

AMERICAN TRADE IS DENIED SOVIET

Big Changes in Economic System Prerequisite.

SAFETY OF LIFE IS DEMANDED

Convincing Evidence of Fulfillment Is Wanted.

STATEMENT IS GIVEN OUT

Government Policy Is Announced After President Harding and Cabinet Hold Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—The American government notified the Soviet authorities in Russia today that resumption of trade between Russia and the United States could not be considered until fundamental changes had been made in the economic system underlying the Soviet regime.

Safety of human life, guaranty of property rights, free labor and observance of the sanctity of contracts were among the requirements laid down in a note by Secretary Hughes as essential if trade relations are to be renewed.

The communication added that "convincing evidence of the consummation of such changes" must be furnished before this government cared even to discuss the subject.

Statement Is Issued.

The communication was made public at the state department in the form of a statement by Secretary Hughes with the notation that a copy of it should be sent to the American consul at Reval, Estonia, to be handed to Litvinoff, Soviet representative there.

The note was in reply to the appeal recently addressed by the Soviet regime to President Harding and congress asking that trade relations between the United States and Russia be resumed and proposing to send a delegation to the United States to negotiate.

Prior to making a final decision, the Russian trade question was discussed by President Harding and his cabinet.

In a statement after the note had been made public, Secretary Hughes declared the conclusion reached "shows the complete agreement of the views of the whole administration."

Only Economics Discussed.

Unlike previous official pronouncements of the American government's attitude toward the Soviet regime, Secretary Hughes' note dealt solely with the economic aspects of the problem, and made no attempt to discuss the political shortcomings of the unrecognized bolshevik government.

It set forth in a few words the reason why the United States considers it poor business to trade with Russia under existing conditions, but making no indictment against bolshevism as a political system.

It was pointed out, however, that there was nothing in the note to reverse or modify the communication to Italy in which the Wilson administration set forth last August the unwillingness of the United States to enter into political negotiations with a government based upon the negation of every principle of honor and good faith.

Diplomatic Air Is Lacking.

The manner in which today's note was made public had none of the air of usual diplomatic negotiations, being contained in this official announcement from the state department.

"The secretary of state made the following statement, a copy of which, transmitted by cable to the American consul at Reval, will be handed by him to Litvinoff:

"The government of the United States views with deep sympathy and grave concern the plight of the people of Russia and desires to aid by every appropriate means in promoting proper opportunities through which commerce can be established upon a sound basis. It is manifest to this government that in existing circumstances there is no assurance for the development of trade, as the supplies which Russia might now be able to obtain would be wholly inadequate to meet her needs, and no lasting good can result so long as the present causes of progressive impoverishment continue to operate."

Productivity Only Hope.

"It is only in the productivity of Russia that there is any hope for the Russian people, and it is idle to expect resumption of trade until the economic bases of production are securely established. Production is conditioned upon the safety of life, the recognition by firm guarantees of private property, the sanctity of contract and the rights of free labor. If fundamental changes are contemplated involving due regard for the protection of persons and property and the establishment of conditions essential to the maintenance of commerce, this government will be glad to have convincing evidence of the consummation of such changes, and until this evidence is supplied this government is unable to perceive that

WASHINGTON ACTIVE FOR TOURIST FUNDS

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION HAS ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING.

Evergreen State to Raise Money to Match Oregon in Work of Exploitation.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—The Washington directors of the Pacific Northwest Tourist Association held an enthusiastic meeting here today and decided to raise throughout the state the necessary amount to equal the appropriation made by the Oregon state legislature to continue the splendid publicity carried on during the last four years by the association to advertise the attractions and resources of Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Representatives were here from every section of the state, east as well as west, and leading business directors who could not attend telephoned by long distance, offering the help of themselves and their communities.

W. J. Hoffmann of Portland, president of the association, called upon several of the leading business men during the day. He was present at the meeting and had no little to do with the success and enthusiasm evidenced by his statement of what was being done in Oregon. He brought to the meeting expressions of help and cooperation from all the Oregon directors.

The campaign for funds will start almost immediately and will no doubt be successful. The Washington directors say that their own enthusiasm will be expressed by the business men throughout the state in favor of the meeting expressions of help and cooperation from all the Oregon directors.

BANK INVESTIGATION ENDS

Grand Jury Returns 24th Indictment Against Ole Larson.

TACOMA, Wash., March 25.—(Special.)—After returning the 24th indictment against Ole Larson, president of the defunct Scandinavian-American bank of Tacoma, a grand jury announced that it had completed the probe of the bank's affairs as well as that of the Scandinavian-American Bank Building company, which had a 14-story office structure under way when the bank collapsed.

Larson charged him with having accepted deposits when he knew that the bank was insolvent. He was at liberty on \$75,000 bail.

Jalet Lindberg, San Francisco and Alaska mining promoter; Gustaf Lindberg, Tacoma financier and businessman; and Charles Drury, Tacoma businessman, all directors of the bank, have been indicted also.

FARM LOANS IN DEMAND

Sums for Drought-Stricken Areas Believed Inadequate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Prompt results in distributing the \$1,000,000 appropriated by congress for loans made within one week after the strike areas in the northwest which by seed and grain was reported to the agricultural department today by its representatives in charge of the work at Fargo, N. D. The first application was approved and loan made within one week after the Fargo office was opened.

Reports of agriculture department representatives on the ground indicate that the sum authorized will not begin to meet the demands, but the department is holding the loans to the needy districts for which the appropriation was intended.

\$310,000 THEFT IS DENIED

Insurance Company Says Woman's Loss Less Than \$25,000.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Allegations that Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer was robbed by members of her family and that jewelry valued at less than \$25,000 was lost in the robbery instead of \$310,000, as originally claimed, were contained in the answer of an insurance company filed here today in her suit for recovery of the value of the articles alleged to have been stolen.

RATE INCREASE IS URGED

American Express in California Must Meet Wage Bites.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 25.—The American Express company in California must receive a rate increase of at least 12 1/2 per cent if it is to meet recent wage increases totalling \$1,272,987 yearly, and other expenses.

P. S. Benson, New York, assistant to the president of the company, testified to this effect in an interstate commerce commission hearing on the proposed new rates.

ECCENTRIC FIRE VICTIM

Builder of Costly Vault for Himself Fatally Burned.

WILLOWS, Cal., March 25.—James Arnold, 74, who attracted considerable notice a year ago by erecting a vault for himself in the Willows cemetery, and by purchasing an expensive coffin, was burned to death here this morning. His portable house was destroyed by flames.

DEBS' ATTORNEY HINTS AT PARDON

Socialist Leader Returns to Federal Prison.

TRIP ON HONOR ENJOYED

War-time Offender Is Silent Regarding Conference.

PLEASED TO SEE WARDEN

Famous Convict Feels Department of Justice Has Been "Fair and Square" With Him.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 25.—Eugene V. Debs returned to the Atlanta federal penitentiary today to resume the routine of prison life after his trip to Washington, where he discussed his case with Attorney-General Daugherty.

The socialist leader, who is serving a ten-year term on conviction of violation of the war-time espionage act, was smiling and cheerful as he alighted from the train and in the brief time before he met the warden and was whisked away to the prison answered every question except those about his conference and his chances of release.

"I appreciated the confidence shown in me by letting me go alone and on my honor to Washington," said Mr. Debs, "and I enjoyed the trip."

"Yes, I'm going to be a good convict again," he said, smilingly, a moment later, in answer to a query as to whether he was going directly to the prison.

"Treatment 'fair and square.' The socialist leader feels that the department of justice has been 'fair and square' with him so far, no matter what the final decision is," according to Samuel Castleton, attorney for Debs.

Mr. Castleton joined him at Buford, Ga., this morning, and discussed the status of the case.

"I think his chances are good," said Castleton.

Debs left here Wednesday morning, his departure shrouded in secrecy, on orders from Washington, but there was no special effort to prevent his return becoming known. Warden Zerbst declined to say what train he would come in on, but after Debs' arrival he made no effort to prevent Debs talking to anyone who cared to question him.

The two shook hands in hearty fashion as Debs alighted from the train, Debs greeting the head of the penitentiary with "I'm mighty glad to see you again, Mr. Warden."

Immediately there was a profusion of questions from newspapermen. "Oh, I can't talk to you about this," Debs said.

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TO BE UNION HIGH HONOR IN BERMUDA

WHEN THEY CALL YOU THAT THEY BANKRUPT APPLAUSE.

Mr. Taft, Just Back, Says Island Also Claims Distinction Having to Do With Virginia Ham.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Some of the history and tales of the delightful life of Bermuda, which he recently visited, were told tonight by ex-President Taft in a lecture before the National Geographic society. Direct taxes, he said, are lighter there than anywhere else in the world.

Another of the island's claims to distinction, Mr. Taft said, is "a precursor of a famous national delicacy, the Virginia ham, for its discoverer, Juan Bermudez, en route to Virginia, was shipwrecked there and some hogs he had on board escaped to the island and multiplied."

"Coffee, indigo, cotton and tobacco," he continued, "are of spontaneous growth, and in no place in the world does the castor-oil plant grow more perfectly than there."

The ex-president quoted Mark Twain's saying that "the onion is the pride and joy of Bermuda." "The Bermudian, extolling the living, bankrupted applause when he says, 'He is an onion.'"

BOY JUSTICE IS METED

False Fire Alarm Penalty Given in Juvenile Court.

HOUSTON, Tex., March 25.—Here in boy justice, as meted out in juvenile court. For turning in a false fire alarm one 14-year-old boy must write 1000 times before April 21 the following:

"I realize that it is against the law to turn in a false alarm and understand why. It costs the city a large sum every time fire engines respond to a call. Moreover, every time there is a danger that someone may be hurt."

His accomplice got a similar task.

\$31,500 FOUND IN STREET

Interim Certificates Taken From Mails Are Delivered to Bank.

CENTREVILLE, Ia., March 25.—A. D. Crawford of Centerville today received a telegram from Kansas City, Mo., saying that \$31,500 in interim certificates, part of the \$32,000 in securities contained in a pouch of railway station here last Saturday night, had been picked up on the streets of Kansas City and placed in the Merchants bank there.

The certificates are non-negotiable.

FALLING TREE KILLS TWO

High Wind Blows Truck Across Auto at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, March 25.—David Leffler, 65, and his nephew, Frank J. Peering, 33, were killed here today, by a eucalyptus tree, uprooted by a high wind, fell across an automobile in which they were riding.

OREGON PUT FOURTH IN DIVORCE COLUMN

RATIO TO WEDDINGS PLACED AT 1 TO 252.

More Couples Declared to Quit Than Get Married in Union and Clackamas Counties.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., March 25.—Four western states stand at the top of the column in divorce percentages, according to a report released today by the International reform bureau. The net divorce rate by states per 100,000 population shows the following:

Nevada is first, with 652; then comes Montana, 413; Arizona, 356; Oregon, 277; Washington, 239; California, 230. Idaho drops in further down as number 18 with a rate of 195.

In the ratio of divorce to marriage Nevada stands at one divorce to less than two marriages. Oregon, 1 to 252; Washington, 1 to 401; Idaho, 1 to 431; Montana, 1 to 546, and California, 1 to 554.

Counties in the northwest states having more than one divorce to every three marriages are: Oregon—Baker, Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia, Multnomah, Union, Umatilla, Wasco and Washington.

Union and Clackamas counties, Oregon, have more divorces than marriages.

Washington—Clallam, Ferry, Island, King and Kitsap.

Idaho—Ada, Benewah, Idaho, Owyhee and Shoshone.

PRESIDENT GRAY AT BEND

Union Pacific Officials Entertained on Inspection Tour.

BEND, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—A party of high officials of the Union Pacific railway system, headed by Carl R. Gray, president; E. E. Calvin, vice-president in charge of operations; R. S. Lovett, chairman of the executive committee, and J. P. O'Brien, general manager, arrived in Bend tonight by special train. Inspection of general conditions on the lines of the system is the purpose of the trip.

Entertainment of the railroad officials while in the city was in the hands of the executive committee of the commercial club. Cars were provided to meet the visitors at the depot and take them through the mills and about the city. Later a dinner was arranged.

ROSENBLUTH TO ASK BAIL

Ex-Officer Accused of Cronkhitte Murder to Enter Plea Today.

NEW YORK, March 25.—Application for the release on bail of Robert Rosenbluth, ex-captain of engineers, in the United States army, who is held here in connection with the death of Major Alexander P. Cronkhitte at Camp Lewis, Wash., on October 25, 1918, will be made tomorrow when the accused officer is arraigned in removal proceedings before a federal commissioner.

Rosenbluth said today that if he was released on bail, he would proceed to Seattle at his own expense and clear the suspicions on which, he declared, the officials had based the murder charge against him.

CHEST CRUSADE WAIT ON STARTER

Charity Forces Ready for Command to Go.

\$850,000 IS TO BE GOAL

Mayor Baker Drills Lieutenants in Campaign Facts.

EFFICIENCY IS KEYNOTE

Waste and Duplication of Effort Are to Be Eliminated by One Great Drive for Funds.

The community chest campaign is straining at its tether—eager for the onset, the opening of the city-wide philanthropic effort Monday morning. And from its generalissimo, Mayor Baker, to the last recruit in the ranks, the assurance of victory in a good cause permeates the organization.

When the lid of the great chest lifts day after tomorrow, about the time the city settles down to its routine affairs, veterans of many patriotic drives will strike out for yet another crusade—a foray for the friendless. Before them lies a week of unremitting effort, in which they must raise not less than \$850,000 if 60 worthy charities are to be financed for the coming year.

Total Not Increased.

Mayor Baker, under whose guidance the drive will move forward, has added to the stock of campaign slogans the single shibboleth—"Efficiency." It is with the logic of that magic word that he answers skeptics and pessimists, occasionally encountered, and it was upon that theme that he lectured his aides and captains yesterday when they besought him for instructions.

"Tell them," said the chief crusader, "that we are not asking for more than the city can give. The dollar or dollar more than the public has given these institutions heretofore, year after year, in dribbles and piecemeal. Tell them that this community chest proposition is going to save the people of Portland a lot of money."

"Get this, fellows," he said, "organizations which are to benefit originally presented budgets aggregating \$2,000,000, and our community chest budget committee pruned this down to \$850,000, and made the institutions admit that they can get along and handle the needed work in a practical manner on that sum."

"It's simple as anything," insisted Mayor Baker. "These institutions can devote their entire energies and skills to the actual welfare and relief work in which they are engaged. They are not overtaxing themselves, and where the next dollar to meet expenses is coming from. They don't have to stop every so often and turn their whole attention toward raising enough money to carry them through."

"And the chest campaign is a gold mine to reduce the overhead expense of collecting money, reduce it by many thousands of dollars. Through the exercise of a sound, hard-headed business administration of these funds, which the community chest governing organization will supervise, not a dollar of this fund will be wasted or frittered away. Business men scrutinized the budgets of these relief and charity agencies, and the same hard-headed business men are going to see that these funds are properly and economically expended."

Greatest Good to Be Done.

"In other words, those who contribute to the chest can rest assured that their money is going to do a maximum amount of good. That is the ironclad guarantee our community chest management is giving to everybody."

There may be some sentiment about the manner of our appeal for a well-filled chest, but there will be no sentiment about the way the funds are handled—for nothing save common sense business methods will prevail.

At the municipal auditorium last night, when "Tiny," the winsome little crippled girl rose as a surprise and a symbol from the depths of a miniature community chest, workers of the drive received their final instructions from Mayor Baker and his aides and cheered repeatedly the forceful facts emphasized by the speakers.

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MAN HELD IN JAIL BY HEALTH OFFICER

C. E. LARSON INCARCERATED ON DR. PARRISH'S ORDER.

Judge Rossmann Orders Release of Man Not Under Arrest but Doctor Vetoes Court's Order.

City Health Officer Parrish has launched a campaign to force observance of quarantine laws. Yesterday he placed C. E. Larson, 1014 Princeton street, in isolation at the emergency hospital at the city jail. While declaring he is not under arrest, Dr. Parrish plans to keep Mr. Larson in isolation for a period of from five to ten days, during the period of incubation of diphtheria germs.

According to Dr. Parrish, Mr. Larson was warned five times to refrain from entering his home, which was under quarantine because of diphtheria cases said to exist there. It is declared by the city health officer that Larson refused to obey the mandate, maintaining that the city health bureau had no right to take culture of the throats of his children and inspect school children.

John A. Jeffrey, acting as attorney for Larson, has instituted mandamus proceedings in the circuit court to gain the release of his client. This case has been set for hearing before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh on Monday.

Early yesterday an appeal was made to Municipal Judge Rossmann for an order for the release of Larson. The order was issued, but was countermanded by Dr. Parrish, who insisted that Larson was not confined in jail, but was in the emergency hospital as a protection to the health of the people of the city.

"Mr. Larson does not deny that he broke the laws," said Dr. Parrish. "He takes the position that he will not obey the ordinance governing the protection of the health of the public."

It was the second victory of Superintendent Bramwell this week in a similar case growing out of the bank failure, the other case being that brought by him against J. E. Bartlett, former Medford dealer in electrical supplies, the jury bringing in a verdict for \$254.14 for overdrafts and the like. Still another similar suit is pending and will be placed on trial in circuit court at Jacksonville next Monday. It is that against W. Walker, the Medford automobile dealer, for the recovery of \$22,000 on overdrafts and notes.

Fraud Indictments Lapse.

The indictments against Kubli and Bartlett charging them with abetting and aiding a bank cashier to defraud a bank, were dismissed early in this week on motion of the state, as being without merit.

Most of the afternoon was spent by the former president in bed. Late in the afternoon he was up for a little while and seemed to feel much better.

Mr. Wilson has been subject to nervous indigestion for a number of years.

Early Recovery From Attack of Indigestion Expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—Ex-President Wilson was said tonight to be recovering satisfactorily from an acute attack of indigestion which he suffered shortly after noon today.

Admiral Grayson, the former president's physician, said it probably would be another day or two before Mr. Wilson could be considered as entirely recovered.

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PROFIT GUARANTY WANTED

Weeks Cautious About Expenditures at Mussel Shoals.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 25.—If any industrial organization will guarantee the government a fair return on its investment at Mussel Shoals, Ala.; Secretary Weeks, secretary of the power commission, will recommend that the additional \$30,000,000 necessary to complete the project be appropriated, he announced today.

About \$16,000,000 has already been spent at Mussel Shoals and the question of the final disposition of the project is one of the most serious matters the power commission inherited from the last administration.

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