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## LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY IS CALLED INTO FIRST FORMAL SESSION ARMY SLAUGHTERED AND WRANGEL IS HURLED FROM CRIMEA

### ALL PENINSULA FALLS AND REDS SEIZE 150,000

Immediate Surrender is Demanded and Commander and Staff are Sailing on French Warship for Constantinople.

BOLSHEVIK LOSSES IN ATTACK ARE ENORMOUS

Thirteen Thousand Refugees From Captured City of Sebastopol Wait in Harbor; Passage is Issued 30,000.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—Following the capture of Sebastopol the Bolsheviks are in control of the entire Crimean peninsula. General Wrangel his staff and M. Martel, high commissioner at Sebastopol were taken aboard a French warship and are expected at Constantinople tonight or tomorrow.

Capture Nearly 200,000.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—The foreign office today estimated that the Bolsheviks captured between 150,000 and 200,000 Wrangel troops in their drive on Crimea. Foreign office advised said Bolshevik losses in killed and wounded were enormous. One report said Sebastopol had been entered and that Wrangel was still in his headquarters there.

Demand Surrender.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—A Moscow wireless today said the Russian government demanded immediate surrender of General Wrangel, leader of the Crimean forces. Amnesty is promised General Wrangel and his troops.

Thousands are Refugees.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—There are 12,000 refugees here from Sebastopol, but because of lack of accommodations in the city they are still aboard ships. Several thousand more are due here. It is understood 30,000 have been permitted to take passage.

City in Wild Debate.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Sebastopol today is the center of wild debate. Its harbor is filled with water craft ranging from war vessels to row boats, all carrying human cargoes away from the rising red wave. General Wrangel's arms is in collapse and the conquering Bolsheviks are sweeping southward upon the city.

Five thousand wounded Wrangel men have arrived here. The Bolsheviks gave no quarter, these men said. Once their entry into Crimea had been forced, the red troops engulfed the small defending army, they said, ignoring all signs of surrender. The Russian coast of the Black Sea has been blockaded.

Premier Krivochin, of Wrangel's government arrived here today, weary and broken in spirit. He said Wrangel is still in Sebastopol, but that the city was to have been evacuated Sunday night. Red cavalry were at the outskirts of the city late yesterday. The infantry had proceeded rapidly behind the cavalry, capturing Yalta and Evpatoria.

French, British and American warships in the Black Sea moved toward Sebastopol yesterday to aid in removing the thousands of refugees.

Red Sweep Imminent.

MOSCOW, Nov. 15.—Having wiped out General Wrangel's army in Crimea, it is expected that Soviet troops will win easy victories over the armies of Generals Petrukh and Balagovitch in Ukraine. It is also expected that the Crimean victory will expedite agreement with the British government for resumption of trade with the Soviet government.

U. S. Will Aid.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—The state department today authorized Admiral McCauley to use all the war vessels at his disposal to assist in removal of civilian refugees from Crimea. The permission was granted after McCauley cabled that civilians are in immediate danger from the Bolsheviks.

NEGRO WINS SEAT IN STATE LEGISLATURE

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—J. H. Ryan, elected to the state legislature from a Tacoma district, will be the first negro to sit in that body. Mr. Ryan is a leader of his race and is publisher of a weekly paper devoted largely to the negro's interests. He was elected on the Farmer-Labor ticket and defeated Mrs. Frances Haskell republican, the only woman member of the legislature.

### PROGRESS ON RAILROAD YARD EXTENSIONS AT RIETH RAPID AND NEW DEPOT IS STARTED

### SIX CHILDREN DIE IN THEATER RIOT WHEN WOMAN CRIES 'FIRE!'

Little Folk, Many of Italian Birth, Are Crushed in Rush for Doors When Mistaken Alarm is Sounded in N. Y.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—A grand jury will investigate yesterday's panic in an east side motion picture house in which six children were trampled to death.

The district attorney today said he learned that certain theaters employed "professional guardians" to get around the city ordinance which prohibits children under age from attending performances alone. The proprietors of the theater and the janitor will be arraigned. It is alleged that one exit was locked.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Six children between the ages of 6 and 10 years were trampled to death yesterday during a panic in the Catherine theater, a motion picture house in the east side Italian quarter, as a result of a false cry of "fire." Ten other children were injured.

A paper-clogged furnace flue caused the smoke to pour from the basement while the care-taker was making a fire in the furnace and the smoke was caused by the paper and other rubbish he had thrown into the furnace.

Theater is Crowded.

Plans call for a new depot building half a mile east of the structure now used. It will be a few hundred yards east of the roundhouse and on the south side of the main line track. Carpenters are now building forms in which to pour the concrete for the foundation. The building will be of concrete and brick and contain several administrative offices for the terminal.

The present east end of the yard at mile post 222, will mark a limit in the system but a cut has been made in the hill there to permit the extension of a couple of side tracks that will admit west bound freights. From this point more than a half mile toward Pendleton another cut is being made and another hill is being cut away to the width of one track. The last cut necessary to allow double tracking to Pendleton is just below mile post 223, opposite the end of the paving on the road to Biehle.

Several score of men are employed on the changes, which will include considerable rearrangement of switch tracks when fills have been made and steel laid. The comprehensive improvements are being made for the purpose of handling an increased freight traffic expected in the near future.

Youthful cries attracted many residents of the Italian neighborhood. Camillo Brullo, who sells bananas from a pushcart on Broadway, darted to the theater and attempted to shout down the cries. Falling, he carried more than 15 children to safety, then collapsed, overcome by smoke. Some one sounded a fire alarm. Many were overcome by smoke but soon were revived.

Witnesses of the fight said it occurred about the time physicians judged the women died. Officials announced previously that they believed the women died from wood alcohol poisoning or were frozen to death. The coroner, after a hasty examination, declared that marks and bruises on the bodies were such as to not cause death. The victims' stomachs will be analyzed.

Evidence Mysterious.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Authorities investigating the deaths of two actresses which occurred here Saturday night were informed today that two women answering their description were seen in a fight with two men in an automobile near where the bodies were found. Witnesses of the fight said it occurred about the time physicians judged the women died. Officials announced previously that they believed the women died from wood alcohol poisoning or were frozen to death. The coroner, after a hasty examination, declared that marks and bruises on the bodies were such as to not cause death. The victims' stomachs will be analyzed.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—Two young pretty actresses were found today, murdered mysteriously in Grant Park, close to Michigan Boulevard. The bodies were bruised and blood stained. The hair was matted with tars and there are no burns of the kind in Grant Park.

Chicago Was Internal.

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—The cause of the deaths of the two young actresses, Miss Mary Rhodes and Miss Lillian Thompson, was due to something taken internally, according to Coroner Hoffman. The bodies of the young women were found in Grant Park on Chicago's lake front. Evidence indicated that the women were drugged to the spot from an automobile.

### BOY CONFESSES TO HAND IN BIG TRAIN ROBBERY

Railway Baggage Employee, Scarcely Out of His Teens, Tells of Giant Job in Which Nearly \$20,000 Was Seized.

### NAMES OF OTHERS GIVEN AFTER DOUBLE CROSSING

When Loot is Not Divided, Partner Describes Mail Car Burglary Carried Out With Slightly-Known Accomplices.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—Post office inspectors today admitted the arrest of Merle Phillips, aged 20, a mail sorter, in connection with the mail car robbery here Saturday night, also that he confessed to having had a part in the robbery. He implicated two other men, it was stated. The inspectors said Phillips admitted he was riding on the engine tender at the time of the robbery, acting as a lookout. No estimate has been of the amount of the loot.

OMAHA, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Merle Phillips, aged 20, a railway baggage employee, today confessed that he was one of three men who robbed the mail car on the Burlington road here late Saturday of registered pouches containing nearly \$20,000. Phillips gave the officers the names of his companions, who, it is said, escaped with their loot in an automobile.

According to Phillips' story, he forced his way into the car and threw out the sacks which were picked up by the other two men. Phillips was arrested today just as he was going out on his run.

Phillips confessed because, he said, the men "double crossed" him and refused him his share of the loot. Phillips, scarcely out of his teens, has none of the earmarks of a criminal. He was the victim of the plotting of two older men, whom he scarcely knew, officials believe.

Phillips told the officials that the men approached him several days ago and by talking of the big money they would get from the car, induced him to join them. He said they expect to get many thousands from the mail car, as they believed it contained large shipments of gold bullion, from the San Francisco mint. Phillips' twin brother, Will, was first arrested, officials mistaking him for Merle. He was released when his identity became known.

Officers here are vigilant about the presence in this community of suspicious looking characters and trains both east and west are carrying their quota of undesirables told by local officials to move on.

### ASSEMBLY OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.



### SOLELESS SHOES CLAD LITTLE FEET AS WINTER WIND AND ICE APPEAR

The feet of some Pendleton children are touching the ground because of shoes so worn and thin that the soles do not afford protection, says Captain Jennie Conrad, head of the local Salvation Army post, who has been investigating conditions among the city's poor.

"Had I the funds," said Captain Conrad, "I could place shoes on the feet of at least 10 children who are not properly shod. This is exclusive of their other needs, for many are forced through poverty to wear insufficient clothing."

Captain Conrad, who herself gives one tenth of her salary to aid the work of the Salvation Army, says that recently the post gave a poor family \$20 to pay their rent. She states that donations of money and old clothing would be very welcome.

She plans to help the local poor to serve Thanksgiving dinners, and she is also making extensive arrangements for distributing Christmas baskets. Last year 50 baskets, containing vegetables, chicken or other meat, fruit, candy and coffee were distributed.

Two Robberies Net Money and Clothing.

Neil Paulsen was robbed of three county road checks and a companion not \$40 in currency and silver Saturday night when someone entered the room in which they were sleeping at the Bowman hotel and made away with their funds. The case has been reported to the sheriff's office and likewise not to catch the culprit.

The three checks were made payable to Mr. Paulsen and were signed by R. E. Phelps, county roadmaster. Notice has been served on banks and all stores in the city not to honor these checks and to notify the sheriff should anyone present them.

A large quantity of men's heavy wearing apparel was stolen Saturday night from the Campbell Dry Goods store at Hermiston, the sheriff's office was notified on Sunday. Thieves forced an entrance to the store building at night and made a careful choice of clothing stocks, taking heavy kooled sox, underwear, wool shirts, mackinaws and gloves.

Officials believe they have a good clue as to the identity of the robbers and arrests are expected to result quickly.

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### DELEGATES OF 42 STATES, OVER HALF OF WORLD'S POPULATION, MEET AMID BELLS' CLANGING

### PORTLAND AUTHORITIES WILL PROBE CHARGE OF RIDICULE BY TEACHER

Initial Formalities Take Place at 11 O'clock in Flag Decked Halls of New Capital Set up at Geneva.

### FORMER PREMIER OF BELGIUM IS ELECTED

Alleged Braiding of Boy's Hair in Classroom Leads to Serious Stabbing Fray Between Father and Uncle of Pupil.

GENEVA, Nov. 15.—(By Henry Wood, U. P. Staff Correspondent.) The League of nations assembly met here today, amid the ringing of bells and more than 100 delegates went into session in the league's new home at 11 o'clock. Representing 42 states, over half of the world's population, delegates gathered for the first formalities of the session. Flags of almost every nation were displayed. The Liberian flag made its first appearance and was mistaken frequently for that of the United States.

Former Premier Hymans, of Belgium opened the session by reading President Wilson's convocation. Premier Natta, of Switzerland, replied welcoming the delegates. Hymans was elected president of the assembly receiving 35 of 42 votes. A credentials committee was appointed and with a few brief formalities the first session adjourned.

Believe U. S. Will Enter.

Prolonged applause greeted the first meeting of the United States. "Washington is the home of liberty and the United States cannot long remain out of the league," Premier Natta declared. President Wilson and King Albert drew a hearty tribute of applause when their names were mentioned.

Hymans, in an address following his election, declared that there is a possibility that the covenant will be amended. "We do not pretend that the covenant is perfect, or that it can not be improved," he declared. The Swiss premier, in his address, declared that he most ardently wished that the United States will no longer delay the occupation of her legitimate seat in the assembly.

Motta declared that "Although there are plenty of evident chasms and inevitable imperfections in the league covenant, its foundation will stand if the first work collapses."

League Is Clearing House.

Hymans, in his inaugural address, denied that the league is in any way a super-state threatening the sovereignty of any nation. "It is rather a clearing house," he said, "designed to facilitate the frequent contact between various states with the development of understanding and sympathy."

The opening session was filled with enthusiasm, a large gallery joining with the delegates in cheering the mention of Wilson and King Albert and the assertion that the United States probably would unite with the others.

Only one woman delegate presented credentials, she being Madame Wyckoff of Sweden.

FAIR SETTLEMENTS SOUGHT.

GENEVA, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—Determination to lay the foundation stones of the League of Nations was evident on the demeanor of delegates of 41 countries when they convened today for the first session of the assembly of the league. Although some differences of opinion have arisen sessions and report developments to Washington.

A definite system of disarmament and a plan for using economic blockades were proposed.

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### Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer.

Maximum, 40.  
Minimum, 37.  
Barometer 29.50.  
Barometer falling.

