

MARTENS TELLS GRIM TALE OF RED COURIERS

Runners From Soviet Russia Baved Death to Spread Doctrine Says Witness

STORY BUT HALF TOLD

Messengers Bring Fortunes Risking Capture in Europe Is Testimony

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—How the couriers of soviet Russia, carrying funds to finance its propaganda in America, ran the gauntlet of death and imprisonment in the surrounding states of Europe, was a story half told then abandoned today by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, soviet agent in the United States, before the senate foreign relations sub-committee investigating Russian propaganda.

Martens flatly declined to answer further questions of the committee, on the subject of the couriers, and left it to consider whether or not his plea of "diplomatic immunity" from further examination should be allowed, while he went on to recount

his personal activities in endeavoring to get his government recognized by the state department, and in placing provisional contracts for \$25,000,000 worth of food, clothing and machinery with American business houses. This latter effort he said, had resulted in placing two or three letters before President Wilson urging recognition, though the state department has remained firm in its refusal to recognize him in any way.

7 of 20 Get Through.

Out of 20 of the mysterious messengers who started during the last year from Moscow with funds and letters to him, Martens said, seven had gotten through the barriers of arms and international frontiers. Several had been shot summarily in Finland—"three that I know of," Martens said casually; of ten who tried to get through Germany-nine were caught and jailed. The first man to reach him, however, carried \$20,000 and his credentials as soviet ambassador to the United States. Here he began to evade, though Senator Moses of New Hampshire, chairman of the committee, and Senator Brandegee, Connecticut, were prodding him on with questions as to messengers' routes and methods of travel and disguises.

Further Information Declined.

"I decline to answer," he stated finally, when asked to name one of the couriers and repeated his words quietly when the topic was pushed further. He, too, had sent couriers, he admitted, but of their fortunes he had not been advised. Altogether, \$150,000 had come to him through the underground route, and also an instruction, he said, not to spend any of the money "on politics or the sup-

New Jersey Governor: Foe of Prohibition, Taking Oath of Office at Trenton



This photograph was taken at Trenton, N. J., as Chief Justice William S. Gunnere was administering the oath of office to Governor Edward I. Edwards in front of the state house. Governor Edwards, who was elected on a wet platform, pledged himself in his inaugural address to "do every lawful thing to have it determined that the present condition of affairs with respect to prohibition has been illegally forced upon the people of this state."

port of internal factions or parties in the United States."

COUGHED NIGHT AND DAY

John Vogues, Elberton, Ga., writes: "I coughed night and day and my throat was raw and sore. I got a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and my condition began to improve and in a few days I was as well as ever. In my opinion Foley's is the best cough medicine made." Best for colds, croup, whooping cough. Children like it. J. C. Perry.

"to get a rise out of Hugh Hume, editor of The Spectator."

Hume Didn't Bite

"He didn't fall for it, though," said Lynerson, "and strange as it may seem the only paper that objected was a labor paper which said editorially that we were going too far."

On the plank favoring abolition of the state senate a rising vote was requested. It carried 28 to 3.

As a nucleus for the executive committee of the Land and Labor league the following were appointed: C. E. Stipp, La Grande; F. E. Coulter, Portland; L. J. Simeral, Seaside; G. H. Baker, Bend; O. H. Todd, Eugene; C. E. Spence, Oregon City; James Bryant, Albany; O. B. Goldman, Corvallis; B. M. Brower, Roseburg; J. K. Sears, McCoy; A. R. Shumway, Milton. These members were instructed to complete the committee by naming enough others to have a representative from each county.

SINGLE TAX IS AVOIDED

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values." As finally adopted it reads "substitution of a more equitable method of taxation."

A difference of opinion arose as to whether the plank was intended to approach the single tax and members of the platform committee were not in entire agreement. F. E. Coulter said that was not the intention, but Louis Bowerman said that was his intention as a member of the committee. M. M. Burner, a member of the grange, led the fight against the wording, declaring the grange had taken a definite stand against single tax. After the argument had gone to some length C. N. Ryerson, editor of the Portland Labor Press, made a plea for definiteness, so that the people may know exactly what is meant. Chairman Hartwig was of the opinion that it could not be interpreted as meaning the single tax.

Hartwig is Chairman

Otto Hartwig was retained as chairman of the league and W. E. Kinsey as secretary. The plan of the organization was changed relative to initiation fees and dues. Originally it proposed an initial fee of \$3 and dues of 50 cents a month. This was stubbornly fought and changed to dues of \$2 for the first six months and 50 cents a month thereafter, with the initiation fee eliminated.

Among resolutions adopted were the following in substance:

That—regional senators and representatives in congress be required by law to support all measures adopted by the people instead of "their own personal whims."

Service Men Remembered

Providing that the state do more

Ryerson and Bowerman Clash

Bowerman struck fire from Ryerson when he said that "fear seems to dominate the action of the members."

"That is not true," retorted Ryerson. "I resent that insinuation. I have almost gone to jail many a time for principle, and I am not afraid to take a stand on single tax or anything else, but here is a question that we must meet in the spirit of conciliation."

There was further discussion as to what method of taxation should be substituted, but action was not taken.

When he clause relative to the right to "alter, reform or abolish the government" was under debate, Ryerson said he had printed the words across the top of the front page of the Labor Press recently, without explaining that they were from the state constitution, hoping

than has been done for the ex-service men.

That the executive board draft and initiate such legislation and constitutional measures as may be necessary to carry out the principles enunciated in the platform.

Endorsing the action of the railroad brotherhoods of the United States in co-operating with the farmers and labor organizations in the establishment of co-operative institutions, such as banks, manufacturing plants and co-operative marketing and distributing systems.

HONEST MEASURE DRIVE TO START

Weights and Measures Department to Carry Campaign Through State

An "honest measure" campaign has been inaugurated by the state department of weights and measures. It will be waged throughout the state, but particularly in the cities from where come most complaints about short weights and measures. The object is to protect all persons, whether they be producers, wholesalers, retailers or consumers.

Commenting on the campaign, W. A. Dalziel, deputy state scaler, said: "One of the features of this campaign is to correct the practice that a great many merchants use in the sale of such commodities as sausage, lard and ground meats that are sold in bulk and wherein the dish or container is weighed with the article and in most instances an ounce is taken from the consumer and of late several complaints have been made regarding this method of doing business. An ounce is not much but if each home in this country was short-weighted an ounce a day on butter at the prevailing price it would mean a loss of about \$500,000 daily to the consumer. Another object of this department is to rid the state of a large number of illegal weighing devices that are in use, such as the 'family scale', a scale that has been outlawed in this state and while the outside districts have been thoroughly searched for these devices, it is known that some merchants in the city of Portland are still using them and the officials of the city department will be given every assistance by the state to rid the community of these unlawful weighing devices and merchants who persist in using them need not be surprised to have a charge of having illegal scales in their possession. The public is advised to buy from the honest merchant, shun the person who gives 14 ounces for a pound, or 1800 pounds for a ton, and to co-operate with this department in correcting this shortweight evil."

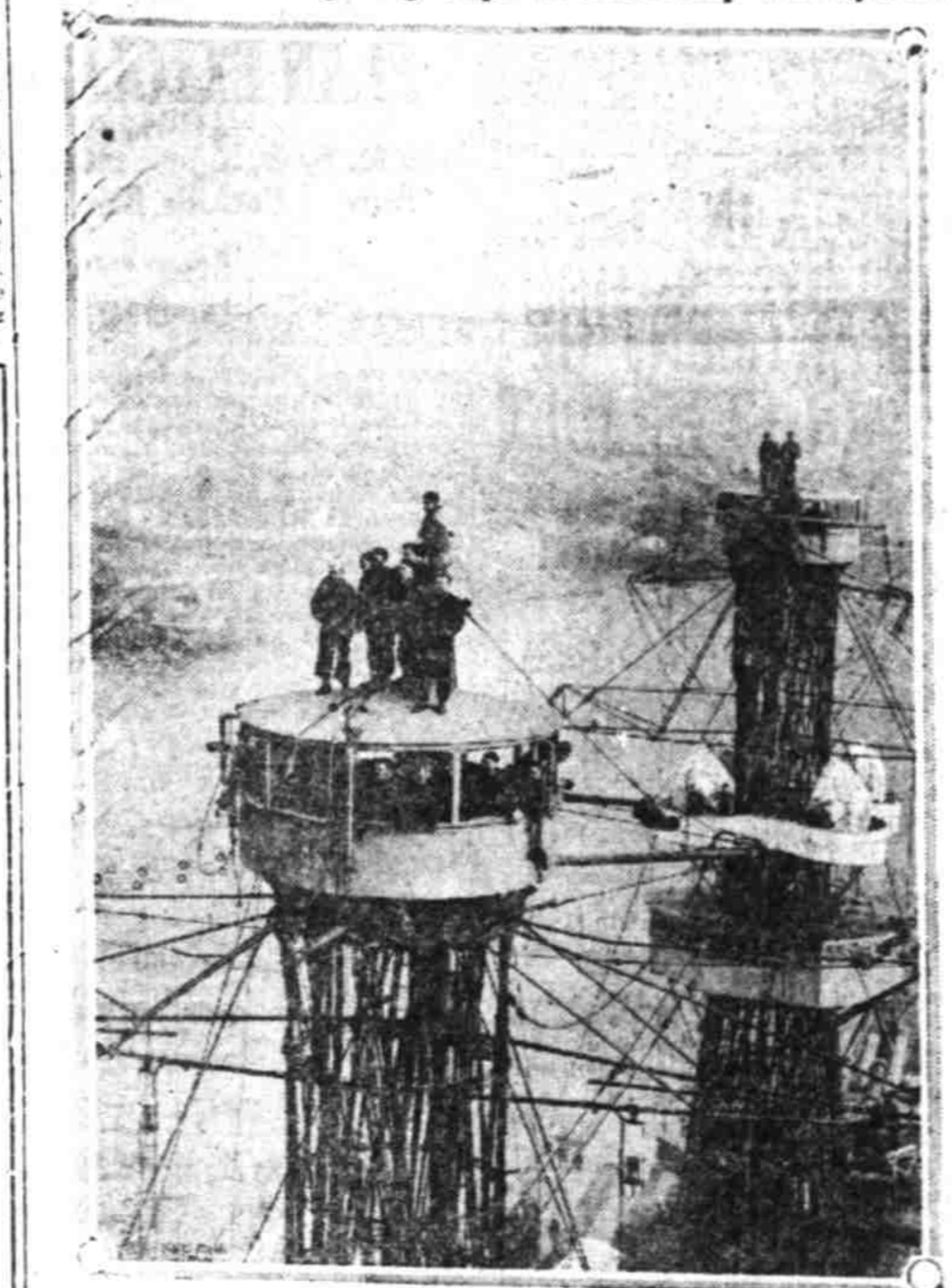
FAMOUS FLAG IS PRESENTED

Winchester, England, Standard, Brought to U. S. by Abrams, Given Namesake

WINCHESTER, Va., Jan. 29.—Formal presentation was made tonight of the original Guild Hall flag of Winchester, England, to its namesake, Winchester, Va., as an expression of the enduring amity and good will of the people of the ancient English municipality towards the hundreds of thousands of Americans who passed through the city on their overseas journey to the A. E. F. in France. The presentation was made by Major General Bethell, military attaché of the British embassy in Washington.

The flag was brought from Winchester, England, by Colonel Carl Abrams of Salem, Or., to whom it was entrusted on the occasion of a formal ceremony on July 4, 1918.

Sailors Seeing New York From Towering Fighting Tops of Battleship Pennsylvania



This unusual photograph shows sailors of the battleship Pennsylvania, flagship of the Atlantic fleet, viewing New York from the lofty fighting tops of the fire control masts. Brooklyn Bridge is in the background. These fighting tops are as far from the water as the roof of a skyscraper from the ground. The Pennsylvania was on her way to join the other vessels of the Atlantic fleet at the Virginia capes. From there they proceed to Guantanamo, Cuba, for the usual maneuvers and target practice.

UNREST AMONG FARMERS GROWS IS INDICATION

Thousands of Replies to Questionnaire Reveal Threatened Crisis

POSTAL HEAD REPORTS

Middleman Target of Majority of Complaints—Exodus From Farms Looms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Indication of a widespread spirit of unrest and dissatisfaction among the farmers of the country, so threatening as likely to disturb the existing economic structure, is considered by government officials to be revealed in more than 40,000 replies to a questionnaire recently sent out by the postoffice department.

The replies as thus far digested were summarized in a report prepared by George L. Wood, superintendent of the postoffice department's division of rural mails, and read to the senate postoffice committee today by James I. Blakeslee, fourth assistant postmaster general. The views of the farmers were obtained by the broadcasting of 200,000 copies of a questionnaire throughout the agricultural states asking for suggestions whereby the postoffice department might aid in cutting down the cost of living.

Thousands Answer Questionnaire

Answers to the questionnaire have been coming in since the middle of December at the rate of a thousand a day and while a small percentage of them are from well-satisfied farmers having no suggestions to make, the great proportion, as summarized by officials show the major complaints of the farmers in numerical order to be:

Inability to obtain labor to work the farms, hired help and the farmers' children having been lured to the city by higher wages and easier living.

High profits taken by middlemen for the mere handling of food products, and

Lack of proper agencies of contact between the farmer and the ultimate consumer.

Many of the replies, said one official, probably as many as 50 per cent, indicate that the writers contemplate either leaving their farms or of curtailing acreage under cultivation because of one or more of the major grievances and because of the growing feeling against non-producing city dwellers.

Tumalo Fish Hatchery to Get Million Trout Eggs

BEND, Or., Jan. 29.—There will be seven million eastern brook trout eggs at the Tumalo fish hatchery this coming week with the transfer of the embryo trout from Lava Lake. Superintendent Lynes announced today. The supply from the Tumalo hatchery will be unusually large this year, according to the superintendent.

Are Americans too proud to work? If they should all answer in the negative it would help a lot. Production is the one thing needed in this country.

TODAY

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