

FRISK AUDIENCE AT ASSASSINS' TRIAL FOR ARMS

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Scenes corresponding to those attending a Kentucky mountain feud trial, were enacted here Tuesday when two men, who attempted to murder Maximilian Harden, Germany's foremost democratic editor, were brought into court. The police took unusual precautions against any possible demonstration and searched all spectators for weapons.

The United News correspondent, the only American newspaper man at the trial, was among those "frisked" and interrogated.

A triple cordon of bicycle policemen guarded the courthouse on the outside and many other policemen were scattered in and around the building.

The prisoners were Herbert Weidhard and Albert Grenz, and an interesting part of the testimony against them concerned their "murder pay."

They had promised the German equivalent of \$30,000 each and \$10 more and protested against the amounts when the mark began to fall.

Harden dramatically described the attack. He had been wounded and spent several months in Switzerland recuperating. He declared in court that his mental and spiritual powers had not been impaired by the attack, although he was still physically weak.

The editor identified a picture of a former officer named Ankerman, who is still uncaptured, as the actual assassin.

The offer of a chair while testifying was refused by Harden, contenting himself with leaning on his stick and speaking oratorically, accompanied by many recitations.

The crowd of spectators was unsympathetic with the prisoners, who admitted the attack. The defense sought to show that the prisoners did not want to kill Harden, but to injure him severely and thus prevent his contemplated lecture trip to the United States.

Earnest efforts were made during the proceedings to ascertain the names of those who had actually instigated the plot.

English Labor Men Open War on Law's Unemployment Plan

London, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Laborite members of the House of Commons, angered by the unemployment policy of the Bonar Law government, began a noisy filibuster which kept the house in session throughout the night.

Adjournment was taken at 6:50 o'clock after laborites had accused the government of "scandalous inaction."

"We will fight in the streets if you do not give us what we want," was the ominous threat of D. Kirkwood, Scotch laborite, before the departure of the government bench.

"If we do not get what we need, constitutionally, we will take it unconstitutionally."

J. T. Newbould attacked Stanley Baldwin, chancellor of the exchequer. "Just wait until your time comes," shouted Newbould, who is the only communist member of parliament.

Other laborites made similar speeches, threatening the government for not taking immediate action to relieve distress arising from unemployment of 1,300,000 workers.

Good Bye Is Said By Tiernans, Who Go to N. Y. Home

South Bend, Ind., Dec. 12.—The Tiernans are now but a memory at the scene of their matrimonial complex. The family name no longer even figures in the South Bend papers, for Monday the divorce petition of Professor John P. Tiernan, which was first granted, and then rescinded following his marriage a day later to Mrs. Blanche Hawn Rash Brimmer, was dismissed on the request of Tiernan's attorney.

Harry Poulin, the haberdasher, who Mrs. Augusta Tiernan claimed was her baby's father, holds the field, and the dismissal probably makes the final act in the drama so far as South Bend is concerned, for Tiernan, who is now in New York with his family, has announced he will never again return to South Bend.

Firm to Pay 1400 Per Cent Dividend
New York, Dec. 12.—The Whitin Machine works of New England, is about to pay a dividend of 1400 per cent to its stockholders. An increase in stock from \$500,000 to \$9,000,000 had been authorized. This is the biggest dividend yet declared by big corporations for the ostensible purpose of evading a tax on accumulated and undistributed earnings.

Mr. D. Vulpinus Lives on Morphine; He's Quite a Bug!

New York, Dec. 12.—Dermaster Vulpinus, who is held at police headquarters, refuses to eat anything but morphine.

Mr. Vulpinus is a bug. He eats enough morphine each day to kill two men. The insect, with five members of his family who have since died, was discovered by federal agents in a quantity of drug which had been smuggled into the country.

Disarmament Move Wrecked on Army Figures of Poland

Moscow, Dec. 12.—The disarmament conference of Eastern Europe broke up here Tuesday through failure to accept Poland's army figures.

The crisis was precipitated by the Russian delegates, who accused the Polish representatives of "juggling" the figures, and refused to substitute "phrases for disarmament."

Through relations between Poland and Russia are now described by both sides as "not of the best," the soviet foreign office has announced to the press that failure to agree to army reduction does not preclude war.

A 25 per cent reduction of armed forces had been consented to by Poland, but on the basis of a present strength of 272,000 men. This failed to coincide with the Polish army total of 293,000 as reported to the League of Nations last June and the Russians demanded that the league figure be accepted as the base.

The Polish delegates insisted on the larger figure. Efforts of the Poles, Latvians, Estonians and Finns to effect a compromise were without avail.

Pretty Widow Is Believed Murdered; Suitor Arrested

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Kate Mitchell Trostel, pretty 32-year-old widow who mysteriously disappeared on December 2, although the police declared today, although they could not find the body. They arrested Arthur Foster, 32, the young woman's suitor.

Foster, a powerful man weighing about 180 pounds, refused to make any statement to the police. His arrest was brought about by the finding of red stains on the running board of his touring car.

Mrs. Trostel, night manager of a Western Union branch office, was a sweetheart of Foster prior to her marriage to Trostel. After Trostel's death Foster renewed his attention.

A button from the woman's skirt was found in the seat of Foster's car, as was a pencil similar to the kind Mrs. Trostel carried.

In Foster's room was found a suit of clothes and an overcoat upon which there were stains. In his trunk the police found several pistol bullets calibre .32, but no trace of a weapon.

Also, the police found in his pocket a newspaper clipping telling of the disappearance of the young woman.

Foster's automobile was found, not in the garage where he usually kept it, but in a shed in the rear of the home of his father, John Foster.

Police prepared this morning to dig up the ground in this vicinity to try and find the body. They said they were seeking another man, whose name they refused to divulge.

Smythe's Condition Greatly Improved

Chicago, Dec. 12.—The condition in Dan Smythe, Pendleton sheepman, is reported "very much improved" at the Presbyterian hospital Tuesday. No operation has been performed "as yet," his doctor said.

FARMERS TO QUIT POLITICS AND GO INTO BUSINESS

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Representatives of 1500,000 farmers, meeting here Tuesday, chose the road which the American farm bureau federation will follow from now on—"out of politics and into business."

The annual conference adopted a strong resolution, putting the organization unreservedly behind the fostering of the cooperative market, signifying the farmer's desire to get out of politics as much as possible in the future, and take over at the earliest possible date the distribution and marketing of all farm products.

This action swings the membership into line behind the leadership of farm bureau officials, and removes, at least for another year, any possibility of a split caused by radically inclined members, who favor an attempt to use the strengthened farm bloc as a club to solve problems by legislation.

This does not mean that the farm bloc will go out of existence, or that the organization will not watch congressmen as keenly as heretofore, but it does mean that the farmers have passed up what seemed to some of them to be a chance to make the farm bloc a majority party in congress and to wield new power.

Newly elected congressmen, who pledged themselves to support the farm bloc will not be invited to join it.

"Our chief trouble at Washington was of persons who want to ride on the band wagon," said a Washington representative of the federation declared. "From now on we will devote ourselves to such legislation instead of initiating it. However, we are going to hold our congressional representatives to strict accountability."

Cooperative markets and taxation were the principal topics taken up at the Tuesday session.

The federation passed a resolution affirming its stand that taxes should be levied on net incomes with progressive rates increasing with the amount of the income.

The sales tax, advocated by President Harding, as a means of raising the bonus, was again condemned, and a "consumptive tax" recommended as a means of raising part of the revenue.

"Insofar as is practicable, taxes should be so laid as to tend to the distribution of wealth in the hands of the many and not to its concentration in the hands of the few," the resolution declared.

CHARGES ARE DISMISSED
Spokane, Wash., Dec. 12.—Subornation of perjury charges against Bernadine "Bennie" Collins in the cases growing out of testimony given at the murder trial of Maurice P. Codd, were dismissed by Judge W. D. Astren.

10 STRICT AUTO RULES SUGGESTED

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 12.—Drastic regulations for all motorists were drawn up and approved Tuesday by the state motor vehicle department, and will be recommended to the next legislature for enactment.

The increasing number of highway accidents had led to the formulation of a strict code, which would govern pedestrians as well as motorists.

The code—ten concise rules—includes:
1. Placing reckless driving in the same category as driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, with a penalty of from six months to five years.

2. Keeping children on roller skates out of the streets.
3. Prohibiting parking automobiles on the highway.
4. Prohibiting jay walking on highways as strictly as jay walking on city streets.

5. Requiring an applicant for a license to operate motor vehicles to pass a thorough examination before the license is issued.
6. Forbidding any person under 18 years of age driving a motor vehicle.
7. Forbidding the extending of baggage over the running board on the

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Illinois Rejects New Constitution

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(U. P.)—By a majority of more than 700,000, Illinois voted yesterday against the proposed new state constitution, according to practically complete returns today. The vote, tabulated from 5223 of the state's 1854 precincts, showed: For the new constitution, 1,874,909; against it, 919,316. Every section of the state swamped the proposed draft.

The Port of Astoria commission has memorialized the Oregon delegation in congress, asking that an appropriation for improvement of the Skipanon river be included in the present river and harbor bill.