

ALL OF SOUTH PORTLAND IS UP IN PROTEST

Council's Dignity Threatened as Residents of District Object to Projected Smallpox Ward.

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The dignity of the city council was threatened this morning when residents of South Portland broke forth in shouts and calls of protest against the council's proposed action in placing a smallpox ward adjoining the Multnomah county hospital at Second and Hooker streets.

"Why are you here?" shouted S. Zavin, addressing close to 100 residents of South Portland. "The council is planning to put a smallpox ward in a thickly populated district, that hundreds of school children daily pass the quarters, and that it is grossly unfair to inflict such a scourge on the community."

GETS ONLY THE BAD

"Everything that is bad for South Portland is sent to us by the mayor and city commissioners," charged Mrs. A. B. Byer.

"Lady, you can't name an instance where we haven't played fair with South Portland," replied the mayor. "We gave you Terwilliger boulevard, cleaned up Maxgum gulches and are always willing to do all possible."

The mayor said the council had decided upon the barracks as a temporary solution to an ever-mening problem, and that no disposition to hurt South Portland was intended.

A. Rosenstein, speaking for the majority of residents, asserted that they desired four or five more days to look about for quarters to house the girls at The Cedars, that the latter home could be used for smallpox quarters, in accordance with one suggestion from the council.

POET WILL PROVE THAT SOUL LIVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Maurice Maeterlinck, who will lecture on the immortality of the soul, is studying the possibility of communicating with the spirit world, and of the soul's appearance in tangible form before mortals.

The Belgian author and philosopher said he has "an open mind" on these theories of spiritualism, and is giving them much thought.

"In my lecture," he said, "I will explain to the people of America the first scientific proofs of the existence of an immortal soul."

GATENS IS ASKED TO SOAK SORESENSEN

Judge Says Citizens Have Told Him to Deal Harshly With Reckless Driver.

Motion for a change of venue in the case of N. Peter Sorensen, convicted before Municipal Judge Rossmann on the charge of reckless driving and sentenced to six months in jail and the payment of a fine of \$500, was heard by Presiding Judge Gatens of the circuit court this morning. The case was taken under advisement, but indications are that his decision will be favorable to Sorensen.

The motion that the appealed case be heard outside Multnomah county is based on the affidavits of seven of Sorensen's friends to the effect that the public mind has been so poisoned and prejudiced that a fair trial in Portland is impossible.

WISH SORESEN SOAKED

In commenting on the case from the bench Judge Gatens said this morning: "I am satisfied in my mind that Sorensen cannot get a fair trial in this county. A hundred people have come to me recently and asked to 'soak that fellow.' With me it is a question of law. If, after considering the case, I decide that the statutes entitle Sorensen to a trial in another county, I will make the decision to that effect."

The city of Portland, represented by Deputy City Attorneys E. Y. Lansing and Stanley Myers, maintained that there is no justification in law for a change of venue in an appeal from a municipal court case. They claimed that the law governing this sort of case must be taken from justice court procedure, which makes no such provision for an appeal.

WILBUR SEES PREJUDICE

Ralph Wilbur, attorney for Sorensen, quoted some authorities on law, but contented himself largely with an appeal that no fair and unbiased trial would be possible in Multnomah county.

Since the municipal court decision Sorensen's license to operate a motor vehicle has been revoked. He has offered to pay a large fine and never again to drive a car in the state if the jail sentence is suspended.

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IRISH LIKELY TO BE FORCED TO TAKE BILL

Report Says British Premier Is in Position to Compel Acceptance of New Home Rule Policy.

Lloyd George Regards Success of Measure as Second in Importance Only to Winning of War.

London, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Ireland may have to accept Premier Lloyd George's new home rule plan, introduced in the house of commons Monday, whether she likes it or not, an official close to the British premier declared in an interview.

The premier is prepared to force acceptance of his measure, this official asserted. Its passage by parliament was assured before the measure was submitted, he added.

Lloyd George, according to the official, is heart and soul for passage of some legislation which will at least start settlement of the Irish question, he continued. The premier regards this problem as second in importance only to winning the war.

It was believed in government circles, according to this source of information, that Ulsterites will accept the premier's plan which provides for two legislatures, one for Southern Ireland and another for Ulster, with a coordinating body to be known as a national assembly.

If Ulster accepts the plan and its parliament in threatened by the Sinn Fein, the "entire British army" is available for protection of Ulster, it was asserted.

The government realizes it is impossible to force the Sinn Fein section of Ireland to organize a parliament, the official said, but pointed out it would be easy to offer them the chance to deal

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Benny Sokolowski Prefers Ash Can And Hospital to Love of Two Girls

Christmas Day Uncovers Childish Triangle Which, After All, Is Not Heart-Rending.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Benny Sokolowski, 12 and fair, the victim of a children's triangle love affair, will recover, the doctors believed today.

Because Benny was good to look upon, he won the love of Annie Barzyk, 13 years of age. When Annie saw him playing at the home of Florence Moeller, also 12, she wrote the following note: "My Dear Husband Benny: I know you love Florence. I know you don't love me. Do you love me, Benny? If you only know how I love you. Oh, boy! I love you so I could kiss you now. Don't tell Florence I love you or she'll be mad! If you knew how she loves you! I hate her, but if you love her better than you do me, you can have her."

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NOSKE DENIES GERMAN HAS SECRET ARMY

Rumor That Huns Are Developing Hidden Forces Is Denounced by Nation's Minister of War.

Declares Allied Military Commissions Spread Over Country Renders Such Step Impossible.

By Frank Mason

Berlin, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Reports circulated in Europe and America that Germany is creating a secret army were denounced today by Gustav Noske, minister of defense (war minister).

"Germany has not taken any steps toward the development of a hidden army nor does she intend to do so," declared Herr Noske, who is generally known as "the strong man of the government." "Germany's military arm is upon the table for anyone to see who is interested."

ALLIES TOO WATCHFUL

"I cannot understand how anyone can take seriously the reports of secret military activities in Germany. There are so many allied military commissions spread throughout Germany that any proposed military steps by our country against the allies would be impossible."

"According to the terms of the peace treaty, these various commissions will be visited with military supervision and control after the treaty is ratified and effective."

"Personally, I have no intention to organize a secret army, or tomorrow it would be known by those acquaint whom it is organized. The strength and location of our troops are not secret."

MUST BE REDUCED

"The treaty provides that our little emergency army could be reduced to 100,000 men by April 1, but in view of the fact that the entente recognizes that order must be maintained throughout Germany, and also the fact that our eastern frontier must be protected against the Russian Bolsheviks, we may possibly be permitted to have a larger force. Those measures which have been taken to keep order in Germany will be maintained, but they will not be reduced to a peace basis."

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Jag Recorder, Get Your Pencil; Here's One You've Missed

"Midnight had long since gone to bed weary with Yuletide pleasures. The Hanover apartment house was sleeping. Some of it was snoring. And then—"

A woman's scream pierced the shivering blanket of fog. High, agonized and shrill it galvanized the neighboring spines into perpendicular life as it smote the night.

"Oh, save me!" it wailed. "Help! Help! Oh, save me!" And the voice trailed off into a gasping silence.

"Bam! Biff! Slam! Smack!" The sound of heavy blows shattered the night, punctuating the bass below of a masculine voice, while the wailing feminine appeal for help shrilled, crescendoed and died again.

CALLS HIM BIG STIFF

"Cut it out, you big stiff; take your hands off that woman," a neighboring voice demanded across the vacant space. "Go down and stop that man," the speaker shouted to the chattering people clinging to muffled robes, "the chinking of the big apartment, 'he's choking that woman to death.'"

"Where is he?" a chorus answered, while a dozen feminine fingers pointed out the dimly lighted window whence the wailing appeal rose and fell.

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Scores of Portland Automobile Drivers Break the Law through Failure to Report Accidents at the Police Station.

Records of the Portland Railway company show that street cars were in more than 3400 accidents with machines for the fiscal year ending December 1, whereas only 775 such collisions were reported to the police, or less than 23 per cent.

Frequently in smashups between two machines, only one driver reports, neglecting the arrest of the other participant. In instances, both parties agree to violate the law and neither comes to the station until an officer is sent for.

DRIVERS MUST REPORT

"Drivers of all vehicles must report within 12 hours in person to the police station all accidents to them or caused by them," reads the law. Violations are punishable by \$500 fine and six months' imprisonment.

Wednesday, a man reported a collision with an alleged drunken automobile driver. He insisted that the chauffeur who drove the car in his conveyance had pleaded with him not to report the accident. An officer brought the violator to the station after 12 hours had elapsed.

Another man had lapsed three accidents in two hours. He had run down a child and woman and crashed into another machine. He failed to report any of the accidents.

A driver who had violated the law seven times in 11 months is charged with five failures to report. Another did not report any of four accidents. A third driver, whose name was not given, violated the law after any of five accidents until six months' imprisonment.

Two drivers with eight violations charged against them failed to report six times. Two others were involved in six accidents and reported none. Another failed to report any of six collisions.

Machinery for apprehension of those who attempt to avoid reporting accidents is being placed in operation. President Griffith of the railway company has announced that his carmen will be instructed to secure license numbers and report all accidents to the police station. Such reports are not required by law, but the railway corporation has consented to convey reports to the station in an effort to trap automobile drivers who are derelict in their duty.

TO STOP PRACTICE

The traffic bureau is planning to detail extra men to the task of running down those who do not report after collisions with other machines. Other plans are in the offing for trapping violators by placing cameras on street corners. They are often arrested now after private citizens telephone license numbers to the police. It has also been suggested that the vigilance committee composed of 250 Portland men aid in detecting those who attempt to avoid the law by failing to report collisions.

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Request for Increased Pay Planned to Be Made Before Railroads Return to Owners.

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Washington, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Railroad employes will press their demands for increased wages before the roads are returned to their private owners.

Announcement was made at the American Federation of Labor headquarters that the Brotherhood chiefs had been invited by telegraph to join with the heads of the railroad unions and that it was expected that the conference would open tomorrow.

"Our patience is about exhausted," said W. H. Johnston, head of the International Machinists' union, which includes shop men. "Our men are underpaid and they will leave singly or in groups unless wage increases are granted."

The railroad shop men are to have a conference with Director General Hines either tomorrow or early next week to discuss their demands that wages be increased to meet the cost of living.

It was announced today that the chiefs of the four railroad brotherhoods have been called to Washington to meet tomorrow or Sunday with the heads of the railroad unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. At this conference it is expected that some action will be taken and that the increases before the roads are returned, March 1.

During November and early in December the railroad unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor took a vote on giving their union heads the authority to call a strike if necessary. Returns on this vote showed between 50 and 98 per cent of the workers in favor of giving the power to call a strike. The ballot was taken in anticipation of the passage of the Cummins bill with anti-strike provisions and the refusal of the railroad administration to meet wage demands.

STRIKE OF 600,000 MEN IS THREATENED BY UNION OFFICIAL

Albuquerque, N. M., Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—A direct threat that 600,000 union railroad workers, members of the Railway shop men's union, will go on strike if congress includes an anti-strike clause in legislation providing for the return of the railroads to private owners on March 1, is made here by W. S. Patterson, secretary-treasurer of the International Machinists' union of the Santa Fe railway.

Patterson says that while he has no authority to call a strike, he represents "fully the sentiment of the men."

Ignorant of Wage Demand

Cleveland, O., Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—"It's all news to me," said Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today, when told of a report from Washington that the railroad men will press their wage demands before the roads are returned to private ownership.

Wilson's Policy ENLIVEN'S MARKET

Proclamation on Return of Lines to Owners Gives Zest to R. R. Issues in New York.

New York, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—The president's proclamation for the return of the railroads to private ownership March 1, influenced activity and strength in railroad issues on the bond market during the forenoon.

Fractional gains were quite general throughout the list of high grade issues, and bonds of lines now returning a surplus above governmental rental were particularly active.

Victory loans gained and after early weakness Liberty 4½ rallied from 61.25 to 61.60. Foreign loans were steady. Tractions were generally firm.

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