SOCIALIST LEADERS ON WITNESS STAND

Professor R. S. Lovett Tells of Chicago Address.

VIEWS NOT OBJECTIONABLE

J. Louis Engdahl Takes Responsibility for Articles in American Socialist.

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Professor Robert S. Lovett, dean of the Junior College of the University of Chicago, testified for the defense today at the trial of five Socialist leaders charged with conspiracy to violate the espionage law.

He told of an address on the war he delivered in Chicago, May 27, 1917, in response to an invitation from Rev. Irwin St. John Tucker, one of the defendants. The witness explained that he was elected vice-president of the Chicago branch of the People's Council for Peace.

"I was informed that the meeting was called to urge the Government to state war aims and terms of peace and to demand the safeguarding of certain fundamental constitutional rights, particularly the right of free speech," said Professor Lovett. "I consented to preside and deliver an address, but before I agreed to this, I read my address to Dr. Tucker and asked if it met with his approval. He said it did and I then insisted that every speech delivered at the meeting agree with the principles I expressed. This was agreed and I presided and spoke."

Sentiments Not Objectionable.

Professor Lovett said in his talk with Dr. Tucker he did not hear him express any sentiments in regard to the war which might be regarded as objectionable. He said Dr. Tucker did not speak at the meeting.

J. Louis Engdahl, the second of the five defendants to take the stand in his own defense, was called late in the day and his direct examination was not completed today.

He said he was born in Minneapolis 34 years ago, of Swedish parents, and was a newsboy and bootblack while attending the public schools. Later he went to the University of Minnesota and became a newspaper reporter in Minneapolis. He worked as a newspaper man in Seattle, San Francisco, Salt Lake City, Washington, D. C., and Philadelphia, before coming to Chicago in 1909, where he was employed on the Daily Socialist.

He became a Socialist the year before. In 1910 he was a delegate from the United States to the International Socialist Congress held in Copenhagen, where the principal question considered was war and militarism.

National Convention Attended.

Later, he visited Carl Liebknecht in Berlin and attended a national convention of German Socialists. The witness said he had been editor of the American Socialist ever since it was established in July, 1914. He said he was in sole charge of the paper and never consulted any of the defendants in regard to policies. He said he was only responsible to the executive committee of the National Socialist party, which engaged him.

Engdahl assumed full responsibility for everything printed in the American Socialist. He said he read every article submitted for publication and that he approved everything he published and printed in the paper.

Indications today were that the trial will not be concluded until the latter part of next week.

DIRIGIBLE IN AIR 32 HOURS

NEW WORLD'S RECORD FOR ENDURANCE IS SET.

Flight by Ensign Thomas Maytham Will Be Submitted by Naval Officers at Key West.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—What is declared to be a new world's record endurance flight in a non-rigid dirigible balloon, 32 hours before a landing was made, will be submitted by the United States Naval Air Station at Key West, Fla., to the Aero Club of America, for homologation, it was learned here today. Before it can be officially recognized as a record it must be so declared by the Aero Club of America, it was explained, under the rules of the International Aeronautic Federation, of which the American organization is a member.

The flight claimed as a record was made on November 23 by Ensign Thomas E. Maytham, of Buffalo, N. Y., accompanied by Ensign Tulford B. Null, of Denver, Colo., and J. H. Collier. The airship carried a full load, consisting of radio apparatus, anchors, rations and other necessary accessories.

The motor was run continuously at cruising speed and about 600 miles had been flown before a leak and a threatening storm compelled a landing.

Queen to Greet President.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Queen Mother Alexandra, with her daughters, the Princess Victoria and Queen Maud of Norway, who is now here, has decided to remain in London over Christmas instead of going to Sandringham, in order to receive President Wilson when he makes his forthcoming visit.

Christmas Lecture Announced.

H. M. Wicks will deliver a special Christmas lecture on "The Twilight of the Gods" next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at Arlon Hall, Second and Oak streets. Admission is free.

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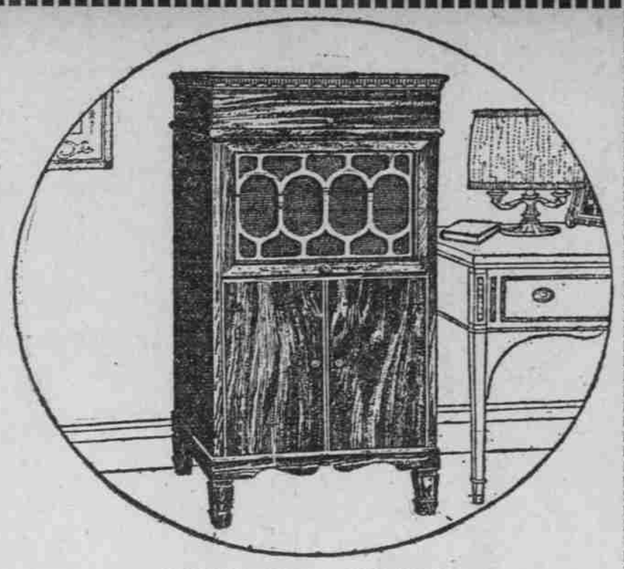

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WESTERN MEN TO CONFER

TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONGRESS TO OPEN IN OMAHA.

Delegates Representing Various Interests of 18 States Will Consider Post-War Problems.

OMAHA, Dec. 20.—Representatives of agriculture, industry, labor and business from 18 states will meet in Omaha, February 4, 5 and 6, next, when the Trans-Mississippi Readjustment Congress convenes here.

The states included in this congress are Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Nevada, California, Washington and Oregon.

The chief purpose of the congress is to discuss problems facing the West in after the war readjustment and to formulate plans for solving these problems. Among the subjects that will be discussed are agriculture, manufacturing, banking, labor, livestock raising and marketing, transportation and highways.

SEAPLANE USE FORECAST

Mail Liners to Effect Reduction in Delivery, Says Bernard.

LONDON.—"Within a very reasonable period we shall find all principal mail liners fitted with seaplanes, asserts D. H. Bernard, editor of the Merchant Service Review. "Considerable time will be saved in the transit of mails. A liner leaving New York with urgent and important letters will be able to discharge them by seaplane 300 to 400 miles west of the Irish Coast; within a few hours they can be delivered in London thus effecting a saving of 24 hours.

"The same procedure can be carried out by a vessel bound to New York—weather of course being an important factor—for in fine weather a well-equipped seaplane could travel at an enormous speed over a considerable distance. It is quite within the bounds of possibility that letters posted in London can be delivered in New York within four days."

Mr. Bernard thinks the service will at first be subsidized by the governments of the two countries.

Similarly, he says letters could be expedited from South America to the European continent by seaplanes leaving the liners 300 miles off Lisbon or Gibraltar.

4 NEGROES ARE LYNCHED

Alleged Murderers of Physician Are Taken From Jail.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 20.—Four negroes, two of them women, accused of the murder of Dr. E. L. Johnson here last week, were taken from the jail at Shubuta, Miss., tonight and lynched, according to information received in Mobile.

All four are reported to have been hanged to the girders of a bridge spanning the Chickasawha River.

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CARTER, THE MYSTERIOUS, MYSTIFIES HEILIG AUDIENCES

Monster Lion, Formerly Owned by Royalty, Used in Unusual Disappearance Act—Other Clever Acts Given With Bill.

BY LEONE CASS BAER.

D'YE recollect that time-honored and moss-covered accounting of the man who boasted of shaking the hand of the man who had shaken hands with Jim Corbett, or King Edward, or Colonel Watterson, or some celebrity?

Yesterday I interviewed the man who owns a lion that used to belong to ex-King Manuel, of Portugal and way points. Or was it Spain?

Outside of pinochle, I am not especially well-informed on kings and queens. Anyway, the lion once belonged to an ex-king named Manuel and at present he is owned and controlled by Carter, the mysterious, Carter the magician, Carter, who tells you what your thoughts are, if any; Carter, who pleasantly mystifies and allows you to reserve your own opinion of how it is done.

Mr. Carter bought the lion I met from the government where Manuel once ruled. Manuel, who was a great sportsman, shot the papa and mamma of this lion we have as the subject of this sketch. Manuel was noted for having things left on his hands. Now there was Gaby Deslys and her pearls—but that, of course, has nothing to do with Carter's lion. The lion was then an infant, seven years ago, and Manuel made a pet out of him. Then the crash came and when Manuel shook the governmental dust off his royal boots he forsook his pet lion. The government couldn't afford to feed and house the brute, and Carter happened to be presenting his entertainment of magic. So Mr. Carter bought Manuel's lion and uses him in a spectacular act. His name is Baby. Manuel, not Carter, named him.

Didj ever know a great, big, fat, girl-wife who didn't respond to the name of Baby, or Dot, or Pet, or Tiny? It's the same with animals. The biggest elephant I ever met at a circus was named Tiny. This huge lion, with his tawny mane and cruel, flashing eyes, and more teeth than I could unmoved look upon, grins when Carter calls him Baby. Heavens, I should think he'd laugh himself to death. He's a direct antithesis to any sweetie pinkie lil' baby I ever saw, and yet he is called that and coquettes and purrs when Mr. Carter chats through the bars to him.

There is nothing of the mystifying about Mr. Carter. If he had any rabbits concealed up his sleeves, they stayed put and didn't pop out when he shook hands. If he read my mind he didn't take on any sudden mental weight therefrom, for my head held only seven ideas and every one of the seven ideas pertained to tricks I'd seen him do the evening before. We grew friendly enough during a conversational travel which took us all over India and Japan and China and places I'd never heard of, for me to ask him, in an off-handish way, how he made the lion disappear, and where the girl on the rope went when he fired a pistol. But although he grew friendly enough for me to ask the question, we weren't friendly enough for Carter to answer it.

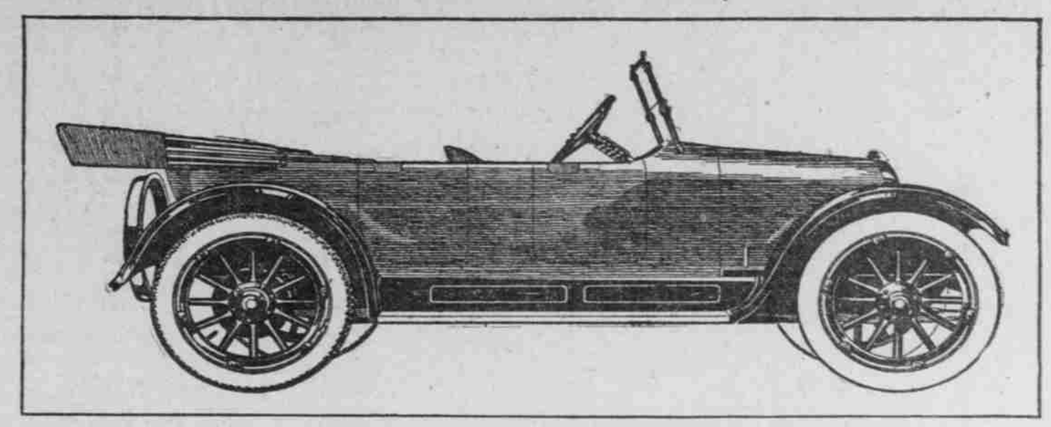
Maybe he thought I'd tell it. I would have, too, right in this story. Carter is a student of everything. He is an American of English-Irish descent, a Baltimorean by birth, and after he graduated he practiced law in Chicago. Always he had dabbled in legerdermain and the psychic, and later he took up the art of magic as a following. His studies and calling have taken him all over the world, and he talks in delightful mood of the wonderful adventures he has had. He doesn't discuss his audiences, but he does stop to say that out of the hundreds of questions asked of him professionally every day, that "everyone seems to be seeking happiness."

"The young folk seek to know of love, the older ones seek peace of mind. Apparently," smiles Carter, possession of either precludes possession of the other.

"What do you call happiness?" sez I.

"Most people think wealth brings happiness," said Carter. "It is a matter of individual requirements. For myself, I can say with Voltaire, 'Happiness is only a dream.'"

P. S.)—So many of us have insomnia, too.



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Children of Sunnyside School Contribute Liberally in Response to Call of Committee.

After having been as busy as bees for several days past, hundreds of pupils at the Sunnyside school, yesterday submitted the result of their Christmas collection to the committee in charge of the Christmas celebration and tree in front of the Liberty Temple. Hundreds of books, toys, games, playthings of all kinds, scores of sacks of candy and nuts and many boxes of fruit and other goodies were among the contributions.

While the committee has made no direct appeal to the schools, others are expected to follow the example set by the Sunnyside children. To insure that everyone has a chance to give his bit the committee has decided to receive further contributions up to Tuesday night.

Money will be solicited by the committee so that those toys that are not among the contributions may be bought and distributed to the children. Mrs. Alice Benson Beach at the Liberty Temple will receive such gifts.

Supplies of candies for the youngsters at the various homes and institutions of the city are slow in coming in. Half a dozen small packages thus far have been received—as against the 1000 pounds which will be required to meet needs of the boys and girls.

"We need a lot of it and please get it in by Monday evening," she says.

SAILORS' BEHAVIOR GOOD

Best Traditions Declared Fulfilled During War.

WASHINGTON.—The Navy lived up to its best traditions during the war and sailors almost invariably conducted themselves better than in peace times. Despite the large number of men inducted into service from civil life, which increased the naval force 134 per cent, there were fewer violations of Navy regulations. The percentage of courtsmartial decreased from 1.75 to 1.17 in the Navy and from 2.72 to 1.20 in the Marine Corps.

This fine record of the sailor's behavior was revealed today in the annual report of Captain George A. Clark, Judge Advocate General, who also took occasion to commend the improved conditions in naval prisons, which he attributed largely to the efforts of the Welfare League. In referring to excellent conditions at the Portsmouth, N. H., yard, the Judge Advocate General said the system there was initiated by Thomas Mott Osborne, former superintendent of the New York State Prison.

Less promising results were noted of the probation system, only 55 per cent of the men so released completing the period of probation, against 71 per cent in the preceding year.

HUNS SING AMERICAN SONG

Wounded Soldiers Celebrate Signing of Armistice.

LONDON.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A German band at a prison hospital near London played the "Star-Spangled Banner" and several hundred wounded German soldiers sang it as if they enjoyed it in celebration of the signing of the armistice. The music was in honor of a parade of American wounded quartered in a hospital near the prison hospital.

If the sentiment of these prisoners may be taken as a criterion the German people will harbor no old scores against Americans for helping to deliver the final blow of the war. They entered heartily into the armistice celebration and were glad the war had ended.

Soon after news of the signing of the armistice was received at the big American hospital at Dartford it was sent over to the Germans, whose prison hospital joins the American establishment.

On the following day every American able to walk was mustered into a parade, the route of which took them through the prison grounds. As the vanguard entered the German band—Germans always manage to scrape up a band wherever a large number of them are quartered—began playing the anthem of the United States of America and the Germans sang it as the happy Americans passed. They were happy, too, and showed no animosity toward the Americans.

ALLEGED SLAYER IS FREED

CHARLES JOHNSON PROMPTLY ACQUITTED BY JURY.

Defense Contends That Accused Man Shot and Killed Army Officer in Self-Defense.

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 20.—Charles Halwardt Johnson was acquitted by a jury tonight of the charge of murdering Major William R. King, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The jury was out two hours and 15 minutes. Johnson shot Major King while in the Johnson home on the night of July 17 last. Counsel for the defense contended that the shooting followed a struggle in which Johnson alleged that the Army officer had him down on his knees with his hands on Johnson's throat. Johnson had been cashier of the National Bank at Aberdeen.

Last year when the Government's proving ground was established near Aberdeen, Johnson obtained a position in the accounting department. He became acquainted with Major King, who subsequently rented a room at the Johnson home. For some time the two men seemed to be fast friends, but during the early part of July, last, trouble between the two men developed, the cause for which was not even clearly brought out at the trial.

On the night of the shooting Johnson ordered the Major to leave his house and the fatal altercation followed.

ALASKA TO PROVIDE WORK

Governor Takes Move to Aid Returned Men.

SEATTLE, Wash.—Alaska, preparing to do its share in reconstruction problems and the care of returned soldiers, will be able by next Spring to furnish employment at least to 3000 men, according to to Governor Thomas Riggs, Jr., who passed through here on his way to Washington.

The Governor sent out circulars to all commercial clubs, school boards, city councils and councils of defense in Alaska, asking what provision they could make for returning soldiers. It was from the replies to these letters that he based his estimate on the territory's ability to take care of 3000 additional men by next Spring. Positions will be available, he believes, as clerks, teachers, watchmen and foremen, in addition to the present shortage of mining help.

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