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WILSON TELLS DEMOCRATS TO PROCEED SLOW

President Warns Leaders in House Against Making Issue of Universal Military Training Proposal in Caucus

Washington, Feb. 9.—President Wilson opposes the plan to have the democratic members of the house at their caucus tonight make an issue of universal military training.

The president's views are set forth in a letter to Secretary Baker, transmitted today to democratic leaders in the house.

More Consideration Needed. The president says the disturbed state of the world "does not permit such a measure with regard to America's obligations as to allow us lightly to decide upon this great question upon purely military grounds."

He recalls that he gave his approval in principle to the various "very moderate" training projects suggested by the general staff and expresses his "strong feeling" against action by the caucus which would tend "to interpose an arbitrary party determination to the consideration which this subject should receive from the best thought of the members of the house."

The call for the caucus tonight was issued by Representative Clark, the democratic leader, on petition of a number of democrats opposed to general military training.

Text of Letter. The president's letter follows: "I am told that a caucus of the democratic members of the house of representatives has been called to consider pending military legislation, and the suggestion has been made that a resolution be adopted committing the democratic membership of the house against the policy of general military training in the present circumstances."

Production Decrease Traceable to Strike. Philadelphia, Feb. 9.—Production of anthracite coal in Pennsylvania in 1919 was the lowest in seven years.

LEGION EXONERATED OF BLAME FOR PLOT CAUSING ARMISTICE DAY MURDERS

Defense for Eleven Alleged Radicals on Trial to Answer for Centralia Outrage Says Commercial Organizations Planned Raid and Destruction of I. W. W. Hall from Which Shots Were Fired; ex-Soldiers Involved Only as "Cats-paws" of Others.

Montesano, Wash., Feb. 9.—The American Legion today was completely exonerated for any part in the planning of an alleged plot to raid the I. W. W. hall at Centralia, by Attorney George F. Vanderveer, counsel for the eleven I. W. W. defendants on trial here for their lives for the Centralia Armistice day shootings.

In an opening statement to the jury in which he outlined what the defense will offer during the trial Vanderveer charged that the American Legion members who might have participated in what he alleged was a pre-arranged affair, were catspaws of commercial organizations of Centralia.

Legion Exonerated. "I exonerate now, and forever after, the American Legion as an organization, for any responsibility for this attack on the I. W. W. hall," Vanderveer said, in putting forth the defense's claim that the hall was attacked before a shot was fired from the hall.

Persecutions Cited. Vanderveer cited alleged persecutions of the I. W. W. throughout the country over a period of years, mentioning specifically the Bisbee deportations, the lynching of Frank Little at Butte in 1917, beatings at Aberdeen, South Dakota; tarring and feathering at Tulsa, Okla., and other alleged ill-treatment of I. W. W. at Red Lodge, Mont.

Shot to Protect Hall. "Counsel for the state said the American Legion did not know there was to be a raid on the I. W. W. hall on Armistice day. He was right. But there were some who knew it. Lieutenant Cormier, in the meeting held in the Elks club, said it would be a good idea to march down past the hall and show them how strong we are."

Six Lose Lives Rescuing Crew of Wrecked Vessel. Halifax, N. S., Feb. 9.—The second officer and five men of the crew of the British steamship Oxonian perished while attempting to save the crew of the British steamer Bradboyne when she was abandoned off the coast of Newfoundland, according to radio messages received here today.

Escaped "Poles" Claim Sanctuary as Germans. Bern, Feb. 9.—Fifty men who escaped last week from a train taking 1500 Polish prisoners of war back to their land from France, have claimed sanctuary on Swiss soil, asserting they were really Germans. They declared that when captured they posed as Poles so as to get better treatment in France, and asked to be transported to Germany.

Twenty Hurt in Wreck. Scammon, Kan., Feb. 9.—Twenty persons were injured, none seriously, when several coaches of a St. Louis and Francisco railroad passenger train were derailed near here this morning. Two cars turned over. The injured were brought here. An open switch is said to have caused the wreck.

LABOR MAKES FORMAL ENTRY INTO POLITICS

Declaration of Federation to Take Up Battle Against Foes of Organized Workers Is Sent Broadcast Today

Washington, Feb. 9.—Organized labor's pronouncement of its entry into politics, a call to "all lovers of freedom to marshal their forces in defense of their rights and ideals," and to all trade unionists and their friends to unite in defeating those seeking office who are hostile or indifferent to the rights of labor, today was sent broadcast over the country.

Congress Denounced. The declaration, issued officially by the American Federation of Labor, after reciting what it termed vain efforts to secure remedial and constructive legislation for the interest and welfare of the toilers, denounced congress for its "failure to do its duty and its repression of labor."

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Toll of Life in Frisco Apartment House Fire Cut to One, Last Report. Reval, Esthonia, Feb. 9.—Exports from soviet Russia began on Sunday. They were initiated by the arrival here of two carloads of flax outward ward bound.

Russia Resumes Export Trade; Flax is Shipped. San Francisco, Feb. 9.—The United States circuit court of appeals here today affirmed a decision of the federal district court of Portland, Ore., imposing a fine of \$10,000 and three years imprisonment on charges of violating the federal espionage act.

Albers Denied Relief Through Appeal Verdict. Portland, Ore., Feb. 9.—J. Henry Albers, Portland miller man, whose conviction for violating the espionage act was upheld by the federal appellate court in San Francisco today, will carry the case to the United States supreme court in a final effort to escape the penalty, he said, when advised of the newest development.

Sensational Trial to Begin Tuesday in Justice Court. One of the most sensational charges to be preferred against a girl in local courts will be heard in Judge Unruh's court Tuesday morning when the trial of Alice Smith, 19, accused of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, begins. The trial is scheduled to start at 10 o'clock. Philip J. Kuntz is attorney for the defense.

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Lexington, Ky., Feb. 9.—At 2 o'clock the mob spirit seemed to have been broken, at least temporarily, and the city was quiet. Large crowds were still upon the streets but the looting of pawnshops had ceased. It was generally known among the crowds that United States regular troops were on their way here from Camp Taylor at Louisville.

HUN ASSEMBLY MAY CONSIDER ALLIED DEMAND

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Decision as to whether the German national assembly will be called to consider Germany's answer to the allied demand for the extradition of Germans accused of violations of the laws of war is expected soon. The cabinet met yesterday and considered the list of men whose surrender is desired and the allied covering note.

Cabinet Considers Advisability of Submitting Names of Surrender Victims Before National Chamber.

Great excitement was caused by the shooting and there were mutterings of further trouble. While the mob, the ringleaders of which carried a rope, was attempting to get into the court house to get Lockett, a jury found him guilty of first degree murder and a minute or other attempt might be made to lynch die in the electric chair March 11.

Two Women Shot. Two women were reported to be among those shot by the state troops. The class with soldiers held off the mob while the authorities managed to slip the negro away to a place of safety.

Four hundred troops from Camp Taylor, Ky., have been ordered to Lexington to prevent any further trouble and are now en route here, officials announced. The additional troops were requested as it was feared that the 300 militiamen could not handle the situation.

Trouble Was Feared. Trouble was feared by the authorities as soon as Lockett was captured and confessed to the assault and murder of the little Hardman girl last Tuesday.

Authorities announced the following list of dead: B. F. Carrier, Lexington. John Thomas, Versailles. William King, Versailles. L. M. Kiff, Lexington. Several of the wounded are expected to die.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 9.—Reports received here by telephone during the forenoon, said mobs then were looting pawnshops and hardware stores at Lexington in an effort to obtain firearms and had declared the intention of securing the negro by any means.

Berlin Paper Defends Woman Named on List. Berlin, Feb. 8.—Miss Elsa Scheiner, the only woman whose name appeared on the list of Germans demanded by the allies is a daughter of a prominent professor of Berlin university, and had charge of the women's concentration camp at Valenciennes during the war.

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