

## PEKIN IS NEW RUSSIAN SEAT IN FAR EAST

Ex-President of Council of Revolutionary Russia Awaits Landing of Japanese Troops at Vladivostok

## SOVIET MOBILIZING TO FORM RED ARMY

Japan Dispatches Force of 4000 Men for Protection of Interests

PETROGRAD, March 9.—The Proda, organ of the Bolsheviks, prints a dispatch from Irkutsk which says: "The ex-president of the council of ministers or revolutionary Russia, Prince Lvoff, has constituted in the far east a new Russian government, which at present has its seat at Pe-kin and which is awaiting the landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostok in order to enter Siberian territory with them."

Telegraphic communication between Vladivostok and Irkutsk is interrupted. The soviet of Vladivostok is mobilizing its forces for resistance and is forming a red army."

## 4000 Men Sent.

LONDON, Friday, March 8.—An account of the alleged landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostok in January is obtained in the Petrograd newspaper Novaya Zhein of January 19, which has just been received here. Four thousand troops were landed January 12 and 14 from three Japanese ships, the account says, but the Japanese admiral assured the local workmen's and soldiers' council that the movement did not mean the commencement of hostilities and that the troops were there only to protect Japanese subjects.

NEW YORK, March 9.—A German account of the reported landing of Japanese troops at Vladivostok in January confirmed the statement that American and British troops also were landed from warships of those nations. The report was contained in a dispatch under

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## FRANCE INFORMS PERSHING ENEMY LEARNS SECRETS

New Expurgated Casualty List in Use in France and England

## FIRST LIST GIVEN OUT

McCain Reiterates That Relatives Will Be Notified Promptly

WASHINGTON, March 9.—The war department today issued the first of its expurgated casualty lists, containing the names of one captain, one lieutenant and 18 men killed in action, a lieutenant and a cadet killed in airplane accident, one lieutenant and twelve men dead of disease, a lieutenant and twenty-three men severely wounded in action and thirty six men slightly wounded.

The war department's order deleting the next of kin, addresses and dates from the lists, was officially explained today as having resulted from representations of the French government to General Pershing that the casualties as published in this country made accessible to the enemy valuable information. At the same time the order of the department was brought up in the senate. Senator New of Indiana, introducing a resolution requesting the department to inform the senate why the order was issued; if such information would not be "inconsistent with the interests of the service."

Senator New asked immediate adoption of the resolution, but Senator Williams of Mississippi, Democrat, objected and the matter went over until Monday without debate. Information Given Enemy. In explaining the reasons for the order, Major General Peyton C. March, acting chief of staff, made public a paraphrase of the cablegram received from General Pershing recommending the change. General Pershing said the French government had called attention to the unquestionably valuable information which the Germans could obtain from statements giving the exact number of casualties resulting after a raid, and from official statistics in the form of casualty lists which gave the precise effects of a gas attack. He recommended that the

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## JURY HOLDS OSCAR MAIN NOT GUILTY

Napavine, Wash. Real Estate Operator Relieved of Charge He Murdered Fred Swayne, Closest Friend

## THEORY OF AFFECTION FOR WIFE HELD FALSE

Main Proves Others Accompanied Him and Mrs. Swayne On Auto Trips

CHEHALIS, Wash., March 9.—Oscar Main, Napavine real estate operator, was found not guilty of the murder of Fred Swayne tonight. The case was given to the jury shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. After considering the evidence for almost an hour, the jury decided to take dinner before balloting on the verdict. The jurors returned to the courtroom shortly after 7 o'clock, balloted once on the case, and at 8 o'clock filed into court with the acquittal.

Many of those who crowded the courtroom all week returned to hear the verdict. Silence fell as the jurors filed into court and intense silence followed the reading of the verdict by the clerk. Oscar Main accepted the verdict as a foregone conclusion. He shook hands with each of the jurors and thanked them individually and collectively for the vindication he was sure they would return. Fred Swayne, Napavine grocer, was found murdered in the rear of his locked store on the night of January 6. His safe and cash register were found open and the first suspicions were that robbery had been the motive of the crime. A week later, however, gossip began to connect the name of Oscar Main, close friend of the deceased, with the murder. As a motive it was announced that Main had formed at attachment for Mrs. Swayne. This belief was founded on the fact that Mrs. Swayne frequently made trips between Napavine and Chehalis. An information was filed charging Main with the murder.

Notwithstanding the fact that the state named 24 witnesses, but 12 of them were put on the stand. The only fact that was definitely established was that the murder was committed between 5 and 5:30 o'clock in the evening. Main was able to prove a complete alibi and to show by many witnesses that his wife and many other persons had accompanied Mrs. Swayne and himself with the had driven her in his car between Napavine and Chehalis. Oscar Main is a brother of Supreme Court Justice John Main of Washington. Justice Main and his wife, as well as another brother from the east, having been in attendance at the trial all week.

## TEACHER WALKS 14 MILES A DAY

Monmouth Man Who Walks to Greenwood Says Efficiency Is Better

MONMOUTH, Or., March 9.—(Special to The Statesman.)—Outdoor exercise for school teachers is the recommendation which the Oregon Normal school is making to its students, many of whom in a short time will be rural school teachers. S. H. Bethers, teacher of the Greenwood rural school, in eastern Polk county, is the first to carry the advice into actual practice.

Mr. Bethers, who is a resident of Monmouth, starts out in the morning, not in a cart or on a horse, but on his feet. He gathers up his books and his lunch pail, and walks via Independence. There he takes the Salem road. It is seven miles to the school in the afternoon. Mr. Bethers walks back to Monmouth, making his total walking distance on a school day fourteen miles. Every mile walked is a mile further to the "heaven of efficiency," thinks Mr. Bethers. The walk, he finds, is not tiresome, for he has been walking back and forth for over three months, and the way now really seems much shorter than when he first began. From two to two and a half hours is the time needed to reach the school in the mornings, but the way back to Monmouth is made with a feeling of less pungency. It is not to save transportation charges that the seventy miles a week are made by foot, is the explanation, but because "I want the exercise." After eating his early breakfast and taking this walk, Mr. Bethers says he feels more like tackling the work of the day and that other school teachers would do well to take more walking exercises.

## YANKS ASSUME BRILLIANT ROLE AMONG ALLIES

Rare Quality of Courage Shown in Meeting Germans, Say French

## FIGHTING SPIRIT IS HIGH

Precise Firing Successful in Dispersing Boche; Energy Is Praised

WASHINGTON, March 9.—German troops in their attack in Lorraine on the night of March 4 twice gained a footing in the American trenches only to be driven out in fierce fighting. An official dispatch from France giving the French view of the encounter said the Americans showed a "rare quality of courage, self-possession and calm bravery, which won them the admiration of the neighboring French troops and the hearty congratulations of the French high command."

The Americans engaged were the latest to enter the trenches, going into training with the French. First news of their presence on the battle line came in the French official statement of March 5, which told of their brave conduct in repulsing the Germans. Today's dispatch, which gave the first details of the fighting, said:

Enemy Driven Back. "After a very heavy artillery preparation, including shells of all calibers, which completely demolished the ground of the sector, a strong attack was made upon the positions occupied by the Americans. A few of the enemy succeeded in penetrating into a trench, but an energetic and severe counter attack threw them back in confusion. "Meanwhile another section succeeded in cutting the barbed wire in front of the positions where the fighting was going on, but they also were quickly dispersed by the precise firing from the rifles and machine guns.

Morale and Energy Praised. "A third company finally succeeded in stealing their way into the lines and attempting a flanking attack which was on the point of succeeding. Here especially the Americans gave proof of splendid energy and a morale beyond all praise. Almost entirely surrounded, they did not dream for one instant of surrendering and their efforts to extricate themselves were so determined that they succeeded in displacing the enemy without leaving a single prisoner in his hands. "The same date towards 4:30 in the morning, an American patrol of four men and one sergeant encountered an enemy patrol that was cutting the barbed wire and which was composed of nine men. Giving proof of this time of splendid offensive qualities and without considering their numerical inferiority, the American patrols threw themselves upon their adversaries and after a furious combat succeeded in putting them to flight, bringing back with them two prisoners. "In an attack and in the defense the American soldiers assumed the brilliant place which they intend to hold among the allies' armies."

## 12 German Airplanes Destroyed by British

LONDON, March 9.—Twelve German airplanes were destroyed in aerial combats Friday, says an official statement on aviation, issued tonight by the British war office. The statement follows: "In the air fighting on Friday twelve hostile machines were destroyed. Ten were driven down out of control and others were shot down by our anti-aircraft gun, fire. Three of our machines were destroyed today our machines dropped ten bombs on sidings and factories at Mainz. All our machines returned."

## Two Walking on Track Are Killed by Train

CASCADE LOCKS, Or., March 9.—Mrs. A. D. Ventress and Herman light of this place were killed tonight by a train on the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation company line, while walking on the track near here. They were beneath umbrellas and failed to notice the approaching train until too late.

## One American Attache Still Left in Petrograd

WASHINGTON, March 9.—One of Ambassador Francis' telegrams from Volozda, dated March 5, and received today, says all Americans there are well and tells for the first time that one of the attaches of the embassy was left behind in Petrograd. The ambassador did not say who the attaché was.

## OHIO TOWNS WIPED OUT BY TORNADO

Ten Killed, Many Injured and Thousands of Dollars of Property Ruined When Great Swath Is Cut

## FARMERS SEARCH FOR VICTIMS AMID RUINS

Lines of Communication Hard Hit; Full Loss of Life Not Known

LIMA, O., March 9.—First reports over crippled wires late tonight indicated that at least ten persons lost their lives tonight in a tornado which swept over Northwestern Ohio, centering in Van Wert county, on the Ohio-Indiana state line. Thousands of dollars of property damage was done.

Unverified reports say that Holgate, Continental and Halmer, Ohio, were practically wiped out by the storm. Because of demoralized communication service, it was impossible to obtain the death list or the extent of the damage tonight. Tractor cars in the storm district have not been heard from since 6 o'clock, just before the tornado broke. Farmers are reported to have started out to hunt victims in the ruins of houses which were blown down.

According to meager reports from Van Wert the entire Wells family was wiped out by the tornado. The death of the Wells family brings the known dead in that vicinity to six, a baby having been killed at Middlepoint. Further deaths have been reported between Middlepoint and Conroy, but these reports cannot be confirmed.

Kansas Suffers Loss. CHICGO, March 9.—High winds which started in Eastern Colorado last night and lashed parts of the central west today spent their force in Indiana and Ohio where several districts tonight reported loss of life and heavy property damage.

Greatest damage and loss of life occurred where several towns were reported to have been almost wiped out. Moving eastward from Colorado, the high winds gained velocity as they dipped down into Missouri and Kansas, for a time reaching a velocity of 100 miles an hour at St. Louis, where two persons were injured. Smokestacks were blown down, awnings ripped from their fastenings and other damage done. Still greater damage was done in Kansas, but no fatalities were reported. At Camp Funston slight damage was done by the wind. The storm reached up into Northern Michigan but caused little damage, reports indicated.

## THEATER ROOF CRASH KILLS 12

Wall of Burning Building Adjoining Collapses 23 Are Hurt

WINCHESTER, Ky., March 9.—Twelve persons were killed, ten of whom were children, twenty-three persons so severely injured, it was found necessary to remove them to the Clark county hospital and about thirty other less seriously hurt here tonight when the walls of a burning building adjoining a moving picture theater collapsed, crushing in its roof.

Six of the 23 injured taken to the Clark county hospital were thought to be fatally hurt. The majority of these as well as those not so seriously hurt were children several hundred of whom were crowded into the moving picture theater when the crash came. The wall which collapsed was also used as one wall of the theater, but projected considerably above the roof of the theater building. When it collapsed a part fell on the theater's roof. The wall's collapse at the same time removed the support from under the roof on that side and it crashed down into the theater. The greatest force of the wall was spent upon section of 75 seats and it was here that all of the fatalities and serious injuries occurred. The first result of the crash was panic in which the hundreds of children and a small number of grown persons struggled to reach the entrance, apparently no one was hurt in this rush. Within a short time hundreds of persons attracted to the scene cleared away the wreckage.

WEATHER Sunday, rain; moderate southwesterly winds.

## VIRGIL BURCH KILLED WHILE PLAYING WAR

Revolver Is Accidentally Discharged While in Hands of His Companion

## GUNS USED AS CANNON

Dead Boy Protested at Use of Firearms of Which He Became Victim

An accident which occurred at eleven thirty o'clock yesterday at the F. A. Dutton home, 549 Turner street, resulted in the instant death of Virgil Burch at the hands of his chum and closest friend, Tillman Dutton. He was shot through the body by a .32 calibre revolver.

It was learned by District Attorney Gehlar soon after the accident occurred that the parents of young Dutton, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Dutton, had left home at 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning to spend the day with friends at Concomly to return today. The two boys, Tillman Dutton and Virgil Burch, the one 11 and the other 13 years old, were chums and had been playing together all the morning with other boys of the neighborhood. One of the officers who went to the scene says the boys had gathered in an empty house, but that statement is not certain as they were playing in the Dutton home, when the accident happened. Were Playing Soldier. The boys had placed a lot of chairs on the floor in one of the rooms and had found two shot guns, a rifle and the revolver. Only the revolver was loaded. They used the guns as cannon in the fort they had built of chairs on the floor. They played burglars at first, and then soldiers. Each boy in turn was "captain" and strapped the pistol in true style about his waist, only for decoration purposes.

In the beginning of their sport the boy, Burch, did not want to play with the guns. All of them knew the revolver was loaded. As far as could be learned after the Dutton boy had been taken to the sheriff's office to await the return of his parents, when the boys got tired of playing young Dutton, who happened to be "captain" at the time, unbuckled the revolver belt, first taking the gun from its sheath, laid the belt down, and, reaching over to put the sheath by it, still holding the pistol in his hand, must have pulled the trigger, for as he reached forward the pistol was fired, the bullet piercing the chest of young Burch, boring through the body.

Inquest Not Held. Coroner Clough concluded it unnecessary to hold an inquest, and the father of young Burch stated afterwards it was simply an accident, as the two boys were constant companions and had been playmates for years. The Dutton boy was questioned closely by District Attorney Gehlar at the sheriff's office and his story was born out by other versions of the affair.

## CAPTAIN KELLER UNDER CHARGES

Oregon Parole Officer Served With Warrant Accusing Abduction

SAN FRANCISCO, March 9.—A warrant charging abduction was issued today for the arrest of Joseph Keller, state parole officer of Oregon, who, it is alleged, "forcefully and illegally" took possession of C. B. Smith, just discharged from San Quentin prison, with the intention of returning Smith to Oregon, where it was said he was wanted for breaking parole.

Through habeas corpus proceedings Smith was taken from Keller's custody at Oakland, Cal., but was immediately arrested on a warrant from Oregon and now is fighting extradition. Smith had just completed a three-year sentence for forgery. The Oregon authorities asserted Smith's parole ended automatically when he was convicted in California. State Parole Officer Keller left for San Quentin prison several days ago to take into custody C. B. Smith, when California authorities that Smith was to be released. Smith was to be returned to the Oregon prison for breaking his parole. He was committed to the Oregon penitentiary for forgery. Acting upon the custom usually followed between states in the return of parole breakers Governor Withycome did not furnish Keller with requisition papers held up by habeas corpus proceedings, but these were sent when he proceedings in California.

British Conduct Raids. LONDON, March 9.—Numerous raids are being carried out by the British forces on the French front, while there also has been increased firing by the heavy guns. The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight says: "We raided the enemy's trenches north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road last night and brought back a machine. Another successful raid was carried out this morning in the neighborhood of Oppy, several of the

## BOLSHEVIKI OVERTHROW IS PLANNED

Social Revolutionists Aim to Oust Government and Repudiate German Peace Treaty, Copenhagen Hears

## DON COSSACKS ARE RAISING LARGE ARMY

Trotsky Resigns After Delivering Country Into Hands of Germany

(By The Associated Press)

While Nikolai Lenin, the Bolshevik premier, is bending every effort to insure ratification by the Russian congress, to meet in Moscow, March 14, of the peace treaty signed with the central powers, his colleagues in Bolshevik authority are dropping away from him or are being dropped by him. The latest to go is the man who by virtue of his post as spokesman has become more in the public eye than Lenin himself—Leon Trotsky, the commissioner of foreign affairs. Trotsky's resignation, announced at a Maximalist party meeting in Petrograd, quickly followed that of Ensign Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander in chief.

Meanwhile, there are reports from Russian sources through Copenhagen that a movement by the Social Revolutionists, launched at a Moscow conference, has as its aim the ousting of the Bolshevik government and the repudiation of the peace treaty. A large army, with Cossack support, is being organized in the Don district, it is declared. The setting up of a republic with a coalition government is proposed. Russia and Rumania Sign. Petrograd has announced the signing of a "peace" between Russia and Rumania. Under its terms Rumania is to evacuate Bessarabia. This is the Russian province which Rumanian troops invaded last fall when Russian forces, disorganized by the Bolshevik peace propaganda, were reported to have begun fighting both in Rumania and in portions of Bessarabia where the population is largely of Rumanian nationality. The treaty provides, however, for Rumania leaving detachments in Bessarabia "for the defense of Rumanian property and inhabitants."

The British front in Flanders has become the chief field of military operations within the last forty-eight hours. Passing from the stage of trench raiding, which has ruled for several weeks past, the fighting in this area now has entered upon a more active phase. The Germans have taken the initiative, launching attacks upon fronts of approximately a mile each on two occasions. In both they sustained heavy casualties and in neither did they gain any ground. Paris Again Bombed. On the American front, northwest of Toul, a German patrol was driven off largely through the vigilance and promptness to open fire of an American sentry. An attempt to attack the American lines by means of liquid fire was broken up by an American patrol, the Germans fleeing and dropping four of their flame projectors which later were gathered in by the American troops.

Paris has again had a visitation from German air raiders whose bombs caused some damage and loss of life. Berlin declares the raid was in reprisal for French raids February 19 on Treves and other German cities. The last previous German air attack on Paris, January 31, caused forty-nine deaths and the wounding of 296 persons. British Conduct Raids. LONDON, March 9.—Numerous raids are being carried out by the British forces on the French front, while there also has been increased firing by the heavy guns. The report from Field Marshal Haig's headquarters tonight says: "We raided the enemy's trenches north of the Bapaume-Cambrai road last night and brought back a machine. Another successful raid was carried out this morning in the neighborhood of Oppy, several of the

## T. A. Rinehart Becomes Candidate for Justice

Announcement was made yesterday that T. A. Rinehart will be a candidate for justice of the peace for the Salem district at the coming election. He is a Democrat, and the only Democrat who has become a candidate for that office so far. Three Republicans are in the field. They are Glenn E. Unruh, Frank Davenport and Percy M. Varney. A. H. Southwick, who was nominated yesterday, is a candidate for constable instead.

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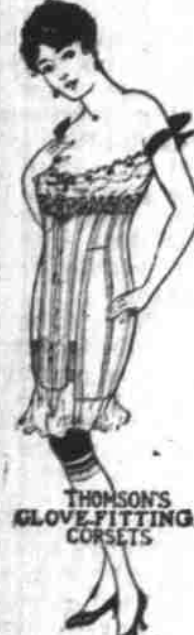

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