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RUSS CANNOT COMPREHEND PEACE LEAGUE

HAVE FEELING OF BITTERNESS BECAUSE PEOPLE UNMOVED BY THEIR MISERY

NATION OF MILLIONS HELPLESS

Dr. Girma, a Czech, Says Russian Adherence to Non-Interference Is Tying Allies' Hands

Vladivostok, Mar. 18.—"The Russian nation follows with a harsh feeling of bitterness all the efforts for creating a league of nations," declares Dr. Vaclav Girma, local member of the Czech national council. "It comprehends with difficulty how the allied democracies can entertain this noble, but rather distant idea, and at the same time look quietly on at what is transpiring in Russia," continued Dr. Girma.

"Russia today is in need of assistance. First of all she needs reorganization of her railroads. Nevertheless any form of aid to Russia is imaginable only in conjunction with a military expedition which would be able to guarantee that the undertaking will not be destroyed by pernicious rebellions and disorders which have become chronic along the Siberian railways.

"In order, however, that such military intervention and economic assistance shall succeed, it is necessary to carry it out according to a clearly defined plan, that is to say, the removal of the Bolshevik government from Russia, the reestablishment and maintenance of order and peace throughout the country up to the time when it will be possible for the Russian people to constitute for themselves, freely and without coercion, their desired form of government. Such failed intervention will be accepted with exultation and with full confidence by all notwithstanding its even more efficient interfering with internal Russian affairs."

Adherence to the principle of non-interference with Russian internal affairs, he said, prevented the allies from supporting either the Siberian government or the government of the Ufa directorate because of lack of assurance that either constituted a government having the confidence of the nation. Similarly, he pointed out, neither of these governments, even with the best programs they could devise, were able to win the confidence of the nation because they lacked the support of the allies. The result is a deadlock and a situation affording fertile ground for new revolutions calculated to strengthen bolshevism by driving into their ranks the wavering left-socialism.

WOMEN GET JOBS BACK

Washington, Mar. 18.—Women street car conductors of the Cleveland Railway company, discharged on March 1, must be restored to their work under the decision of the war labor board, made by W. H. Taft and Mr. Manly. Sixty-four women are affected.

PERSHING HAS ARMY OF OVER MILLION LEFT

Washington, Mar. 18.—Latest reports made public here today reveal that 470,736 officers and men of the expeditionary forces had sailed for home up to March 13. This number represents 24 per cent of the strength of General Pershing's forces on November 11, when the armistice was signed. Pershing still has 1,478,580 men left in France.

HARDY TAKEN, BUT RUPERT NOT FOUND

Convicts Who Escaped From Gold Hill Lime Plant Are Trailing With Penitentiary Bloodhounds

Gold Hill, Ore., Mar. 18.—A posse, consisting of Jackson county authorities, railroad police and state prison guards, with bloodhounds and headed by Buck Phillips, head keeper at the penitentiary, are still looking for "Red" Rupert today.

Jack Hardy, who escaped from the state lime plant here at the same time, was captured last night.

It is reported that Rupert was seen 20 miles north of here, but it is believed that he will be found in the hills west of this city. The posse is heavily armed.

BOLSHEVIKS TRYING FOR FOOTHOLD IN MEXICO

Mexico City, Mar. 18.—Twenty-four police agents have been assigned the task of investigating the activities of various Bolshevik agents who are reported to be planting the seed of radicalism in various centers of labor throughout Mexico. Three suspicious characters already have been arrested at Saltillo, one in Vera Cruz, and another in Merida.

SERVED AS POSTOFFICE EMPLOYEE FOR 52 YEARS

Salt Lake City, Mar. 18.—L. A. Billings, known to Salt Lake post-office employees as "Uncle Josh" is considered to be the oldest employee of the postal service in the United States. He has served Uncle Sam for a period of 52 years and three months on March 2, 1919. He has served under ten different postmasters in Salt Lake and during his 52 years service has lost only two weeks.

ARE PUSHING WORK ON ALASKA RAILWAY

Anchorage, Alaska, Mar. 18.—Driving of piles for the government railroad bridge across the Talkeetna river, 112 miles north of Anchorage, has begun. Completion of the spanway is expected in May. The south approach to the bridge will consist of 19 14-foot spans and be 266 feet long. The main structure will have four 121-foot Howe truss spans and be 502 feet nine inches long. The north approach will have 109 14-foot spans and be 1,432 feet long. The entire spanway will total 2,200 feet 9 inches in length. The highest elevation of the bridge will be 372 feet above Anchorage datum.

Laying of steel on the railroad to the south bank of the river was completed in January.

ENGLISH WOMEN HAVE TASTE OF HIGH WAGES

London, Mar. 18.—Demobilization is returning men servants to England in ever increasing numbers and the wealthy householder has no difficulty now in hiring a butler, footman, groom, chauffeur or page-boy. The shortage of women servants, however daily becomes more acute. Unlike the women, the men have no objection to returning to their old indoor domestic jobs. The reason, according to a west end employment agency manager, is that the male indoor servant is chosen mainly for decorative purposes—the women do the work.

Parlormaids are now demanding the salary of a trained typist. Some are highly particular about hours, quality of food and conditions of employment. One notified an agency she would work only from 9 to 5, with time off for meals.

LEADERS OF FOUR GREAT NATIONS COMPARE NOTES

All But Final Touches Given Peace Terms to be Presented to Germany—Helgoland to be Dismantled and Kiel Canal Opened to World—Ship Question Later

Paris, Mar. 18.—President Wilson, Premiers Clemenceau, Orlando and Lloyd George conferred today on securing accord between the great powers on all phases of the peace treaty and its early presentation to the Germans.

The question of including the league of nations plan in the treaty is expected to be agreed upon.

Paris, Mar. 18.—The fortifications on the island of Helgoland, Germany's formidable North Sea base, must be dismantled, the supreme

ALBERS' ATTORNEYS WILL MAKE APPEAL

Portland, Ore., Mar. 18.—Henry Albers' attorneys are today preparing for an appeal. Motion for a new trial was denied yesterday before the miller was sentenced to three years at McNeil's Island and given a fine of \$10,000.

RIVERSIDE HAS AN OFFICIAL FLY CATCHER

Riverside, Cal., Mar. 18.—Riverside has an official fly catcher. His title appears on the pay roll as "sanitary inspector" but he is in reality the town fly catcher, and he is busy every year from early spring to late autumn.

However, the official fly catcher does not operate with a large water as his sole tool of the trade. He has a large number of big flytraps, owned by the city, which he places about the streets, baited with sweet liquids, cleans, and keeps in repair. Last year, he says, he caught a billion flies, but he admits that this figure is estimated and not a count.

TELLS TRAGIC STORY OF PERSECUTION OF JEWS, WHO DREAM OF UNITED STATES

London, Feb. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—"The Jewish situation in Poland and Lithuania is so tragic that thousands are starving and tens of thousands clamoring for permission to join their relatives in the United States," says a report just received by the London bureau of the Zionist organization from its special commissioner, Israel Cohen. The question of reuniting families, the bureau announces, has been presented to the state department at Washington.

At Lemberg, Mr. Cohen says, he made an inspection of the districts damaged during the pogroms and spoke with numerous victims as well as with Jewish representatives and with Colonel Wade of the British mission to Poland.

"There is abundant circumstantial evidence proving," his report continues, "that the pogrom was organized by the local military authorities who supplied machine guns, hand grenades, automobiles and motor lorries. There are sworn protocols of 500 cases in which officer patrols took part and 2,000 cases in which ordinary soldiers took part. The names are known of 18 officers and 72 soldiers who were guilty of participation in assaults and plunder."

council has decided, and the Kiel Canal will be internationalized and made available for ships of all nations, on even terms.

The disposition of the German warships is not likely to be included in the peace treaty. The American delegates think Germany will be required to surrender title to the ships and ultimate ownership be decided later. The British delegates consented to refer to the supreme council the question of future ownership of the German cables to America.

MILLS' DEATH PROVES MYSTERY TO OFFICERS

Portland, Mar. 18.—The authorities are trying to solve the mystery in connection with the death of Alfred Mills, aged 40 years, who was found with a bullet hole through his head in a lonely shack one mile from Linneman Junction, on the outskirts of this city. No weapon was found near the body, but Mills had a hundred dollars in his pockets. He had been in the asylum at Salem for some time.

"SQUARE HEADS" TO BE IN PARIS BY 1925—KUEHLMANN

Paris, Mar. 18.—The German empire will be rehabilitated more rapidly than most people think, Dr. Richard Von Kuehlmann, former German foreign minister, declares in a letter quoted by the Echo de Paris. According to the letter, von Kuehlmann says that the former ruling classes of Germany are still hopeful of retaining power.

Under favorable conditions, Von Kuehlmann is quoted as saying, the Germans will be in Paris before 1925.

"The Polish military command at Lemberg is making desperate efforts to obtain evidence of Jewish attacks on Polish soldiers as a justification for the pogrom. Members of the Jewish militia previously released for lack of any real charge were re-arrested and are still imprisoned by the order of the military command, despite the decision of the examining judge that they should be liberated."

Damage done to personal property during the pogrom is estimated at 100,000,000 crowns. This does not include, however, the loss sustained by the destruction of synagogues. The Jewish relief committee in Lemberg had expended, up to the time of Mr. Cohen's report, 1,200,000 crowns on feeding, clothing and lodging 5,000 families.

"After my return from Lemberg," Mr. Cohen narrates, "I visited Cawlecim where a few days ago a band of rowdies attacked the Jews during worship in several houses of prayer. They broke the windows, tore up the books and also committed considerable damage in the Jewish cemetery, overturning and smashing tombstones. The Jews at Cawlecim pay 65,000 crown monthly for the upkeep of the militia."

BAPTISTS' DRIVE FOR SIX MILLION

Seven Hundred Ministers, Retired or Disabled, Are in Need of Immediate Assistance

Portland, Mar. 18.—Seven hundred Baptist ministers, either retired veterans or disabled and incapacitated, are in dire need today, according to the report of the northern Baptist convention. The report says: "The percentage is no larger than among other denominations, although our ministers outnumber those of any other body." It is to help remedy this condition that the northern Baptist convention is putting on its victory campaign movement to raise \$6,000,000 by March 30th of this year. About \$869,000 of this total is to be turned over to the ministers and missionaries benefit board to provide for the earthly needs of these old soldiers of the cross.

The Baptists do not intend to immediately spend this money, but will add it to a relief fund known as the Morehouse Memorial Million fund, which has now grown to a million and a half dollars. The Methodists already have a fund for this purpose of \$12,000,000, the Episcopallians \$8,500,000 and the Presbyterians \$7,500,000.

One prominent laymember of the Baptist church has promised to give \$200,000 toward this fund, provided the rest of the church will pledge itself for \$500,000 by March 31. If the Baptist laity fails to raise this much in pledges the denomination will lose the large cash gift.

Harley K. Bailgren, state director of the victory campaign, has just received the following urgent telegram from New York: "It now develops that the announced pledge of \$200,000 for the minister's benefit fund is conditioned upon our obtaining an additional \$500,000 in acceptable pledges before March 31. Donors may pay one-third this year, one-third next year and one-third in 1921. All will be counted in the \$6,000,000 victory campaign fund. Cannot Oregon in this emergency secure \$10,000 of its allotment designated for this purpose? We are counting on your state saving the day." Signed, F. W. Myer, national chairman. Fred P. Haggard, national director.

SEEKS AUTHORITY TO STOP SALE OF BEER

Washington, Mar. 18.—Whether the internal revenue bureau has the authority to enforce the rule against the sale of beer containing one-half of one per cent or more alcohol, will be put to the department of justice. Internal Revenue Commissioner Roper has been asked for an opinion.

EASTERN STRIKERS HITTING SWIFT PACE

Lawrence, Mass., Mar. 18.—When the police were trying to break up a parade of textile workers here today, shots were fired from a tenement house, officers were stoned, and persons in the crowd were clubbed. Many arrests were made. It was the most violent disturbance since the strike began six weeks ago.

RIOTS IN EGYPT RESULT IN DEATHS

London, Mar. 18.—In the recent rioting in Cairo, Egypt, which is believed to have been caused by nationalist agitation, six people were killed and 31 wounded. At Tanta-on-the-Nile, 11 people were killed and 51 wounded. Troops are able to cope with the situation and order has been restored.

MILITARY PLAN ENDORSED BY THE SOLDIERS

QUESTIONNAIRES SENT TO 1,380 MEN TO OBTAIN OPINION OF UNIVERSAL TRAINING

BENEFITTED BY ARMY LIFE

Says Discipline and Existing Relationship Between Officers and Men Are Necessary

Washington, Mar. 17.—Overwhelming indorsement of a universal military training system, coupled with equally strong support of the existing disciplinary relationship between officers and men of the army was expressed by a representative group of selective service men of the 12th division, Camp Devens, Mass., just before the organization was demobilized last January.

The opinions of 1,380 men, with an average length of service of 10.7 months were obtained through a carefully arranged questionnaire system, with every safeguard provided to insure absolutely free expression of opinion and with such distribution in the division as to make the answers representative.

The report on the inquiry was made public today at the war department. It is headed:

"Our military system as it appeared to America's citizen soldiers."

Although half of the men questioned were rated as dissatisfied with military life, the report shows that 89.5 per cent of the replies expressed the soldier's belief that he personally had been benefitted by his army life, 79 per cent were glad of their training aside from feelings of patriotism and 88 per cent favored universal military training as a national policy. A substantial majority agreed that the existing relationship between officers and men was necessary and disapproved the social mixing of the rank and file.

BISHOP BASHFORD DIES

Los Angeles, Mar. 18.—Bishop James W. Bashford, of this city, prominent for many years in the Methodist Episcopal church, died today after a long illness.

EXTRA SESSION WILL SOON BE ANNOUNCED

Washington, Mar. 18.—An extra session of congress before June 1 is considered a certainty by government officials and some members of congress. Some of the cabinet officials expect it to begin sometime during May.

ALEXANDER, GREAT PITCHER, SENT HOME BY PERSHING

Chicago, Ill., Mar. 18.—General Pershing has cabled the president of the Chicago Nationals that Alexander has left France for his home.

GOVERNOR MAKES TWO APPOINTMENTS

Salem, Ore., Mar. 18.—Governor Olcott, has appointed Dr. Floyd B. Dayton of Portland, a member of the state board of optometry, succeeding Dr. W. J. Curtis, of Corvallis. It is announced that the governor would reappoint W. M. Pearce of La Grande a member of the board when his term expires. Both appointments are effective June 1, under the law of the last legislature.