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LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSEMBLY IS CALLED INTO FIRST 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 and 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 advisers 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 13,000 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 Debacle.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Sebastopol today is the center of a wild debacle. 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 army is in collapse and the conquering bolshevik troops 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 Krivoschin, 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 Eupatoria.

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 Petlura and Halagovich 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. War Aids.

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 bolshevik armies.

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" 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.

Work on Depot Starts

Plans call for a new depot building, a half mile east of the structure now used. It will be a few hundred yards east of the roundhouse and on the north 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 terminals.

Theater is Crowded.

The little theater was crowded to capacity. Children filled most of the 100 seats, for the hero of the picture was an Italian lad who arose from humble surroundings like theirs to riches and fame.

Woman Cries 'Fire!'

This shout came from an elderly woman who gathered a little one under her arm and ran for the nearest exit. Immediately loud wails arose and children began to cry. They jumped from their seats, jammed the aisles and fought for passage. The lights flickered out.

First Clew Found to Death of Actresses

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.

Evidence Mysterious

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(A. P.)—Two young and pretty actresses were found today, in a mysterious manner, in Grant Park close to Michigan boulevard. The bodies were bruised and blood stained. The hair was matted with burrs and there are no burrs of the kind in Grant Park.

Cause 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 some thing 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 dragged 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 26, 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 made of the amount of the loot.

OMAHA, Nov. 15.—(U. P.)—Merle Phillips, aged 26, 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 names of his companions, who, it is said, escaped with their loot in automobiles. According to Phillips' story, he forced an way into the car and threw out the sacks which were picked up by the other two men. Phillips was arrested today last as he was going out on his way.

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 taking of the big money they would get from the car, induced him to join them. He said they expected 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 announcing that he was released when his identity became known.

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.

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

Neils Paulsen was robbed of three county road checks and a companion lost \$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 the sheriff went out 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 Hermlston, the sheriff's office was notified on Sunday. Thieves forced an entrance to the store building late at night and made a careful choice of clothing stocks, taking heavy knickerbockers, underwear, wool shirts, machine knives and gloves.

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

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 unfortunates told by local officials to move on.

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

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

Reading of President Wilson's Convocation Launches Meeting, Reply, Balloting and Appointments Precede Close.

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 Notta, of Switzerland, replied welcoming the delegates. Hymans was elected president of the assembly receiving 75 of 42 votes. A credential committee was appointed and with a few brief formalities the first session adjourned.

Believe U. S. Will Embrace.

Prolonged applause greeted the first mention of the United States. "Washington is the home of liberty and the United States cannot long remain out of the league," Premier Notta 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 agreement."

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.

Her 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 block-

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PORTLAND AUTHORITIES WILL PROBE CHARGE OF RIDICULE BY TEACHER

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

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—Immediate investigation into accusations made by 11-year-old Pearl Engle that he was abused and humiliated by Miss Frances Myers, a teacher at the Shattuck school, is to be undertaken today by the Portland school board.

Announcement was made yesterday that they would insist upon a thorough inquiry into the boy's charges was made yesterday by William F. Woodward and George B. Thomas, school directors. The Engle boy, who was the unwitting cause of a serious stabbing affray at 230 Clay street Saturday afternoon, told the police that Miss Myers had subjected him to the ridicule of his classmates by attempting to braid his hair in the classroom. He also charged that Miss Myers sent him home and ordered him not to return until he had been given a haircut.

As a result of this alleged humiliation, the boy went to his sister, Mrs. Hubert L. Larimer, 230 Clay street, in tears Friday afternoon. The sister and her husband took the boy Saturday morning to the juvenile court authorities in an effort to have him taken from the custody of his father, Chris Engle, 357 First street. Upon learning of this action, the boy's father went to the home of his son-in-law and stabbed Larimer several times about the arms and head.

"If it is true that a public school teacher has subjected a youngster to the shame and humiliation of which he and his sister complain, her conduct cannot be sufficiently censured," said Director Woodward yesterday. "I shall most certainly take up the affair Monday morning with Superintendent Grout and see that an immediate investigation is started."

CITY TO BENEFIT EVEN PHONE RATES GO UP

Pendleton if the 30 per cent increase in telephone rates is granted the Pacific Telephone Co. by the Public Service Commission, would be in group three instead of group two, the present classification, and although the increase would affect this city, business phones would be cheaper than if Pendleton had remained with other cities in group two under the proposed schedule.

According to the proposed rates, Pendleton people would pay \$4 for a one party business phone instead of the present rate of \$4, but Astoria, Eugene and Salem would pay \$7 for a similar phone because they have been left in group two. A two party business phone in this city would cost \$5 instead of the present rate of \$5.50, the new rate being \$1 less than that charged in cities in group two.

Desk Phones Extra.

An extra fee of 25 cents for desk phones residence or business, would be charged in any group but has been charged in the past. Pendleton's residence phones would cost \$2.25 for one party line, instead of 2.25; 2.75 for two party, instead of \$2.00; and 2.50 for four party, instead of 1.75. This is the same price as would be asked in group two, also in groups four and five, but the rate in group six is cheaper.

Hermlston and Milton would be in group five, and would pay \$3 for some party business phone; \$2.50 for two party; \$2.25 for one party residence phone; \$2.75 for two party and \$2.50 for four party. Other towns in the county would be in group six and would pay \$3.25 for one party business phone; \$2.75 for two party; \$2.75 for one party residence phone; \$2.50 for two party and \$2.25 for four party.

More Revenue Needed.

If the increase is granted it will mean an increase of about \$1,200,000 a year in the revenue of the company, which will amount to a yield of 8 per cent on the investment. This would also wipe out the deficit which the company faces at the end of the year. Heavy increase in cost of operation, demands for telephones which cannot be supplied and inability to earn even a fair yield, are among the reasons set forth for the new rate.



Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer. Maximum, 49. Minimum, 37. Barometer, 30.59. Barometer falling.

