

# WARRIORS PUZZLED IN REPORTS OF DOINGS BY SOVIET RUSSIA

### Significance Attaches to Germany's Desire to Deal With Bolsheviki Regarding Prisoners

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Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—With Maxim Litvinoff spreading his Bolshevist propaganda while ostensibly conferring with J. O'Grady, M. P., about the exchange of prisoners, and officers of General Yudenitch's defeated army bringing startling tales of the soviet's doings, Copenhagen finds it difficult to judge the true meaning of it all. From Berlin comes a report that Germany wants to treat with soviet Russia regarding the repatriation of such prisoners as remain in the fatherland. Also there has arrived here a delegate named Menning from the Estonian government, who will confer with O'Grady and Litvinoff. The peace conference at Dorpat is to be postponed until this delegate reports back there. All of which indicates that the conference here over prisoners of war may be more significant than appears on the surface.

## OPPOSES PEACE WITH REDS

I had a long talk with C. V. Nyholm, former captain in the Danish army, who holds the rank of colonel in the Estonian force. I repeat what he told me for what it is worth, after seeing various documents, posters, banners and other materials captured from the Bolsheviki at Gatchina. Captain Nyholm is almost frantic over the prospective peace with the Lenin government.

"How many Englishmen can shake hands or even speak with Maxim Litvinoff is beyond my comprehension," he said. "If other countries only knew what I know they would have no dealings with the government Litvinoff represents."

Colonel Nyholm gave me some amazing information which had come through the Yudenitch intelligence department. One of these items was that the soviet government would collapse under its own weight by spring. It should not be necessary to continue military operations as all because the Russian people are so tired of being ruled by a tiny minority that they will not put up with it much longer.

## CONTROL BY TERROR

Three hundred thousand communists, the colonel said, control the destinies of 100,000,000 people and they do so by sheer terror. The officers of the old Russian army are forced to fight with the Bolsheviki under pain of having their families exterminated if they fail to do so. When a Bolsheviki aviator goes into the air four of his friends are held as hostages until his return. If he fails to do so they are shot. The communists were confirmed today by an officer of the British intelligence service.

Colonel Nyholm also declared that the people of soviet Russia were so tired of confusion when General Yudenitch threatened Petrograd, their enthusiasm was so great and their attitude towards the Bolsheviki so vicious that eight of the latter committed suicide. He said that he knew of a luncheon given by a leading Bolsheviki costing 300,000 roubles (nominally \$150,000), but that only 1400 roubles (nominally \$700) a pound and that only 100 prisoners captured by the Yudenitch forces had on him 600,000 roubles (nominally \$300,000).

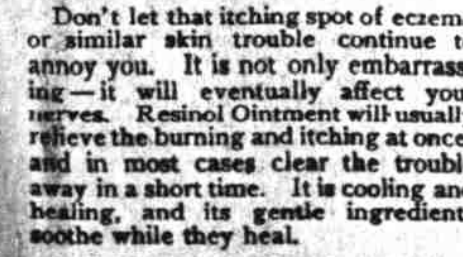
## DRUNK WITH POWER

"These people are wildly drunk with power," went on Colonel Nyholm, "and making peace with them is going to give their infamous doctrines just the impetus needed. They rule by machine guns. The communists plant machine guns at strategic points and shoot anyone who flinches. Working men are guarded by communists, who follow them home from the munition factories, and if they ever talk with others they are either shot or thrown into prison. When he captured Gatchina the people hailed us as deliverers, and when we were forced to abandon the town they left with us rather than live under Lenin's regime."

"People once out of the hands of the Red government told us the most amazing tales of torture they had undergone. They said that all outside observers were allowed to enter soviet Russia were shown only what the communists wanted them to see, and the stage was cleverly set. The Red leaders have planted money and spies all over the world, and when the time comes will be glad to get away and leave Russia to its own devices."

## PROPAGANDA IS WINNING

Colonel Nyholm showed me some interesting and clever posters and Bolshevist propaganda designed to convert



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# JESS WILLARD WALLOPED BY GOVERNMENT

Kansas City, Kan., Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—United States District Attorney Robertson Friday issued a federal warrant for the arrest of Jess Willard, former heavyweight champion, on a charge of profiteering.

Willard was charged with violation of the law in charging excessive prices for cordwood. The district attorney alleged Willard charged \$3.50 a cord for wood on the stump at his farm, which was alleged to be double a "just" charge.

A deputy will be sent tonight to arrest the former champion, according to United States Marshal O. T. Wood, in whose hands the warrant was placed.

## Soldier Is Forced to Stand at Attention 33 Hours, He Swears

New York, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Thirty-three hours at attention on one stretch is the bit of "punishment" that Private Fred M. Yates of the 19th United States Infantry swore Friday he had received from Captain Karl W. Detzer, when that officer was in charge of the military police in the Lemans army camp in France during the war. Yates told his story before the general courtmartial which is trying Detzer on charges of cruelty at Governors Island.

It developed that Yates had been arrested after making a "pistol play" at the officer. Yates, at the time, was absent without leave. The witness declared that after his arrest, he heard Detzer make a threat to have the prisoner shot full of holes if he made a move.

Yates was brought from Leavenworth penitentiary where he is serving time. He wore the prison garb while he was on the stand.

## Blue Law Violators In Baltimore Freed; Law Held Invalid

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 12.—The recently revived Sunday blue laws, some of which date back to 1723 and under which more than 1000 indictments have been returned by the grand jury, had their first day in court today since the recent reform was started. The blue laws suffered defeat.

The jury listened to testimony regarding Sunday selling by a confectioner, the first indicted person to be tried, and promptly returned a verdict of not guilty.

A great deal of interest attached to the first trial, as it was expected the prosecution would elect a case in which the evidence was clear.

## One St. Louis Booze Shop Sells \$300,000 Of Wines in 4 Days

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Envious eyes are being cast at St. Louis these days, because gastronomers here have something on the rest of the nation. Thirty thousand cases of champagne, 100,000 cases of local wine, and 50,000 cases of "bubble" water for St. Louis tables for at least two years to come, it was estimated by experts today. "Everywhere but here," it is heard, "the wine is being used to haul lumber."

## English Capitalists Buy in Transylvania

Geneva, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Several newly formed British companies, backed by English banks, have begun operations in Transylvania. They have already ready bought a large potash factory at Ujora and iron mines at Hunediora. They are now negotiating the purchase of an important coal mine and copper mines in this country. Other purchases include peat factories at Siftu and cement and gas factories at Turda and Sanbartin. American capitalists are also gaining important concessions in Roumania, especially in the petroleum areas and the mines.

## Reason for H. C. L. Is Found in Farmer Boy

Duquoin, Ill., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Roy Webb, a husky farmer boy, has a digestive apparatus that knows no bounds. On a wager he sucked 72 raw eggs, exhausting the visible supply. After accomplishing his feat Webb hooked on his bass drum and trotted off to attend a band rehearsal. Webb is equally versatile in disposing of other delicacies. He has eaten two dozen bananas and three quarts of ice cream as the trimmings to a Sunday dinner.

# EUROPEAN WAR MAY BE PEACE FACTOR

### Success of Army Is Expected to Influence Negotiations for Peace With Soviet Russia.

By Michael Farberman  
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Riga, Livonia, Dec. 1.—(Via Copenhagen, Dec. 4.)—The great victory of the Latvian (Lithonian or Lettish) army in Courland and Lithuania is likely to influence the peace negotiations with soviet Russia. The Bolsheviki are still occupying part of Latvia in the eastern part of Latvia. Although Maxim Litvinoff, when in Dorpat, expressed unqualified unwillingness on the part of the soviet government to withdraw the troops from Latvia and turn over its administration to the Latvian government, the general staff of Latvia considers it more advantageous to drive the Bolsheviki from Latvia by force of arms before entering upon peace negotiations. As a Polish army is occupying Politz in great force, the strategic position, the time is very favorable for an attack upon the Bolsheviki forces in Latvia. Endangered by the Poles on the left wing, the soviet troops will be smashed or encircled by the first pressure of the Latvian forces from Courland.

## EASY JOB EXPECTED

The Latvian general staff expects an easy job lasting only a few days. The Lettish population of Latvia is eager to join Latvia and the Bolsheviki forces will hardly be able or willing to put up a strong defense. Thus it is expected that the occupation of the Dorpat negotiations with the soviet government will probably be postponed or continued only by the Estonian government. However, this will not be only because of the Russian military considerations. The Latvian government's attitude toward peace with soviet Russia has always differed from the position of the Estonian government. It was not at Dorpat, but here I have been able to learn and understand the Latvian government's attitude in some detail.

## WILLING FOR PEACE

The Latvian government as well as the Estonian is ready for peace with soviet Russia. The Baltic states probably never consented wholeheartedly to become a party to military intervention in Russia. Now at any rate it is noticeable that they have given up any hope of taking part in the march on Petrograd and Moscow. The Baltic leaders assert that the element of those who favor the allies invited them to intervene in Russia were reactionaries and sworn enemies of national self-determination. After Colonel Aviloff-Baronov's adventure they came to believe that Admiral Kolchak, General Denikin and those with them were also in with the pan-Germans.

Now not only are the Baltic peoples against intervention which if successful, would inevitably lead to a new war between the border states and hold Russia but the allies themselves are evidently alarmed at the results of their policy of intervention. Estonia, which has always been a neutral and remains pro-German and strongly opposed to the western democracies. To help Admiral Kolchak and General Denikin in Russia (as they call it) means support for a powerful Russo-German combination to be used first against the border states and at a later stage against the western powers.

## CANT CONTINUE WAR

"We cannot continue the war forever or even for many more months." That is the general sentiment of Latvia and the other Baltic states. The Latvian army, it is true, is now permeated by the healthiest patriotism, and it should be understood that the Baltic armies consist mainly of peasants who will defend the soil of their country desperately, but once the land is cleared of invaders they are most anxious to go back to their villages and till the land. Splendid in defense, such armies are likely to fail in an invasion. Russia for aims far beyond their conception and entirely foreign to their immediate interests.

## STATSMANSHIP IS WISE

The Estonian army, though splendid, is war weary and the Estonian government is manifesting wise statesmanship in attempting to terminate the fighting. The Latvian army is younger, has fought less and is still full of vigor, but the Latvian government considers it more advantageous to enter into peace negotiations when it has a vigorous and powerful army than when it is war weary and the people are clamoring for peace.

There is no difference between the Latvian and Estonian governments concerning the necessity of peace. They disagree only on the question as to whether the peace negotiations should be risked by the Baltic states alone or in agreement with the allies and under conditions of general peace. The Estonian government is disposed to favor immediate peace, whereas the Latvian government believes that the situation will be favorable for some time and is afraid that separate peace negotiations may spoil the chances of a general peace.

## POSTPONEMENT IS ADVISED

I understand that the Lithuanian government concurs with the Latvian authorities on this point. Both governments advise the postponement of the meeting with the soviet delegates until the attitude of the allies is fully cleared up. However, the expectation is that a general peace will not materialize and should the allies revive their policy of intervention in Russia a separate peace by the Baltic states with soviet Russia will be unavoidable.

## Indiana Operators Boost Coal Prices

Indianapolis, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Indiana mine operators and coal wholesalers have generally increased the price of their contract coal 14 per cent on the cost of labor in production, with the government price fixed by the fuel administration, as the limit of the increase, according to press advices here.

# \$30,000 LOST AT DAYTON IN THEATRE FIRE

Dayton, Wash., Dec. 12.—Fire broke out in Liberty theatre before dawn Friday morning and razed the building to the ground, causing a loss estimated at \$30,000. The principal losers were: S. W. E. Cahill, C. E. Saffold, O. Griffin and Everett Eager.

The Rev. Mr. Harvey awoke at 3 o'clock and saw the blaze through his window. He dashed into the street in his nightgown, ran to the church and summoned the town from slumber by ringing the bell. The mercury stood at 15 degrees below the zero, the coldest weather registered here in 30 years. Firemen were hindered by frozen hose and fire plugs. Three buildings besides the theatre caught fire.

# CHEESE WITH 'KICK' IN IT COMING FROM FRANCE; ALSO SNAILS

### French Find New Way to Make America Drunk in Defiance of Prohibition Law.

Paris, Dec. 12.—With their biggest market for fine wines permanently shut out by prohibition, French wholesale dealers are turning their attention to cultivating in America a taste for distinctively French products, including vine-fed snails, canned bouillabaisse, melon, petit eveque, robbion and other makes of cheese little known across the Atlantic, and foie, the delicious port bread made in Aveyron and the Pyrennes of whole meal grain, eggs, cognac and unfermented wine.

"We have an agent in America and he already sent us orders, principally for succulent Normandy snails fattened on the tender shoots of the vine. The orders amount to a considerable sum. Curiously, he has done better business in New York and Chicago than in Louisiana," said Auguste Cabrieres, Paris exporter.

## Son of 'Faro King' Aims to Break the Monte Carlo Bank

Paris, Dec. 12.—A \$1,000,000 attempt to break the bank of Monte Carlo as the result of a bet at Tiajuana this year, was signalled by the arrival here of Edward "Tinty" Canfield of San Francisco, who says he is the nephew of the Nevada "Faro King."

Adorned with \$20,000 worth of diamonds, bringing his own magnificent limousine with him and reserving the royal suite at Monte Carlo, Canfield has just telegraphed to the Casino there: "Get all the coin you've got; I'm coming to bust you."

The telegram has thrown the Casino authorities into considerable consternation as it is admitted that almost anyone backed by a million dollars stands a good chance of breaking the bank. Interviewed by Universal Service today Canfield said: "I busted Tiajuana wide open this year and I bet Hauser I'd do the same at Monte Carlo. Hauser bet me \$1000 I couldn't do it. I've just cabled him to come and watch me win. From what I've seen of European methods they're short horns. I'm going to introduce Alaskan and Californian methods by which I am confident I'll clean up—and clean up big."

The Constitution of the United States requires that a census of the United States be taken every ten years. It is by this means that the apportionment of members of the house of representatives is made as to states.

# COAL RESTRICTION IS EXPECTED TO BE RAISED NEXT WEEK

### Trains Will Be Returned to Normal Schedules Quickly; West to Receive Eastern Shipments.

Washington, Dec. 12.—Restrictions upon the use of bituminous coal for heat, light and power are expected to be lifted to a large extent or removed altogether early next week.

In some sections, especially in the East, it is said the restrictions will be lifted tonight. Trains taken off will be replaced as soon as the coal supply in the various regions justifies such action. An order was issued by the United States railroad administration tonight modifying the order of December 8 and leaving to the judgment of the various regional directors the question of the removal of restrictions as their respective situations may permit.

It was learned at the railroad administration that most of the regional directors had been reached by long distance and that it was upon these conversations the prediction was based that the restrictions which had already been removed early next week.

The order issued by Walker D. Hines, director general of railroads, follows: "The conservation order of December 8, 1919, restricting the use of heat, light and power generated or produced from bituminous coal or coke was issued to make uniform in all parts of the country the restriction which had already been adopted in many parts of the country and to save coal and coke. Until the production of bituminous coal becomes normal it is vitally necessary that it be conserved in every way possible, and even after production reaches normal it will be necessary to continue to conserve coal because of the loss in productivity of between 30,000,000 and 35,000,000 tons during the coal strike. It is important, therefore, that the public exercise the greatest caution in the consumption of coal."

## PRODUCTION INCREASING

Following the desire to discontinue restriction as soon as possible, the conservation order of December 8 has been modified today to permit the resumption as conditions warrant of the supplying of heat and power restricted by the order. Coal is now being moved and will continue to move from the East to the West in as large quantities as the relative situations in the two sections permit.

## DIRECTORS HAVE POWER

The decision to leave to the recommendations of the regional directors the question of lifting the restrictions was announced after a delegation of merchants representing retail interests in Washington, Boston and Detroit, had called upon Director General Hines in the name of retail merchants of all other cities and requested that restrictions be removed until the Christmas shopping was over, after which they were willing to submit the most drastic regulations to save coal.

## Whiskey Thieves Don't Want Gems

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.) In a patch of woods two miles outside this city four colored culprits cautiously opened a trunk. All they found in it was about \$80,000 worth of jewelry. So they ran away and left it. John Cook, a bellboy in the Hotel Yarbrough, told the story to the police after a three hours' grilling. He knew traveling salesmen often bring liquor to their customers in the South, and he thought a trunk belonging to A. J. Goode, a New York jewelry salesman, held what they were after. Two other boys and a chauffeur helped him get the trunk to the woods. A negro farmer found the trunk, for which the police had been searching three days. Few of the gems were missing.

# Aged Woman Badly Injured When Coil In Stove Explodes

Salem, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hoxie, aged 70, suffered a broken jaw, fractured arm, two broken fingers and other injuries as the result of the explosion of a coil in a stove on which she was cooking. It is feared that she may also have received internal injuries. The house was badly damaged. H. A. Richmond, owner, estimates his loss at \$250. Mrs. H. A. Cupper, mother of State Engineer Cupper, experienced a similar accident Friday but she was not seriously hurt. The damage to the Cupper home will exceed \$200.

Addresses by prominent lawyers, discussions and a banquet featured the first day's sessions of the Oregon District Attorneys' association here. The convention will continue until this evening. Because of the disagreeable weather the special inspection to the state institutions was called off. A paper read by Chief Justice McBride of the Oregon supreme court dealing with the pages of a district attorney's diary.

# Frozen Body of an Aged Man Found On Camas Prairie

Pendleton, Dec. 12.—The frozen body of James Oatley, 80, was found lying face downward before the poor in his cabin on Camas prairie, near Umatilla, Wednesday. He had been in poor health and it is thought possible he may have died of illness. He was single and left no known relatives, although he ranches there for 30 years.

John Murphy, who was found near Echo Tuesday, with both feet frozen, is still in serious condition in the hospital here. Amputation, was found necessary.

## Sumpter Approves New City Charter

Baker, Dec. 12.—Sumpter is now under a commission form of government as the result of a special municipal election held here Wednesday, when a new charter was adopted by a big majority. Snow paralyzed business and prevented many electors from reaching the polls. W. H. Gilman, a pioneer resident, was chosen mayor commissioner to serve his third term as mayor in 20 years. John Weatherly and W. H. Jamieson were elected commissioners. The charter was drafted by C. H. McColloch of Baker.

# PROGRESSIVES ARE PEEVED OVER PLAN TO PICK PLATFORM

### Idea of Standpatters Shaping Destinies of Republicans Will Meet Fate, Critics Declare.

By James R. Mourse  
Washington, Dec. 12.—The Republican national committee appears to have played the very mischief with the progressive element in the Republican party by adopting Chairman Hays' idea of appointing a committee to draft a platform and have it all fixed up and ready for the convention when it assembles next June.

The Progressives don't like the idea one bit. Their opposition to it came to the surface in the talk of Progressive Republican senators in the cloak rooms. Many of the senators talked frankly about the plan and did not mince words in expressing their disapproval of it.

Senators Borah of Idaho, Moses of New Hampshire and McCormick of Illinois were particularly vehement in denouncing the plan, saying it would not work and that the convention would have nothing to do with it. Senator Moses declared that the convention "doesn't want a hand-made platform." He expressed grave doubts that a platform drafted months in advance by Chairman Hays' personally selected committee would be acceptable to the rank and file of the party or to the convention.

## PLAN ROUNDLY DENOUNCED

Senator Borah was equally emphatic in asserting that the convention would be quick to reject such a platform. He declared that the convention would insist upon having a hand in drawing up the declaration of principles upon which the party will make its fight. Any other sort of platform, the senator said, would represent nothing more than the ideas of a handful of men rather than the spontaneous suggestions of the mass of delegates.

## LOGGE CHAMPIONS SCHEME

In opposition to all these criticisms, Senator Lodge, who has been chairman of one or two conventions and chairman of the resolutions committee in at least two, issued a statement defending the

plan and stating that it would be very helpful. A better platform would be the result, in the senator's opinion, because the committee would have time to hear from everybody in the country who had an idea to submit for the platform and to weed out all improper or impracticable suggestions.

The ire of the Progressives was primarily aroused by observing upon the committee list the names of some of the handiest and best known performers in the old guard wing of the party. PROGRESSIVES ARE IGNORED They were shocked when they saw that the work of drafting the platform for the 1920 fight was to be entrusted to such fine old standpatters as Senators Penrose and Smoot, former Senator Murray Crane, Herbert Parsons of New York and a few more like them. Not a single Republican of Progressive tendencies was named on the committee, the objectors claim.

The committee chairman is S. O. Bursum of New Mexico, and others on it are William H. Crocker, California; V. L. Highland, West Virginia; R. H. Howell, Nebraska; H. P. MacGregor, Texas; John C. Morehead, North Carolina; Charles E. Warren, Michigan; and Senator Kellogg of Minnesota. Chairman Hays thinks very well of the plan. He said last night that he expected the committee to go to work right away and to meet in session two days and two nights continuously and all the time is overwhelmed with "all sorts of crude propositions, hastily prepared, and with constant pressure from local and special interests here and there."

## Cummins Bill Has Federal Ownership Slant, It Is Stated

Washington, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The Cummins' railroad bill embodies "all the elements of government ownership," Senator McKellar, (D., Tenn.) declared in the senate Friday when consideration of the measure was resumed. He said the Plumb plan for operation of the railroads by its employees was no worse than the Cummins' plan for their operation by the employers.



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