

HOME OF ITALIAN WRECKED BY BOMB

Palatial Residence of Dr. Camillo Volini, in Chicago, Is Blown Up.

TEUTON HATRED IS BLAMED

Indications Tend to Confirm Theory That German or Austrian Communist Outrage Because of Owner's Activities in War.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 30.—(Special.)—An enemy aircraft is believed to have set off a bomb that wrecked the palatial residence of Dr. Camillo Volini at 2925 West Washington boulevard early today.

Dr. Volini said the only explanation he could offer was that a German or an Austrian planned the attack because of his long connection with the Italian Consulate. He also said his activities for the American and Italian Red Cross may have had something to do with it.

The police are without any actual clue to lead them in a search for the perpetrator, although it is considered certain that the bomb was set off in an automobile. The explosion shattered windows and tore a pathway through the front of the building.

Edward J. Hibner, an invalid living across the street, was shocked speechless for eight hours by the blast. It is feared his life is in danger. His wife saw an auto pull away from the curb in front of the Volini residence about a minute before the explosion.

Theory Is Teuton Did It. The story told detectives by Mrs. Volini strengthened the theory that a German or Austrian committed the outrage. Four weeks ago today Mrs. Volini's washerwoman, working in the basement, called her attention to what a strange man was looking at the furnace.

After leaving Arras we made a long drive and came to a camp of a regiment of American engineers. Here we found a large number of men and supplies and were entertained royally. The function was supposed to be a tea, but, much to the disgust of the Englishmen in our party, it was found that the commissary had no tea.

These engineers have taken over a good many miles of road leading up to and along the front, and in some places are taking charge of this division they quadrupled its capacity; in other words, they shipped four times as much over the road in a day as had previously been done.

After tea at this camp, and while we were looking around and conversing with the general American engineers, a large shell fell within 200 yards of the spot where we were standing. This threw an enormous lot of mud, and a great deal of air into the air.

Black Hand? Not Thought Gently. Both the police and Dr. Volini distinguished the Italian Consulate. "Black Hand" had placed the bomb, despite the fact that 10 years ago he was head of the "White-Hand" society, which for a time riddled Chicago with "Black-Hand" outrages and sent five Italians to the penitentiary.

The "Black-Hand" has had dozens of chances to kill me during the last 19 years," declared Dr. Volini. "I know the habits of 'Black-Handers' well, and I can frankly say that the bomb was not of their making. It has been almost five years since I was threatened by them."

The block in which the Volini home is situated showed plainly the force of the explosion. Hardly a house was visible from the wrecked front of the physician's home which did not have one or more windows broken.

Trail of Villians Seen. (Continued From First Page.) taken, and felt that it was hardly the place for curiosity-seekers. So strict were they in this regard that a very eminent American General, who went to France upon an observation tour, was persuaded not to go to the verge of "No man's Land."

However, we were taken to a place where we saw about everything there was to be seen. This was the famous Vimy Ridge, which was wrested from the Huns in the terrific battle last April. At the foot of the ridge we were presented with steel helmets and gas masks. We were taught how to adjust the latter, and were told to put them on the instant a gas alarm went forth.

Big Gun Is Fused. We then climbed the ridge. On the way up we passed an enormous gun which was being adjusted. The Lieutenant said to me, "I hope that gun does not go off while you are here, as the concussion is quite likely to knock you off the ridge." After we had climbed about 200 yards up the hill, the Lieutenant pointed to an airplane, and said it was wireless back the range to that big gun, and that I had better stuff my ears with my fingers. I did so, and when the gun went off, I managed to retain my feet and part of my hearing.

DOWN GRADE TO SEA MAY HOLD WATER PH

Shipment of Freight by Most Direct Route and at Least Possible Cost, Is Desire.

SENATOR McNARY PROMPT

Attention of New Director-General of Railroads Called to Great Waste of Motive Power in Diverting Commerce Over Mountains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Application of the general principles of transportation laid down by Secretary McAdoo when he became director-general of American railroads to the Pacific Northwest will make Portland the great terminal of the Pacific Northwest, in the opinion of Senator McNary.

Realizing that prompt steps may be taken to enforce the shipment of freight by the most direct routes and at the same time make available the maximum number of cars and locomotives, Senator McNary today wrote Secretary McAdoo calling his attention to the rail situation in the Pacific Northwest, pointing out essential reasons why, under the new Government policy, Portland must necessarily become the main freight outlet of the North Pacific Coast.

Natural Advantages Pointed Out. The Senator asks the Government railroad director to consider the natural situation and advantages of Portland in prescribing routing of freight through the Northwest. His letter to Mr. McAdoo follows:

"My Dear Mr. McAdoo: At no place in the country will there be a better opportunity for obtaining of a better agency of Government control of the railroads than in the Pacific Northwest. There natural and economic conditions have been made to yield to artificial situations solely for commercial purposes.

Through you, I assume, the transportation lines will be so organized that traffic will move over the roads best suited for its expeditions and economic handling. Therefore, commerce, which under natural conditions would be transported down the easy grade of the Columbia river, but now diverted across the heavy grade of the Cascade Mountains into the Puget Sound country, should be routed over those roads which follow the lines of least resistance and parallel the Columbia River in its path through the mountains.

Great Saving Is Possible. Oregon has two cities served by this natural highway—Portland and Astoria—each of which has a splendid harbor, available docks and wharf space, while Portland has a great area of unused railroad yard tracks, and the railroads that serve these ports many locomotives now required to pull traffic over mountain grades would be available for use in moving cars now idle for want of motive power.

It is your desire, as director, to operate the carriers at their highest degree of efficiency, therefore I submit that the situation briefly outlined above receive your early consideration, to the end that artificially imposed conditions may give way to a Governmental policy based upon sound principles of transportation."

SCIENCE TOO SECRETIVE

Appeal Made That Time Be Taken to Enlighten Public. PITTSBURG, Dec. 30.—That "a mighty conflict between the old laws of man and the new laws of science exists at this time, due to the fact that men of science are so engrossed in their work that they have failed to inform the public as to the practical effect that modern scientific discoveries were bound to have on the everyday lives of people, was the declaration made here last night by George W. Perkins, of New York City, during the annual convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Mr. Perkins appealed that the men of science take time to enlighten the public and thereby eliminate the conflict, which, he said, has existed for 25 years.

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WORLD LABOR TO UNITE

SOLIDARITY OF WORKMEN OF ENTENTE NATIONS AIMED AT. Views of American Federation Will Be Invited as Conference Without Participation of U. S. Would Be Useless.

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The Central News says that in yesterday's conference between Premier Lloyd George and the labor leaders, the Premier made it clear that any proposal that British labor put forward would be considered as the united governments only as a whole.

Mr. Lloyd George said that so far as Great Britain was concerned there would be no separate peace, and he emphasized the understanding between the entente powers that peace was impossible while the militarists ruled Germany.

The negotiations that are proceeding between Premier Lloyd George and the Laborites over the government's program to obtain more munitions for the army are regarded as highly important. The Premier is asking for the cancellation of exemption of certain classes of labor which the Asquith government gave the Laborites when conscription was introduced. It was then intimated by the government that events might justify the withdrawal of exemption necessary.

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MISS POLLAK ARRESTED

I. W. W. SECRETARY AT SAN FRANCISCO TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Charge of Espionage Preferred After Examination of Letters and Documents Found on Prisoners.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Miss Theodora Pollak, secretary of the state defense league of the Industrial Workers of the World, and Albert L. Fox, secretary and treasurer of the local I. W. W. chapter, were taken into custody tonight at the Central Police Station, where they had gone to secure the release of James Price, said by the police to be a prominent I. W. W. and were booked on charges of espionage following examination of letters and documents found in their possession.

Price had been arrested earlier in the day and bail was set in the sum of \$100. When Miss Pollak and Fox called at the police station the woman had in her possession a telegraphic money order for \$1000, which, the police said, she admitted having received today from William Hayward, head of the I. W. W. in Chicago.

One of the documents seized by the police was a letter of a letterhead from Miss Pollak to E. F. Dorree, 1001 West Madison street, Chicago, in which she acknowledged receipt of money telegraphed for the defense of Industrial Workers in Sacramento and Fresno, referring to the men in jail at Sacramento, this letter said: "Most of them will be released. The Government have found no connection between them and the dynamiting of the executive mansion. No connection will be found unless they frame something."

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CENSORSHIP RULES GIVEN

(Continued From First Page.) which information might be drawn of any intention to embark them for service abroad, and information of the assembling of transportation of troops, and information of the embarkation itself.

Shipping News Taboo.

"6. Information of the arrival at any European port of American war vessels, transportation of any portion of an expeditionary force, combatant or non-combatant.

"7. Information of the time of the departure of merchant ships from American or European ports or information of the ports from which they sailed, or information of their cargoes.

"8. Information of the coast or anti-aircraft defenses of the United States. Any information of their very existence as well as the number, nature or position of their guns, is dangerous.

"9. Information of the laying of mines or mine fields or of any harbor defenses.

"10. Information of the aircraft and apparatus used at Government aviation schools for experimental tests under military authority and information of contracts and production of any material, and information tending to disclose the numbers and organization of the air division, excepting when authorized by the committee on public information.

"11. Information of all Government devices and experiments in the matter of airships, excepting when authorized by the committee on public information.

"12. Information of secret notices to mariners or other confidential information.

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Warship News Important. "16. Information as to the number, size, character or location of ships of the Navy ordered laid down at any port or shipyard, or in actual process of construction, or information that they are launched or in commission.

"17. Information of the train or boat schedules of traveling official missions in transit through the United States.

"18. Information of the transportation of munitions or of war material.

"19. Photographs conveying the information specified above should not be published.

"20. These requests go to the press without larger authority than the necessities of the war-making branches. Their enforcement is a matter for the press itself. To the overwhelming proportion of newspapers who have given voluntary agreement, the Government extends its gratitude and high appreciation."

WATERWAY CASH ASKED

REPRESENTATIVE HAWLEY SEEKS FUNDS FOR OREGON. Projects Approved by Government Engineers for Oregon Rivers and Harbors Total More Than \$350,000.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 30.—In view of the fact the Army engineers, in their annual estimates sent to Congress on December 3 cut the recommendations for Oregon waterways to \$215,500, Representative Hawley will ask the rivers and harbors committee in framing the forthcoming bill to authorize the adoption of several new projects which have been recommended and approved by the War Department, but never sanctioned by Congress.

The new projects whose adoption he will ask are: Yaquina bar and harbor, \$100,000; Coos Bay, inner harbor, \$150,000; Coquille bar and entrance, \$44,000; Coquille River to Bandon, \$18,000; Siuslaw River, \$25,000; Clatskanie River, \$4200. These projects having been recommended by the engineers, come within the Congressional rule, and are properly subject to adoption.

Lightning Tears Flag to Shreds. An American flag that was flying from a staff in front of the summer home of Oliver B. Poole, at Raconon Island, Quincy, was struck by lightning recently and torn to shreds. In the exact center of the flag was a rent starting from the staff. Each of

the two pieces left was torn in three pieces, and when the storm had died down it was seen that the pieces had been braided together as though done by human hands. The flag was two yards long, each about 30 inches long.



Portland Crematorium. "I HAVE heard that in the museum at Boulakm, near Cairo, it has not infrequently been found necessary to throw away mummies owing to the condition that they were in, which shows that even the best embalmed bodies can make themselves unpleasant after thousands of years have passed over their carefully preserved remains. I am convinced that there is but one way of solving the problem of a proper disposal of the dead, and that is to assist nature and not to prevent the execution of her laws."

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