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SEATTLE LABORITE HELD FOR SEDITION

Hulet M. Wells and Associates Indicted.

CONSPIRACY CHARGE IS MADE

Wells Suspended From City Position by Mayor.

DODGER BASIS OF CHARGE

Defendant Admits Reading Proof on Circular Urging Persons to Resist Conscription, but Denies Authorship.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 30.—(Special.)—Indictments on five counts alleging principally seditious conspiracy against the constituted authority of the United States, were returned by the Federal Grand Jury this afternoon against Hulet M. Wells, ex-president of the Seattle Central Labor Council, and at one time a candidate for Mayor of Seattle, and three associates.

Included in the conspiracy charge are Samuel Sadler, former head of the local Longshoremen's Union, and Socialist National Committeeman for the State of Washington, Aaron Fiskerman, secretary of the county Socialist committee, and former National Committeeman, and Robert E. Rice, a laundry-wagon driver.

Wells deposited bail in the sum of \$2000; Sadler \$2500, Rice \$2500 and Fiskerman \$2000.

The Wells indictment was based on the circulation of a dodger urging the people to resist conscription. Wells admitted at the time of his arrest that he read proof on the circular, but denied its authorship.

Wells Suspended by Mayor.

Wells was suspended from his position in the city lighting department after his arrest, and when it was reported that he was to be reinstated public opinion protested, and the suspension was ordered to remain until after the trial by Mayor Gill.

When the president of the Civil Service Commission stated a few days ago that Wells could demand his salary from the city after July 1 unless he was discharged from the city's service, the Mayor announced that Wells would be summarily dismissed unless he pleaded by July 2 for leave of absence without pay.

After the formation of the conspiracy alleged, the indictment further charges that Wells introduced a resolution at a meeting of the Seattle Central Labor Council against conscription.

Fine May Be \$10,000.

The violations charged are under sections 27 and 211 of the Federal penal code. The former covers a conspiracy of two or more persons to commit any offense against the United States, which provides a penalty of a fine of not more than \$10,000 or an imprisonment of not more than two years, or both. A fine of not more than \$5000 or imprisonment of not more than two years, or both, is provided for section 211, prohibiting the mailing of unlawful matter.

Since the grand jury convened, on June 20 last, it has returned 52 indictments, 29 of them against alleged slackers, and seven not true bills. Nearly a dozen of the indictments returned were secret.

The grand jury, before its adjournment, reported also indictments against 18 alleged evaders of the selective draft registration, and one true bill that is secret.

The alleged slackers were arraigned today in the United States Court.

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GERMANS READY TO RETREAT IN RUSSIA

RENEWAL OF SLAV ACTIVITY IS CAUSE OF HASTY DEFENSE.

Tentons on Riga Front Are Said to Have Made Request for Reinforcements.

PETROGRAD, June 29.—(Delayed in transmission.)—Renewed activity of the Germans indicated in the reports from the front in the last few days presumably is the result of a revival of the Russian fighting spirit and a joint conviction that a separate peace is impossible.

The correspondent at Minsk of the Birzhevaya telegraphs that the Germans, who, during the period of fraternization almost completely laid bare their battle front, are now feverishly fortifying their trenches and are creating a new defensive line 20 miles behind the first in preparation for a retreat. Fraternization, the correspondent says, has entirely ceased.

From the Riga front came a similar report. The Germans there are said to be fortifying their lines and to have been obliged to ask for reinforcements.

SPAIN HARBORS SUBMARINE

German Boat on Leaving Promises to Refrain From Warfare.

PARIS, June 30.—A Madrid semi-official note says that a German submarine which took refuge at Cadix left port yesterday morning escorted to the limit of territorial waters by two Spanish torpedo-boats.

The Spanish government asked and obtained from the Berlin government a formal promise that the submarine would go direct to a German port without attacking enemy ships or performing any other act of war.

WASHINGTON IS BONE DRY

Liquor Permits of Past Few Days Are Kept as Souvenirs.

SEATTLE, Wash., June 30.—The liquor-permit window in the County Auditor's office, which had done practically no business since Wednesday, closed permanently at noon, for the state will become bone dry at midnight tonight, under the Reed amendment. Permits issued the past three days were obtained as souvenirs.

Express companies did a large business today, delivering liquor parcels ordered on permits.

ARMORED CRUISER SUNK

Paris Reports Kleber Hits Mine and Goes Down With Officers and Men.

PARIS, June 30.—An official announcement was made last night that the armored cruiser Kleber had struck a mine off Point St. Mathieu on Wednesday and sunk.

Three officers and 35 men were lost. The Kleber had come from Dakar, Africa, and was on its way to Brest.

\$10,000,000 LENT BRITAIN

Loans Made to Allies by America Total \$1,018,000,000.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—The Treasury Department today placed an additional \$10,000,000 to the credit of England, making total loans to Great Britain for war purposes of \$560,000,000. This makes a total of loans to the allied countries of \$1,018,000,000.

FAIR WEEK IS FORECAST

Normal Temperature Predicted for Coast States.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Sunday, issued by the Weather Bureau today, were:

Pacific States—Generally fair; normal temperature.

SECRETARY OF WAR REJECTS COAL PACT

Price Agreed To Declared Exorbitant.

LEGALITY OF ACTION DENIED

Right of War Council to Fix Prices Questioned.

WASHINGTON IS SURPRISED

Arrangement Made by Committee, Secretary of Interior and Federal Trade Commissioner Is Flatly Repudiated.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Secretary Baker, as president of the Council of National Defense, repudiated tonight an agreement fixing a tentative price of \$3 a ton for bituminous coal reached at a conference here Thursday between coal producers, Secretary Lane, a member of the Defense Council, members of the Council's coal production committee and the Federal Trade Commission.

Neither the Baker nor its committee, Secretary Baker said, in a letter to W. S. Gifford, of the Council, has power to fix prices. He added that the price of \$3 at the mines suggested for bituminous coal is exorbitant and oppressive.

Daniels Takes Same View.

Secretary Daniels, another member of the Council, earlier in the day said the agreement would in no way affect coal purchases for the Navy. The Navy, he said, would continue to buy from the mines at \$2.33 a ton, leaving a price to be determined after the Federal Trade Commission has ascertained production costs.

In his letter to Mr. Gifford Mr. Baker asserted that he believed no member of the Defense Council disagreed with him as to the limitations on the powers of the Council and its committees and as to the effect of the action taken. The fact that the conferences were attended by members of the Council and of the Trade Commission, he declared, gave no legality to the agreement.

400 Operators in Pact.

The price-fixing agreement was reached after 400 operators, called here by the coal production committee, had adopted resolutions authorizing their committees to give assent to such maximum bituminous prices as might be named by the Secretary of the Interior, the Federal Trade Commission and the coal committees. The resolution was reported by Trade Commissioner Fort from a special committee. In presenting it for adoption Mr. Fort declared he believed it was entirely safe for the conference to adopt, and that any responsibility as to the legality of fixing prices was put on the Government and not on the operators.

Government Men Decide.

An official announcement made through the public information committee said that in the final conference coal prices and other confidential information were laid on the table, and Government representatives, acting as judges, decided what would be the highest prices paid at the mines, the prices to go into effect July 1 and remain in effect until investigations are made and other prices arranged.

Secretary Baker tonight indicated that as president of the Defense Council he had received no notification of the arrangement reached at the conferences.

Letter Causes Surprise.

Mr. Baker's action caused much surprise among those officials who considered that the Government had ac-

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DEMOCRATS VICTORS AT BASEBALL, 22-21

Republicans' Early Lead Melts in Sixth.

MR. GARD STARTS BAT RALLY

Party Colleagues Amass Ten Runs Before Side Is Out.

RED CROSS GETS NEAT SUM

In House of Representatives Game 45 Errors Are Made and 50 Hits Obtained—Outfielders Fall to Catch One Ball.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—In the presence of President Wilson, members of the Cabinet and other high officials, the House of Representatives' Democratic baseball team today defeated the Republican team, 22 to 21, in a benefit baseball game for the Red Cross.

The game lasted three hours and 23 minutes and netted about \$2000 in cash and many thousands of laughs.

Old Error Record Undisturbed.

Only 45 errors were made by the two teams, leaving the old record of 56 undisturbed, but leaders of both sides pointed out that, not a ball was caught by an outfielder on either team, a showing never duplicated in the many House baseball contests.

The Democrats came from behind for their victory. Representative Gard of Ohio, started a batting rally in the sixth inning with the score 13 to 6 in the Republicans' favor and with Representative Mudd of Maryland, an old college pitcher, mowing down Democratic batters regularly.

Gard supplanted Bankhead of Alabama at bat and initiated such a swat-out that when the side was out the Democrats had a three-run lead.

Mudd Is "Off Side."

Mudd cleared the bases with two on in the last half of the sixth, and despite the fact that Representative McClintock of Oklahoma, Democrat, tackled Representative Fair of Pennsylvania, Republican, in an effort to keep him from scoring, the Republicans kept running around the bases until at the beginning of the ninth.

Again in the ninth Gard led off with a hit which scored two runs and gave the Democrats so much courage that they made six runs, just enough to win.

Prince Kalamannole, Hawaiian delegate to the United States, played one inning, stopping two players and one ball and adding home amid much applause and dust.

Clark Griffith Empires.

Clark Griffith, manager of the Washington Americans, umpired and muffed the first ball from President Wilson.

The lineup: Democrats—Jones, Texas, third base; Bankhead, Alabama, and Gard, Ohio, left field; Harrison, Mississippi, pitcher and shortstop; Nichols, South Carolina, center field; McClintock, Oklahoma, catcher; House, Kentucky, first base; Webb, North Carolina, shortstop and pitcher; Whaley, South Carolina, second base; Sears, Florida, right field.

Republicans—Miller, Minnesota, shortstop; Morin, Pennsylvania, first base; Mudd, Maryland, pitcher; Johnson, South Carolina, Sanders, Indiana and Rogers, Massachusetts, center field; Ireland, Illinois, and Elston, California, left field; Bacherach, New Jersey, and Waldow, New York, third base; Vestal, Indiana, and Farr, Pennsylvania, right field; Norton, North Dakota, and Kalamannole, Hawaii, second base. The score: R. H. E. Dem... 1 2 0 0 3 10 0 0 6—22 30 21 Rep.... 1 4 1 5 2 2 2 0 1—21 20 24

COOS FIR BOUGHT BY SHIPPING BOARD

MATERIAL FOR 30 WOODEN VESSELS CONTRACTED.

Lumber Company Voluntarily Reduces Price \$5 Per Thousand Less Than Agreement.

WASHINGTON, June 30.—Purchase of the first installment of a consignment of fir lumber to build 30 wooden ships, obtained by the Emergency Fleet Corporation, obtained at \$30 a thousand, was announced by Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, today. The lumber was bought from the Coos Bay Lumber Company of Oregon and the contract calls for delivery at seaboard.

The purchase was made at \$5 a thousand below the price agreed on by fir producers and the Defense Council's lumber committee. The \$25 price, too, was for lumber at the mill. The Coos Bay concern's price, it was said, were made voluntarily by the company and might result in a general reduction of lumber prices to the fleet corporation.

W. H. COWLES IS HERE

Spokane Owner Says Good Road to California Would Benefit.

W. H. Cowles, of Spokane, publisher of the Spokesman-Review, accompanied by Mrs. Cowles and their daughter, Harriet, arrived in Portland last night by automobile, en route to Spokane from Santa Barbara, Cal. Mr. and Mrs. Cowles have traveled frequently to and from California, but this is their first trip by automobile. They expect to leave for Spokane today.

Mr. Cowles is a supporter of the good roads movement, and said last night that aside from the utilitarian immediate advantage, Oregon would benefit immensely by establishing and maintaining an unbroken good road to California for tourists. The scenery, attractive from the train, he found fascinating when viewed from the automobile.

2 PRO-GERMANS EXPELLED

Mexican Liberal Party Drops Influential Members.

MEXICO CITY, June 30.—Rafael Zubaran, former Mexican Minister to Germany and former representative of the constitutional government in Washington, now a leader of the Mexican Senate, and Jesus Ureta, best-known orator in the country and one of the leaders in the House of Deputies, were expelled from the constitutional liberal party, which has a majority in Congress, last night.

This action was attributed to the pro-German sentiments of the men.

REPORTER SLAIN AT FRONT

Newspaper Man Meets Death While Watching Battle.

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, June 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Serge Basset, a distinguished French war correspondent, attached to the British armies, was killed yesterday by rifle fire while watching the fighting about the Lens salient.

Although several correspondents have been wounded, Serge Basset is the first to be killed in the field during the present war. He will be buried tomorrow with military honors.

THREAT BREAKS UP STRIKE

German Authorities Use Firm Hand in Shipyard.

COPENHAGEN, June 30.—The German authorities broke the recent strike at the shipyards in Stettin by the same means they used to crush the April strike. They threatened to muster the strikers as soldiers and subject them to punishment meted out to mutineers unless the men resumed work.

11 DIE WHEN TANK DROPS ON STEAMER

Vessel Hits Pier, Causing Disaster.

50 TONS OF WATER FALLS

Two Decks of Passenger Ship Wrecked at Milwaukee.

400 PERSONS ON BOARD

More Than Score Injured and Many Unconscious Swept Into River. Six of Dead Women—Pilot House and Bridge Smashed.

MILWAUKEE, June 30.—Eleven persons, six women and five men, were killed and more than a score injured here late this afternoon when the whaleback steamer Christopher Columbus, in swinging away from her pier for the return trip to Chicago, crashed into a dock on the Milwaukee river, causing a huge water tank to fall from the top of a five-story warehouse on the deck of the vessel.

The impact of the vessel at the dock loosened the 50-ton water tank and it crashed down on top of the steamer, crushing the pilot house and three lower decks into kindling wood.

There were said to be approximately 400 passengers on the boat, including several students from the University of Chicago, who were returning from an outing.

As fast as bodies of the dead could be recovered, they were taken to the morgue.

Identified dead: Cecil Neil, 19, Billings, Okla. Eva Eatman, 24, Chicago. Elancho Bopper, Chicago.

The crash of the water tank tore through the bridge, pilot house, two decks and slid into the river when it struck the steel main deck.

The first ones to notice the plight of the passengers were employees of a provision company. They put out in a steam launch and picked up three bodies and three more who had been knocked unconscious as they were thrown into the river by the falling tower.

All Ambulances Called. An emergency call was sent to the Police Department and to every hospital in the city to rush ambulances to the scene of the accident.

Fire Chief Clancy and Chief of Police Janssen ordered every available man under their commands to assist in the work of rescue. Fireboats were called into service to transport the bodies to the shore as they were dug from the wreckage by the firemen.

The steamer was in tow of two tugs when she rammed the Water-street dock abutting the warehouse of the Jahr & Lange Drug Company, with such force as to cause the steel supports which held the 50-ton water tank to give way, resulting in the lofty reservoir crashing down, hitting the vessel near the bridge and not stopping until it had ripped through two decks, causing a panic and carrying death or injury to all who were in its path.

Captain Moody, who was on the bridge at the time of the accident, gave it as his opinion that the tugs had been unable to hold the boat and that had there been a leeway of but six inches the accident would not have happened. Captain Moody narrowly escaped death.

"The current was too strong for the tugs," said Captain Moody. "Six inches more of leeway would have saved the vessel."

The impact with the dock tore away the underpinning holding the tank. The

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS COMMENTS PICTORIALY ON SOME LEADING FEATURES IN THE PAST WEEK'S NEWS.

