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ANTI-SOVIET EVIDENCE IS REPORTED IN

Investigation Brings Documentary Proof That Extension of Communism to U. S. Was Sought

RECOGNITION QUESTION HANGING IN BALANCE

Proof Shows Large Appropriation for Revolutionary Propaganda

WASHINGTON, Jan. 21.—A mass of documentary evidence bearing upon the operations of the Russian soviet regime from its inception and some of it upon the question of communist propaganda and activities in this country was submitted by the state department today to a senate sub-committee when it began an investigation to determine whether it should recommend recognition of the Russian soviet government. The sub-committee is headed by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho.

Among the documents transmitted by Secretary Hughes to the committee was a decree of the third communist international issued in 1921 providing for extension of communism in the United States. Another document was a copy of a decree by the Russian soviet government in 1917 appropriating 2,000,000 rubles, or about \$250,000, for revolutionary propaganda. This was followed, state department officials told the committee, by organization in this country of the communist party.

Only two state department officials, Evan E. Young, chief of the intelligence office, eastern division, and Robert F. Kelley appeared today before the committee.

The two decrees of the Russian soviet and the third communist international were the only papers presented bearing on communist propaganda and activities in this country which Secretary Hughes declared, recently, prevented the United States entering upon negotiations for Russian recognition.

YAKIMA HOTEL GOES BANKRUPT

Liabilities Pile Up Against Biggest Hostelry, The Commercial

YAKIMA, Jan. 21.—After operating Yakima's largest hotel, the Commercial, since April, 1922, H. W. Lemecke, president of the Commercial Hotel company, today filed a voluntary petition of bankruptcy listing his book assets as \$80,000 and liabilities at \$56,916. The creditors include the Yakima Trust company, the only one secured, with a claim of \$25,000 covered by a note; 66 employees to whom \$4,118 is due and who are preferred creditors; and 133 unsecured creditors, which are mostly bakeries, meat companies, the Pacific Power & Light company, and supply companies. At an emergency meeting of 11 large creditors this afternoon, the Guaranty Trust company of Yakima was selected as a temporary receiver to operate the hotel until a meeting of all creditors is held February 6 at Yakima before David Rankin, referee in bankruptcy.

Things began to pop this afternoon when the light company threatened to shut off the light and power unless a bill of \$1800 was paid. Jensen & Von Herbers, operators of a string of photoplays

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WOMAN KILLED MAN WHO WRONGED HER, ATTORNEY DECLARED

PENDLETON, Jan. 21.—That Miss Nora Ellis shot and killed Gordon Mettie, October 27, in front of her mountain home near Elbee, after he had wronged her and then refused to marry her and after she had worried about her position until she conceived the idea that only by killing Mettie and herself could she wipe out the blot against her character, will be contended by the defense in her trial, according to the opening statement of her attorney today.

DOUGLAS MAN FOR CONGRESS

Ewing of Oakland Files as Candidate for Democratic Nomination

The first candidate to file his declaration as a candidate for nomination to district office at the May primaries is W. B. Ewing of Oakland, Douglas county, who yesterday filed with the secretary of state as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for congress from the first Oregon district. He is a farmer, and his slogan is: "Favor income tax, federal banks, uniform and changeable ratio of money."

His platform reads as follows: "Uphold the principle of the government lending money direct to the farmer at a rate of interest low enough that they will be able to meet the payment of principle and interest. Congress should regulate the volume of money in circulation, and keep such per capita uniform and unchangeable so that prices cannot be influenced by contraction or inflation. I favor income tax, federal banks, league of nations or world court, soldiers' bonus, equal suffrage, I am opposed to wall tariff, profiteering, and to Wall street domination of our money, or any law that gives special favors to the rich."

SPOKANE JOBBERS FIGHT LOW RATES

Loss of Huge Trade Territory Feared—Appear Before ICC Probers

SPOKANE, Jan. 21.—Spokane jobbers and manufacturers would lose a territory 60 miles wide at the north and 300 miles wide at the south and containing a population of more than 100,000 in railroad towns, exclusive of rural districts and smaller business centers, if the rate reduction to the coast proposed by railroads is allowed to go into effect was the testimony here today of shippers of this section. The statements were made at a hearing conducted by Examiner M. A. Pattison for the interstate commerce commission and one of a series being held in western territory.

Today's hearing was the first at which coast interests were present and representatives from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle were here.

Numerous Spokane business men appeared, fortified with figures, to convince the commission that they would be unable to meet coast competition on the basis of the new rates. Roy R. Gill, general manager of a wholesale hardware concern here, declared that coast jobbers were not now basing their selling prices on water rates, saying that his company could have increased its business south if that were so.

C. O. Bergen, traffic manager for the Spokane Merchants' association, said that the empty car situation was about the same in the east as the west and declared it had changed but little since 1920.

Two representatives of lumber interests appeared to speak in favor of the rates. They were Henry G. Klopp of Spokane and H. L. Pelan of Pocatello, Idaho, who declared they feared that, if those rates were not granted, the railroads would be compelled to raise rates on lumber, menacing one of the largest industries of the section according to their statements. Railroads are expected to present testimony tomorrow.

VIADUCT WILL BE BUILT ON DIVISION ST.

Warm Discussion in City Council Brings Condemnatory Thrusts at Pulp and Paper Company

CORPORATION PLAYED BY PATTON, MARCUS

Argument Over Fire Hose Brings Chief Harry Huton Into Fray

By a unanimous vote the council voted last night to instruct the city engineer to prepare plans for the construction of a viaduct on Division street between Front and Commercial streets.

The vote followed a heated discussion by council members regarding the attitude of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company toward doing its share in covering the ditch on the street which must be done before the pavement can be built.

A letter from the company, last night informed the council that they were not financially in a position to build the viaduct now because they had suffered an actual loss during the last year because of constructing the North Power.

The city attorney asked permission to look into the matter for another two weeks before he should pass an opinion and to determine the legal position of the city in the matter and whether the council should amend the ordinance granting the franchise or submit to the people of Salem a charter amendment at the May primary.

Alderman Patton said he had been proud of Salem's industries, had worked for them and praised and supported them, but he had just about decided "they were a damned nuisance." He said the people wanted a way to get into their property, the paper company used high sounding firm names to try and convince the council and while he was not in favor of granting even two weeks to look into the matter he wanted something done and done quickly.

Alderman Marcus said he agreed for once with Mr. Patton and that he was "about fed up on the damned paper mill, with its cinders, its cry of not making money etc."

College President's Resignation Accepted

DETROIT, Jan. 21.—The resignation of Dr. John W. Laird, president of Albion college of Albion, Michigan, and for several days storm center of charges, counter charges and rumors, was accepted by the board of trustees of the college at a meeting tonight, it was announced. F. H. Goodrich, senior professor at Albion, was named as acting president.

Monday in Congress

President Coolidge told delegates to the anti-prohibition "face the facts" conference that he stood for "law enforcement."

The supreme court set aside the interstate commerce commission order for the sale of interchangeable mileage tickets.

Former Governor Walton of Oklahoma failed in an effort to have the supreme court review directly his impeachment trial.

Rear Admiral Magruder of the cruiser Richmond, off Tampico, advised the navy department that the Tampico blockade had been "postponed."

President Coolidge, before the business organization of the government, held up tax reduction as the means of enlarging "the reward of every one who toils."

A senate subcommittee began an investigation to determine whether it should recommend recognition of the Russian government.

Edward W. Bok, donor of the \$100,000 peace prize, appeared before the senate committee investigating propaganda.

Prohibition leaders in the house attacked the "face to facts" conference in session here of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment.

The house ways and means committee cleared the road for consideration of the new tax rate schedules after a conference between Chairman Green and President Coolidge.

Archibald Roosevelt told the senate committee investigating the leasing of the naval oil reserves that he had resigned from the Sinclair corporation because of what he considered evidence of corruption in connection with oil leasing.

CHRISTIE IS NOT RALLYING IS BULLETIN

Archbishop Has Uncomfortable Night After Period of Apparent Convalescence

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 21.—Archbishop Alexander Christie of the Catholic arch-diocese of Oregon, who is at the Providence hospital here suffering from complications resulting from an attack of ptomaine poisoning, is "not doing as well as could be hoped for and is not out of danger," his physician announced today.

Archbishop Christie was said to have passed an uncomfortable night after a period of apparent convalescence.

MOST CHURCHES WANT MR. SUNDAY

Whether Evangelist Will Come Will Be Decided at Conference

Will Salem get Billy Sunday for a series of revival meetings?

That is the question that will be threshed out between a committee of the Salem Ministerial association and Mr. Sunday himself.

At the ministerial association meeting yesterday the following churches voted in favor of Mr. Sunday:

First Methodist Episcopal, First Presbyterian, First Baptist, First Evangelical, First Congregational, Jason Lee Methodist, Leslie Methodist, Highland Friends, South Salem Friends, Swedish Methodist, First United Brethren.

Those voting against were:

Central Congregational, German Baptist, Central Methodist, Castle Chapel, Nazarene, First Christian, and Court Street Christian.

The percentage in members voting was about three to one in favor of Sunday. After the vote was taken a committee was appointed to lay the matter before Mr. Sunday in detail and leave it up to him whether or not to accept the invitation.

The committee is Rev. W. W. Long, Rev. B. E. Kirkpatrick and Rev. C. C. Poling. This committee will meet this morning and draft a letter to Mr. Sunday setting forth in detail the exact situation here. The three members of the committee are very anxious for Mr. Sunday to come, but the letter will give the situation without color, and the hope is that Mr. Sunday will accept the invitation.

Dr. Long wrote the Young Men's Christian association in Charlotte, N. C., where Mr. Sunday is holding a meeting and has just received the following reply:

"I have your letter addressed to the secretary of the Young Men's Christian association asking for information regarding Rev. W. A. Sunday, Sunday evening he completed his first two weeks of his campaign of six weeks which will end February 10. I can say without hesitation that should his campaign end today he would leave a lasting impress on the city. It is estimated that 27,000 tried to hear him Sunday. Nearly 8,000 men heard him in the afternoon. The collection of the afternoon was \$5,050 which will give you some idea of the meeting. At the afternoon service alone 158 men signed cards of consecration or decisions for the Christian life. In one week of asking for results 1204 have signed these cards not counting decisions made at a children's service. I know this to be a fact as I happen to be chief secretary and keep these records for the pastors. Definitely answering your question regarding his theology will say that I do not consider him a theologian in any sense. I am sure that I have heard him say that he knew little of theology as a science. He himself compares theology to botany. I am sure that his passion to win men to Christ is the keynote of his success."

"This ecstic of the south is noted as a stronghold of orthodoxy. Mr. Sunday has held most successful campaigns in Atlanta, Charleston, Spartanburg, Columbia and is in the midst, as you know, of his campaign in this strongly prosbyterian community and I have heard no criticism of any theological statement, but on the other hand commendations on every side. The criticisms of Mr. Sunday that you will hear will come from those who have heard him either not at all or very few times.

"I will agree with you that certain words and actions of his I would rather see omitted but possibly if they were his messages would be of as little force and effect as those that caused me no

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DINES QUIZZED AS HE LIES ON HOSPITAL BED

Both Wounded Oil Man and Mabel Normand Feel Lapse of Memory When Attorneys Question

SHOOTER AND VICTIM SHAKE HANDS; SPEAK

Film Actress Unable to Identify Gun Used in Shooting as Her Own

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—Courtland Dines, Denver oil man, lying on a bed in his room in the Good Samaritan hospital which had officially been transformed into a justice attorneys and newspaper reporters, late today told, or rather did not tell, of his being shot on New Year's night by Horace Greer, chauffeur of Mabel Normand, film actress.

Anxious to have the preliminary hearing closed, and chafing under the absence of witnesses for whom supporting affidavits of inability to appear in court had been presented at each of the three hearings so far held, Justice J. Walter Hanby obtained permission of physicians and hospital authorities to take Dines' statement.

Memory Very Poor

As in the examination of Edna Purviance, film actress who was present in Dines' apartment on the night of the shooting and the testimony of Miss Normand at this morning's session, the phrase "I do not remember" featured the answers of the witness.

According to Dines' story, he did not remember what Greer said when he was admitted to the apartment; did not remember if Greer had a gun; did not see any gun, the flash of a gun nor anything pertaining to the shooting except that he believed he was infuriated at the chauffeur's attitude when he asked Miss Normand to return home with him.

"You don't know from your own knowledge whether Greer shot you or not, then," counsel for the chauffeur asked. "I do not," was Dines' reply.

Shooter is Penitent

At the conclusion of the hearing Greer, who was taken to the apartment, stepped to Dines' bedside and extended his hand, bending over the bed as though in penitence.

"That's all right, old man," smiled Dines, as they shook hands.

Mrs. Edith Burns, companion to Miss Normand sought as a witness in the case was today located on a sick bed. When Mrs. Burns for the second time failed to attend the hearing this morning, a bench warrant was issued for her arrest and at the adjourned session of court this afternoon a certificate that his patient was too ill to testify was brought into the court by her physician. Mrs. Burns was at Miss Normand's home when Greer left to go to Dines' apartment on the night of the shooting.

Officers are Heard

Two other witnesses, Police Surgeon Severin, who dressed Dines' wound and Police Officer A. A. Stoll, who arrested Greer when the latter surrendered himself in the Wilshire police station were other witnesses at the afternoon session.

Miss Normand, apparently completely recovered from her recent operation for appendicitis, took the witness stand at Greer's hearing today and held it for 45 minutes.

Clad modestly in gray and black and with nods and smiles for friends whom she recognized in returned detailed replies to a number of the queries put to her while on others—principally relating to time and distance and events following the shooting of Dines—her memory appeared to be hazy.

Chafing under the efforts to the fence attorneys, Miss Normand repeatedly attempted to elaborate her testimony in detail and once when stopped, flashed back: "Well, I've got to tell the truth haven't I?"

Can't Identify Her Gun

She was emphatic on the point that she was not in the room with Dines and Greer when the shots were fired. She explained that she was in the bedroom of the Dines' apartment with Edna Purviance another film actress.

Regarding Greer's reported

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LABOR PARTY WINS VOTE 328 TO 256; BALDWIN DEFEATED

LONDON, Jan. 21.—(By Associated Press.)—The conservative government, headed by Stanley Baldwin, met defeat in the house of commons tonight and for the first time in the history of England a labor government will probably take office.

The labor amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne introduced in the house by John Robert Clynes, deputy leader of the parliamentary labor party on January 17, was adopted tonight by a vote of 328 to 256, J. Ramsay MacDonald, the labor leader himself moving closure which was agreed to.

The amendment reads: "But it is the duty respectfully to submit to your majesty that your majesty's present advisers have not the confidence of the house."

The labor party had the support of Herbert H. Asquith former premier and leader of the united liberals.

MORLEY SEEKS ASSESSOR JOB

Salem Grocer Not After Clerkship—Declaration Filed Yesterday

Bane Morley is a candidate for county assessor, instead of county clerk as he had previously announced, and yesterday filed at the county clerk's office his declaration as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the assessorship. For the last five years Mr. Morley has been in the grocery business in Salem and prior to that was a school teacher in Oregon for 12 years.

Mr. Morley is a native of Tennessee, but has lived in Oregon for 20 years. He is a married man, 35 years old with a family of five.

Following is a statement of his principles:

Equal taxation for rich and poor. Uniform assessments throughout the county and state. Deputy assessors that are capable and honest.

The assessment of big corporations on a par with the farmer.

For efficiency and economy.

The placing or listing of every piece of property in Marion county on the tax books that is not exempted by statute.

For Americanism that is pure and unadulterated.

"GIVING" MEN SAID POLITICAL NEED

Hays Says Country Needs Men in Politics Who Give and Not Gain

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21.—Will H. Hays, president of the motion picture producers and distributors, addressing the Southern California Editorial association here today, deviated for a moment from his set speech on the subject of motion pictures to pay his respects to politics in general.

"What this country needs," declared Mr. Hays, "is more men in politics who are there for what they can give rather than for what they can get. Furthermore, every man and woman in this country should make the government his and her personal business. If I had my way I would disfranchise every eligible voter who permitted two elections to pass without casting a ballot."

The head of the motion picture industry declared that the films were doing a great work in "selling America to the world." He said that when he was in England a short while ago he had British agents investigate the class of pictures shown in the cinema theaters of the United Kingdom and he found that more than ninety per cent of these were made in the United States.

STATE IS SURE FOR COOLIDGE

Senator Patterson, Oregon Manager, Starts Long Tour at Albany

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 21.—Oregon is certain to select Calvin Coolidge as the choice of the Republican party of the state in the May primaries, Senator I. L. Patterson declared here today.

Senator Patterson said that although he has covered but a small portion of the state since becoming manager of the Coolidge campaign he has already found sentiment so strongly in favor of President Coolidge among republicans that he is convinced no one else will be given serious consideration by the party in Oregon.

Senator Patterson left here for Eugene on route to Roseburg, Medford, Ashland and Corvallis on a 10 day tour designed to start in each center Coolidge club organization plans.

ZERO WEATHER IS CAUSE OF BLAZE

Gasoline Tank Explodes Causing Death of Seven Firemen at Pittsburg

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 21.—Zero weather which caused a high pressure gasoline pipe to burst, setting fire to an oil tank and a number of buildings of the Atlantic refining company here early today, was believed to have been responsible for the blaze which took a toll of seven lives. The authorities tonight said they believed a spark thrown off by the broken pipe ignited the gasoline.

W. L. Davis, chief of the fire department of the refinery, estimated the loss at \$40,000. Davis was near when the seven firemen were thrown into an oil tank and drowned. He said a party of five firemen were standing on the roof of the tank while two others were on top of a ladder which extended over the tank. The ladder he added gave way and when its two occupants struck the roof it fell in, carrying the seven men down into the oil.

FINAL FLASHES

PEORIA, Ill., Jan. 21.—The entire town of Dunlap, Ill., is burning, said a telephone call for help, received by the Peoria fire department at 10:30 o'clock. The chief sent several engines to the town, which is 16 miles from Peoria.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 21.—A verdict of guilty was returned tonight in the cases of four former International Railway traction carnal indicted for blowing out trolley car tracks near here on August 17, 1922.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 21.—The jury in the case of the officers of the Bankers Security company who were on trial for alleged widespread stock swindles was discharged after the noon recess today after being out since last Wednesday. The jury stood 11 to 1 for conviction.

Strong Curfew Law Is Asked By Local Ministers

The Salem Ministerial association yesterday voted to request the city council to take steps toward enforcing the curfew law similar to those adopted by Portland, which holds the parent responsible for the children to the extent of contributing to the delinquency of a minor. Under the Portland system parents, pool hall owners, moving picture theater owners and others are liable to arrest if they permit children under 16 years old to be in their places unless accompanied by the parent.

One member of the police committee of the city council has given his support to the movement.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Generally cloudy Tuesday; moderate southerly winds.

LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 44. Minimum temperature, 26. River, 2.7; falling. Rainfall, none. Atmosphere, clear. Wind, northwest.