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## LABOR FEDERATION DENOUNCES SOVIET

### Blow Dealt Bolshevism at Atlantic City.

### WORKERS' STAND MADE CLEAR

### Americans Want No Recognition of Red Element.

### PLEA FOR IRELAND IS MADE

### General Strike Proposed for July 4 in Behalf of Tom Mooney Is Voted Down.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 17.—A grand general uproar, delegates attending the convention of the American Federation of Labor today refused to endorse recognition of soviet Russia, although urging recognition by the United States of the "existing Irish republic," and voted against the general strike proposed for July 4 in behalf of "Tom" Mooney, convicted in connection with the preparation of a day bomb explosion in San Francisco.

Discussion of bolshevism developed when the resolutions committee reported a resolution asking withdrawal from Russia of American soldiers, but refused to report others demanding recognition of soviet Russia and lifting of the blockade of Russian ports. The committee refused to endorse recognition of the "soviet or any other form of government in Russia until the people of that country by constituent or other form of national assembly shall have established a truly democratic form of government."

Debate bitterest ever heard. The debate was said by veteran labor leaders to have been the most bitter they ever heard. It followed rejection by the convention over the strenuous protest of the radical group of a proposal to change American Labor day from the first Monday in September to May, as a bond of affection to unite all the labor into a "universal brotherhood."

Samuel Gompers, president of the federation, led the fight against the May-day resolution, asserting that American Labor day was a "day for American labor," and not a political event, as it was in Europe. Peter Hollenbacher of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor protested against rejection of his resolution, which called for the lifting of the Russian blockade, declaring he had offered it "on humanitarian grounds" to bring about relief of women and children.

Troop-Recall Plea Coming. John P. Frey of Cincinnati, chairman of the committee, replied that organized labor was going to insist on the recall of all American troops from Russia, but that it could hardly favor sending food there for fear the bolshevik would get it, instead of the women and children.

In response to further argument by radical delegates, Mr. Frey declared the soviet question had been brought to America and into trade union meetings, and that he and the other members of the committee were of the opinion that the convention should declare in no uncertain terms just where organized labor in America stood.

The introduction of the Mooney resolution brought another uproar. G. P. Grow of Los Angeles, opposing the resolution, declared he had talked to Mooney three weeks ago, and that Mooney was hopeful that the strike would be carried out, as he was confident it would result in his release.

Strike Proposal Denied. Chairman Frey reported that, in his opinion and that of other members of the committee, a strike not only would prove injurious to the Mooney cause, but would "drive a wedge into organized labor."

Julius Dentell Baum of the Detroit Central Labor union then gained the floor and delivered an impassioned address, declaring that the time for resolutions had passed and the time for action was at hand.

William B. Patterson of San Francisco, a member of the carpenters' union and a member of the Mooney defense league, was then given the floor by a vote of the convention, and launched into a vigorous attack on organized labor and its leaders in San Francisco.

"Out in San Francisco the union labor leaders did not go to the bat for Mooney so we had to form a committee to do it," he said. "They went about whispering that Mooney actually was guilty."

"Maybe we made some mistakes, but we make no apologies for what we have done."

Regular Law Course Urged. Delegate Murphy of the San Francisco labor council said it was true that some labor leaders in San Francisco thought it best to let the law take its course in the Mooney case.

## CALIFORNIA VISITED BY GRASSHOPPER PLAGUE

### GRAIN FIELDS AND ORCHARDS OVERRUN BY PESTS.

Locusts Eat Vegetation on Guadaloupe Island and Starvation of 75,000 Wild Goats Threatened.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., June 17.—Great clouds of grasshoppers, which have damaged grain crops in the Cuyama district and orchards in Paso Robles, have traveled to the Foxen canyon bean fields. Ranchers are poisoning them with a mixture of bran, syrup and paris green and the dead insects number 10 or more to the square foot, but new hordes continue to arrive.

County horticultural commissioner Eugene Kellogg is directing the fight against the pest, which he believes will be overcome if all the ranchers over the 30-mile front will assist by using the poison.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., June 17.—Officers of the motorship Grime, arriving here today from Guadaloupe Islands, 175 miles south of this port, brought word that millions of locusts had swarmed on the island and had eaten practically all vegetation there. It is estimated that there are fully 75,000 wild goats on the island and the ship's officers said that all would starve to death soon unless steps were taken by the Mexican government to feed them.

The island is about 100 miles from the lower California coast line and is about 20 miles long and 8 miles wide. It is said that the first goats were left there many years ago by Spanish priests.

The locusts are the first to visit the island in more than 50 years, according to natives.

## PRISON EVANGELIST DIES

### Rev. Alfred Wright, 83, Passes Away at Walla Walla.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., June 17.—Rev. Alfred Wright, aged 83 years, a traveling prison evangelist, with headquarters in Los Angeles, Cal., who came here a few days ago, died in a local hospital early today. Little is known here of Rev. Mr. Wright.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 17.—The Rev. Alfred Wright, who died today at Walla Walla, was not affiliated with the church federation or the ministerial union here. Churchmen expressed the belief that he was probably a retired clergyman from some eastern city who had taken up prison work to round out his career and was absent so much that he was little known locally. He had no relatives here so far as could be learned today.

## TORPEDO BOAT REMODELED

### Craft, Intended for Fishing, Built in Portland 20 Years Ago.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 17.—(Special.)—Rigged up for service as a steam trawler, along the general lines of that type of fishing vessel that played a big part in the war against U-boats in the North sea, the old torpedo boat Fox is at the plant of the Ballard Marine ways receiving her finishing touches. She will be in commission in time for the summer fishing season and the behavior of the boat, as a fishing craft is being looked forward to with considerable interest by marine men.

The Fox was built at Portland about 20 years ago and was one of the first of that type of ship built for the United States navy.

## ROTARIAN DENOUNCES REDS

### International Head Urges Alignment Against Bolshevism.

SALT LAKE CITY, June 17.—Denunciation of bolshevism and an appeal to all rotarians to sign themselves against the spread of that doctrine was voiced here today by John Poole, president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs, in annual convention.

President Poole's address was the principal one of today's sessions. Every question of national and international importance was touched upon, especially those of particular interest to rotarians.

## WOMAN MAKES FAST TRIP

### Mrs. E. C. Newham, Hood River, Gets to England in 14 Days.

HOOD RIVER, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—Mrs. E. C. Newham, wife of the pastor of the Pine Grove Methodist church, who was recently called to England because of illness of her father, according to a letter received by Mr. Newham, made the journey in the record time of 14 days. Although she left Hood River in less than 24 hours after receiving the message that called her to her old home, she secured passage on the Mauretania, which holds a record for speed. The big ship sailed three days after her arrival in New York.

Western Man Heads Class. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, June 17.—At the head of the graduating class of the law department of Georgetown university, at the commencement held tonight, was P. F. Snyder of Kelso, Wash. Mr. Snyder is secretary to Representative Albert Johnson.

## TOLEDO SAWMILL BURNS TO GROUND

### Fischer-Scorgy Plant Will Be Rebuilt, Says Owner.

### LOSS ESTIMATED AT \$1,000,000

### Newport Fire Department Arrives Too Late to Help.

### WHOLE CITY IMPERILED

### High Wind Carries Cinders Over Roofs, But Residents Put Out Blazes Started by Embers.

TOLEDO, Or., June 17.—(Special.)—The sawmill of the Fischer-Scorgy Lumber company, situated in Toledo, was completely destroyed by fire at 9 o'clock tonight. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, with \$500,000 covered by insurance.

After the mill had closed for the day and employees had gone home, an explosion, which was not violent, occurred in the center of the mill. It was due, it is said, to combustion from greased woodwork about the machinery. Fire quickly enveloped the main sawing rooms and made its way outward from the center of the plant.

Reservoir Is Emptied. The Toledo fire department, aided by a large corps of volunteer firefighters, rushed to the sawmill and fought a steady stream of water upon the flames and upon outlying property. The Toledo chemical engine also was used. The reservoir of the municipal water system was drained tonight.

Flames leaped through the top of the mill and soon cinders fell in parts of Toledo. Residents watched the roofs of their houses and prevented fires. A mass of cinders fell on the Toledo bank building and set fire to the structure. The blaze was quickly extinguished.

The Newport fire department, a call for which was made shortly after the fire was discovered, arrived on the scene after the plant had been destroyed.

Town Is in Peril. A strong westerly wind, it is believed, saved the entire town of Toledo from destruction. The \$1,000,000 spruce mill, situated on the opposite bank of Newport flume, less than a quarter of a mile from the fire, was protected by water from the flume.

J. O. George of Tacoma, who, with August Fischer of Corvallis, is principal owner of the mill, was eating dinner in Newport, nine miles away, when he saw a dense cloud of smoke. He climbed into his automobile and started for Toledo, which he had left about one-half hour before. He took charge of the hose which was feeding

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## VICTORIOUS SHRINERS GET LUSTY WELCOME

### 16 MEMBERS OF PORTLAND DELEGATION RETURN.

### Arrivals Who Assisted in Landing 1920 Convention in This City Get Hearty Ovation.

Seventeen members of Portland's delegation to the Indianapolis convention of Shriners returned home at 7:30 o'clock last night, and received a hearty welcome at Union station from several hundred members of the Portland order, who found occasion to express joy upon the landing of the 1920 convention for this city. As the train pulled into the station, the rumble of car wheels was drowned by the chorus of cheers that greeted the first Shriner to poke his head out of a window, and from that moment until the auto parade had disbanded there were continuous cheers and greetings in one form or another.

Heading the delegation that arrived last night was Potentate W. J. Hofmann and George Stapleton, a delegate. Members of the band formed the body of the returning party, among them being Bandmen Jancke, Larson, Shipley, Staudemeier, Henke, Damman, Harry Williams and J. A. Dilg. Patrol members Brown, Sawyer, Freiheit, Jones and Webster brothers also were in the party.

"We're glad to be home," was the first exclamation from the car-weary Shriners, as they piled out of the coach. "Portland never looked better to us. And it will look just as good to the hundreds who will be here next year."

Members of the delegation were as pleased as their Portland brothers that this city had been chosen for the 1920 meeting, but they explained that hard work was necessary to obtain it.

During the parade, which moved through the principal downtown streets, members of the delegation rode in autos that met them at the station, and were cheered by throngs that lined the business thoroughfares. Mayor Baker was among the reception party at union station and extended the glad hand of the city to the home-owners.

"Portland won its fight for the 1920 meeting on the floor of the convention," said Potentate W. J. Hofmann last night. "We won three to one, broke the machine and made our claims known. It was a hard fight, but we went back there to win it, and succeeded."

New Orleans was the other contender in the contest for next year's honors.

## COAST AIR SERVICE SOUGHT

### Governor Leaves Mather Field for Oregon Aerial Enthusiast.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., June 17.—Attempts will be made to have the government establish a regular aerial service between the army aviation station at Mather field, near here, and points in the Pacific northwest, Governor Ben W. Olcott of Oregon announced here today.

Governor Olcott declared he had become an "aerial enthusiast" as a result of his flight from Portland to Mather field with Lieutenant-Colonel H. L. Watson, commander of Mather field. Governor Olcott planned to return to Oregon tonight by train. He was a guest today at the meeting of the Sacramento Advertising club.

## CLIMAX OF STRIKE EXPECTED TODAY

### Keymen Agree to Abide by Conference Decisions.

### TELEGRAM SENT TO GOMPERS

### Officials to Meet With Telegraphers' Representatives.

### STRIKE DECLARED GROWING

### 5000 Girl Operators and 1000 Men Employes Walk Out in Northern and Central California.

CHICAGO, June 17.—The climax in the nation-wide strike of commercial telegraphers probably will be reached tonight 24 hours, union leaders declared today.

A telegram was sent to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, stating that the strikers would abide by decisions reached at a conference to be held by Mr. Gompers and other federation officers and representatives of the telegraphers' union.

Officers of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers announced today that 50 per cent of the Western Union's business had been affected by refusal of railroad operators to handle commercial business.

This statement was refuted by officers of the Association of Western Union employes, who declared business was normal and that strikers are returning to work in many towns. Union officials said in a number of towns electrical workers, particularly telephone operators, had gone on strike. In northern and central California it is estimated 5000 girl operators and 1000 male employes are affected. Three thousand other employes are said to be involved in a strike of the telephone crafts in southern California.

Charles P. Ford, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers with headquarters at Springfield, Ill., said the California strikes were due to failure of telephone company officials to comply with Postmaster-General Burleson's order last Saturday granting the right of collective bargaining.

S. J. Koenekamp, international president of the Commercial Telegraphers' union of America, claimed that labor bodies in various parts of the country were pledging support to the strikers and that the number of men out was steadily increasing.

## STRIKE HEADQUARTERS OPEN

### Bulletins Showing Progress of Walk-out to Be Posted.

Temporary strike headquarters were (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

## PROHIBITION REPEAL REFUSED BY SOLONS

### SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE VOTES PLAN DOWN.

### Proprietary Medicines With Over One-Half Per Cent Alcohol Are Considered "Intoxicants."

WASHINGTON, June 17.—By a vote of 10 to 3 the house judiciary committee refused today to adopt a motion of Representative Igoe, Democrat, Missouri, to recommend repeal of war-time prohibition insofar as it affects light wines and beer. Joining Mr. Igoe in supporting the motion were Representative Gard, Democrat, Ohio, and Clason, Republican, Wisconsin.

The committee, which is considering a bill by Chairman Volsted for enforcement of national prohibition, approved the section defining intoxicating liquor as that containing one-half of 1 per cent of alcohol, after amending it so as to name specifically as intoxicants alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, beer, ale, porter and wine.

The section as amended reads: "That the word liquor, or the phrase intoxicating liquor, shall be construed to include alcohol, brandy, whiskey, rum, gin, beer, ale, porter and wine, and in addition thereto any spirituous, vinous, malt or fermented liquor, liquid and compounds, whether medicated, proprietary, patented or not, and by whatever name called, containing one-half of 1 per centum or more of alcohol by volume which are potable or capable of being used as a beverage."

## ENEMY TRADING CHARGE

### Three Prominent San Franciscans Under Indictment.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17.—Indictments charging them with conspiring to trade with the enemy during the war period were returned here today against Henry A. Westphal, C. O. Swanberg and R. R. Russ, prominent San Francisco merchants.

The defendants sent various sums to representatives of the Russ estate in Germany through Oscar Holmgren, a layman of Swarthmore, Lackey, Sweden, and brother-in-law of Swanberg, the indictment alleges.

Each defendant was held on \$5000 bond. Westphal is vice-president of the Merchants' Ice & Cold Storage company, Swanberg is proprietor of a big downtown cafe and Russ is secretary and treasurer of the Russ estate, one of the biggest in the city.

The offenses were committed between October, 1917, and March, 1919, according to the indictments.

## LOYAL LEGION HEAD QUILTS

### Brigadier-General Brice P. Disque Tenders Resignation.

The resignation of Brigadier-General Brice P. Disque, as president of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, was received yesterday by the executive board of that organization, now in session in Portland. No action was taken, beyond appointing a committee to survey the field for the logical successor, who must either be an employe or employer of the lumber industry.

The session devoted the greater part of its time to discussion of an industrial insurance plan for legion members. A committee of four was appointed to make a thorough investigation of the plan, and to render its report at the next series of district conventions, which will be held sometime during August in each of the 12 Loyal Legion districts of the northwest.

## French War Records Slow.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Casualties now being reported through the war department are coming principally from the French war office, the department said today, which "is considerably over a year behind with their records." It is estimated it will be a year before the French records are completely checked.

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## SHIPBUILDING MEN TAKE HEART AGAIN

### Conciliation by Shipping Board Renews Hope.

### U. S. MAKES GOOD SALES

### Demand for Spot-Delivery Ships Is Strong.

### ENGLISH YARDS JAMMED

### New York Prices for Vessels Rapidly Increasing—Coast Builders Should Benefit.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., June 17.—"Don't give up the ships," adapted from the dying words of a celebrated American naval hero, is the slogan of the representatives of Pacific coast shipbuilders who are here fighting for the reinstatement of canceled contracts.

Since the hearings before the senate commerce committee last week the shipping board has shown much more of a spirit of co-operation, and optimism with regard to the Pacific coast situation again exists. The recent sale of a fleet of steel ships at prices ranging from \$210 to \$225 a ton has caused a different feeling around the shipping board.

Heretofore there has been a noticeable weariness among members of the board toward the whole problem of ship construction. Today it looks like the government has had the use of a good many ships which can be sold at a price to realize almost the entire cost. In order to put the shipyards back on the basis desired without special authorization from congress it will be necessary to dispose of probably \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000 worth of steel ships and this looks like something easy of accomplishment.

The demand for ships for spot delivery is amazing, and the willingness of prospective buyers to pay good prices is equally surprising. The news that comes across the water also is gratifying. One of the largest ship brokers in New York came to Washington today and at a conference with Harrison H. Robinson of San Francisco, as representative of the Pacific Coast Shipbuilders, said that the price for steel ships in English yards is climbing rapidly toward \$180 a ton and British yards are filled up to the point where not a delivery can be promised on new contracts under two years.

This condition alone presages busy times for American shipbuilders regardless of what the government programme may be, provided enough reinstatements may be had to keep the yards going until actual construction can begin on the foreign contracts.

"The price on ships for spot delivery in New York is going up every day," said Mr. Robinson. "It is now \$200 to \$225 a ton on the same terms by which the shipping board made its latest sales of steel vessels, 40 per cent down and the balance in five equal installments with interest at 5 per cent. And this market price will go higher. I have no doubt." It is learned that the house committee on appropriations will cut down the appropriation of \$673,000,000 asked by the shipping board to only a little more than half that amount but assurance is given that this will not affect the situation as to the Pacific coast yards.

Up to this time the sales of both wooden and steel ships aggregate something more than \$50,000,000.

## BUSCH GARDENS FOR SALE

### Late Brewer's Property at Pasadena to Be Cut Into Lots.

PASADENA, Cal., June 17.—The Busch sunken gardens, famous throughout the United States, will be closed to the public tomorrow and will be sold as soon as possible either as a whole or through subdivision into residence lots, it was announced here today. The announcement was made by Edmund V. Krug, who stated closing and sale of the gardens had been ordered by the owner, Mrs. Lily Busch, widow of the late Adolphus Busch, St. Louis brewer, who caused the gardens to be laid out.

The gardens were thrown open to the public in 1913 and it is estimated about 5,000,000 persons have viewed them. Mr. Krug said Mrs. Busch had given no reason for her order, which she telegraphed from St. Louis.

## BURGLARS GIVE GUN FIGHT

### San Pedro Policeman Shot and Two Alleged Crooks Taken.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., June 17.—Four burglars, surprised while looting a tailor shop early today at San Pedro, in the harbor district of the city, engaged in a spirited gun fight with police and firemen.

Patrolman J. W. Thomas was shot through the neck, one burglar was wounded, and two of them captured.

## Russian Bonds Overdue.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Owing to present unsettled conditions in Russia the United States government will make no representations at this time with reference to the default in payment of the \$50,000,000 three-year loan made by American bankers to the Russian government in 1916, and due June 15 and July 15, it was announced today by Acting Secretary of State Polk.

IT SEEMS THAT WOODROW HAS DRIVEN A NAIL IN THE OLD SLAP-STICK.

