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## RED ENVOY LEANS ON U. S. RETAINERS

### Soviet Ambassador's Staff Largely American.

## DURANT ASSISTANT SCRIBE

### Former Creel Attache Reminds One of Censor.

## NUORTEVA BRAINS OF LOT

### Secretary of Soviet Bureau Said to Be Man of Vast Authority in Slav Domain.

## OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU

Washington, Jan. 26.—Possibly for its influence on the senate committee investigating its activities, Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled Russian soviet ambassador to the United States, had surrounded himself with a large number of Americans, who were listed with the committee as members of his staff, when he appeared at the hearing today.

His staff, of most of it, with him used one-half of the long table at the head of which were seated three members of the investigating committee, Chairman Moses and Senators Borah and Brandegee.

Members of his staff with an obvious feeling that there was safety in their numbers and their American flavor.

**Durant Resembles Creel.**

The most foreign-looking individual on his staff was Kenneth Durant, born in Philadelphia and a graduate of Harvard, who, as assistant secretary of the soviet bureau, sat next to Mr. Martens. Durant was a member of George Creel's committee on public information during the war. He has the Creel's "kinks" of mouth and the Creel's "kinks" of kinks. After years of cultivation, however, it shows some tendency to slant slightly to the back. There is utter absence of either "twinkle" or "smile."

Durant had nothing to do except possibly to pass a message to the "ambassador" from Senator Nuorteva, secretary of the soviet bureau and said to be the brains of the entire soviet organization in this country. Nuorteva is of medium height, thick and stout, with a very much overfed appearance. An exceptionally large head, with a baldness which spreads everywhere, and a high forehead, low-water mark, sets off his swelling physique.

**Nuorteva Never Worries.**

Examination of the front elevation shows Nuorteva to have two very deep, concerning blue eyes, separated by a nose well proportioned to the face, a stubby, reddish mustache, which serves as a canopy to a slightly more than average-sized mouth.

Investigations mean nothing in the young life of Secretary Nuorteva, who is about 42 years old and who pretended to sleep or to smile as developments in the inquiry warranted. But that he was the real fountain of information was many times apparent. When the "ambassador" had a further question put by a member of the committee, and former Senator Hardwick, Martens's counsel, was puzzled, Secretary Nuorteva communicated through Durant some word or chief that seemed to put words in his mouth.

**Authority Held Vast.**

Nuorteva, it was brought out at the hearing, besides being first secretary of the bureau, was in charge of the publication division of the organization and is the person who approves everything that is printed in "Soviet Russia," the official journal.

"Ambassador" Martens is not an interesting type of man. He is tall and thin with light, almost white hair and mustache, and it is white because of his race and not his age. He looks more like a Scandinavian than a Slav, which he calls himself, although there is no reason to suspect that he is other than a Slav unless he is possessed of some German blood. He talked in broken English, yet practically every word he uttered could be understood by anyone close at hand.

"These words which have for only a short time been known outside of Russia, like 'soviet,' he jerked out so hurriedly that sometimes he kept his listeners guessing. He would say 'soviet' almost without sounding a vowel.

**Propaganda Called Off.**

He asserted that his bureau is not conducting propaganda in this country to promote a soviet form of government for the United States. Such propaganda was conducted through out the world at one time, he declared, but only as a defensive measure to make trouble and embarrassment for those nations which were fighting soviet Russia. He further asserted that the Lenin government, now feeling itself firmly established, is calling off all revolutionary undertakings in other countries.

For example, he said, Lenin recently appealed to the Italian socialists not to start a revolution which had been planned. He pleaded that his sole mission in the country was to establish friendly relations with the United States and to make commercial bargains for supplies needed for the reconstruction of Russia.

The audience which packed the

## OFFICERS PASSED UP WHEN MELON IS CUT

### \$2313 REWARD MONEY DISTRIBUTED IN ASTORIA.

## CLASHES ENLIVEN HEARING

### Court Warns Attorneys Personalities Are Barred.

## PRISONERS ARE COMPOSED

### Separate Trial Refused for Roberts, Who Signed Confession—Accused Lawyer Aids Defense.

## BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

MONTEZANO, Wash., Jan. 26.—(Special.)—On trial for their lives and entering the plea of self-defense, 11 I. W. W. defendants in the Centralia Armistice day murder case, with one exception charged with active participation in the crime, filed into the Grays Harbor courtroom at 10 o'clock this morning and faced the long period of evidence and argument that must intervene before their fate is finally with the jury.

Charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, overseas lieutenant and Washington football star, who was one of the four veterans slain on Armistice day at Centralia, Wash., when I. W. W. fired upon a patriotic parade from ambush, are the following members of the radical organization:

Elmer Smith, Britt Smith, Ray Becker, Bert Paulkner, James McInerney, Bert Eland, Mike Sheehan, Eugene Barnett, Loren Roberts, John Lamb and O. C. Bland. Two other accused participants in the crime are at large—Ole Hanson and John Doe Davis.

**One Tentatively Accepted.**

One juror had been tentatively selected, subject to peremptory challenge, at the close of court this afternoon, when ten veniremen had been examined. He was Thomas C. Vonner of Montezano. Timothy Martin will be re-examined tomorrow.

Veniremen who were excused for cause were G. A. Kittredge, Malone; John Kahle, Aberdeen; R. G. Hall, Hoquiam; C. P. Davis, Hoquiam; John Knute, Montezano; Fred T. Deane, Hoquiam; W. F. Barrows, Montezano, and J. W. Kemmerlin, Montezano.

Proof that difficulty will be long continued before a jury is finally selected was found in the examinations of veniremen. As juror after juror replied to the questioning of the state, the defense challenged for cause. Two jurors were excused by the state when they declared their unwillingness to convict under a capital punishment statute, while others openly admitted that they already have formed fixed opinions with regard to the case.

"I have formed such an opinion that I do not believe any amount of evidence could remove it," said John (Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

## CHANGE OF VENUE DENIED TO I. W. W.

### Examination of Jurors Is Begun at Montezano.

## COMPULSORY TRAINING FAVORED BY SENATE

### COMMITTEE APPROVES BILL FOR 4 MONTHS' DRILL.

## OREGON JOINS MAINE IN DRY LAW DEFENSE

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## ARMY ORGANIZATION ACT PROVIDES FOR STANDING FORCE OF 280,000 MEN, 18,000 OFFICERS.

### WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—By a vote of 9 to 5, the senate military committee today approved provisions providing for compulsory military training for boys between 18 and 21 years, inclusive, and ordered a favorable report upon the army reorganization bill.

## SHERIDAN BARS SHIMMY

### Dancing Masters Get Ordinance Through Carrying \$100 Fine.

## HUNGARY MAKES PLEA

### Entente Told Army of 35,000 Too Small for Needs.

## WOMEN RECEIVE CHARTER

## Organization Formed to Better Democratic Party Conditions.

## NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The charter of the Women Democrats of America, a national organization of women frontiers against the bolshevik and insure the execution of the obligations demanded.

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## RED CROSS WOMEN TO QUIT SIBERIA

### First Transport Will Return Workers to U. S.

## MEN WILL TAKE PLACES

### Names of Four Captives Received at Vladivostok.

## 7 ENGINEERS ARE TAKEN

### Consular Officials Take Steps to Open Negotiations for Release of Prisoners.

## VLADIVOSTOK, Jan. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—All American women and many Red Cross workers are to be evacuated from Siberia on the first available transport, it is announced by the Red Cross headquarters here.

## Three trains bringing Red Cross workers from outlying points are on their way here, the first being due to arrive tomorrow. The second has reached Harbin and the third is at Chita. Included in the 300 persons aboard the trains are 105 women.

## Volunteers are being recruited among the men's Red Cross personnel here to remain at Vladivostok and supervise distribution of supplies to civilian refugees of about \$3,000,000 worth of supplies and also to care for about 900 children sent here from Petrograd. These children were forwarded from European Russia by committees, by their parents, or by peasants' co-operative societies on account of the scarcity of food there. The Americans have cared for them ever since they arrived, many months ago.

## Prisoners' Names Given.

## A list of American Red Cross workers captured by the bolshevik at Klineckinskaya station was received here today. It is as follows:

## Dr. W. H. Kingston, Oklahoma; Dr. J. N. Medill, Jarvis, Colo.; Pharmacists W. O. Lowe, 242 West seventh street, New York City, and E. H. Charette, Stockton, Cal.

## News of the capture of the Red Cross men, and of seven American railway engineers was received by consular advices reaching here today. These did not give the date of the capture, nor did they make it clear whether the Americans had been captured by the bolsheviks or by a local uprising against Admiral Kolchak or by bolsheviks advancing from Omsk.

## The advices made no mention of any women Red Cross workers. However, American Consul Hansen and other Red Cross workers and American members of the railway staff are declared to have escaped and to have reached Irkutsk. The railway men, who included Colonel Blunt, were members of the Stevens commission, sent from America to aid in rehabilitating the trans-Siberian railway.

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