

SOVIET ENVOY IS DETAINED AT ANGEL ISLAND

Self-Styled Representative Of 20,000,000 Russians Held By Immigration Officials For Investigation.

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Vladimir K. Vochmetroff, claiming to represent 20,000,000 people of soviet Russia, and to be on an important diplomatic mission to Washington, is held at Angel Island immigration station for investigation. It was learned today by the United Press.

Vochmetroff arrived on the steamship China. He was taken to Angel Island at 9 p. m. yesterday. Immigration authorities will interrogate him today. The Russian is acting president of the Centrosouls, an economic organization with a membership of 20,000,000. The English name for the Centrosouls is central union of the consumers' societies.

Has Program Outlined.

If Vochmetroff is allowed to reach Washington, he will urge the following program:

- 1—Raise the blockade against soviet Russia.
- 2—Free Russia of all foreign interference in the working out of her own immediate destiny.
- 3—Give Russia liberal financial assistance.

Vochmetroff issued an optimistic statement:

"We see in Russia the great role which the world's states," he said. "We are quite convinced that Russia will live through the present hard times, and because of her extraordinary natural resources and the great abilities for work of the Russian people she will soon recover from the misfortune of the European war and civil strife."

Assembly Will Decide.

The constituent assembly he declared, will be established on the model of the United States as a "federal republic," whether only broad autonomy will be given her border lands; or whether new principles will be established along the lines of "the progressing social reconstruction."

"But for me as a Russian citizen there does not exist any division between 'Siberia' and 'Russia,'" he declared.

"Russians hold the deep and full belief," said his statement, "that all the treaties signed at Versailles will be again discussed and that the map of the world, which has been redrawn without the consent of the Russian people will be again decided upon at a new world congress."

"We Russians," he declared, "with deep sorrow and sometimes with indignation see the league of nations, the Versailles and other conferences on without any participation by Russia, and note that the people who are sympathizing with us are undertaking to solve world affairs without the voice of our mother country."

Russians Want Peace.

"The broad masses of the Russian people, who I represent, believe that if the world earnestly desires peace, it must recognize that peace cannot be accomplished without the presence of soviet Russia."

Intimation of Vochmetroff's attitude toward establishment of government was given in the following:

"It is quite clear each nation now has tremendous internal difficulties of its own to solve and that the old forms of government have already served out their life. We are in process of alteration of all our political forms."

"Bolshevism cannot be checked by blockade or by hunger. The blockade must be raised. It is creating in the masses a distrust of humanity."

The Centrosouls, according to Vochmetroff, during 1918 did a billion ruble business. It is, according to Vochmetroff, the greatest cooperative buying institution in the world.

Democrats To Settle Scrap Over Senate Head In Caucus

Washington, Dec. 18.—A caucus next Saturday to settle the fight for the democratic leadership in the senate was called today by Senator Hitchcock, acting leader.

Hitchcock and Senator Underwood, Alabama, are candidates in the fight. The vote, which will probably be exceedingly close.

Weather Forecast

Oregon: Tonight and Friday rain. Maximum 44. Minimum 26.

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CONGRESS FACES PROSPECT OF NO HOLIDAY RECESS

Washington, Dec. 18.—Congress may give up most of its proposed Christmas recess because of the railroad bill. It was learned from leaders today. Senate leaders refused to agree to the request of Republican Leader Mondell of Idaho for a joint recess beginning Saturday and continuing until January 5 because of the jam in legislation in the upper body. As a result plans are indefinite. House leaders indicated that should the senate continue in session, the recess of the house may be accomplished by meeting only every third day without a quorum.

Labor Provisions Puzzle

Washington, Dec. 18.—The fight on the labor provisions of the Cummins railroad bill neared its climax today in the senate.

Senators McCormick, Illinois, and Jones, New Mexico, presented substitutes for the Cummins bill under which strikes are prohibited during a sixty day period, in which the government investigates the claims of the workers and makes an award.

Storm Produces Grafters; Snow Shovelers Sought

The storm has produced its grafters. Police here this afternoon were investigating reports from residents in East Salem that several men, representing themselves as agents of the city, have been at their homes demanding work shoveling snow from the sidewalks. They claim, according to the complaints, that they have been sent out by police to arrest people who don't permit them to shovel the snow off the walks at a rate of \$1.25 an hour. At several places police learned the grafters have taken numbers of houses in an attempt to frighten the residents into hiring them.

WAY TO DEPORTATION OF RADICALS OPENED

Washington, Dec. 18.—The last obstacle to deportation of Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, anarchists, was removed today when the supreme court granted a request for withdrawal of Goldman's appeal against the deportation order.

PEACE TREATY BALLOT

Following the armistice, the representatives of 23 nations, including our own, drew up and signed at Paris a peace treaty with Germany, part I being the League of Nations covenant. This was also signed under compulsion of congress that ended on November 10, 1919. During the special sessions of this treaty and foreign relations committee. When the two-thirds majority being necessary for adoption of the treaty, the senate, however, a two-thirds majority voted to ratify without any reservations, while 15 voted against ratification on any conditions whatever.

- This is a democracy and in the end the will of the people will be acted upon by our representatives in Washington.
- To test public sentiment on this most important question of modern times, The Capital Journal asks its readers to state their attitude by checking that one of the following statements which expresses their views.
- Check here
- 1—I favor compromise on reservations with immediate ratification of the peace treaty and the league of nations covenant.
 - 2—I favor ratification, but only with all the Lodge reservations.
 - 3—I favor ratification, but only without any reservations.
 - 4—I am opposed to ratification in any form.

CHRISTMAS SEALS TO FINANCE FIGHT UPON TUBERCULOSIS HERE

In Marion county there are about 250 cases of tuberculosis. In the county three years ago there were 300 cases. All indicating that the deadly disease is on the increase, and medical men who have made a study of it believe that it will continue to increase in the county until it has reached a ratio of 140 cases to every 100,000 population.

Under the direction of the State Tuberculosis association a fight against the spread of tuberculosis is being waged. In every city, town, village in the state Red Cross Christmas seals are being sold. The money derived from these sales will be spent in combating the disease.

REGENTS ASK PLANS FOR REBUILDING OF HISTORIC WALLER

To immediately rebuild the interior of Waller hall, partially destroyed by flames early Wednesday morning, was the action recommended by the Salem members of the board of trustees of Willamette university at a meeting last night. Architect Fred A. Leegs will be instructed to prepare plans for the rebuilding of hall and secure estimates of the cost of the proposed reconstruction. These plans and estimates will be given consideration at a meeting of the board proper which will meet in Salem, Monday, December 22, at 1 p. m.

Loss Exceeds Insurance

The total loss occasioned by the fire is not thought to be less than \$35,000 and some members of the board believe that the actual appraisal of loss will exceed that amount. It is believed that all insurance carried on the building will be paid as soon as damage estimates are completed. Of the \$19,500 carried on the building \$17,500 is held by the university two additional policies of \$1000 each being held by the Philadelphia and Websterian societies maintaining halls in the building.

Classes to Continue

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette, was instructed at last night's meeting to make all arrangements necessary for the continuation of the work of the university until the destroyed equipments and class rooms are replaced. The musical department will probably be given temporary housing in the old Epworth hall and the chemical division will be installed in the building formerly used by the medical academy.

THREE STILL SEIZED AT PLUMBING SHOP; CAMPAIGN BEGUN

Three completed liquor "stills" which federal authorities claim were for amateur brewers in the vicinity of Salem were seized at a plumbing shop, this afternoon. The stills were found at the residence of Fraser & Pratt, 215 Ferry street, this afternoon. This seizure marks a near-sagittal moonshiners in near-Sagalum, which is led by Milton A. Miller, head of the Internal revenue department of Portland.

City Attorney Question Open; Fight Presaged

Who will be city attorney for next year? The question has not been voiced solely within the circles of the city council. Discussion of the possibilities has been taken up by business men and citizens.

Ince Dickers For Purchase Of Portland Baseball Club

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—Thomas H. Ince, motion picture producer, is negotiating for the purchase of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league. If the deal goes through, it is expected that Ince will probably understand the team next year.

WOODCOCK TAKES WITNESS STAND IN TRIAL TODAY

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Edward Woodcock, a gray, haggard figure of extreme nervousness, took the stand today in the trial at which his life is at stake for the killing of Edward Kelly, San Francisco newspaperman.

Testifying under great tension, with a continual scowl on his face, Woodcock told of an illness that had forced him out of the American army and that, according to the defense, led up to the "first murder."

COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE ENLARGED TO CARE FOR BUSINESS

The titled volume of business in the office of County Recorder Robertson Brooks in the court house has made necessary the extension of the office room for the increasing number of real estate transactions and other business made it necessary to allow more office room for the present year.

Cherrians Act As Messengers To Santa Claus

"Mamma said that Santa Claus wouldn't come this year to our house," said a little girl, "because he's only got to rich boys and girls's houses."

SALEM DONS CHEERY GARB OF CHRISTMAS

Salem today was donning its gala Christmas dress. Lamp posts downtown were being draped in cloths of radiant green. With the completion of the decorating work, large evergreen lights, with centers over the center of the street at the main intersections in the city and green lights, resplendent in the haze of the pre-Christmas evenings.

OPERATORS' RESUMES ON WAGES RESUMES SESSIONS

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Agreement Reached Between 'Big Five' and Attorney General to Free Unrelated Products from Control of Packers

Washington, Dec. 18.—An agreement has been reached by Attorney General Palmer and the "big five" Chicago packers, whereby the latter abandon control of unrelated products, it was learned today.

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CHENOWETH SHOULD BE FREED IF SANE OPINION OF BROWN

It, in the opinion of Dr. L. F. Griffith, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, George E. Chenoweth, who was committed to the institution upon his acquittal of the charge of murdering George Rytham of Curry county on the ground of insanity, is now sane, he is entitled to his discharge from the institution immediately, according to an opinion prepared by Attorney General Brown for the guidance of hospital authorities in the disposition of Chenoweth's case.

Dr. Griffith several weeks ago declared that Chenoweth was sane, in fact that he had never displayed any symptoms of insanity since his arrival at the institution. Chenoweth's discharge, however, has been delayed pending an opinion on the legal phase of the question by the attorney general. The matter of his discharge will be placed before the state board of control by Griffith today and it is expected that immediate action looking to his release will be taken.

JAPAN NOT PARTY TO AGREEMENT OF ALLIES UPON RUSSIA

Washington, Dec. 18.—Japan is steadily increasing her forces in Siberia. Officials here declare that while they fail to understand America's policy of keeping troops in Siberia they attribute it to a desire to watch Japan.

TWO KILLED, THREE HURT AS RESULT OF BURSTING SHELLS

Dover, N. J., Dec. 18.—Two men are dead and three perhaps fatally injured as the result of the explosion of shrapnel shells in a blaze which destroyed four buildings of the Pica-Pica avenue early today. Damage was estimated at \$1,000,000.

Private Oliver McCormack, Maiden Mass., a Marine, whose thigh was shattered by shrapnel and who died in the Dover hospital.

A soldier named Withing, who died of shrapnel wounds before medical aid could be secured.

Private Paul Green, Boston, Mass., and Private Butler and Luce, both of whom were seriously injured.

Dover and surrounding territory was started into a state of alarm at night by a small explosion at a terrific sound. The explosion was a terrific one, the countrywide and a-anti-ated plates glass windows here, seven miles from the arsenal. For three hours explosions continued as shrapnel and other shells were set off by the fire.

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