

France and Her Lesson. Exit Autocrat, Enter Germ. In the Newsboy's Pocket. Watch the Socialists.

WEATHER: Fair tonight and tomorrow; no decided change in temperature.

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SEATTLE MAYOR'S ORDERS, 'SHOOT TO KILL' SAYS HE IS FIGHTING AGAINST BOLSHEVISM

As you read the news, rapidly, your mind works with the minds of millions of others. And this daily work of all the minds of a nation, concentrated on the same facts, is what slowly builds up national intelligence and better government.

Here the Government has been selling horses and mules, 45,000 of them, far below cost and value to get rid of them.

Why not put them to work on drainage, irrigation, canal, and road work? That would give work to the idle, keep farmers busy profitably and use Government property today for the benefit of America in the future.

Suppose France owned our vast Government lands, swamps needing drainage, deserts that irrigation would make fertile, can you imagine how Clemenceau, and others, enlightened by revolution, would hasten to start draining and irrigating to provide work now, and good farm homes later, for their soldiers? We cannot expect in America all the intelligence shown by government in France, for French statesmen have had their lesson. Ours have not had it.

Policemen searched newsboys selling souvenirs to soldiers at Camp Mills. They were horrified to find one boy, Louis Feshman, with sixteen hundred dollars in his pockets, others with more than two hundred dollars each. The boys had done nothing dishonest, unless it was to charge too big a profit on the souvenirs they were selling. They were ordered to sell nothing except newspapers. The soldiers must be protected.

What surprises those some policemen might find if they went through some pockets in the financial district, where souvenirs in the way of oil shares, copper shares, and other prettily printed documents are sold.

Why is it illegal for a newsboy to sell a ten-cent souvenir for twenty-five cents and quite legal for a broker to peddle absolutely worthless pieces of paper for fifty dollars or more each? What about protecting the public?

This country is not paying sufficient attention to the international socialist conference at Berne, in Switzerland. European socialism is not like the American brand. In America it is a minor disturbance that occasionally calls meetings, tries to raise with a red flag, and is beaten back into obscurity by the police.

In Europe it is a force greater than any other at this moment. Germany is ruled by it. It is the controlling force in France and Italy, and a great power in England.

It may prove in the long run that the talking now done at Berne by international socialist delegates will have more real effect on the world's future than the talk at the big international conference in Paris.

Bernard Shaw is surprised to learn that there are Rip Van Winkle editors in America who do not know that the war is over. He should not be surprised. There are many that do not even know that the civil war is over.

London scientists announce that they have isolated and identified the bacillus that causes Spanish influenza, his brother that causes trench fever, and other bacilli that cause nephritis, mumps, measles, and typhus.

This means that a plan for identifying disease germs has been devised that applies to many diseases. If this is true, the announcement is more important to the future welfare of the earth than all the deliberations by socialists at Berne and statesmen in Paris put together.

LASKEY SAYS EVIDENCE IN CHINESE CASE IS COMPLETE

"The police have done excellent work in the investigation in the Chinese murder case. They have ample evidence to hold the men now detained in connection with the murder of Dr. Wong and his secretaries." This statement was made to The Times last night by United States District Attorney John E. Laskey.

The police trap in the triple Chinese murder, which has been mystifying Washington for more than a week, is practically ready to spring.

Within a few hours the long promised arrests are scheduled to be made and the police will name the men they believe cold-bloodedly murdered the three Chinese educators, Dr. Theodore T. Wong, C. H. Hsieh, and Ben Sen Wu, a week ago last Wednesday, at the 2023 Kalamazoo road home.

Ziang Sung Wan, a young man of many aliases, and his brother, T. I. Van, are known to be the only police suspects in the case. Both brothers have been held in custody by the police since the murder was discovered. Although no charge has been placed against them, they have been held under guard in a Washington hotel in the downtown section. Both men realize their predicament. Neither has summoned a lawyer. They have no friends, as far as can be learned, in Washington.

Kept in Seclusion. From the moment that Wan was taken from the Union Station to the hotel at 6 o'clock a week ago last night, he has been permitted to see no human being except members of the Police Department. So necessary did the police believe secrecy as to the whereabouts of the suspected young Chinese student, that they appealed to the newspapers not to name the hotel where they were housed. They wanted to be free to examine Wan and to continue their investigations without interruptions. The man was arrested from Orange, Va., yesterday by Sheriff J. Robert Allison in response to a telegram from officials of that county.

The man was arrested while lounging at the railway station there. He is said to answer the description of the tramp who committed the second attack upon Miss Garrett, even to a large scar on his forehead. He claims to have just been released from the Canadian army and to have discarded his uniform, but has nothing with which to prove his identity.

TO LIFT CZECH BLOCKADE. PARIS, Feb. 9.—The Blockade Council announces that the blockade against Czechoslovakia will be lifted immediately. This action is preliminary to lifting the blockade on neutrals who have been thus affected by the war.

ASKS IMPEACHMENT OF LANDIS, ENEMY OF WRIST WATCH

Because Judge Landis in Chicago ordered a witness to remove his wrist watch, Senator Thomas urged his impeachment for the exercise of "arbitrary power," in the Senate yesterday afternoon.

HOUSE PASSES REVENUE BILL

With only 23 dissenting votes, the House last night passed the \$5,000,000,000 revenue bill—the greatest in the history of the world, and which will affect almost every individual in the country. The vote was 310 for the bill, 11 against, and 12 voted "present."

The House action leaves only the Senate ratification of the conference report before the bill is ready for the president's signature.

The only fight on the conference report was by Mississippi Congressmen on the child-labor amendment, which taxes profits from the products of child labor. The fight was lost on a motion to recommit the bill by Congressman Venable of Mississippi, 171 to 75.

Venable and Humphreys, of Mississippi, declared the child-labor amendment unconstitutional and an unwarranted assumption of State police power by the Federal Government. On the final roll call four Mississippi Congressmen voted against the bill.

EXPERT HERE TO WORK OUT DETAILS FOR OCEAN FLIGHT

An airplane flight across the Atlantic will be attempted soon by United States navy fliers. Orders today disclosed the fact by the assignment of Commander John T. Towers, one of the foremost naval aviators, to the project. He is to be in charge of the development of plans and the assembly of material and personnel for the proposed trans-Atlantic flight," according to the orders.

The navy for more than a year has considered the plan feasible, and late last summer a trial was to be attempted but it was delayed on account of the necessities of using all machines and pilots for war work.

To Start From Halifax. The flight probably will start from Halifax, as it was planned to start the flight last year there, this being the closest point to Europe.

The navy's new monster flying boat, the "N. C. 1," which recently carried fifty persons, probably will be used in the attempt, because it can carry such large amounts of gasoline, fuel, and other supplies. It has three Liberty motors and is the largest flying machine in the world. Every test of the boat has been successful. Sleeping compartments for three men are provided in the boat. It carries a crew of two or three pilots, three mechanics, and a radio operator.

Naval aviation experts believe the most feasible plan to cross the Atlantic by air would be to string a fleet of destroyers and supply ships along the entire route, and send two or three planes together to avoid the danger of losing one. The destroyers could come to the rescue of a disabled plane, as could one of the escort planes. Communication could be maintained by radio.

Thirty-six Hours to Cross. Thirty to thirty-six hours flying time, it is estimated, will be required to make the trip, and this experts believe necessitates at least one stop in mid-ocean. This would also relieve the terrific strain on the pilots.

Aerial navigation has been so perfected during the war that there is little danger of the planes getting much off the course. It was stated. The compass is their main reliance for direction.

Keen rivalry has arisen between the British and the Americans to obtain the honor of making the first trans-oceanic flight, and it is known that the navy is making every effort to beat the Britons to the rescue of a disabled plane, as could one of the escort planes. Communication could be maintained by radio.

"If the flight is made it will be a great American feat," said Liberty motors will undoubtedly be used, and every part of the machines used will be "made in America."

FEW CHANGES IN RULES OF LEAGUE ARE TO BE MADE

PARIS, Feb. 9.—The League of Nations committee practically completed the entire constitution at its meeting yesterday, it is announced. Redrafting, necessitated by several changes, will delay its completion until the middle of this week, however.

Lord Cecil, of Great Britain; Premier Venizelos, of Greece; Senator Bourgeois, of France, and Paul Hymans, of Belgium, were appointed as a drafting committee.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at 10:30 Monday morning.

Official Statement. The following official statement was issued yesterday: "The committee on the League of Nations met at the Crillon Hotel at 10:30 o'clock this morning, and it was marked by the same accord of view that had characterized the previous sessions."

"At the end of this meeting the committee finds itself nearing the end of its task. The committee referred for discussion and clarification a few matters to a drafting committee. These points, however, still are to be referred back to the main committee. At the same time certain points, which were previously accepted, may be reopened for discussion before the league of nations committee makes its report to the peace conference."

"M. Ricci Busati has been named to represent the Italian delegation on the secretariat. "The committee will meet again at the Hotel Crillon on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock."

"On Sunday afternoon the drafting committee (above referred to) will meet at the office of Lord Robert (Continued on Page 21, Column 8.)

EVACUATE POSEN, FOE ASKS POLES

BERLIN, Feb. 8 (via London, Feb. 9).—The Prussian government has opened peace negotiations with the Poles, demanding the immediate evacuation of Posen by Polish troops and the demobilization of the Polish army.

EIGHT DROWN AS LAUNCH CAPSIZES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 9.—Eight persons were drowned when a motor launch capsized on Warrior river at a point two miles from the Alabama Power Company's plant at Gorgas, Ala., late yesterday afternoon.

The launch, which is reported was overloaded, turned turtle while rounding a sharp bend in the river.

'LIAR,' IS MAYER'S ANSWER TO HENEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Levy Mayer, counsel for Armour & Co., last night denounced as "an infamous lie" the charge of Francis J. Henehy before the Senate Agricultural Committee yesterday that Mayer attempted to "buy him off" by offering Henehy "more business than he could handle."

"The charge of Henehy, made during my absence in New York, is an infamous lie," Mr. Mayer said. "He says that the attempt was made by me at an open session of the committee. Next Monday it will be two weeks since I was before the committee. Why did not Henehy then get up and immediately tell of this imaginary offer?"

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CONSTITUTION FOR GERMANY UP TODAY

BERLIN, Feb. 8, via London, Feb. 9.—A new constitution of Germany will be accepted by the National Assembly at Weimar today, according to the Berliner Tageblatt.

The report of a preliminary draft binding the various states government-Blockade in commenting upon the peace treaty yesterday without discussion.

"Our hope is in President Wilson," said the German newspaper Goetz as "The Empire." Representatives outlook, adding: "President Wilson's confidence in German honesty during the peace conference is essential."

This paper advocated the speedy abolition of the council system. "The first draft of the new German constitution refers to the federation as 'The Empire.' Representatives of the entente at Paris, in pressing for the severest terms for Germany, have mentioned that the reformation in Germany is only camouflage to hide the purpose of establishing a great empire which shall still be a menace to the world's peace."

Some of the Provisions. Here are the leading provisions of the first draft: "The president must be at least thirty-four years old and have been a German subject for at least ten years; he shall be elected for a term (Continued on Page 3, Column 6.)

DEMobilization OF FOE NAVY ORDERED

Complete demobilization of the German naval force has been ordered by the Weimar government, a Swiss diplomatic dispatch announces.

Only a few detachments engaged in special work and some volunteer organizations will remain in service, it was stated. The government plans to provide civilian employment for all of the sailors.

1,500 ARMED MEN ARE BEING HELD READY TO CHECK ANY DISORDER

My Fight Is Against Russian Methods In America. By OLE HANSEN, Mayor of Seattle.

Two years ago 15,000 working men were employed in the industries of Seattle. There are now 45,000. The unions have admitted to their ranks under the stress of war conditions every Bolshevik and I. W. W. who desired to join. Those men have secured control of many labor organizations. The conservative members have shown their yellow streak by allowing the foes of organized government to run their union and their affairs.

When the shipyard strike was called the men went out unwillingly in most instances, although there is a feeling that the lower paid men were not getting sufficient wage when figured on the present cost of living.

Then the radicals, having read of the revolution in Petrograd, tried to duplicate the initial steps of the same here. The city government told them to go to hell, that all things would run as long as there was a government, and made no concessions to the revolutionists.

They closed down the newspaper plants through fear of injury of the employees of newspapers. Business, always cowardly, hunted its hole for a little time until I announced that all people would be protected to the last man and that we had 1,500 men armed with rifles to kill on sight any one that caused disorder.

On Friday I notified the strike committee that at 8 o'clock Saturday morning everything would operate. Everything is activity in Seattle now.

Gathered here are hundreds and thousands of Russian Bolsheviks, who have arrived here during the past two years. These scoundrels want to take possession of our American Government and try to duplicate the anarchy of Russia.

Ault said that for sixteen days before the general strike was called the shipyard workers had been out, and that not one of them had been arrested. The general strike was called Thursday, and in the following twenty-four hours, he said, thirty-two arrests were made. In the next twenty-four hours fourteen more were booked, but not one of them had any connection with the strike.

Tells of Strikers' Police. Ault outlined the policing system devised by the strikers to keep order in their own ranks. "Labor's police department is headed by former officers of the United States army and navy. In the force are many discharged soldiers," he said. "These policemen carry no clubs nor firearms. Moral suasion is used, and the orderly conduct of Seattle's streets today bears testimony to the efficiency of the weapon."

The general strike was called in sympathy with 25,000 striking shipworkers who would not accept the Macy award.

This award was drawn up by a committee of three. Two of the members represented the Shipping Board and the American Federation of Labor. The third was appointed by President Wilson.

Director General Pies of the Shipping Board has refused to deal with the men until they return to work power light.

SEATTLE, Feb. 9.—Encouraged by the determined stand of Mayor Ole Hanson, business here was resumed to a slight extent today.

Hanson declared early that the strike was broken, but labor leaders asserted that labor's solidarity had not been affected.

At least two municipal street cars, heavily guarded, left the barns on trips through the city. A few restaurants opened. A few small stores yesterday did a little business.

Mayor Hanson issued a vigorous statement in which he declared radical labor men had tried to duplicate, in Seattle, the Russian revolution.

Told Them to "Go To Hell." "The city government told them to go to hell," Hanson said. "Business always cowardly, hunted its hole for a little time until I announced that all people would be protected to the last man and that we had 1,500 men armed with rifles to kill on sight any one that caused disorder."

Mr. Gen. John F. Morrison, commanding the Western department of the United States army, arrived in Seattle this afternoon. He immediately went into conference with Mayor Hanson and Federal officials relative to action to be taken in case the general strike continues.

Mayor Hanson's threat that the city would operate industries unless the sympathetic strike was called off by 8 a. m. Saturday, had caused some anxiety, but the day passed without disturbance or any unusual demonstration.

The mayor declared "everything is activity in Seattle." "Every municipal car is running. Our High Street never has shut down one minute."

"Gathered here are hundreds and thousands of Russian Bolsheviks, who have arrived here during the last two years," Hanson said. "These scoundrels want to take possession of our American Government and try to duplicate the anarchy of Russia."

Although local newspapers were circulated here that left the press three hours after Hanson's statement was issued, they did not publish it.

Labor Leaders Deny Statement. Labor leaders termed Hanson's statement "famborant" and "ridiculous."

They offered data to back their contention that the Bolsheviks and I. W. W. have no voice in the councils in Seattle today.