

PORTLAND RADICAL REPUTED EXECUTED

John Reed Killed in Finland, Say Dispatches. FUGITIVE INDICTED IN U. S. Mother of Portland Academy Graduate Resides Here—Man Well Known in City.

CHICAGO, April 9.—An unconfirmed report that John Reed, magazine writer, had been executed in Finland, has been received here. Lloyd Bechtel, assistant district attorney announced this morning.

Reed is under indictment here, charged with conspiracy to advocate the overthrow of the government by force.

John Reed was born in Portland, a son of the late C. J. Reed, at one time United States marshal for Oregon. After graduating from the old Portland academy in 1895 he went to Harvard, from which institution he graduated. Immediately after leaving college, he joined the ranks of the radicals and had been identified with them at all times.

His mother is a resident of this city but is now visiting in California, members of the family said yesterday. They also said they had received no report of the supposed execution of Reed other than that contained in press dispatches.

Reed was married to Louise Bryant, also of this city. Both Mr. and Mrs. Reed were magazine writers and had spent much time in Russia. Mrs. Reed is said to be in New York at the present time.

Associated Press dispatches of March 18 told of Reed being arrested at Abo, Finland, where he was found to be a stowaway on a vessel bound for Sweden. He had a large quantity of soviet propaganda about him when taken from the vessel.

Reed indicted in U. S. At one time Reed returned to this country from Russia, with a commission as soviet consul general for the United States, but the Russian soviet leaders were said to have repudiated this commission later.

Reed had been indicted on a number of occasions in this country for attempting to obstruct the draft, and later because of his activity in the communist labor party.

Although he left Portland when a youth to enter a home here on a number of occasions and was well known in the city.

STRIKE TIES UP YARDS

Southern Pacific officials say they do not expect trouble from this quarter. The situation with regard to the other lines appears to be somewhat quieting switchmen, the local members of the Brotherhood of Railway Engineers and Firemen, who were on strike late yesterday afternoon, and voted without dissent to remain at work.

"Make this plain," said one engineer who attended the meeting, "it is only the switchmen who are on strike. The engineers and firemen will not go on strike without first notifying the companies, and we have no intention of going on strike. Neither do the other companies have any intention of striking."

At the Alhambra yards of the O.-W. R. & N. company at 2:30 o'clock, when the shifts changed, approximately 30 switchmen had quit their jobs out of the total of 100 employed in the yards. Later the entire night shift failed to report.

But at the Alhambra yards of the Southern Pacific the tie-up caused by striking switchmen was complete when 40 switchmen failed to report for duty on the afternoon shift. The engines with steam up stood waiting, engineers and firemen in the cabs ready for duty, but the lack of fuel for lack of members. A few hours later the assembly was larger and the men went into session, taking an affirmative strike vote.

"I asked many of the strikers what the trouble was," said Superintendent A. T. Mercer, of the Southern Pacific, "but was unable to find a man who could tell me. None of them knew why they were on strike or what it was all about."

"Some of them talked vaguely about \$1 an hour, but did not seem to know whether or not this represented a demand on the part of the switchmen. By far the greater number were absolutely in the dark about their reasons for not remaining at work."

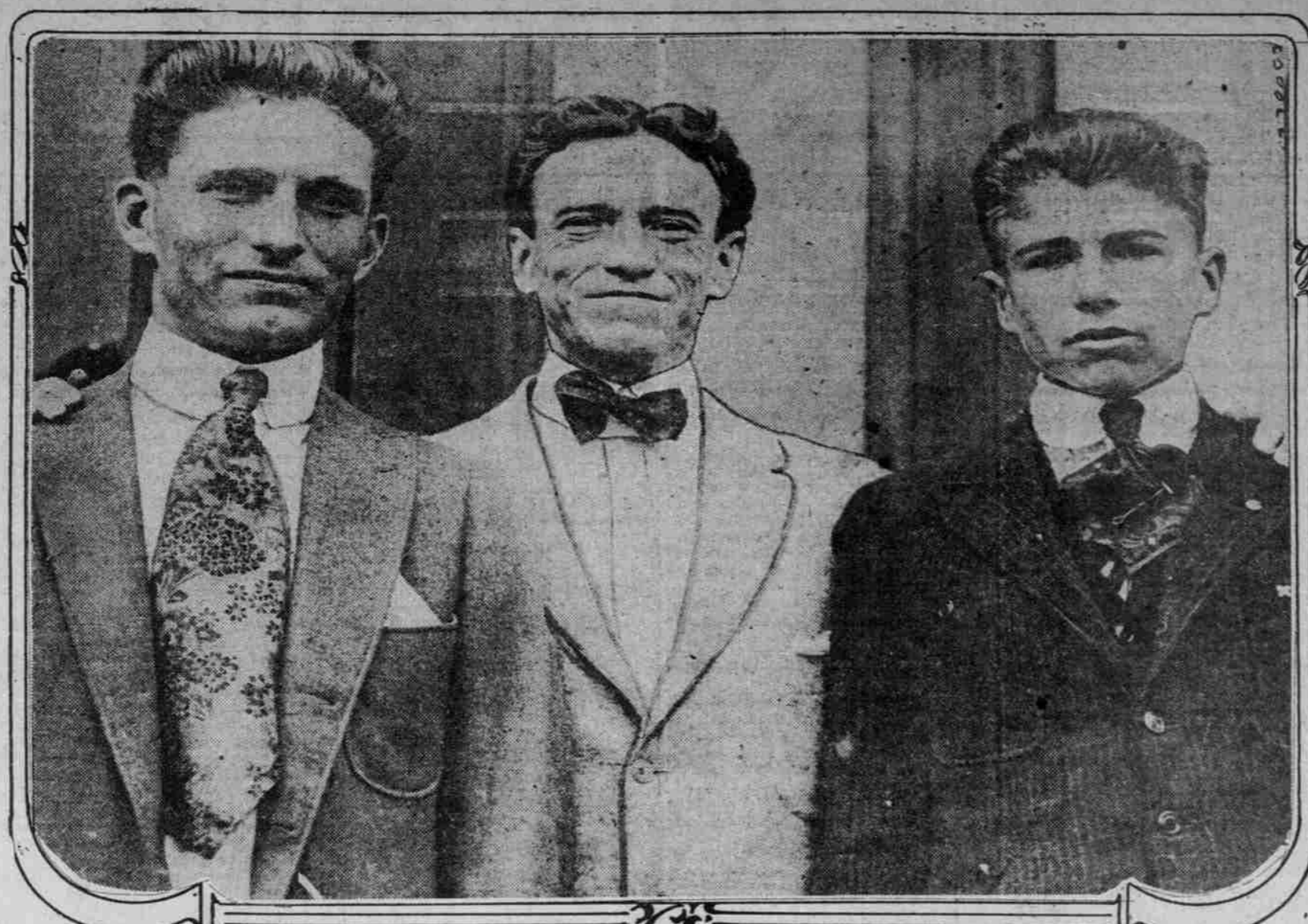
"The company received no official notification that the strike was to be called. This forenoon two switchmen came to my office and told me that they were quitting. They represented no general move, and explained that they merely wanted to know that they were through."

Traffic Block Not Expected. Officials of the lines say that steps will be taken at once to see that the tie-up does not materially interfere with terminal activities. In every general office last night conferences of executives were being held to devise means of meeting a situation that was not entirely unexpected.

The companies are counting somewhat upon the promise of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, which has refused to recognize the striking switchmen, and which is said to have assured the companies that it would see that the tie-up became ineffective even to the extent of furnishing union men to break it.

Should this situation arise, say railroad officials, it will constitute one of the most remarkable instances in the history of labor difficulties—the smashing of an unauthorized strike by the employment of union loyalists as strike-breakers.

MINISTER WHO MARRIED MARY PICKFORD AND DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS AND HIS EVANGELISTIC SONS.



Rev. J. Whitcomb Brounger, a nationally-known minister and pastor of Temple Baptist church, Los Angeles, Cal., and formerly of Portland, achieved new notoriety last week, when he married Mary Pickford and Douglas Fairbanks. The minister and his two sons now serve together, as he is bringing them up in his footsteps. Russell, 23 (left), and James Jr., 17 (right), are their names and ages. The pastor-father served as a Y. M. C. A. secretary in France during the war. Both are ordained ministers. When the father, who is much sought after as a pulpiter orator, visits, one or both of his sons usually accompany him as assistants. James Jr. is an especially able evangelist.

upon the probable duration of the strike. With the exception of the walkout at the Brooklyn yards, which is complete, it is believed that the disaffection in other yards will spread further and that partial operation will be continued.

Major Baker, who had kept close watch of the situation, immediately instructed Chief of Police Jenkins to make all necessary preparations for the preservation of order in the event that rioting might arise. To all outward appearances, however, the strike is a peaceful one.

INSURGENTS FACE DISCHARGE Switchmen Have Until 4 P. M. Today to Resume Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 9.—An ultimatum that all Southern Pacific railroad switchmen, who have struck "in violation and repudiation of the working agreement" will be regarded as having "renounced their employment with the company" unless they return by 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, is tonight marked the progress of the railroad strike which had, company officials stated, paralyzed freight traffic and caused some disturbance of passenger schedules throughout the state.

Practically no freight was being moved on the Southern Pacific, Western Pacific and Santa Fe, but the Northwestern Pacific officials reported that the labor trouble had not yet spread to that road.

Passenger trains on the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Western Pacific were reported as running slightly behind schedule. Impromptu switching crews composed of yardmasters, train dispatchers and conductors performed the duties of switchmen on passenger trains at terminals.

The Western Pacific reported that the walkout of 25 switchmen at their Oakland terminal had prevented movement of virtually all freight. "Practically no freight was being moved by the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe."

Conflicting and fluctuating reports of the number of men on strike were announced by strikers that a committee had been formed to organize the "insurgent" organization in Chicago. A committee also was formed to present demands of a daily wage of \$1.

A rumor that passenger brakemen on the coast division of the Southern Pacific might strike in sympathy with those already out was denied by Superintendent T. A. Hahn of the Southern Pacific. He said all the brakemen "would remain loyal to the company."

The Southern Pacific ultimatum to the strikers declared their violation of the transportation act of 1920 and quoted section 301 of the act. The Southern Pacific tonight inserted in newspapers throughout California and other states advertisements for switchmen to take the place of the men on strike, and urged them to return to work tomorrow, company officials said.

Embargo Placed on Freight. BAKER, Ore., April 9.—(Special.)—An embargo has been placed on freight to all points east of and including Peacoteville, according to a statement issued by M. H. Dougherty, local O.-W. R. & N. agent. Until further notice no freight will be consigned from Baker east. Labor trouble is the cause.

PEACE RESOLUTION WINS

Dunbar, Dunn, Dyer, Scholz, Edmonds, Elliott, Evans (Nebraska), Fairfield, Peas, Foelt, Fordney, Foster, Frear, Freeman, French, Fuller (Illinois), Garland, Gwynn, Good, Goodall, Goodknight, Gould, Graham (Illinois), Green (Iowa), Harney, Harshbarger, Hart, Hays, Henderson, Hersey, Hickey, Hicks, Hill, Hoch, Houghton, Hullings, Hull (Iowa), Huston, Hutchinson, Ireland, James, Jeffries, Johnson (South Dakota), Johnson (Washington), Jones (Pennsylvania), Juhl, Kahn, Kearns, Kelly (Pennsylvania), Kendall, Kenned (Rhode Island), King, Kinkaid, Kiska, Knutson, Krause, Krieger, Lampert, Langley, Layton, Leback, Little, Lucas, Luffin, Lubriz, McArthur, McCallough, McFadden, MacKuffe, Ramsey, Remover, Rendon (Michigan), McLaughlin (Nebraska), Macrae, Macgregory, Madden, Magee, Magee, Mason, Merrick, Michener, Miller, Monahan (Wisconsin), Mondell, Moore (Ohio), Moore (Iowa), Morgan, Morrison, Mott, Mudd, Murphy, Nelson (Wisconsin), Newton (Colorado), Newton (Missouri), Nichols (Michigan), Nolan, Ogden, Osborne, Paige, Peters, Platt, Porter, Purnell, Radcliffe, Ramsey, Remover, Rendon (Michigan), Reaves, Reber, Reid (New York), Reilly, Reister, Reister, Reister, Ricketta, Riddick, Robinson, Rogers, Ross (Pennsylvania), Howe (New York), Sanders (Indiana), Sanders (New York), Sanford, Schall, Scott, Sells, Sinclair, Sinnott, Simpson, Smith (Iowa), Smith (Illinois), Smith (Michigan), Snell, Snyder, Stearnson, Stephens (Ohio), Sliness, Strong

BLOODY REVOLT EXPECTED

EX-OFFICER OF "WHITE" ARMY FLEES RUSSIA. Rising of Peasants Predicted Within Year Against Soviets and New Established Order.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—Chris Davis, 47, was arrested at the Grand Trunk dock this afternoon while enacting passage to the Alaska canneries and is held in the city jail pending the arrival of officers from Astoria, who telegraphed the Seattle police to detain him on a charge of wife desertion and non-support.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 9.—(Special.)—A bloody Russian revolution within one year, brought about by an uprising of peasants, is predicted by Admiral M. Smirnoff, one of the officers in the "white" army under Admiral Kolchak, who was forced to flee from Russia and Siberia before the conquering bolshevik army. Admiral Smirnoff arrived in San Francisco yesterday on the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru, en route to New York on a private mission for his government.

Smirnoff, who was chief of staff of the Black sea fleet in Czar Nicholas' regime, took flight from Siberia in January and joined the growing colony of Russian political fugitives in Japan. Two years ago he was at San Francisco while enacting passage to the Alaska canneries and is held in the city jail pending the arrival of officers from Astoria, who telegraphed the Seattle police to detain him on a charge of wife desertion and non-support.

When the bolsheviks began their triumphant march against the Kolchak forces, Admiral Smirnoff was senior naval officer at Omsk. The "white" army, yielding city after city before the conquering foe, simply disappeared," he said. Those of the leaders who were caught were assassinated and the others went into hiding or escaped to Japan.

Dallas Man Enters Race. DALLAS, Ore., April 9.—(Special.)—George T. Gerlinger, president of the Willamette Valley Lumber company and one of Dallas' prominent citizens, has signified his intention of entering the race for joint representative of Polk and Lincoln counties on the republican ticket. Mr. Gerlinger's opponent in the primaries will be D. E. Fletcher, an independent attorney, who entered the race last week.

Auto Driver Fined \$10. ROSEBURG, Ore., April 9.—(Special.)—C. F. Carlson, employed for the last two months with the state highway commission at Ashland, was fined \$10 yesterday when he attempted to drive his car without license tags. Carlson has been working as an automobile mechanic at Ashland.

Delegate's Position Vacant. SALEM, Ore., April 9.—(Special.)—The first congressional district needs a new representative.

THOUSANDS DESERT NAVY Whole Service Threatened With Disaster, Says Rear Admiral. WASHINGTON, April 9.—Thousands of desertions in the navy in the last year have brought conditions unparalleled in American naval history, Rear-Admiral Thomas Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, today told the senate investigating committee. The whole naval service, he warned, is threatened with disaster unless congress immediately enacts legislation raising the pay of officers and men to a point that will allow the navy to compete with civil occupations.

There were 4666 desertions in the last six months of 1919. Rear-Admiral Washington declared, and thus far this year they have averaged around 700 a month, many of the desertions being petty officers of several years' experience.

JOKESMITH NO PROFITEER Dinner Story Sent Nine Weeks for One Shilling Sixpence. LONDON.—To the long list of odd means of earning a livelihood to which out-of-work former service men have turned, has been added that of the professional jokesmith.

"A new, smart dinner story sent nine consecutive weeks for one shilling sixpence," reads the advertisement of one enterprising tale-teller which is appearing in London newspapers. Critics of the enterprise agree that the advertising joker cannot be accused of profiteering.

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POPULAR SONG HITS. Sweet and Low, Ethel Baker, Victor, 10005. A Southern Lullaby, Ethel Baker, Victor, 10006. Buddha, Peerless Quartet, Victor, 10007. Let Me Dream, Sterling Trio, Victor, 10008. I See You in C-U-M-B-A, Billy Murray, Victor, 10009. That's Worth While Waiting For, Billy Murray, Victor, 10010. Chit in Flanders, Lambert Murphy, Victor, 10011. There's a No Death, Lambert Murphy, Victor, 10012. Irene (from the musical comedy "Irene"), Edith Day, Victor, 10013. Alice Blue Gown (from the musical comedy "Alice Blue Gown"), Edith Day, Victor, 10014.

NEW RED SEAL RECORDS. Your Eyes Have Told Me So, John McCormack, Victor, 10015. In the Sweet Bye and Bye, Ethel Baker, Victor, 10016. Campfire a Sera (Ave Maria), Enrico Caruso, Victor, 10017. If You Could Care (From "As You Were"), Frances Alda, Victor, 10018. Here I Stand, Vision Fugitive (Fleeting Vision), Renald Wernstrom, Victor, 10019. Los Gios Negros (Black Eyes), Renato Zanelli, Victor, 10020. Zaza II Bacio (The Kiss), Farrar De Luca, Victor, 10021. Minnet (Violin Solo), Jascha Heifetz, Victor, 10022. Gypsy Serenade (Violin Solo), Fritz Kreisler, Victor, 10023. Quartet (P. Modigliani) (String Quartet), Flonzaley Quartet, Victor, 10024.

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Special Sale of Corsets \$1.79 and \$2.59

R. & G.—Henderson—Merito—Calma—Empire. About twenty-seven lines of rich fancies and brocades, average and sport models, to be closed out at one-half price and LESS. To fully realize the importance of this value-giving, you must, of course, see the models themselves. You will find here both back and front lace styles in coutils, batiste, fancies and brocades. At \$1.79 You have choice of nine models in average and sport styles in heavy coutils and brocades—sizes 20 to 30. Many less than half price. At \$2.59 You have choice of 18 styles in average and sport models—these are the pick of some of our old line stock and come in every conceivable material, fancy brocade and overwrought coutils. Sizes 20 to 30—but not all sizes in each style. To say that these quotations are out of the ordinary expresses it but mildly—the values offered are truly immense. Come and let these values speak for themselves.

Fortunate Indeed Are the Women Who Can Arrange to Attend This Great Half-Price Ribbon Sale

Not only does this sale include our entire stock of Remnants, but you have choice from lustrous Velvet Ribbons in Nos. 1 to 16 and handsome Metal Embroidered Ribbons up to 12 inches wide. Also Satin and Moire Taffeta Ribbons up to 7 inches wide. To say that this sale offers the most extraordinary Ribbon values ever announced by any store in this city is no exaggeration. The Saving Possibilities of This Sale Are Truly Sensational!

Our position is simply this: We MUST make room for the display and sale of several hundred bolts of new Spring Ribbons, and we are willing to make this tremendous price-sacrifice in order to immediately dispose of all remnants, broken lines and odd bolts—therefore, without regard to worth, cost or present value, we place the following assortments on sale at EXACTLY HALF PRICE!

Ribbon Remnants 1/2. Colored Velvet Ribbons—Half Price. Lustrous Velvet Ribbons—all imported—the kind in great demand for spring dresses and hat trimmings. An extensive variety of colors to select from in widths from No. 1 to 16—all on sale at half price.

Metal Embroidered Ribbons—Half Price. The kind so popular for vestings, pillow tops, bags and lamp shades, etc. Beautiful silk thread and metal embroidered patterns in various color combinations. Widths from 9 to 12 inches—all on sale at half price.

Plain Ribbons at 25c Yard. Widths to 7 1/2 inches. Broken lines of Satin, Taffeta and Messaline Ribbons in widths from 4 1/2 to 7 1/2 inches. Not all colors, but a splendid assortment to choose from.

Satin Ribbons at 69c Yard. 6-inch width. Extra quality and extra heavy Satin Ribbons in 6-inch width. They come in white, pink, blue, maize, old rose, French blue, etc.—this sale at 69c.

Moire Ribbons at 69c Yard. 7-inch width. Fine heavy Moire Taffeta Ribbons in 7-inch width and in most every desirable color—a most exceptional value at the above special price.

Misses' and Children's PUMPS in Patent and Gunmetal Leathers. Sizes 5 to 8 at \$2.25. Sizes 8 1/2 to 11 at \$3.65. Sizes 11 1/2 to 2 at \$3.95. Sizes 2 1/2 to 7 at \$4.85. These are the popular and extremely fashionable Mary Jane Pumps—standard quality footwear that will wear most satisfactorily. All sizes in Patent and Gunmetal leathers. On sale in our Basement. Boys' Shoes in Gunmetal at \$2.65 Pair. Both button and blucher lace styles—broken lines from regular stock, including sizes 2 1/2 to 6. TO CLOSE AT \$2.65.

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