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REDS FIRE ON PARADERS

FEDERAL OPERATIVES HURRY TO CENTRALIA TO HELP OFFICERS FIGHT OFF FRENZIED CROWDS

Government Agents Start Investigation Destined to Round
Up All Radicals in Any Way Connected With
Killing of Ex-Service Men

I. W. W. LITERATURE FOUND IN RAID ON QUARTERS

Approximately 16 Reds Are Arrested and Lodged in Jail
While More Than 200 Soldiers Are Angrily Combing
Hills and Woods in Search of Other Rioters

SEATTLE, Nov. 11.—Company F of the Third Washington Infantry was ordered to Centralia early tonight by Governor L. F. Hart and was expected to be on the way within a few hours after the order was received. The company was said to be about 75 strong. At the office of Brigadier General H. J. Moss, adjutant general of the state, here, it was said by General Moss that whether further troops would be sent would depend upon the situation at Centralia after the arrival of Company F. Orders for only the one company had been received, he said.

Radicals Under Investigation

Recently General Moss said the entire state guard could be mobilized in a few hours if needed.

Two department of justice operatives left Seattle early tonight for Centralia, Wash., to make a searching investigation of the activities of the men under arrest there in connection with today's shooting. The announcement was made by R. C. Saunders, United States district attorney.

"We are keeping close track of all radical activities and publications in this district," Mr. Saunders declared. "We are watching every suspected 'red' in Seattle, Tacoma and the rest of this district. This office will not temporize with radicals. The first breach of federal law committed by them will bring the power of the government to bear on them."

Circular Found by Police

Mr. Saunders disclosed for the first time the recent discovery by department of justice operatives of an alleged I. W. W. circular which was being secretly distributed among negroes there, he said, with a view to inciting race hatred and inducing

the blacks to join the I. W. W. Copies of the circular, Mr. Saunders said had been forwarded to the department of justice at Washington, D. C.

Sixteen Land in Prison

Approximately 16 alleged radicals had been arrested and lodged in the city jail at Centralia at 6:30 o'clock tonight and a crowd of 200 ex-service men were angrily combing the hills and woods surrounding Centralia for others, a telephone message from R. B. Jackson, night patrolman at Centralia, to the Associated Press said. Four rifles and four or five revolvers were said to have been taken from the men already under arrest.

Today's riot at Centralia was the second big I. W. W. disturbance in the Pacific northwest in recent years. The first occurred at Everett, Wash., 30 miles north of here when a battalion of Seattle I. W. W. attempted to "invade" Everett to

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SOCIALIST MAY GET HAT DEPORT RADICAL, IS CRY CITIZENSHIP UNDER FIRE

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 11.—Deportation of Victor Berger, recently denied a seat in congress and unseating of Representative Voigt of Wisconsin, who cast the only vote in Berger's favor, was recommended to the American legion convention late today and was received with tremendous cheering.

On motion of the entire Wisconsin delegation the resolution demanding cancellation of Berger's citizenship was unanimously adopted.

LEGION OPPOSED TO LARGE ARMY IN PEACE TIME

Resolution Making Body Non-
Political Adopted by Major-
ity of 100 Votes

OFFICE HOLDERS RAPPED

Certificate From French Gov-
ernment for Families of
Soldiers Presented

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Nov. 11.—The first convention of the American legion today started pronouncing its policies by adopting a resolution declaring the organization to be non-political and demanding the deportation of Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee as a "disloyal citizen."

Endorsement of universal military training with a small standing army and no compulsory military service in time of peace, was voted enthusiastically tonight by the legion convention. It was recommended that the national citizen army be under local control and administration, subject to general national regulations.

A stormy session began late today after the legion had observed Armistice day by a parade which ended with presentation of decorations to members of the 151st field artillery, a regiment composed largely of Twin City men.

Other important decisions reached included selection of Indianapolis as permanent national headquarters and Cleveland as the convention city for 1920.

Holders of public offices candidates are barred from office in the legion by the amendment to the constitution adopted late today. A minority report permitting political officers to be officers of the legion was defeated by an overwhelming viva voce vote, but the roll-call vote on adoption of the "non-political" resolution showed a majority of about 100 of the 634 votes.

A certificate from the French government for the family of each soldier killed in France was presented to the convention.

PRISON TROUPE SHOWS TONIGHT

Rapid Sale of Tickets Indi-
cates Record Attendance
at Minstrel

The first performance of the state penitentiary minstrels will be given in the prison auditorium tonight, and the indications are that attendance will be heavy. There has been a rapid sale of tickets at all the places where they are on sale. Experience has taught the prison minstrels that two performances are always necessary to accommodate all who wish to see the annual performance, so a second show will be given tomorrow night. Tickets are on sale at the following places: Perry's drug store, the Will music store, Patton brothers, Commercial book store, Crown drug store, the Y. M. C. A., the Cherrington piano store, by Charles Maxwell at the Oregon Electric depot, and by Alex. Corneer, elevator operator at the state house.

Daughters of Veterans to Form State Society

Oregon members of the Daughters of Veterans will meet in Salem on November 22 to form a state organization. Delegates will attend from Portland, Salem, Marshfield, Eugene, Pendleton and numerous other towns of the state. Preparation for the event will be made at a session of Barbara Fitchie tent No. 2 of Salem tonight.

CITY BUDGET FIXED UPON LAST NIGHT

Total Is \$174,079.88, or an
Excess of \$17,000 Over
Amount for This Year—
Bonds Will Be Paid

OAKS FORECLOSURE IS RECOMMENDATION

Costly Non-paying Property
Must Be Disposed of, Offi-
cials Hold

The ways and means committee of the city council met at the office of City Recorder Earl Race last night and fixed upon a tentative budget which will be presented to the council at the meeting next Monday night for approval or rejection. The total of the tentative budget is \$174,079.88, an excess of about \$17,000 over the budget of the year now closing.

Under the 6 per cent tax limitation an increase of only \$5400 would be allowable were it not for the fact that \$12,000 is to be used to pay on \$32,000 in general obligation bonds that fall due January 20. The constitution of the state allows 6 per cent to be exceeded for this purpose. The remaining \$70,000 of the bonds will be refunded serially for 20 years, according to the committee's recommendations.

The committee will recommend foreclosure on Oaks addition. It was shown that the city has paid \$11,132.43 in taxes on property in the addition.

The tentative budget, as fixed upon by the committee last night, follows:

Recorder's salary and purchasing agent, \$1800.
Clerk hire, \$2400.
Treasurer's salary, \$1500.
City attorney, \$1500.
Stenographer, city attorney, \$400.
Salary of street commissioner, \$1320.
Marshal's salary, \$1200.
Salaries, police department, \$10,800.
Salary, police matron, \$900.
Expense, police department, \$500.
Expense, city jail, \$150.
Health officer, \$500.
Sanitary officer, \$1600.
Incidental expenses health officer, \$100.
Salaries and maintenance fire department, \$20,320.
Water supply, fire hydrants, \$5000.
Engineering and surveying, \$2000.
Maintenance, public buildings, \$1000.
Fuel, city hall, \$600.
Comfort station, \$700.
Public library, \$5800.
Lighting, \$16,000.
Public parks, \$2400.
Public printing, \$250.
Incidental expenses of city, \$3000.
Bond, installments and interest, \$24,095.87.
Improvement bonds, redemption, \$2208.06.
Sweeping and cleaning streets, \$4500.
Maintenance of band, \$1500.
Streets and Highways Fund.
Material and labor, street department, \$12,000.
Construction and maintenance of city bridges, \$2000.
Special Sewer and Drainage Fund.
Installments, \$24,000; interest, \$17,400—\$40,800.
Total, \$174,079.88.

Department Heads to Fix Salaries of All Employees

A special committee of state officials, chosen at a meeting called some time ago at the instance of Governor Olcott to devise a means of standardizing salaries of stenographers and clerks at the capitol on a more equitable basis, has been unable to work out this plan, and will leave the matter of salaries to heads of the departments. This was made known after a meeting of department heads yesterday in the office of Governor Olcott.

A survey of salaries being paid clerical help for the state and similar help paid by private employers of Portland and Salem showed that the latter are better paid on an average. The salaries of 260 clerks and stenographers at the state house are shown to average \$192.21 a month and those of 419 in private employ average \$118.54.

The department heads yesterday adopted the committee's recommendation that New Year's Memorial day, July 4, Labor day, Thanksgiving day and Christmas be observed regularly as holidays.

CITY OFFICIALS ARE HELD FRAUD OPERATIONS BARE SEVEN FOUND GUILTY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 11.—Seven alleged swindlers, including Mayor Rollin H. Bunch of Muncie, Ind., and Prosecuting Attorney Horace G. Morphy of Delaware county, were found guilty in federal court today of conspiring to use the mails to defraud.

The seven men were part of a group of 24 indicted in connection with the Muncie case which involved more than 20 alleged swindle cases and a total of \$150,000. All other defendants had pleaded guilty.

RADICALS HELD FOR VIOLATING CRIMINAL LAW

Fifteen of CG Reds Arrested
in New York Detained Under
\$5000 Bail

PRISON TERM IS PENALTY

Delay in Deportation Causes
Officers to Proceed Under
State Statute

NEW YORK, Nov. 11.—Eighteen of 27 radicals arrested in Saturday night's raids were arraigned in the municipal court today on charges of violation of the state's criminal anarchy statute. They were held in \$5000 bail each for examination tomorrow. Five others were held in Brooklyn.

The charges against the men held out forth that they are members of the communist party. Federal deportation proceedings, it was pointed out, would involve considerable delay, whereas early action may be obtained under the criminal anarchy statute which provides a maximum of ten years' imprisonment.

Red Cross Roll Call Shows Total of 2576 Enrolled

With the exception of a few out side districts, city and rural, the returns from the Red Cross roll call campaign were on hand at headquarters last night. Fifty Boy Scouts reported for duty yesterday morning but had made no returns yesterday afternoon.

The day's enrollments totaled 193 bringing the entire enrollment for the nine days up to 2576.

A number of girls from Willamette university responded to the call for volunteers and made valiant efforts to secure Red Cross members yesterday, meeting with good success.

Mrs. Arthur Rahn, in charge of the work, requests that any who desire to keep up the dollar membership with the Red Cross, and have had no opportunity to do so during the recent drive, will find the offices in the postoffice building open today.

PORTLAND REDS HELD BY POLICE

Radical Quarters Are Raided
and Much Literature Is
Taken As Evidence

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 11.—Police here tonight raided the headquarters of the Household Workers' Soldiers and Sailors club and took 60 men into custody. The police acted following a report that those in the club were holding a meeting to protest against "persecution" of the I. W. W. at Centralia, Wash.

The men in the club building were taken to the police station for investigation. A quantity of radical literature was found in the club rooms and seized by the police.

Salem High Is Too Much for Silvertown's Squad

The Salem high school football team on Sweetland field yesterday afternoon drubbed the visitors to the tune of 14 to 2. The game proceeded tamely for the first three quarters, both teams holding even. Silvertown made the first score, a drop kick on the 25-yard line.

One of the best plays of the game was when Gill intercepted a pass and made 14 yards for a touchdown. Another good play was made by Busey in the last moments of the game when he came in with another touchdown.

EX-SERVICE MEN MARCHING IN ARMISTICE PARADE SHOT DOWN IN COLD BLOOD BY RADICALS

Reds Open Fire From Windows of Tower Avenue Building,
With Result that Two Paraders Fall Dead in Their
Tracks—Third Soldier Dies Later at Hospital

BRITT SMITH IS HANGED BY ANGRY CITIZENS

Governor Hart Orders One Company of Military to Centralia
to Prevent Rioting and Other Units Are Mobilized for
Immediate Service—Mob Rule Deplored

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 11.—Four American Legion men are dead; three are wounded, one perhaps fatally; Britt Smith, secretary of the Centralia local of the I. W. W., is hanging dead from the bridge over the Chehalis river and the I. W. W. hall gutted as the result of an I. W. W. attack on an Armistice Day parade conducted by the American Legion in this city today.

Five hours after the volleys were fired from the I. W. W. headquarters and adjoining buildings, a mob cut off the lights of the city, broke the jail door, snatched Smith from the jail and rushed him in an automobile through mud and water to the bridge three quarters of a mile from town. The I. W. W. hall was fired by the mob.

The dead:

Warren Grimm, attorney, lieutenant with the American forces in Siberia and commander of the Grant Hodge post, American legion.

Arthur McElfresh, soldier in France for 18 months.

Ben Casagrande, Greek bootblack and soldier with the 91st division in all campaigns.

Dale Hubbard, former soldier.

Britt Smith, hanged by the mob.

The wounded:

Emery Coleman, shot through the leg, wound not serious.

John Earl Watt, ex-service man, perhaps fatally wounded.

Eugene Phitzer, Chehalis, ex-service man, not serious.

Over the heads of the crowds watching the parade the I. W. W. fired. Shots came from every direction, say on-lookers. Snipers in the upper windows of the I. W. W. headquarters building fired into the line.

McElfresh dropped with a shot through the body. Grimm was shot through the lungs in the second volley. He died in the hospital two hours later.

Casagrande was in the ranks and one of the rifle bullets struck him in the body. "They got me this time," he said as he doubled and wilted. The crowd did not rush for cover but started to chase the reds and Hubbard was shot while chasing one of the leaders. The ex-service man cornered the red on the banks of the Skookumchuck river. As they grappled the I. W. W. fired directly into Hubbard's body. George Stevens, another of the crowd chasing the gunman, kicked the gun from the I. W. W.'s hands.

Radical Saved by Soldiers. The latter was captured and taken to the city jail. He was saved from the mob by the former soldiers after a noose had been thrown over his head. This is the man who was grabbed by the mob tonight after he is said to have confessed to firing one of the fatal shots. The American Legion is holding a meeting tonight to take action.

Hubbard gathered a small number of men together and started in pursuit of an armed I. W. W. The fugitive dashed down a side street, turning and shooting at the men as he ran. The pursuers, all unarmed, dodged behind the telephone poles and trees to escape the bullets. They finally drove the man into a river bed where he took refuge behind a clump of bushes. As the men came up he fired, wounding Hubbard.

Immediately after the shooting a crowd of spectators and marchers captured a man they believed to be the ringleader of the I. W. W. They put a rope around his neck, threw the rope over the cross arm of a telephone pole and started to haul him up.

He was in the air only a few minutes before the chief of police prevailed upon the crowd to let him down.

Mob Ransacks Red Hall. Tonight the man was in jail here nearly dead. Later the mob ransacked the I. W. W. hall; tore out the front of the building and made a bonfire of the furniture and inflammatory literature found there.

Crowds Surround Centralia Jail. At 6:30 o'clock the crowd in front of the jail had swelled to between two and three thousand persons, including hundreds from nearby towns. Frequent yells of "Lynch them!" were heard from the mob. Determined ex-service men, armed with high-powered rifles, surrounded the jail while others armed and not armed, took up the search of the surrounding district bent on rounding up all suspected radicals wherever found. About 16 men were in jail at 7:30 p. m.

Centralia businessmen an deputy officials attempted to quiet the surging crowd by speeches in front of the jail.

GOVERNOR HART TAKES HAND. CHENEY, Wash., Nov. 11.—Deplored the shooting of two men and the wounding of several others at Centralia by men supposed to be members of the I. W. W., but determined

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