmen May Use Clubs

Reds Fail in Attempt to Gain Control of Labor Unions at Convention

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BERLIN, Oct. 11.—Possible bloodshed and a split in the Independent Socialist party at its convention at Halle on Tuesday are indicated from numerous sources. The fight will be over yielding to the conditions laid down by Moscow for admittance of the independents to the Third Internationale.

Reports from all parts of the country show that a clear majority favors accepting Moscow's terms. Both wings of the party are becoming more and more excited as the day of the convention draws near. The Moscow wing has been organizing a system of terrorism to obtain victory. Freieit, the official organ of the party admits "the decline in the party's morale has made frightful progress under the influence of Moscow's doctrines," and says that the Communists' wing is unscrupulous and may resort to plans to assassinate its opponents.

Plan of Assassination

Lebedour, one of the independent leaders, several days ago printed a letter written by a confere threatening him with death. To-day Freieit prints a statement of a "thoroughly trustworthy friend" who talked with one worthy murderer. This friend admitted that there exists a far-reaching organization in the party whose aim is to kill off the opposition leaders. The paper describes the violent methods whereby the Communist wing is seeking to seize the party organization.

In Wurtemberg the Communist majority at the state convention dismissed the old state committee and also made an effort to obtain editorial control of Freieit. The committee served notice on the manager to dismiss the chief editor, Hilfering and a half dozen other editors. The manager refused to yield on the ground that the committee had proceeded irregularly.

Freieit says that the Halle local chairman has threatened that members of the national committee would not be allowed to leave Halle and that they would be beaten to death. Another Halle leader said the Mansfeld copper miners would come to Halle armed with clubs to disperse the convention.

Reds Fail to Rule America

The first congress of shop councils ever held here has adjourned. There were 1,500 delegates present. A remarkable fight for control was waged between the old labor union element and the newer radical Communist wing. The Reds demanded an independent central organization for all shop councils but the right wing succeeded, by a large majority, in giving the control to the old trades union central office. The congress nevertheless was permeated with a radical spirit, which was expressed by a strong determination among workmen to assert far-reaching control over the processes of production and distribution. The congress passed a resolution asking the German government to stand firmly against the decision of the Conference of Allied Ambassadors to prohibit the construction of Diesel motors in Germany, and then to destroy those now in use in industrial work.

The chairman of the congress remarked that the Entente was demanding enormous indemnities, and also the machinery with which alone it would be possible to pay them. He added that the decision of the ambassadors was

not a war measure, but a stroke deliberately intended to cripple Germany economically.

The congress voted unanimously, with much applause, to send a deputation to the Allied commission of control in Berlin protesting against the decision and asking its annulment.

At the congress was a Russian deputation under the Bolshevik leader Losovsky, who in a speech admitted that the Russian soviets would be unable to hold out permanently unless they succeeded in starting a world revolution.

600 See Policeman Quit Banquet and Drop Dead

W. A. Hagan Is Victim of Indigestion While Broker Officers Celebrate Promotions

Six hundred police officers, business and professional men and politicians gathered at a banquet in Pythian Temple, 149th Street and Walton Avenue, The Bronx, last night to celebrate joyously the recent promotion of three police officers. William A. Hagan, thirty-eight years old, a patrolman, attached to the Alexander Avenue station, arose from the table complaining of pain and was led from the room. Outside the officer collapsed. Physicians were summoned from Lincoln Hospital, but it was too late. Stricken with acute indigestion, Hagan died within a few minutes.

Inspector John F. Sweeney informed the guests of the tragedy and the party was adjourned.

Hagan had been on the force eighteen years. With his wife and daughter he lived at 311 East 140th Street.

The dinner had been arranged in honor of Inspector Sweeney, recently promoted from a captain. Captain Benjamin Austen, promoted from lieutenant and Lieutenant Frank C. White, promoted from a sergeny.

Gateman Held for Death Blamed for Fatality

LIFTING OF BARS TOO QUICKLY

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Oct. 11.—Isaac Christie, a gateman at the Kohler Street crossing of the West Jersey and Seashore Railroad, was arraigned to-day before Mayor Anderson and committed to the county jail on a charge of manslaughter. He was placed under heavy guard as he was taken from the hearing.

Late last night a motorcycle with one man riding in the side car started over the tracks just after a freight train had passed and ran into the path of an express train. The motorcycle was carried 50 feet and Paul Pieniez, twenty years old, of 314 Jersey Avenue, was killed. The driver of the machine, George McMullen, of 25 Market Street, received a fractured skull and is reported to be dying at Cooper Hospital, Camden, N. J.

According to Charles Straw, county prosecutor, the gateman lifted the bars after the freight train went by, and McMullen, assuming the track was clear, started to cross. The gateman denied he raised the bars.

Erin in Uproar Over Arrest of Vice-President

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latter fired volleys, in which several persons were wounded.

Lloyd George's speech at Carnarvon started what promises to become one of the bitterest political battles since the war. Ex-Premier Asquith has promised that on Thursday he will make answer to the Prime Minister's utterance and the country expects him to do some plain talking in development of his charge that Lloyd George condones "the hellish policy of reprisals."

The feud is expected to reach its climax when Parliament reassembles next week and the government brings out the Irish Home Rule measure, which The Times describes as enacted and discredited.

The paper charges that the measure is supported by the government simply because Sir Edward Carson had the prime minister in his political pocket.

Consistently loyal to the prime minister, The Manchester Guardian says the Carnarvon speech marks the turning point in Lloyd-George's career.

It is difficult to see how anything beneficial to Ireland can result from the fight between two leading British statesmen and the newspapers supporting them. Neither is there any prospect of the opposition developing enough strength to bring about a political crisis. Lloyd George has strengthened himself with Conservative support and still retains his firm hold on the coalition Liberals.

Morally the government is considerably weakened, but its political strength is still sufficient to control the situation. The opposition, composed of Asquith Liberals, the masses of labor and a few Unionists who disagree with Carson, will become more solidified and may enjoy the support of a large measure of public opinion, but Lloyd George controls the majority vote in the House of Commons. Some political observers predict the defeat of the government at the general elections this fall, but there is little to justify this forecast.

The government professes to feel keenly the unsympathetic attitude of America, France and even some of the colonies regarding its Irish policy, although it is difficult to appreciate why it should do so when half the newspapers of England and Scotland contain criticism bitter enough to leave them open to the charge of supporting the Sinn Féin.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—Lively scenes took place after a raid by the police and military on Hamrock Falls, Bogside, a Nationalist district, Sunday night, in which two men were arrested, charged with having seditious literature in their possession. A large and threatening crowd followed the

China May Use Famine Relief on Canal Work

PEKING, Oct. 11.—The famine committee is investigating a proposal to devote the major portion of the \$500,000 donated by the American Red Cross for relief work to improving the Grand Canal, which traverses the famine-stricken regions.

police and their captives to the station.

Shots in the air failed to disperse the gathering, and the police and military charged with clubs and bayonets, driving the Nationalists back to their quarters.

The prisoners in the Londonderry jail Sunday night again wrecked their cells. There were continued disturbances until early this morning.

CORK, Oct. 11.—The first case, so far as is known, of an attack on an Irish prison official occurred yesterday afternoon when Thomas Griffin, a warden of Cork jail, was kidnapped while on the way to his home. No trace of him has been found and the jail authorities expressed the fear today that they would never see him again.

It was stated that Griffin was on the "black list," being accused of tormenting the hunger strikers in jail by offering them food.

British Trying to Buy Ireland-Halifax Cable

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LONDON, Oct. 11.—The British government has offered to purchase the Ireland, Newfoundland and Halifax line of the Direct United States Cable Company at a price said to be about \$750,000. The cable was laid forty years ago, and is American owned and has been operated by the Western Cable Company since 1912.

With the exception of the former German cable, all Atlantic lines are now under American control, and the government feels the need of more than one wire.

The suggestion has been made in the press that while the government needs cables, the construction of a new and better line would be wiser than to buy the one under consideration.

Reds Sue for Peace With Gen. Wrangel

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agreement both contracting parties undertake not to extend their support to foreign military action against the other side."

Polish Council Favors Annexation of Vilna

Diet Body Adopts Resolution: Government to Disavow Occupation, Is Report to Paris

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Council of Foreign Affairs in the Diet at Warsaw has passed a resolution favoring the annexation of the Vilna district to the Polish Republic, the Central News says to-day.

A Warsaw dispatch says: "The Polish government does not associate itself with this incident and is determined not to countenance any foreign act on the part of army detachments. The Polish government is taking all measures in its power to assert its authority."

Provisional Rule Established

WARSAW, Oct. 11.—(By The Associated Press.)—General Zeligowski, whose forces occupied Vilna, the Lithuanian capital, Saturday, has established a provisional government in Vilna, according to reports from Grodno to-day.

The Polish authorities assert it was ascertained after the Reds were driven eastward that more than one thousand Poles—old men, women and children—had been killed by the Bolsheviks in the Vilna region during the occupation.

Army officials say that the action of Zeligowski's units was in defiance of the orders of General Sikorski, who commands the Polish army on the northern front. General Sikorski telegraphed headquarters here that several days ago he endeavored to pacify the dissatisfied group.

The group which revolted belonged to the division which distinguished itself at Hadzysyn in defense of Warsaw when the Reds' August drive reached the capital's gates. They were from the Grodno and Lida districts, and mutinied because of

dissatisfaction over the terms of the Lithuanian-Polish armistice. This agreement left the fate of Vilna in suspense, and caused such bitter feeling throughout the division that it was resolved at all costs to prevent the Kovno government from annexing the city.

Occupation of Vilna resulted from the rejection by General Zeligowski of proposals by the French Government to create Vilna a free city. The forces occupying the city were Polish Lithuanians, and not white Russians and Lithuanians as reported Saturday.

Great Excitement in Vilna

General Sikorski said he had been unable to communicate with General Zeligowski since the latter entered Vilna. He added that there was great excitement in the Vilna district, which was evacuated by the Lithuanian troops before the arrival of the Poles.

General Zeligowski, who commanded the group of Polish armies which in 1919 defended the retreat of General Denikine from Odessa, sent in his resignation by telephone. He did not wait for an answer over the wire, but followed his telephone message by a formal written resignation.

Shell-Shock Victim Slew Wife of German Admiral

Von Scheer's Daughter Still in Critical Condition: Hope Held Out for Recovery

WEIMAR, GERMANY, Oct. 11.—The condition of Frauln von Scheer, daughter of Admiral Reinhardt von Scheer, who was wounded when her mother and a maid were assassinated in the Admiral's villa Saturday afternoon, still is critical, but some hope is held out for recovery.

One of the murders, an artist named Buechner, who committed suicide in a coal bin, is said to have been a victim of shell-shock in the war and very excitable. Buechner concealed himself in the cellar, where he attacked and killed the maid servant, Frau von Scheer, disturbed by the maid's prolonged absence, went to seek her and also was killed. Frauln von Scheer then began a search for her mother and was fired upon and wounded.

The person who was seen leaving the house after the shooting has not been identified. It is thought probable, however, that it was Admiral von Scheer, who was hurrying out to obtain the services of a doctor.



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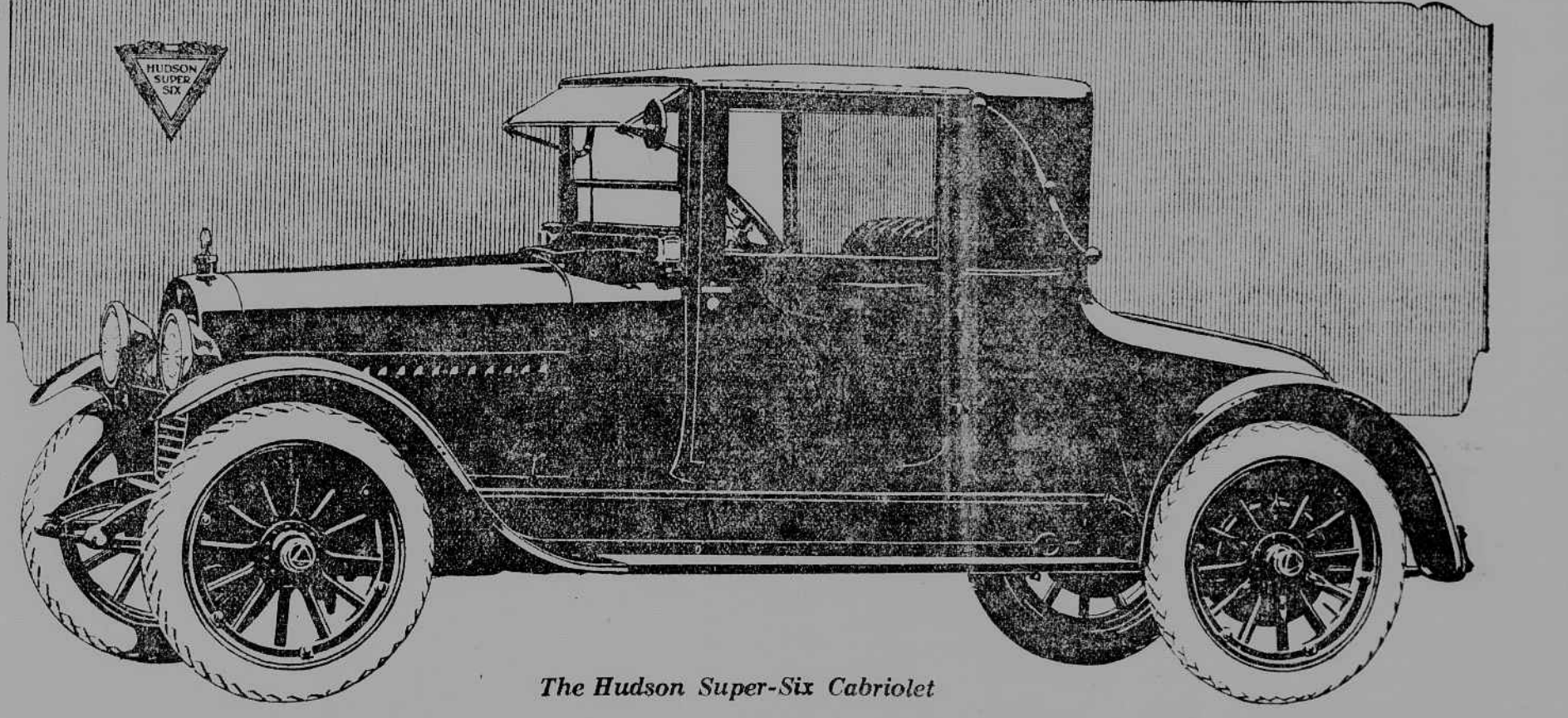
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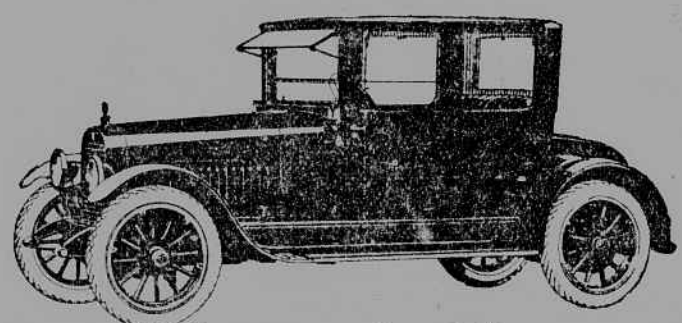
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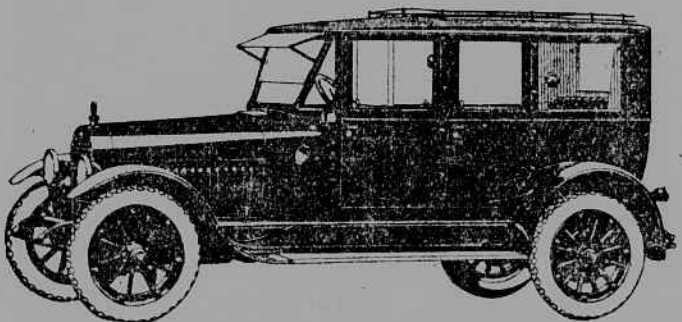
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