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U. S. DECLARES FOR POLISH FREEDOM

America Against Dismemberment of Either Russia or Poland.

Washington.—The American government declared for the maintenance of the political independence and territorial integrity of Poland and against dismemberment of Russia.

In a note to the Italian ambassador, Secretary Colby, speaking with the approval of President Wilson, said the United States "took no exception" to the efforts to arrange an armistice between Poland and Russia and would "regard with satisfaction" a declaration by the allied and associated powers that the "territorial integrity and true boundaries" of Russia would be respected.

The government stated, however, that it would not, at least for the present, participate in any plan to expand armistice negotiations into a general European conference because it might involve two results from which the United States "strongly recoils":

"Recognition of the bolshevik regime.

"Settlement of Russian problems almost inevitably upon the basis of a dismemberment of Russia."

The note was in response to an "agreeable intimation" from the Italian ambassador that his government would welcome a statement of the American government's views.

PORTLAND FIRE IS FATAL TO THREE

Portland, Ore.—Three persons lost their lives and ten were injured, some of them seriously, in a fire which swept through the Elton Court hotel, Eleventh and Yamhill streets, driving out the 60 residents in scanty attire and destroying the four-story structure, with a loss estimated at \$30,000.

The dead: Mrs. Josephine J. Chaney, 54, a teacher in the Sunnyside school for the last 23 years; Miss Gertrude Evans, 25, stenographer for Wadhams & Kerr; Miss Edith Bogue, 25, clerk at the Northwestern National bank.

The fire started in the lobby of the hotel on the first floor from an unknown cause and swept up the elevator shaft and circular stairway with alarming rapidity, so that the escape of a large majority of the residents was cut off from other means than by windows. Trapped by the flames, many persons jumped. Others were rescued by the firemen with ladders.

JOINT SESSION TO BE HELD

Washington, Idaho and Oregon Commission to Sit Together.

Olympia, Wash.—As the state's questions involving allowance of increased freight and passenger rates on local traffic as fixed by the interstate commerce commission for interstate traffic are common to the northwest, the public service commissions of Oregon and Idaho will sit with the Washington commission on Tuesday, August 17, in a hearing beginning at 10 A. M. in the senate chamber here. The common problem before the commissions of the three northwest states will be to harmonize local increases asked with the required increase necessary to guarantee a return of 5 1/2 per cent consistent with the recent interstate commerce commission ruling.

Bandit Villa Surrenders.

San Pedro, Coahuila, Mexico.—Francisco Villa marched into San Pedro Monday night between the lines of a cheering populace which greeted him with cheers of "Viva Villa." Behind him came his band of faithful followers, which, with their leader, surrendered to the De la Huerta government under terms agreed upon recently at Sabinas.

Deny Story League Formed War Staff

Paris.—The foreign office has issued a categorical denial of dispatches of a press agency, purporting to be from San Sebastian, stating that the council of the League of Nations had decided on the creation of an international general staff.

Professional Men Help in Harvest.

Bismarck, N. D.—A twilight army of bankers, lawyers, doctors, and merchants doffed white collars and stepped out into the harvest fields in an effort to relieve what threatens to be a serious farm labor shortage.

151 Profiteers Convicted.

Washington.—A total of 151 convictions have been obtained in the campaign of the department of justice against profiteering.

ALLIES AGREE ON AID FOR POLAND

Troops Will Not Be Used But Economic Move Is Planned.

Hythe, England.—Great Britain and France are convinced that the bolsheviks intend to capture Warsaw and set up a soviet government in Poland.

In British and French circles it is admitted that the situation has brought a crisis only second in gravity to that of 1914.

The allied conference here reached a complete agreement on plans for dealing with the Russo-Polish crisis.

They include the reimposition of the blockade, but on the advice of the experts no allied troops will be employed.

After the premiers decided to reimpose the blockade on Russia and to furnish munitions and technical advice to Poland, Lloyd George got M. Millerand to withhold application of aid until after the preliminary results of the conference at Minsk between the bolshevik and Polish representatives are known.

M. Millerand, who had urged the French policy which included the blockade and strong defensive measures, was obliged to yield somewhat to the milder policy of the British premier, who was determined that no allied aid should be used in Poland.

Establishment of a defensive line in Poland, considered by the conference, if carried out would, according to opinion here, be regarded by the British and French as more than a plan to aid Poland; it would be in effect a cordon sanitaire, to keep the bolshevik from western Europe. But from what happened at the closing of the conference it was considered that much would depend on the bolshevik attitude at Minsk.

FOREIGN LEGATIONS HAVE LEFT WARSAW

Warsaw.—All foreign legations in Warsaw left for Posen Sunday night. John Campbell White, secretary, and J. Pierrepont Moffat, third secretary of the American legation, and the military attaches will remain in Warsaw for the present, but the rest of the personnel left. A few American Red Cross nurses and some Y. M. C. A. workers also remained.

Soviet forces striking westward from the vicinity of Brest-Litovsk in their great encircling movement have cut through the Polish lines and crossed the railroad running between Sokolow and Siedlce. They reached a point west of Sokolow, but were counter attacked and violent fighting is proceeding, according to an official statement. The Poles took some prisoners.

Bitter fighting is reported northeast of Warsaw, where several villages have changed hands several times, but the bolsheviks made no gains. Rozan, three miles southwest of Ostrolenka, was taken by the bolsheviks Saturday, but now is in the hands of the Poles.

There is heavy fighting along the Bug river from Drohiczyn to Wloz-zimierz-Zwolya where the bolsheviks are being held.

MANNIX PUT UNDER ARREST

Australian Archbishop Is Carried to Penzance, England.

London.—Four British destroyers closed in on the steamer Baltic, carrying Archbishop Mannix from the United States, off the Irish coast and the commander of the destroyer Wivern, with two Scotland Yard detectives, went aboard and placed the archbishop under technical arrest. They escorted the prelate, with his secretary, to a destroyer, which steamed toward Fishguard.

A wireless from the admiralty, however, reached them en route with instructions to proceed to Penzance, at the extreme southwesterly tip of England. The archbishop was landed there. He was accompanied by a representative of Scotland Yard to the home of Canon Wade and afterward left for London.

London newspapers, except the Morning Post, are unanimous in describing the affair as a "blunder."

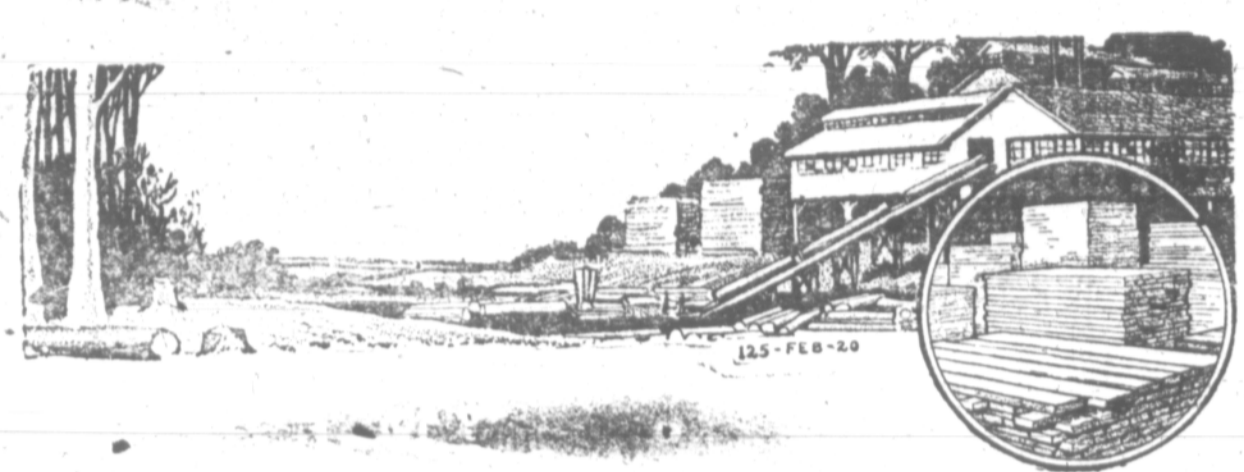
Hands Off Russia, Says British Labor.

London.—War between the allies and soviet Russia over Poland would be "an intolerable crime against humanity," and British labor has warned the British government that organized labor will be used to defeat such a war. This decision was reached at a meeting of the leaders of British labor.

Mannix Landed in Penzance, England

Penzance, England.— Archbishop Mannix was landed here from a destroyer. The archbishop declined to give out a statement.

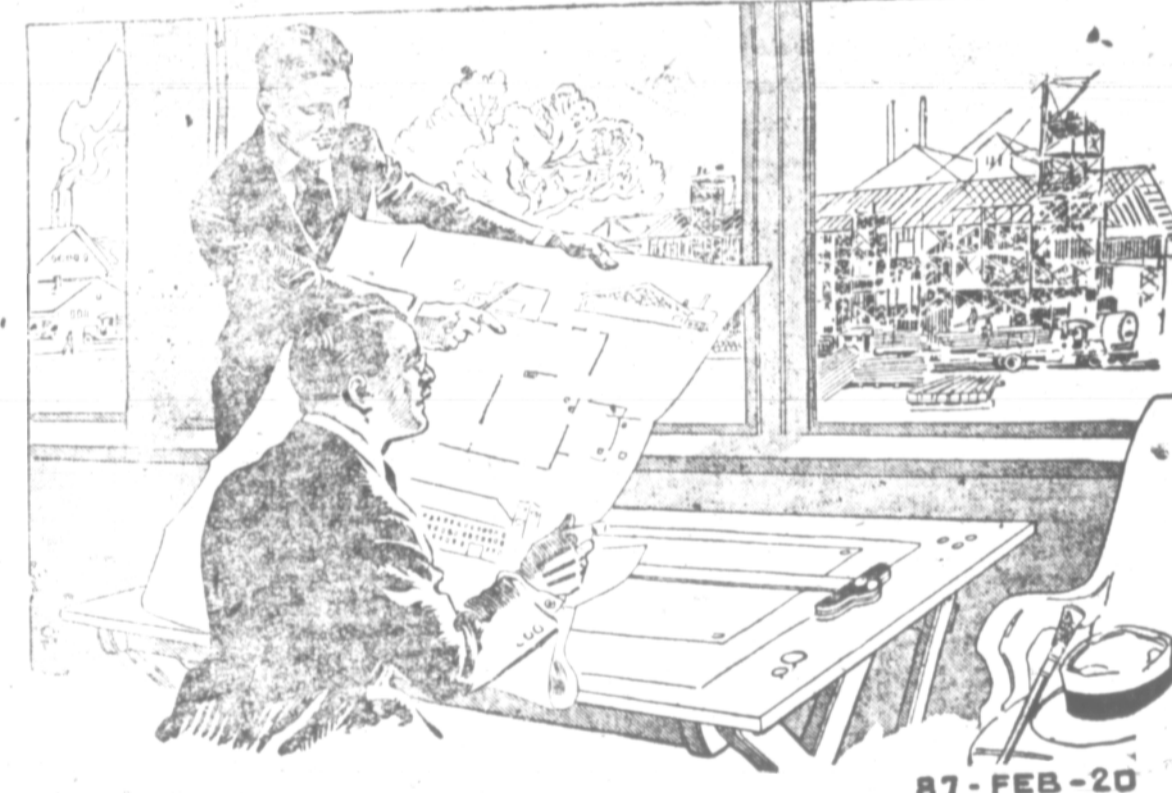
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