

RIOTING ON THE STREETS OF TACOMA

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MUTUAL AID SOCIETY ATTEMPTS TO HOLD TAG SALE

FIFTY-SEVEN ARRESTS MADE BY THE POLICE

A Number of Returned Soldiers Participated in Evidence - Fomenters of Strike Activities Are Most Conspicuous Element on Streets.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) TACOMA, Wash., April 5.—Fifty-seven arrests were made by the police today in rioting that took place when half a hundred men of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Mutual Aid society attempted to hold a tag sale on the streets of the city, in the face of a police edict forbidding the sale.

Thousands of shipyard workers thronged the street corners and hindered the police who were attempting to make the arrests, and blocked the traffic. It is estimated that nearly three thousand people gathered at one street intersection, where most of the arrests were made.

W. T. ("Sandy") Morris, a prominent figure in strike activities, and his wife were among those arrested. Morris is charged with inciting riots and is held under \$1000 bail. Mrs. Morris is charged with peddling without a license and was released on payment of \$500 bail.

Forty-three men and women were arrested by the police for selling tags, one for peddling and five men for disorderly conduct. One is being held for investigation and eight are charged with inciting a riot. These eight are considered to be the ringleaders of the affair and are held in lieu of \$1000 bail each.

The police made two raids on the Soldiers' and Sailors' club room, where they arrested the men thought to be the ringleaders and confiscated hundreds of tags which were on sale.

Returned Soldiers Participate It is reported that about half the participants appeared to be returned soldiers, but as the street walkers and shipyard workers joined the crowd the number of soldiers decreased.

In an impromptu parade held in the downtown district tonight hardly a uniform was to be seen. One crowd of five hundred men marched defiantly past the police station tonight, with one man at the head carrying an American flag, and behind him an immense flag upheld by the four corners, by a score of marchers, and a sign, "If we can't sell tags, throw your money in here," invited spectators to toss coins upon the blanket of the Stars and Stripes. Apparently but few availed themselves of the opportunity.

SPOKANE MAN IS SUSPECTED

JOHN L. METCALF ACCUSED OF CRIMINAL SYNDICALISM

Was Formerly Prominent in Politics and a Delegate to Republican National Convention.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) SPOKANE, April 5.—John L. Metcalf, delegate to the Republican national convention at St. Louis in 1906, who nominated McKinley for president, and also ex-county auditor and ex-representative in the state legislature from Stephens county, was arrested here tonight charged with criminal syndicalism under a local ordinance. He is being held in jail under default of payment of \$500 bond.

Metcalf's arrest followed that of Henry Wicks of Portland, alleged organizer of a "soviet" patterned after that of Russia. It is alleged that at meetings of I. W. W. and other radicals, Wicks has been advocating the loyal action and demanding the release of political prisoners.

Wicks is also said to have been working for a general strike May 15, "to continue until all political prisoners have been released." He is said to be from Portland. Metcalf, when arrested, the police say, was carrying a suit case containing anarchistic and socialistic literature.

GERMAN LOSS ASTOUNDING

NEARLY FOUR AND A HALF MILLION SOLDIERS

This Is Out of a Total of 10,178,000 Who Actually Fought at the Front.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) BERLIN, Tuesday, April 1.—The extent of Prussia's huge losses of officers and men during the war was indicated today by a staff officer who visited the office of the Lokal Anzeiger. He submits figures showing that 32,454 officers were killed, wounded and missing, out of a total of 34,350, and that more than 4,200,000 soldiers were killed, wounded and missing, out of a total of 10,178,000 who actually fought at the front. He pointed out that these figures belie the story sometimes heard that Prussian officers would not attack with their men, and asserts that their losses were heavy during the first two years, but less in the last half of the war because the officers had to be saved for general staff work.

The figures show how little Germany counted on a long war, for the Prussian mobilization contemplated only 3,700,000 soldiers, to which approximately 6,500,000 had to be added. Germany started the war with 19,826 Prussian officers, and drew 14,524 more into the service.

DANZIG PLAN MAINTAINED

FOCH REJECTS COUNTER PROPOSITION OF ERZBERGER.

German Commissioner Informed That Changes in Original Armistice Lies With Peace Treaty.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, April 5.—Marshal Foch has informed the allied governments that the right to use Danzig as a port for the return to Poland of Polish troops in France has been formally upheld in conference with German representatives.

After Marshal Foch presented his statement to Matthias Erzberger, the representative of the German government, the latter formulated a counter proposition to the effect that if difficulties arose from the transportation of Polish troops across Germany, a fresh treaty should be held between Foch and them to devise what the consequences of any incident should be. The counter proposition was rejected, Marshal Foch maintaining that despite Erzberger's representations he had arranged to disembark them at Danzig in case of difficulties.

The question of guarantees to be given Germany regarding the future of Danzig, Marshal Foch informed the German representatives, had no place in this meeting, saying that they belonged in the peace treaty.

STEAMER IN DISTRESS.

The Idaho With Cargo of Lumber in Peril Off Umpqua River.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 5.—Her fires bit, six feet of water in her hold and one of the worst storms of the season raging, the steamer Idaho, with a cargo of lumber, was in serious peril off the Umpqua river late today, according to wireless messages received from the vessel.

Two steamers, the tanker Gleon and the steam schooner Herman H. Mayer, had picked up the distress calls of the Idaho and were speeding to the rescue, according to wireless messages received from them.

BORAH WANTS REFERENDUM

(By Associated Press to The Observer) CHICAGO, April 5.—United States Senator William E. Borah of Idaho, opposing the League of Nations, tonight in an address at a meeting held under the auspices of the committee of one hundred for an Irish republic, advocated the enactment by the new congress of an act to submit the question of the adoption of the League of Nations to a referendum vote of the people.

Senator Borah declared that he would support such a bill and demanded that President Wilson and former President Taft give their approval to the proposition if they believe the people want the league. A resolution opposing the League of Nations plan was adopted at the meeting.

PRESIDENT SAID TO BE IMPROVING

BELIEVED THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME HIS WORK MONDAY.

REVISED COVENANT MAY BE PASSED TUESDAY

Reports to the Effect That the Italians Intend to Withdraw Are Dismissed as Being Groundless—President's Door Again Closed to Callers as Precautionary Measure.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, April 5.—President Wilson has come very near to having a serious attack of influenza, but by going to bed at once by my directions he has apparently escaped, though it still is necessary that he be confined to his bed," it was said in a statement issued at 4 o'clock this afternoon by Rear Admiral Carey T. Grayson, the president's personal physician.

Colonel House asserted that President Wilson was feeling better during the visit paid him by the French premier and himself. The president was sitting up in bed, Colonel House said, and would probably be able to resume his position in the council on Monday. A meeting of the League of Nations committees will be called on Tuesday night, if the president is strong enough to attend, for the final passing of the revised covenant. Reports that the Italians intend to withdraw are dismissed as groundless.

After Colonel House's visit to President Wilson, Admiral Grayson again closed the president's door to callers, insisting that the patient must not be disturbed any more than absolutely necessary. While the afternoon bulletin shows an improvement in President Wilson's condition, all precautions are being taken against anything which might lower his vitality.

PARIS, April 5.—The president during the day sat up a little and chatted with Mrs. Wilson, but he contented himself with receiving a brief account of the proceedings of the council of four. Messages in large numbers were received.

VIENNA, via Amsterdam, April 5.—The entente mission here has demanded of the German-Austrian government that the Bolsheviks sent by Hungary as representatives to Vienna be expelled. The German-Austrian government has requested that the Hungarian government recall the men.

ASKED TO OUST BOLSHIEVIKI

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ALLIED FORCES DEFEAT REDS

ENEMY LEAVES LARGE NUMBER OF DEAD ON THE FIELD.

Report That American Patrols Continue Advance in the Volzhsk Ozerkie Sector.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) ARCHANGEL, April 5.—Allied forces, principally British and Russians, operating in the Fredin Mukhranga sector, delivered a crushing defeat yesterday afternoon to a large Bolshevik attacking party. The enemy charged the allied troops' block houses and the large piles of dead they left before them indicate the severe losses inflicted upon them by the allied fire. In addition, the allies captured nearly one hundred Bolshevik prisoners, including one battalion commander and his adjutant.

In the Volzhsk Ozerkie sector the American patrols continue to advance and the allied guns are still heavily shelling the town.

DUTCH STEAMER IS DETAINED

VON ECKHART, GERMAN PROPAGANDIST, ABOARD.

Was Active in Mexico and Came Overland From That Country to New York to Embark.

PLYMOUTH, Eng., April 5.—The Dutch steamer, Nieuw Amsterdam, which sailed from New York March 26 for Holland, is being detained here by the port authorities, who give no reason for their action. It is reported that Van Eckhardt, the former German minister to Mexico, is on board the vessel.

The Nieuw Amsterdam arrived here Friday and landed mail and passengers, including mail and passengers for France. The agents of the line here have given out no statement in regard to the holding of the steamer. No alarm is evidenced by any of the passengers on the ship.

Left New York March 27. NEW YORK, April 5.—Herr Von Eckhardt and his family left New York on the Holland-American liner, Nieuw Amsterdam, March 27th, bound for Holland. It was reported at the time that the allied governments had granted him safe conduct.

At the same time the vessel sailed it was said that on its arrival at Plymouth, England, it would be boarded by British and French deputies, who would keep a watch on the German voyagers until the liner left again for Amsterdam.

Von Eckhardt was in charge of the anti-American propaganda in Mexico during his stay in that country. He was recalled by his government last December 21 and came overland from Mexico to New York, to sail for home.

ALLIED ENVOYS AT BUDAPEST

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ELECTION TROUBLE IN MONTANA

SUPREME COURT DENIES WRIT TO APPLICANT CONVICTED OF SEDITION.

ALLEGED ALTERING OF RETURNS OF PRIMARIES

H. I. Dunn, Who Sought to Become Independent Candidate for Mayor of Butte, Was Recently Convicted of Sedition and Fined \$5000—He Is an Ex-Soldier.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) HELENA, Mont., April 5.—The supreme court late today denied a writ of mandamus to T. F. Dunn, who sought to compel the city clerk of Butte to place him on the ballot at the Butte municipal elections as independent candidate for mayor and city treasurer.

Late today, following the refusal of County Attorney Joseph Jackson of Silver Bow county to do so, Assistant Attorney General Woody filed in the Silver Bow district court information against City Clerk Beavy and his assistants, George Vines and Jerry C. Crowley, charging them with official misconduct and altering the returns of the recent primary elections.

In a statement defining his reasons for refusal to file the information, Attorney General Woody declared that he "refuses to be used as a rubber stamp for the attorney general's office," and the statement continues: "The preparation of the information on the attorney general's office and the insistence of that office that the same is done to discredit the Democratic nominees. I can not in conscience lend myself to the furtherance of any party candidate in my capacity as prosecuting attorney; neither can I in conscience assume the responsibility of signing on the dotted line to information I know nothing of and have not in my possession."

Dunn was recently convicted of sedition and fined \$5000 in district court and his appeal is now pending in the supreme court. Dunn was recently discharged from the army with the rank of captain.

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WILL REVISE COURT MARTIAL

PROCEDURE TO BE MODIFIED, SAYS BAKER

Inquiry Will Be Made Into Every Phase Involving Imposing of Severe Sentences.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, April 5.—Secretary of War Newton D. Baker announced today that he will effect a complete program for the revision of army legal procedure governing court martial, when congress reconvenes. For this purpose, he said today, he has directed an inquiry into every phase of the situation caused by the imposing of severe sentences on soldiers by court martial during the war.

The results of the studies of all the agencies at work on the problem will be compiled in a bill to be read before congress when it convenes again. Before Major General Crowder, the judge advocate general, left for Cuba, Secretary Baker said, he had prepared amendments to the regulations governing court martial which he believed would remedy the defects revealed in the cases brought before the war department for review and brought under notice in the Crowder-Ansell controversy.

COMMITTED TO BOLSHIEVISM

ALEXIS BOLGAR RELATES CONDITIONS IN HUNGARY

Believes That Communism Is Coming and Hopes It Will Come Without Violence.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) VIENNA, Wednesday, April 2.—Discussing the general situation in his country, the Hungarian representative, Alexis Bolgar, who is well known in the United States, today said to the Associated Press:

"It is true that we have agitated here in the legation an attempt to communize Vienna. I believe communism is coming here, it is hoped without violence, although the bourgeoisie here is less peaceably inclined than at Budapest.

"It is true that we are working with Lenin and the Spartacus; it is only natural. We Hungarians are Wilsonites. All we ask is to be let alone. We leave others alone. We do not desire to promote agitation in other countries, but when armies are sent against us we conquer them by the force of our ideas.

"Yes, I am a Bolshevik, if you like, but really we are all Bolsheviks. Socialism was only the extreme phase necessary to establish Bolshevism. Our property ideas, for instance, differ from those of Henry George, whose opinions, though interesting to read about, are out of date.

"Our idea is to nationalize production, not consumption. Individuals with us will have free play for their intelligence, an opportunity to work and to earn a reasonable amount of money. Count Karolyi played fair with us, but he reached the point where he was powerless."

CHANGES SENT TO HITCHCOCK

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PORTLAND, April 5.—For Oregon: Sunday, clear in west; showers in the eastern portion, with fresh westerly winds. For Idaho, Sunday, showers.

RETREAT APPARENTLY IN PROGRESS SOUTH OF ARCHANGEL

But Short Time Until Allies Have the Means of Attack From the Water.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) ARCHANGEL, Apr. 5.—The Bolsheviks apparently are withdrawing their troops from Bolshe Ozerki, south of Archangel, where patrol activities favorable to the allies occurred today. One patrol encountered a Bolshevik outpost and captured seven and killed twenty of the enemy.

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The weather is breaking in favor of the allies in the territory around Oherokskaya. The approach of spring is more disadvantageous to the Bolshevik forces which have advanced in an effort to cut the allies' line of communication, particularly in the Drina river section, which is a hold-up where the flow is set in. There are no signs that the ice is ready to break up on the principal rivers, but many of the smaller streams are already free of ice. It is only a question of a few weeks before navigation of the rivers will be possible for allied monitors and gunboats.

April Showers



CARING FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS

EXTENSIVE PROGRAM IS ANNOUNCED BY THE WAR RISK BUREAU.

HOSPITAL ATTENTION WILL BE PROVIDED

All Soldiers Who Are Ten Per Cent or More Disabled From Causes Suffered in the Line of Duty Are Entitled to Compensation and Treatment.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) WASHINGTON, April 5.—An extensive program for caring for disabled soldiers after they have been discharged was announced today by the war risk insurance bureau.

Twenty-one hospitals, with a capacity of 1500 men, are already in use and the war department has turned over to the treasury seven camp hospitals for the care of disability cases. These hospitals are to be enlarged and improved out of a nine million dollar fund. The hospitals will be conducted by the public health service and other treasury agencies.

When treatments at the hospitals of the war department fail to restore men to a condition where they would be fit again for active service and they are discharged, the work of the war risk insurance bureau begins.

Under the provisions of the war risk insurance act, all soldiers who are ten per cent or more disabled from causes suffered in the line of duty are entitled to compensation and treatment. Any man disabled during duty in the line and who has been discharged may make application for treatment through his local public health service station, or at the nearest station.

Men who at this time develop physical disability attributable to military service are entitled to treatment. Under this program, the bureau of war risk insurance may be called upon to care for more than 25,000 men who were discharged for tubercular tendencies.

KING ALBERT FLIES

Makes Trip From Paris to Brussels by Airplane.

(By Associated Press to The Observer) PARIS, April 5.—King Albert of Belgium returned to Brussels today by aeroplane. The king, it is said, carried away excellent impressions as the result of conversations with members of the various peace delegations.

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