

## NINE POLICEMEN KILLED BY BOMB

Milwaukee Police Station Scene  
of Tragedy.

## ANARCHISTS BLAMED

Infernal Machine, Planted in Italian  
Evangelical Church, Turned Over  
to Police for Examination.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Ten persons were killed and several injured Saturday night when a bomb, designed to destroy the Italian Evangelical church in the heart of the Italian settlement, exploded in Central Police station, where it had been carried for examination. Seven detectives, two policemen and one woman were killed.

The bomb, which was of scientific construction and evidently with a time fuse attached, was found in the basement of the church. Police headquarters were called and Detective McKinney was sent to get the bomb. On his way he met an Italian named Mazuinni, who was taking the bomb to headquarters. McKinney accompanied him back to the station.

While Mazuinni was being taken into the office of Lieutenant Flood for questioning, Desk Sergeant Henry Deckart took the bomb into the patrolmen's room.

Meanwhile detectives were answering rollcall on the second floor and just before dismissal they were informed that the bomb had been found. On going downstairs they grouped about the missile. Without warning it exploded, killing seven of the number instantly.

It is the belief of the police that the bomb was placed in the Evangelical church by anarchists friendly to the Italians recently arrested for breaking up a patriotic meeting held by a missionary from the church. A meeting was to be held in the edifice Saturday night and it is believed that the bomb was so timed that it would have exploded during the meeting.

## RUSSIA MAY BECOME ENEMY

Bolsheviki Peace Move Regarded Ap-  
prehensively by Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Officials of this government regard the Bolsheviki move for an armistice between Russia and her enemies and the opening of immediate peace negotiations as an act that would place Russia almost in the list of unfriendly nations.

Press dispatches telling of the peace movement were confirmed by a cable from Ambassador Francis received Monday at the State department. It said that Leon Trotzky, national commissioner for foreign affairs in the Bolsheviki to diplomats at Petrograd that his government had proposed an armistice with a view to immediate peace negotiations.

It was pointed out that should these negotiations be successful, it would be most difficult to deal with Russia as a neutral country in view of the position she has held as an ally of the nations fighting Germany and the marked advantage in the war that such a course might give the latter country.

Ambassador Francis has received no instructions to deal with the Bolsheviki government. In reporting to the State department on the peace move, he made it clear that he had not formally acknowledged receipt of the Trotzky note. He said he had been advised that the Soviet congress had adopted a resolution instructing generals at the front to enter into negotiations at once with the German commanders relative to a three month's armistice, with instructions to report to the congress.

Reports that Russia was seeking peace created apprehension in official circles and every dispatch from Petrograd was analyzed with the hope that some promise might be found that Russia would continue the fight. Ambassador Francis' dispatch dated November 21, apparently dispelled any hope of a strengthening of Russia's resistance unless the Bolsheviki government should be quickly overthrown by a counter revolution.

### Quarters Are Questioned.

Washington, D. C.—New quarters in circulation since August have caused such a multitude of queries as to their genuineness that Director of the Mint Baker explained that a slight change in the design had been made to improve the beauty and stacking qualities of the coins. Draperies of the Goddess of Liberty on the reverse and the flying eagle on the the reversed side has been placed higher on the coin, with three stars beneath.

## HUNGER GETS TROOPS

Russian Commanders at Front Con-  
tinue to Send Ominous Reports  
on Conditions—Many Die.

London—A belated dispatch to Reuter's, Ltd., from Petrograd, dated November 21, says:

"The commanders at the front continue to send in most ominous dispatches concerning the exhaustion of supplies and reports of forthcoming hungry hordes of soldiers invading the center of population."

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Copenhagen gives similar reports. It says advices received from Russia describe the situation as more desperate than ever and assert that the country is on the verge of a bloody civil war.

According to this dispatch, the Russian newspaper Volka Narodna asserts that the Russian armies on the northern front have for several days been without food and that soldiers daily are leaving the front in hundreds or are dying in the trenches from cold and hunger.

The newspaper adds that mutinies due to hunger have broken out on several parts of the line.

General Kaledines, hetman of the Don Cossacks, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Morning Post, is the master of the Russian situation. With a trustworthy and disciplined army he is reported to control the bulk of the grain-growing territory, and is rapidly capturing the remainder. The Russian gold reserve, which the correspondent says was removed to the interior of Russia in 1913, is now held by General Kaledines.

London—Grand Duke Michael Alexandrovitch, brother of the former emperor, according to a Petrograd dispatch has been imprisoned in Smolny Institute, the headquarters of the Bolsheviki.

## MISS ROMANOFF IS FLEEING

Daughter of Ex-Czar Escapes and Will  
Land at Pacific Port.

Denver—Mrs. Margaret Barry Carver, wife of an American banker, with Petrograd interests, was here Tuesday on her way to a Pacific port, where, she admitted, she is to meet Miss Tatiana Romanoff, daughter of the deposed emperor of Russia.

Tatiana Nicolaevna Romanoff escaped from Siberia and will arrive at a Pacific port in a few days to make her home in America, according to an announcement made here by the Russian Civilian Relief society, of New York, with whom the former grand duchess will become connected.

The story of the young woman's escape reads like a fairy tale. She executed her plan by first going through with a mock marriage, after which she made her way from Tobolsk, where the exiled former imperial family is held, to Harbin, Manchuria and thence to Japan, whence she sailed for America under the chaperonage of an English woman. Her guardian in this country will be Mrs. Carver.

## VILLA MAIN FORCE IN HIDING

Juarez Military Authorities Uneasy  
Over Move of Bandit.

Juarez—A train left here late Tuesday carrying the 500 troops from the Ojinaga garrison who will be incorporated into General Eduardo Hernandez' forces as "shock troops," in the campaign against Villa in the north-eastern zone of Chihuahua state. These troops were brought here Saturday from Marfa, Tex., having been interned there after escaping across the Rio Grande from Ojinaga when Villa captured the town November 14. They were equipped with new uniforms and were reissued their rifles, ammunition and field equipment, which were taken from them by American soldiers when they were interned and sent here in bond.

No reports were received regarding the present whereabouts of Villa's main column and this is causing the local military authorities much uneasiness.

### Seattle Clean-Up Likely.

Seattle, Wash.—After a prolonged conference between the executive committee of the Seattle Minute Men, a patriotic organization, and Mayor Gill, Sunday, it was announced by the Minute Men that a plan had been agreed upon for a clean-up of Seattle that would undoubtedly remove the ban placed on this city by Major-General Greene, commander of Camp Lewis, who has forbidden soldiers to visit here because of alleged vice conditions.

## STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the first time since the National Apple Show was inaugurated at Spokane, Hood River will fail to have a representative at the horticultural event.

The first shipment of lime from the Portland Beaver Cement company's Gold Hill plant was made recently, which consisted of a 40-ton shipment consigned to Medford. Large shipments will be made to other points as soon as cars are available.

With this year's business building just coming to an end at Bend, announcement is made of new construction to be started in the spring. W. P. Downing has just purchased a 50x140 business site and will erect a pressed brick building at an estimated cost of \$10,000.

Although expressing faith in the ultimate success of the Tumalo project, the Bend Commercial club, in accepting the report of a special investigating committee, went on record against petitioning for the appropriation of funds with which to make a survey for a canal from the Deschutes river to the Tumalo creek.

Coquille men, Leo J. Cary, John Yoakum and L. P. Barnstetter have shipped seven carloads of cattle and sheep from the county. The Coquille valley has contributed several trainloads of cattle during the past summer and the recent shipment is among the last that will go out for some time. The price of cattle is expected to be lower.

At a meeting of the Oregon State fair board in Portland this week, Secretary Lea filed his annual report and turned over to the board \$19,297.44, as cash on hand after paying all expenses of the 1917 fair. This represents twice the amount of cash turned over after the 1916 fair, and the turnover at that time exceeded any in the previous history of the institution.

Actual construction of the state machinery for the second draft got under way Wednesday when Governor Withycombe appointed the members of the central advisory board to handle the legal phases of the conscription act. The personnel of the board includes George M. Brown, attorney general, chairman; J. N. Teal, Portland; Colonel Sam White, Portland, and Richard W. Montague, Portland.

An oil excitement is reported at Powers, in Coos county. In some of the wells there oil has been found, and it is believed it may mean a big discovery. There will be an investigation to ascertain whether there is oil in commercial quantities. Powers is the headquarters of the Smith-Powers Logging company, and is located in the southern part of the county on the South Fork of the Coquille river.

Blackleg and rabies among cattle are still making their appearance on the ranges of Crook and Deschutes counties. The past week 20 head of range cattle died from blackleg and rabies. The latter disease is being disseminated among livestock by dogs and coyotes. Practically all stockmen having stock on the range where blackleg is prevalent are vaccinating young cattle against the disease. In co-operation with the United States biological survey, federal predatory animal hunters are being placed in sections where coyotes are most numerous in order to destroy rabies carriers.

United States Senator McNary, upon his return to Salem from a trip through Eastern Oregon announced that at the next session of congress he will offer an amendment to the food control bill specifying definitely one or more points on the Pacific Coast as primary markets for wheat.

Attorney General Brown has been asked by the State Fish and Game commission for information as to whether it can legally sell about 200 deer hides which are alleged to have been illegally shipped into the state from Montana by G. W. Ross and a number of associates. Ross was arrested a few days ago at Albany.

Bean growers in the Upper Coquille valley who had out extra acreage this season and garnered heavy crops, do not find a ready market for their product, since the buyers who in other years absorbed the offerings in this vicinity are not purchasing freely. The slowness of the market is attributed to the uncertainty of the food control propaganda and buyers are expecting price-setting to be announced.

J. A. Turner, representing the Pacific Potato Starch factory, has been in Gresham for the past few days interesting farmers in raising potatoes.

Nineteen road districts, created from the old, unwieldy districts have applied for special elections for road funds, and the County court named November 24 as election day in all precincts within the 19 districts. Ten of the new districts are on the Coos Bay side of the county and nine in the Coquille valley.

## RAILROADS UNIFIED

Revolutionary Move Affecting Eastern  
Lines Announced by War Board  
and Emergency Declared.

Washington, D. C.—Operation of all railway lines east of Chicago as one centralized system was decided on Saturday by the Railroad War Board, to obtain a maximum of efficiency in traffic movement. Cars and trackage facilities will be pooled regardless of ownership or the railroads' individual interests.

This almost revolutionary move was announced after an all-day conference between members of the War Board and government officials, at which many remedies were offered for the freight congestion that has paralyzed transportation in the East. It was adopted as the best and readiest means of meeting a situation that has threatened the production and dispatch abroad of war materials.

The roads will be operated by a committee of vice presidents of the lines, under the general direction of the War Board, itself comprising five of the country's railway heads. The committee of vice presidents will be given full authority to adopt any measures found necessary to accomplish a unified operation.

The operation program calls for the following:  
Diversion of locomotives, employes and machine tools from Western to Eastern railroads.

Utilization of repair shops on Western lines for repairing Eastern equipment.

Pooling of all tracks and equipment in the East wherever practicable.

Pro-rata distribution among Eastern roads of open cars on a basis of tonnage carrying capacity of the equipment in the pool.

Diversion from congested lines of all freight that can be handled by any open route.

## LAW VIOLATED BY CITIZENS

Commission Severely Criticizes Depor-  
tations at Bisbee, Arizona.

Washington, D. C.—Severe criticism of the persons responsible for the deportation of 1186 striking copper workers from Bisbee, Ariz., and the Warren mining district, last July 12, is contained in a report to President Wilson's special labor commissioner, made public by the President Monday.

The deportation was carried out by the sheriff of Cochise county and about 2000 armed men, "presuming to act as deputies under the sheriff's authority," the report said, "and was wholly illegal and without authority in law, either state or federal."

After extensive investigation of the causes and circumstances surrounding the copper miners' strike, the commission found that the deportations were planned by a number of Bisbee citizens, including officials of the Phelps-Dodge and Calumet & Arizona mining interests, although no disorder or violence had been threatened by the miner strikers.

Most of the men forcibly herded together and sent out of the state on a special train of boxcars were law-abiding American citizens, the report said, and few were Germans or Austrians.

No reference was made in the report to the question of whether any were members or leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World.

The commission reported that the deportation interfered with operation of the selective draft law and suggested the President refer the evidence to Attorney General Gregory. It was also found that the leaders in the enterprise utilized the local office of the Bell Telephone company and attempted to exercise a censorship over parts of interstate telephone and telegraph lines to prevent information concerning the deportations from reaching the outside world. This situation should be referred to the Interstate Commerce commission for investigation, the commission suggested.

## AMERICAN STEAMER IS SUNK

Schuykill is Torpedoed in Mediter-  
ranean; 40 of Crew Landed.

Washington, D. C.—The American steamer Schuykill has been torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean. The Navy department was advised Monday that 40 men of her crew had been landed at a Mediterranean port. There was no naval armed guard aboard.

### Sailors Will Get Medals.

Washington, D. C.—A special medal probably will be provided for awards to men of the United States naval service who distinguished themselves in the warfare against submarines. Secretary Daniels, it was learned Monday, has taken preliminary steps to this end. The action of the department is prompted by the fact that under the law no member of America's armed forces can accept decorations from foreign governments.

## GERMANS ROUTED ON 32-MILE FRONT

British Capture 8000 Huns and  
Advance Continues.

## TEUTONS SURPRISED

In Heavy Storm and Without Artillery  
Preparation, Britons Tear Gaps  
in German Entanglements.

London—By the most powerful blow delivered this year on the Western front, British forces Wednesday broke the Hindenburg line on a 32-mile front from St. Quentin north to the Scarpe river and penetrated German positions to a depth of from four to five miles.

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig Wednesday night reported that the attack was unopposed and that in excess of 8000 prisoners, including 180 officers, had been captured. The number of guns and booty taken has not been ascertained. Many villages have been captured.

The great forward smash which was conducted by the British Third Army, commanded by Sir Julian Byng, reports from headquarters say, is going on despite a heavy storm which began just as the British launched their attack.

British troops have penetrated to the Marcoing-Masnières line, and other patrols have reached Noyelles, 3½ miles from Cambrai.

The British infantry and tanks, reports continue, have captured and pressed over a mile beyond the second line of German defenses, which is known as the Hindenburg support line. The British have captured Benavis, Lemau wood, La Vacquerie, the defense known as Welsh ridge and Ribecourt village.

The entire German line west of the Canal du Nord to the Baupame-Cambrai roads is in British hands. Couillet wood also has been taken.

The attack began without the customary artillery preparation, and the Germans were completely surprised. There is every evidence that the Germans fled or surrendered without making any serious attempt to hold the defenses, which were of enormous strength.

## ALLY VICTORY STIRS U. S.

Washington Cautious in Commenting  
on British Smash.

Washington, D. C.—Official Washington was deeply stirred Wednesday as press bulletins began to unfold the scope of the smashing victory on the western front.

While army officers were cautious in commenting on the significance of the drive in the absence of official reports, it was evident that officials regarded this as the greatest blow dealt the Germans since the war started. They were especially inspired by the dash and power displayed by Field Marshal Haig's great war machine.

There were hints in some quarters of previous information indicating that a shortage of ammunition contributed to the German defeat. According to this view, the German western line has been stripped of ammunition reserve and men from the strategic reserves to build up the machine which rolled back the Italian line.

The German high command, it was said in this connection, had counted absolutely upon Winter and French and British forces transferred to support the shaken Italian lines as making impossible any major offensive on the western front at this time.

The daring displayed by the British in launching their assault without artillery preparation was commented on by the officers. It is the first time an assault upon thoroughly organized trench lines has ever been made except after the guns have blasted away through for the infantry. The use of the tanks to clear away barbed wire entanglements and other strong points also was a novel procedure. The success of the movement probably depends wholly upon the complete surprise which was possible only by moving forward without the usual artillery fire.

### Near Mutiny is Reported.

A Pacific Port—The steamship Pasadená turned back into this port Wednesday as a result of what members of the crew said had been a near mutiny.

Charles Johnson, a sailor, charged that Captain M. S. McGovern, master of the ship, had attacked him and other members of the crew without provocation and said he and others had refused to continue the proposed voyage of the ship.