

SOVIET RUSSIAN AGENT IN BERLIN PUTS OUT FEELER

American Officials' View on Opening of Trade Relations Between Russia and U. S. Sought.

By Carl D. Grant.
Berlin, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—Efforts of the Russian soviet government to establish trade relations with the United States, took a new turn here when it was learned authoritatively that Victor Kopp, the soviet agent, has attempted to feel out American officials in Berlin on the proposition.

Kopp has been in direct communication with American officials and business men, it was learned, but apparently his efforts have met with little success. The Americans, it was said, assumed the attitude they could express no opinion until they were informed of the position of the Washington government with regard to Russian trade.

AMERICANS ARE OPPOSED
The belief prevailed that at present America is opposed to any negotiations to bring about trade with Russia, so far as American representatives are concerned.

Meantime negotiations between Kopp and German business men were proceeding. While the government was striving to conceal any part it may have in the negotiations, it was understood they had at least tacit approval of the authorities.

GOVERNMENT'S VIEW SEEN
There were many indications that the government, urged by the insistence of business men, is prepared to back any plan which will enable Germany to secure control of Russian markets without clashing with the allies.

One report said Germany had refused an offer from British firms to supply raw material to be manufactured in German plants for export to Russia by British trading companies.

Allied officials here were keeping in close touch with the Russian trade situation.

MAY CALL ASSEMBLY
From an entente source it was suggested that the United States might find it feasible to combine with the entente in insisting that a national assembly representative of all classes in Russia be convened to discuss the matter of trade with the allies.

Such a move, it was pointed out, might render business dealings possible without recognition of the Lenin-Trotsky oligarchy.

Some German business men saw in the British endorsement of the decision of the supreme council in Paris to resume trade with Russia cooperative societies a move toward eventual overthrow of the Bolshevik regime.

PLAN IS SCOTCHED
Through the cooperatives, these men believed, Great Britain hoped to drain Russia of her supplies of raw material without giving the essential manufactured products Russia needs in return.

If the Lenin-Trotsky government is to survive, they said, it must find some way to obtain farm implements, railway supplies and other necessary products which cannot be manufactured in Russia. The soviet government, according to these men, realize this fact and will not allow Russia to be drawn into any plan that will trade her food and raw material supplies for goods other than those urgently needed.

"Bandit" Used Fine Glue to Fasten On His Mustache

Just what happens to most practical jokes happened to Will Graman, a 15-year-old boy of 385 Benton street, who glued on a long waving mustache and fared forth on the world Saturday evening, armed with a squirt gun "to scare" a grocer at the foot of Holladay avenue, whom he had a grudge against.

The use of a bad highwayman seated in front of the grocery store worked so well that customers in the grocery store called the police for assistance. Officers Abbott and Jewell rushed to the scene and took the youngster to the police station where he was lectured and sent home. The one thing that the boy has to worry about now is the removal of the mustache, for he used good glue and all the efforts of the police to remove the disguise were unavailing.

Hiram Johnson Has Support of Railway Clerks for President

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Senator Hiram Johnson of California is the first presidential candidate to receive the endorsement of organized labor.

A statement to be signed by the officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, the National Federation of Postal Employees and other international organizations affiliated with the American Federation of Labor is being prepared for circulation among the trade unionists of North Dakota, urging that they follow the American Federation's campaign slogan, "Stand faithfully by our friends." "Stand faithfully by our friends," is rallying to Johnson's support at the primaries.

Thomas E. Flaherty, secretary of the National Federation of Postal Employees, declared today that Johnson's record in the senate and while he was governor of California was "100 per cent for labor."

President Calls for Advice on Oil Land Leasing Bill Passed

Washington, Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—President Wilson has sought advice from John Barton Payne, chairman of the shipping board, and Secretary Daniels as to several clauses of the oil land leasing bill, it was learned today at the White House.

What parts of the measure were considered was not disclosed.

The bill automatically becomes a law at midnight next Wednesday.

Boy in Stolen Auto Placed Under Arrest

While walking his beat Saturday night at Fifth and Morrison streets, Patrolman Klotenstein did not like the way John Marion, 18, was driving an automobile up the street, so he halted him and placed him under arrest. When the officer arrived at headquarters with the lad, he found that the machine had been reported stolen. It belonged to S. H. Kauffman, auto accessory dealer, 227 Ankeny street. The auto was stolen from in front of the store. Marion has been charged with the larceny of an automobile. He refused to tell the police his home address or to answer any other questions put to him.

A concrete barge built in 1910 for use on the Willamette canal is still in service, while Baltimore is using one built two years later.

OLD STAR BREWERY SOLD TO CREAMERY AND STORAGE COMPANY

Property at Vancouver Brings \$97,500; New Industry to Take Possession at Once.

Vancouver, Wash., Feb. 21.—Consumption of a big creamery and storage project that has been under way for some time was accomplished this afternoon through the sale of a portion of the old Star brewery property between Sixth and Seventh streets in Columbia street to the Interstate Storage & Ice company. The consideration was \$97,500, according to L. H. Hamig, who has held options on the entire plant for a year, and had just closed them on the basis of \$100,000 valuation.

The property directly involved includes the brewhouse, icehouse and machinery and the boiler and cold storage buildings. The Interstate company proposes to employ at least 200 men in its creamery venture. The building will be occupied jointly with the Columbia River Products company, purchaser of the old Jersey creamery, which will vacate the half of the property just sold.

E. S. Cook and Henry Boehmke, who had acquired the entire plant through mortgage foreclosure, made the sale to Hamig, who in turn resold the half to the Interstate company.

All the near beer, ciders and other soft drinks which Hamig's company has been manufacturing and storing, are to be shipped immediately to make room for the new industry.

Man Who Is Sought For Perjury Makes Escape as Cabin Boy

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Edgar Woodcock, under indictment for the grand jury for perjury and for whom the police have been searching for several days, is on his way to the Orient as a cabin boy on a lumber ship. This became known to the police here today.

Woodcock was recently acquitted here of the murder of Edward Kelly. He disappeared from this city shortly after his acquittal, the police believing he had gone to his former home in Eureka, where search for him has been without avail since the grand jury returned an indictment of perjury in connection with his testimony at his trial.

**Motorist Is Killed,
Daughter Injured,
In Race With Train**

Alton, Ill., Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. Harry Lemm, 52 years old, veteran soldier, was killed and his 16-year-old daughter Susan seriously injured in a "death race" between an automobile and a Chicago & Alton passenger train this afternoon.

Unable to stop the new car he was driving for the first time in time to prevent hitting the train at the Ninth and Plaza streets crossings, Dr. Lemm turned and attempted to run alongside the train. The auto and engine came together at a point where there was not room for the machine to turn from the track.

Mrs. Robert H. Brown, aged 90, a native of Louisiana, who died Friday, was held Saturday at the Grace Memorial church and final services were at Riverside cemetery. Mrs. Brown had resided in Portland for 23 years and is survived by one son, Asa L. Brown, of Haines, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel White and Mrs. J. P. Brown of this city. J. P. Finley & Son had charge of arrangements.

**Jury in McCormick
Case at Marysville
Is Still Debating**

Marysville, Cal., Feb. 21.—Frank A. McCormick's fate was still undecided tonight. The jury continued its deliberations to decide whether he is guilty or not guilty of the murder of Charles A. Brown, a wealthy rancher.

After the jurors had been out about three hours they reentered the courtroom and asked that all exhibits in the case, including a transcript of the testimony McCormick gave at the preliminary hearing be submitted for their scrutiny.

Mrs. Fred J. Wilson, a sister of McCormick, recently was acquitted of Brown's slaying.

Hearst Bond \$10,000 In Suit to Prevent the Sale of German Ships

Washington, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Justice Bailey of the District of Columbia supreme court today fixed \$10,000 bond for William Randolph Hearst in the injunction proceedings against the U. S. shipping board and its officers, which are seeking to prevent the sale of 30 German liners seized during the war, as indemnity for any loss due or wrong accruing to the government from the writ.

Assistant Attorney General Ames for the government had asked that the court fix bond at \$5,000,000.

White and Hogan En Route to Portland

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—(Special)—Captain Cleo F. Hogan of Portland spent today here en route to Portland after an absence of nearly three years, most of the time spent in France. With the captain were Major George A. White and Harry C. Brumbaugh, both of Portland. Major White has been away several months actively interested in American Legion matters, of which he was one of the founders in France.

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Captain C. F. Hogan, 143 field artillery, will be the main speaker at the Kiwanis club luncheon at the Benson hotel next Tuesday. Captain Hogan will speak of his adventures on the battlefields of France and his later experiences at Washington. P. B. McDraken will present each member with complimentary tickets to the annual automobile and truck show.

Centralia Contract Let
Centralia, Wash., Feb. 21.—C. L. Sticklin yesterday awarded the contract for the erection of a brick and concrete garage building to Squires & Russell of Chehalis. The building, completely equipped, will cost about \$25,000. It will be occupied by Ewing Motors.

RED CROSS NURSE TO DEPART FOR ABROAD

Miss Helen D. Krebs, Red Cross nurse, has received orders from national headquarters, American Red Cross, Washington, D. C. that she is to sail for Eastern Europe on March 6. She will either sail from San Francisco via the Orient, or from New York, going direct to Paris, where assignment for duty will be made. She will join a Russian unit.

Miss Krebs is a native daughter. She makes her home with her sister, Mrs. Darwin L. Palmer. Both Dr. Palmer and Miss Krebs were in France with base hospital No. 46. Dr. Palmer had charge of all the X-ray work in that hospital. Miss Krebs assisted him.

**Woman Noted for
Kindness Dies; Two
Children Survive**

Mrs. Thelma E. Gillespie, who died last Monday at her residence in Oak Grove, was 37 years of age, a native of Minnesota, and a resident of Oregon since 1908. She is survived by two small orphan children and also by her mother, three brothers and two sisters residing in Minnesota. Mrs. Gillespie was known to many friends for her active and neighborly ministrations to others, and her kindness will not be forgotten. The funeral will take place at the chapel of J. P. Finley & Son, Fifth and Montgomery streets, Monday at 10:30 a. m., and interment will be in Riverside cemetery.

Oscar Brun
Oscar Brun, native of Norway, aged 63, died in this city Friday. He had suffered three weeks with pneumonia. Brun was a skilled draftsman and had been in the employ of the Colorado & Midland, Southern Pacific, O-W. R. & N. and City of Portland until 1914, when he retired and took up his residence on a farm near Scappoose. He died of pneumonia contracted in this country. Two brothers reside in Norway. The funeral will be held Monday at 2:30 p. m., at the Finley chapel.

Mrs. Roberta H. Brown
The funeral of Mrs. Roberta H. Brown, aged 90, a native of Louisiana, who died Friday, was held Saturday at the Grace Memorial church and final services were at Riverside cemetery. Mrs. Brown had resided in Portland for 23 years and is survived by one son, Asa L. Brown, of Haines, Ore.; two daughters, Mrs. Samuel White and Mrs. J. P. Brown of this city. J. P. Finley & Son had charge of arrangements.

**Washington Wins
From Oregon Aggies**

Washington State College, Pullman, Wash., Feb. 21.—The Oregon Aggies tonight lost the second game of the series on the local court by the margin of 40 to 21. The game was hard fought throughout, the first stanza ending 13 to 11, with the Cougars having the lead. The Bohler men took the lead immediately after the beginning of the second half and by superior team work and excellent passing piled up a total score almost double that of the visitors. The team work of the Cougars was the best seen here this season and in every department revealed the old time play of prewar days.

Captain Eddie Copeland was the star for the Cougars, holding the Aggie star, Stinson, to a lone basket, made shortly before the closing whistle. Moss featured with 22 points for his team. McIvor feeding him the leather nicely on several occasions and making possible Moss' scoring.

**Oregon Loses to
California, 33-19**

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 21.—(U. P.)—The University of California basketball team won from the University of Oregon five tonight, 33 to 19, in a rough and tumble game. By this win California evened the score for this series. Oregon won last night, 23 to 27. Eggleston of California was the individual star of the blue and gold, scoring most of the points from his forward position. Durno of Oregon was conspicuous because of the number of points he registered on free throws.

**Dean Coovert Buys
Big Irrigated Ranch**

Bend, Feb. 21.—Dean Coovert, son of E. E. Coovert, Portland attorney, today purchased the 210-acre ranch of Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Cogan of Portland for a consideration of \$32,000. The ranch is one of the best improved irrigated tracts in Central Oregon, all being under cultivation and entirely irrigated. It is the intention of Coovert to engage in the raising of livestock. Coovert, with his mother, Mrs. Margaret Coovert, will soon move to Central Oregon from Portland.

**Two Are Burned to
Death in Big Fire in
Oklahoma Oil Gusher**

Tulsa, Okla., Feb. 21.—Two men were burned to death and three others injured in a fire that broke out at an oil gusher near Jennings, according to reports here today.

The well is the Slick Jones No. 1. The fire was still burning at noon.

HOSPITAL CARE IS LACKING; MANY VICTIMS SUFFER

Hundreds of Persons, and in Some Cases Entire Families, Must Go Without Skilled Attention.

The grip of contagious disease has fastened on approximately 1500 Portland citizens. The municipality has accommodations for 65 sufferers. The remainder are left where they are found.

Because of lack of hospital facilities a father and six children are huddled about in a little cottage at 1477 East Oak street, with no one to care for them. All have influenza. There is no room in any of the city's hospitals for them because they are "desperate cases." It is only the serious cases that are taken to the hospitals, the health bureau declares. The rest must get what they can wherever they may be.

FAMILY OF EIGHT ILL
A man and wife and six children are all suffering from influenza at 845 Thurman street. They care for themselves. Dr. Parrish found them one midnight, secured a nurse and paid her for a couple of days, cleaned up the premises himself and left them there. There is no room at the city's hospitals.

At 131 Union avenue a mother and four babies are suffering in room 37. They have no money and no care. The health bureau provided groceries and medicine. They, too, care for themselves. But they remain at home. There are no hospital accommodations.

Out near Buffalo and Interstate avenue a family of eight, all torn by the ravages of influenza, were housed in a tent. That is their home. Two were having hemorrhages when Dr. Parrish arrived. Those two were "desperate cases." Room was found for them at the hospital. "The other six are still in the tent."

HOUSED IN STOREROOM
The back of a store at 578 Union avenue is the hospital for five other influenza patients. They are caring for themselves. There is no place to move them.

There are about 1050 cases of influenza in the city. The temporary barracks at Delta and Hooker, constructed of rough lumber entirely unsealed, is the city's influenza hospital. It will house 50 patients.

There are 318 cases of smallpox. The old Kelly Butte prison is the smallpox hospital. It will care for 50 sufferers by placing two in a cell. Two in a cell means a hanging bed about two feet wide for each patient.

There are 42 cases of scarlet fever and 24 of diphtheria. The city, through the tolerance of St. Vincent's hospital, maintains approximately 15 beds in a small structure there. It is called the contagious hospital.

FACILITIES FAR SHORT
Out of approximately 1500 cases of contagious disease the city of Portland can care for 65 by crowding. The remainder stay at home and care for themselves—if they can.

Dr. Parrish asked two years ago for a hospital. He says 5 per cent of the deaths in Portland could be prevented if suitable hospital facilities were available. Even the houses with the 65 beds are makeshift, he declares.

"They were not built for hospitals and are not adequate in any respect," Parrish comments. "They do not answer the purpose."

"This is the present hospital situation in Portland."

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President Condoles Mrs. Robert Peary On Husbands' Death

Washington, Feb. 21.—Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, who died yesterday, will be buried at Arlington cemetery at 11:30 Monday morning, it was announced today. It is expected that interment will be with full naval honor.

President Wilson, in a message of condolence to Mrs. Robert E. Peary on the death of Admiral Peary, said: "Mrs. Wilson joins me in extending our warmest sympathy to you and your children on the death of your distinguished husband. May the memory of his intrepid and indefatigable efforts in the cause of science do much to assuage your grief."

Kappa Alpha Theta Wins Stunt Contest

Corvallis, Feb. 21.—Kappa Alpha Theta with its skit "Kampus Kate" was the winner of the annual stunt contest at Oregon Agricultural college tonight. Sigma Kappa's "Off and On" was second; Delta Zeta's "Every Actor Year But This" third; Psi Beta's "The Artistic" fourth; Chi Omega presenting "Extra Extra" fifth, and Gamma Phi Beta's passenger depot scene, sixth.

The Fawcett cup constituted the first prize, with \$15 second, \$10 third and three \$5 cash prizes. The Fawcett cup becomes the permanent property of the organization winning it for three successive times. The Delta Delta Delta's have held it two years, and the Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta's one year each.

High School Prank Lands Boys at Jail

The activities of one of the local high school fraternities landed one of its prospective members in jail Saturday night. The boys stationed candidates in doorways in the business section of the city and ordered them to remain there in a squatted position for a certain length of time. Pedestrians thought the boys insane and stopped to take a look. Traffic on the sidewalks was soon blocked by the crowds. The police were attracted and an arrest followed.

B. F. Irvine to Speak

B. F. Irvine, editor of The Journal, will address Everyman's club, 243 Couch street, tonight. Every man is invited. The club is securing employment for ex-service men and others and anxious to do more.

Washington Birthday Celebration Is Held By Jackson Club

The annual Washington's birthday celebration of the Jackson club at the Mulholland hotel Saturday evening was a success from every point of view. Judge William N. Gains of the circuit court gave an address on the great American, Mrs. Irene Dunbar Kellogg was featured in a vocal solo, with Miss Madeline Moore as accompanist. Mrs. Dudley R. Clark was also on the program, and was accompanied by Lucien E. Becker.

Following the entertainment the company danced until late in the evening. Elton Watkins, president of the club, was chief entertainer during the dancing, and he was ably assisted by Deputy United States Marshal John D. Mann, who was chairman of the arrangements committee.

Olmstead Visits California

Emory Olmstead, president of the Northwestern National bank, accompanied by Mrs. Olmstead, left Saturday evening for California for a brief visit. Olmstead is taking advantage of the fact that the banks will be closed Monday in honor of Washington's birthday, to take a short rest.

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