

GOMPERS TELLS OF UNNEUTRAL PLOTS

Labor Leader Is Witness in Probe of Council Said to Be in German Pay.

INDUSTRIAL WRONG SEEN

Actions Declared to Threaten War for United States Without in Any Way Helping to End European Conflict.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Federal grand jury investigation into the activities of the Labor's National Peace Council, which it is charged by United States District Attorney Marshall was finished by Franz von Hinzten to foment strikes in munitions factories, was virtually ended today.

National Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, turned over to the jurors two large portfolios filled with correspondence, circulars, proclamations and other data connected with alleged attempts by members of the council to corrupt union leaders. Frank Morrison, secretary of the federation, also appeared before the inquirers. Federal officials expect the jury to complete its work at another session and believe at least six indictments will be returned.

Gompers Explains His Motive.

After he left the grand jury Mr. Gompers held a conference with United States Attorney Marshall, and at the conclusion of this he said: "I told the grand jury that what I had seen going on in regard to the fomenting of strikes was an industrial war as well as a moral wrong, and was against the interests of the United States. Moreover, it was exceedingly likely to lead us into war without in any way helping to end the European war. To my mind, it was not so much a matter of the violation of the law as it was a grave injury to our country, and I was determined to do my best to prevent it from being repeated in this matter has been actuated by a desire to save our people."

Van Papes Declared Implicated.

Substantial progress was made today in the investigation into the plot which Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American line detective force, is charged with organizing to blow up the Walden Canal. Frederick Metzler, Koenig's secretary, who has turned state's evidence, was before the grand jury several hours before the grand jury advised the Department of Justice declared today they had proof that Koenig had been employed in certain instances by Captain Franz von Papes, the dismissed German military attaché, who sails for Germany tomorrow.

FATHER CALLED KIDNAPER

Winnona Children Disappear and Warrant is Issued.

WINONA, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Fred Baldwin and his two little boys disappeared from Winnona Sunday, and a warrant has been issued charging him with kidnaping the children. Some months ago Baldwin was divorced from his wife, Lena Baldwin, and custody of the children was given to the mother. Baldwin was permitted by the court to visit the children each Sunday.

Yesterday it was learned that he had taken them in an automobile to Wauke, Wash., from which place he telegraphed Mrs. Baldwin that the engine motor had broken down, and that he would return on the train the next morning. He failed to do so, and Mrs. Baldwin reported the matter to the court.

TAXIS IN TWO WRECKS

Fendleton Company's Autos Have Day of Collisions.

FENDLETON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Parker Taxi Company, of Fendleton, was involved in two automobile accidents yesterday. Early in the morning a taxicab of the company collided with the large automobile of E. H. Eiler, of Heitz, on Main street, both cars being damaged slightly.

Last night another Parker taxi, while moving east on Webb street, ran into a small car at the intersection of Main street. This time the Parker machine, which had been recently repaired, was badly damaged, the small car escaping unscathed.

HOTELMEN END MEETING

Movies Tell Washington Members of Columbia Highway Wonders.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Twenty members of the Oregon State Hotelmen's Association today were entertained by the Washington association at a get-together meeting held for the twofold purpose of better acquainting the hotelmen of the Northwest with each other and promoting mutual interest in the tourist advantages of the states. The meeting closed tonight with a big banquet. J. A. Marmaduke, president of the Washington association, presided. The Oregon hotelmen displayed at the banquet a motion picture film depicting the features of the Columbia Highway.

5000 USE LIBRARY BOOKS

Fendleton Shows 100 Per Cent Gain Over November Last Year.

FENDLETON, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—More than 5000 books were borrowed from the Central Library at Fendleton and the 13 branch libraries in Umatilla County, hereabouts, this is the first month in the history of the library to pass the 5000 mark and shows a gain of 100 per cent over November of last year, when 2572 volumes were circulated. The branch libraries in Umatilla County are at Athena, Milton, Freewater, Fernside, Hermiston, Weston, Nicho, Adams, Starfield, Vincent, Helta, Pilot Rock and Tumalo.

BREATH-HOLDING AMAZES

Well-Known ex-Secretary of State Is Advised to Emulate Student.

From end to end of the United States amazement has been created by

achievement of Warren D. Horner, a student in the University of California medical school, in breaking all records by holding his breath for 19 minutes and 19 seconds in an experiment conducted by Dr. A. T. Pope, instructor in surgery in the university. Here are some of the lessons drawn from Horner's achievement: "That University of California student," says the Union-Star, of Schenectady, N. Y., "who held his breath 119 seconds will have few emulators." "What a blessing," says the New York Tribune, "if only the great hero (the Tribune inserts the name of a certain well-known ex-Secretary of State) would practice that art!" "Oh," says the New York Morning Telegraph, "but wouldn't it be fine if we could arrange to have the doctor operate on those mentioning the aforesaid statement, and then curdle the suspended 19-minute period of suspended respiration run out and have the injunction made permanent!"

FREIGHT BAN EXTENDED

TRUNK LINES FIND RECENT EMBARGO INSUFFICIENT.

About 50,000 Cars Destined for New York Still Tied Up, as Restrictions Are Redoubled.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The committee representing all trunk line railroads leading into New York, announced today that the freight embargo declared by the many roads have failed to ameliorate the traffic congestion, there being approximately 50,000 cars destined for New York on lines or at terminals.

Acting on this, the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Lehigh Valley declared additional stringent embargoes on freight consigned to New York for export or coastwise shipment. The Pennsylvania extended its recent embargo on virtually all freight for export, coastwise or domestic deliveries except dressed meats, other perishable freight and food products, to include shipments of iron, steel, machinery, Philadelphia, Baltimore & Washington and West New Jersey & Seashore railroads.

The New York Central declared an embargo on all Eastbound freight on freight consigned to New York for export or coastwise shipment. The Lehigh Valley declared an embargo on all Eastbound freight from connecting lines excepting flour and grain products, livestock, dressed meats, perishable freights, coal, coke, fuel oil and provisions.

THREE IN ROBBER NET

VICTIMS AT MARSHFIELD IDENTIFY SUSPECT AS HOLDUP MAN.

Another Caught Stealing Liquor From Saloon Implicates Companion in Confession to Officers.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Arthur Baker, J. M. Jennings and Fred Haley, who came to this section last week from Albany, are held by Sheriff Alfred Johnson on charges of participating in a series of robberies and a holdup last night in Marshfield and North Bend. Baker was detected stealing liquor from the Eagle Saloon in North Bend, and Jennings was detected stealing liquor from the Eagle Saloon in North Bend, and Jennings was detected stealing liquor from the Eagle Saloon in North Bend.

PUPILS TO MAKE DISPLAY

Milwaukee Domestic Science and Manual Training Branches Fall.

MILWAUKEE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—An exhibition of the products of the domestic science, art and manual training departments will be held in the Milwaukee school tomorrow night to which the public is invited. The directors have under contemplation the erection of another building on the grounds for the use of domestic science and manual training. Director J. W. Grewe, today, "for these departments which are too crowded."

WHISKY STOCK IS TAKEN

Friends Play Trick on Roseburg Man Who Threatens Vengeance.

ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Wishing to lay in a supply before New Year's, Tom McCarthy last Saturday purchased a quart bottle of whisky. He placed the bottle in his pocket and stopped in a cigar store to play cards. Bystanders removed the cork from the bottle, and with straws emptied the bottle. Mr. McCarthy failed to appreciate the joke and has threatened vengeance on those who played the trick.

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Portland Prisoner Pardoned.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Governor Withycombe today issued a pardon for Frank Scott, convicted in the Municipal Court of Portland last month of having opium in his possession. Scott was sentenced to 100 days in the Multnomah County Jail. His pardon was unqualifiedly recommended by Municipal Judge Stevenson, who presided at his trial, and by Deputy District-Attorney Deitch, prosecutor in the case.

Salmon Hatched at Ailsa.

NEWPORT, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The first hatch of salmon eggs at the Ailsa River hatchery has just been completed and there are now two-thirds of a million young chinook. A large percentage of the funds for the venture was raised by private subscription. Mr. Pollock is superintendent.

Two Pastors Accept Calls.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Rev. J. L. Allen, formerly of Noke, Okla., has accepted a call to the Heights Baptist Church of this city. Rev. John Samuel, former pastor of the local church, has accepted a call to Hillsboro, Or.

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SOLDIERS GET GIFTS

France to Send Packages to Trenches Free of Postage.

DELICACIES GO FROM HOMES

One Hundred Thousand Men to Be Permitted to Go From Front to Spend Christmas With Families—Cafes Close Early.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Any one in France may send a Christmas parcel weighing up to two pounds to a soldier at the front without paying postage on the package. A bill conferring this privilege which holds good from date until January 6 was unanimously passed by parliament today. Letters are always carried free.

The families of soldiers have not waited for the passage of this law, but have been overloading for some time past the means of transport to the front with Christmas packages. They have sent cold chickens, meat, pies, every variety of cake, sweetmeats, preserved fruit and every imaginable thing in the way of wearing apparel.

Probably 100,000 men from the front will spend Christmas with their families. The military administration has been generous with leaves and soldiers are now allowed six days at home, not counting the time of going and coming. Formerly the period was four days.

The American aviators, Lieutenant William K. Thaw, of Pittsburg; Sergeant Norman Prince, of Boston, and

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—House Coats and Smoking Jackets—\$3.95 for all \$5 garments; \$5.95 for all \$7.50 and \$10 garments; \$9.85 for all \$12.50 and \$13.50 garments.

—Dressing Gowns Half Price—\$2.25, \$3.25, \$4.25 and \$6.25 for luxurious Gowns that were \$4.50, \$6.50, \$8.50 and \$12.50.

—Men's Hats—the new shapes, new colors; the Brewer, \$3; the Stetson, \$4, \$5; the Knapp-Felt, \$4; the Dunlap, \$5. Give "him" a Hat Order.

—Umbrellas—silk and gloria; stout frames, unique handles; \$1.50, \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5, \$6, \$10.

—Suitcases and Traveling Bags—\$5, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$20.

—Silk Shirts—\$3.65 instead of \$5 for handsome striped silk shirts; all sizes.

—Pajamas—fine lisle or silk, in white, tan and lavender; \$3.50, \$5, \$6.

—"Vassar" Union Suits—cotton, lisle, wool, silk and wool, pure silk; \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2, \$3, \$3.50, \$5, \$6, \$8.50.

—Silk Half Hose—sheer silk, solid colors; 50c the pair.

—Gloves—Dent's and Perrin's famous makes; stylish shades; \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50; Auto Gloves, \$4, \$5, \$6.

—Neckwear—new silks, stripes and figures; 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$2.50, \$3.

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