

# COLUMBIA MOUTH INSPECTED TODAY BY CONGRESSMEN

Members of House Naval Affairs Committee Guests of Astoria Chamber of Commerce.

## TONGUE POINT IS VISITED

Proposed Site for Naval Base Interests Visiting Solons Importance of Project Admitted.

Astoria, March 25.—Astoria opened ample arms of hospitality to the reception and entertainment of the house naval affairs committee Thursday afternoon and night. A rare display of civic pride made a show place of the Columbia river mouth. The program covered so much territory during the afternoon that the committee was unable to visit the proposed site of the naval base at Tongue Point. The committee was met at the Astoria Chamber of Commerce immediately after their luncheon at the Weinhart hotel.

At Fort Stevens the committee was received by officers and their wives. The committee and the Portlanders accompanying the group were entertained at a banquet at the Weinhart hotel by the Astoria Chamber of Commerce last night, and several of the congressmen outlined their opinions of the river's mouth.

**Property Ownership Involved**  
The only question that remained unsatisfactorily unanswered in the conference on the train was that put by Chairman Faggett of the naval committee, who asked: "Who owns the Tongue Point property and will the government be held up in its purchase in case the Helms commission recommendation is approved?" Mr. Faggett proved his satisfaction with the case as presented, however, when he said: "Your channel and water conditions show for themselves that there is nothing to be feared from such sources." The committee asked and was advised as to harbor appropriation, harbor improvements and the like. That \$100,000 is the average annual appropriation for improvements of the mouth of the Columbia was stated by Mr. Hegerdt, who also recalled the fact that Portland has provided \$10,000,000 in bond issues and of this has spent \$4,000,000 in port improvements.

**New York Harbor Compared**  
When the Portland engineer drew open maps comparing the mouth of the

Columbia harbor with the New York harbor. He had two members of the committee in the most effective possible manner, and the committee readily agreed that the New York showing has nothing on the Columbia. The emphasis was placed upon the strategic importance of the Columbia river harbor. The report to the committee says:

"The Columbia route is the most vulnerable for a hostile approach upon the interior that may be found upon the Pacific. It is the highway of approach to the greatest producing interior region of the coast. The population is scant, so that a very limited land force could be mustered to repel an attack."

"Whatever protection the navy is to afford the country argues for giving the maximum consideration to this route. The population is scant, so that a very limited land force could be mustered to repel an attack."

**Trunks With Liquid Cargoes Are Seized**  
McMinnville, March 25.—Two fine trunks fell into the hands of officers this week due to their liquid contents. Sheriff Henderson found one in a barn west of town, which had been brought from Whitson, where it was taken from the train, by auto truck. About the same time a young stranger hurriedly left town. A detective seized another containing liquor which came from the north and took it back to Portland.

## TEXT OF BOLSHEVIK APPEAL GIVEN OUT

of armed conflict with the power of the capitalist state. Political parties which the Bolsheviks regard as their allies in every country are then listed. For America are named the Socialist Labor party; the left wing of the Socialist party, particularly the tendency represented by Debs as well as the tendency represented by the league of Socialist propagandists; the industrial workers of the world and the workers of the International Industrial union.

This bold and open program leaves not the slightest doubt regarding the world aims of the Bolsheviks. It means an alliance between the Bolsheviks of all countries. Its first fruits are to be seen in the recent riots in Germany and in the events in Hungary. The next few weeks should show whether the Russians actually mean to fight their way through East Russia to Germany and through Galicia and Rumania to Hungary so as to be able to form a military block with their German and Hungarian friends.

Charles Petersen, secretary of the local branch of the Socialist Labor party, was seen at the headquarters, 24 1/2 Washington street, and in regard to the above dispatch, said: "We are not meddling after Russia. We in America have greater constitutional rights than in any country on earth. The Socialist Labor party, while it has the same general objective, is not going to adopt, nor does it advocate the same methods of procedure. In Russia they have absolute autocracy and the people of the country being backward, they had to adopt different methods to attain industrial as well as political democracy. We hope by constitutional methods and peaceful procedure to build up a social, political and industrial democracy in America. This is what they are going to do or are attempting to do in Russia. Their methods in the midst of a revolution for political democracy such as the American people have gained are of course much different from ours. We are not in sympathy with the I. W. W., revolutionists, violence, anarchy or any of those things. We want the abolition of autocracy in industry. We have the constitutional means at hand whenever the working class unites to establish it."

# OILY STRANGER'S GLIB TALK GETS PAIR IN TROUBLE

Eugene and Joseph Banich Are Held on Charge of Violating Reed Amendment.

## SMOOTH MR. KORVIN DID IT

Astoria Men Will Be Held Until Government Can Round Up Third Member Who Got Money.

A glib, persuasive stranger from San Francisco who, with siren talk, smacking of riches, and a plan which he said would make them independently wealthy, lured them to their undoing, said Eugene Banich and Joseph Banich, arrested Thursday in Astoria by Federal Agent Tom Word for alleged violation of the Reed liquor amendment.

Eugene Banich is a receiving clerk for the Tallant-Grant Packing company. Joseph Banich, his nephew, is an employee of the same company.

"I'll get you good whiskey for \$15 a gallon and you can sell it for \$25 a quart. Think of the profit. A man with good intelligence as you, have wouldn't get caught. It's only some lumox of a bootlegger who doesn't know any better than to sell his liquor to a gum-shoe sleuth who is caught."

This, Kovich is alleged to have said to Eugene Banich, who deliberated at much length over his words, then sought the counsel of his nephew. "You let me in on it for half the profit and I'll stand half the risk," said Joseph Banich to his uncle. Korvin wanted \$700 cash in advance for the first shipment of liquor. He guaranteed to deliver it in a barrel camouflaged that even the most shrewd detective would not know what it was if opened before his eyes. "We know we were not doing exactly the right thing but by our proposition we could see we couldn't resist and we handed him \$700," the Banichs, uncle and nephew, admitted to Attorney Goldstein.

**Had Much Whiskey**  
In the barrel were about 42 gallons of whiskey and 12 gallons of olive oil, which was in an outer casing. A tank contraption within the staves held the liquor.

The Banichs were allowed to go on their own recognizance, pending the arrest of Korvin, and will be used as witnesses against the San Francisco man. The charge of violating the Reed amendment, however, is held against them, said Attorney Goldstein.

## FRANCE DEMANDING BIG GAINS FROM HUNS

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There are increasing threats from Germany that the Germans will not sign unless they secure economic rights and this is another situation causing apprehension. It is admitted that, in the event of a refusal, the only recourse will be the complete occupation of Germany, thus increasing the already abnormal costs.

Realizing this the president is bringing all of his influence to bear to secure a great reduction of France's claims. While he has been unsuccessful so far, nevertheless he is still hopeful.

## League Faces Big Problems

Paris, March 25.—(U. P.)—The revised covenant of the League of Nations will be presented to the league commission with three important amendments still in abeyance, it is developed today. These amendments cover the Monroe doctrine, Japan's claims for racial equality and France's recommendation for greater guarantees of military security. The constitution, now in the hands of a special drafting committee, is expected to be completed shortly. This committee's powers are restricted to framing the form of the covenant. It can change the verbiage, but cannot add to or take away from the substance. President Wilson, it was stated, is free to bring up his Monroe doctrine amendment when the league committee meets again to receive the draft. The same situation covers the French amendment for establishment of an international general staff, and the Japanese amendment. As the latter two reservations were made in a plenary session of the peace conference, it was pointed out that they might not be presented until the next full meeting.

currently appeared, its present injection is believed to be more important and significant than any time heretofore. There seems to be a possibility that the near future will see the framing of a Russian peace conference has not had since its inception, and lack of which has been a constant source of embarrassment in considering dealings with Germany.

William E. Bullitt, special investigator for the American delegation, is understood to have brought back from Russia the best picture of the present situation he has come out of the country in months. He is said to have found a surprising state of organization in the interior, compared with reports that have been received previously. The more conservative wing of the Russian radicals is said to be gaining control and stabilizing the general situation. As an instance of the order prevailing in the interior, trains are running on regular schedule, leaving and arriving on the minute between Petrograd and Moscow. Peasants, having gained land, are understood to be joining the more conservative elements.

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## League Work Not Delaying Peace

By Ed L. Keen  
Paris, March 25.—President Wilson in a formal statement today categorically denied the statement that the work on the League of Nations project has been and is delaying peace.

The president said all sessions dealing with the league have been held at a time when they could in no way interfere with the other peace problems and will save the greatest bearing on developments and sentiment is rapidly swinging back to the idea expressed early in the conference—that world peace is inseparable from dealing with the Bolsheviks in some way.

Wilson Denies Delay  
Of the criticisms to the original covenant, the president said they had been "fortunately drawn out," and taken advantage of by the commission of which he is the chairman. His statement follows:

"In view of the very surprising impression which seems to exist in some quarters that it is the discussions of the commission on the League of Nations that are delaying the final formulation of peace, I am very glad to take the opportunity of reporting that the conclusions of this commission were the first to be laid before the plenary conference.

"They were reported on February 14, and the world has had a full month in which to discuss every feature of the draft covenant then submitted. "During the last few days the commission has been engaged in an effort to take advantage of the criticisms which the publication of the covenant has fortunately drawn out.

"A committee of the commission also has had the advantage of a conference with representatives of the neutral nations who are evidencing a very deep interest and practically unanimous desire to align themselves with the league.

**Covenant Nearly Finished**  
"The revised covenant is now practically finished. It is in the hands of a committee for the final process of drafting."

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Attention Turns to Russia  
By Fred S. Ferriss  
Paris, March 25.—(U. P.)—Russia is again taking a prominent place in the peace discussions, it is developed today. Although the Russian situation has re-

ing and will almost immediately be presented a second time to the public. "The conference of the commission have invariably been held at times when they could not interfere with the consultation of those who have undertaken to formulate the general conclusions of the conference with regard to the many other complicated problems of peace, so that the members of the commission congratulated themselves on the fact that no part of their conferences has ever been interrupted by a delay."

## Will Lift Blockade on Austria

Paris, March 25.—(U. P.)—It was decided today to lift the blockade of Austria as soon as the necessary machinery has been established to prevent re-export into Germany, said an official communique. The text follows: "At a meeting at which Secretary Lansing of the United States, A. J. Balfour, the British foreign secretary; M. Pichon, the French foreign minister; Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister, and Baron Makino of Japan, were present, took place at 11 o'clock in regard to the blockade of Austria. It was agreed that all restrictions on commerce should be raised in that region as soon as the necessary machinery had been established in order to prevent re-export into Germany. A commission was appointed to study the removal of the blockade of Morocco established by the act of Algiers. The council then considered the question of the frontiers of Schleswig. Denmark claims to Schleswig which was formerly Danish soil."

## Banquet Menu Is Strange

Albany, March 25.—Gritty Ghost, Sine Cut, Conglomerate Circle, Communicative Cordial, Fireworks and Flaming Contest are on the menu prepared by Mrs. W. C. Burkhardt for a banquet to be served this evening to the men of the Baptist church. The men are permitted to bring friends and boys who have had overseas experience in translating menus are in demand.

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It is also intended to discuss objections which the manufacturers have to the strict specifications laid down by the railroad administration. A meeting of the Western Tie and Lumber association will be held at 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the same place, the meeting being for both members and prospective members.



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