

# LABOR PLEDGES FULL SUPPORT TO GOVERNMENT

### Loyalty and Devotion of Working Masses Pledged for War for Democracy and United States—Promise to Combat Every Form of Propaganda Tending to Divide.

MINNEAPOLIS, Sept. 5.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and chairman of the American Alliance for Labor and Democracy, which opened its national conference here today, outlined the purpose of the organization as the assembling for the support of the government all the moral and material power of the working class of the nation.

"It shall be our task," he said, "to interpret America's democratic spirit and purpose in this conflict to our fellow workers, and especially those of foreign birth, and to combat every form of propaganda which tends to weaken the loyalty and devotion of the masses and their willingness to strive and sacrifice for the nation and its high purpose."

The declaration of principles as announced by Mr. Gompers in part follows:

"As believers in the great and splendid vision of democracy, and internationalism, the fraternalism and solidarity of all peoples, we assert our unqualified loyalty to the United States of America, and our determination to do all that lies in our power to win the war.

### Disloyalty in Crisis.

"Disloyalty to America in this crisis is disloyalty to the cause of freedom, democracy and internationalism.

"No national selfishness impelled this republic to enter the war. The impelling motive was the consuming idealism, born with the establishment of this republic, to preserve freedom, not only for itself, but for all nations, great and small, and the body of international law which all the free democratic nations of the world respect and observe and only the brutal autocracies seek to dishonor. In such a conflict real standard bearers of democracy and true internationalists can have no hesitation in supporting our republic, which has made its own the cause and interests of all free peoples. It is therefore, in truth, not a 'capitalists' war, but a free men's war. Fully impressed by these facts, realizing that a noble internationalism is implicit in our American conception of national existence, we shall strip the mask from those who in the name of democracy, anti-militarism and peace are engaged in the nefarious propaganda of treachery to all that these noble words indicate. We indignantly repudiate the claim that this propaganda—which brings joy and comfort to German autocracy—has the support of the labor movement of America.

### Serving Democracy.

"Democracy will not be served by the victory of autocracy, by letting the declaration of independence be supplanted by the Kaiser's fiat. Militarism will not be checked by surrender to the power which has organized all the resources of civilization to the end of imposing its brutal iron rule on the world. Peace will not be secured to the world through the subjection of the free and democratic nations. Let us make our beloved republic strong and victorious for the sake of humanity, and thus insure for our children the priceless heritage of liberty and democracy. Let us, at the same time, stand shoulder to shoulder in the fight against the foes of democracy within our own borders, resolved never to rest until the goal of democracy—industrial, political and international—has been attained."

### SOCIETY WANTS WAR DECLARED ON AUSTRIA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—A statement issued today by the Patriotic Education society urges that the United States should declare war immediately on Germany's allies, asserting that the German secret service is relying largely upon Austrians and Bulgarians for information from this country, and asking "if this is a war of democracy against autocracy, how can we maintain friendly relations with the most despotic of the great empires, Austria-Hungary?"

Instead of refraining from a declaration of war against Austria in order to leave the door open for a separate peace, the society argues, the United States should take a sure road to peace by lending full support to war materials to the Italian drive through Gorizia.

# ISHII PLEDGES AID OF JAPAN IN GREAT WAR

### Japanese Envoy Warns Congress That Common Enemy Is Trying to Create Enmity Between America and Japan by Sowing Seeds of Discord to Alienate Friendly Nations.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Viscount Ishii delivered Japan's message of friendship and co-operation to the United States before the house of representatives today, in company with the other members of the Japanese mission. He gave a solemn warning that enemies of both countries were working to estrange them and expressed his confidence that the friendship of the nations would prevail over the intrigue.

Introduced by Speaker Clark, in a few words, Viscount Ishii was received with a great demonstration from the floor and crowded galleries. He said in part:

"We come to bring you the message of our emperor, which gives you assurance of his clear-sightedness and co-operation of Japan. We are here to say that, with the other allies, we heartily welcome the advent of the United States in the fields of France and elsewhere. We recognize the great uplift given to humanity and the promise of a physical victory doubly insured by the most momentous decision you have taken.

### Assures Support.

"We bring to you assurance of support, unselfish, without a motive other than the common force that drives us all today.

"Yours are vast resources; ours may be small, but we can say to you that the spirit of Japan burns as ardently and will last as long as may be demanded in this war. We are eager for counsel with you. We come to find out how these two nations can best co-ordinate in the conduct and the winning of this war. We come to say to you that we are proud on this day to stand shoulder to shoulder with the soldiers of America. In the field and in the house-hold; in the mine and in the shop, the men and the women of Japan are working and will work with a greater confidence and a higher sense of moral obligation.

"Japan has exerted herself with the spirit of loyalty to her allies, her emperor and to her homes, following the ideals of our national life. Like the people of America, those of Japan have remained permanently independent because of a real patriotism which when the occasion demands, never fails. We, like you, protect ourselves against aggression from without and treachery from within.

### Warning of Treachery.

"Treachery from within, indeed, at this hour, calls for our attention. While your soldiers leave their families and their homes to fight on the bloodstained fields of France, we must guard our landmarks as you will guard yours against treachery that has found hiding places in our midst and which for the last ten years has sown the seeds of discord between us. Let it be a part of our cooperation and cordination to protect each other from these forces of evil which lack even the poorest courage of an open enemy.

"I again wish to express my sincere appreciation of the honor you have done us."

# RUSSIAN WHEAT PROVES SUCCESS

E. B. Hughes of Grants Pass, who for four years has been experimenting in a Russian variety of wheat which he has named "The Mortgage Lifter," is in Medford this week with samples of his grain. Seed for this wheat was sent by Congressman Hawley to many grain-growers in the district several years ago.

Hughes planted his wheat on May 1, and with an unfavorable season and little irrigation, declares that the 21 pounds which he planted to each of his 18 acres yielded slightly better than 41 pounds to every pound sowed. Hughes asserts that under proper conditions of moisture, weather and culture this variety of wheat would average from 110 to 150 bushels an acre.

Miss Nora Ellen McCormack of Stockton, Cal., is spending a week in Medford with her friend, Miss Eleanor McQuiston, on her return home from Dakota, where she spent the summer.

# BEGIN INQUIRY UTTERANCES OF PRO-GERMANS

### Department of Justice Begins Investigation of German Language Press, Socialist Magazines and Literature of So-Called Peace Societies—Thompson Under Suspicion.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Searchers into the utterances of German language newspapers in the United States, Socialist magazines and literature of so-called peace societies and associations, regarded as likely to lead to prosecution in some instances, is being conducted by the department of justice.

The department considers its position strengthened by the recent decisions of Federal Judges Hough, of New York and Speer of Georgia, in sustaining the action of Postmaster General Barleson in refusing the privileges of the mails to "The Masses" and "The Jeffersonian."

### Thompson Under Suspicion.

Recent utterances and activities of Mayor Thompson of Chicago and the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace also are being scrutinized.

The department has held repeatedly that it is not its function to prohibit or to break up pacifist meetings or conventions, but a close scrutiny of the utterances of speakers and others at such meetings is maintained to determine possible violation of the espionage act.

Included in the investigation of alleged seditious publications and others of a character regarded as open to question, are individual newspapers and magazines published in German in this country and the advertising and other literature of the American League Against Militarism, the People's Council, the League of Conscientious Objectors and other organizations affiliated with them or of a similar character.

### Prosecution Near.

The time is not far distant, however, in the opinion of some officials, when the government will begin prosecutions. Hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles whose propriety admittedly is open to two interpretations have been placed before officials here. In most instances it is said, these articles have been cleverly worded so as to bring them virtually within the law while at the same time creating the effect desired.

A large number of the articles and editorials under investigation do not attack the government, but center their criticism upon allies of the United States. What proceedings if any can be taken in these instances, it was said, depends wholly upon the wording of each individual article.

# ITALIANS WIN STRONGHOLD.

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General Haig's big guns and those of the French keeping with him in the Belgian campaign.

The launching of the next entente push is apparently imminent and as a measure of preparation the Germans are reported to be removing the civilian population of a district twelve miles or more to the east of the present front in west Flanders, as far as the Thourout-Courtrai line, embracing an area of some 200 square miles.

### To Flood Lowlands.

One theory advanced for the evacuation is that the German command, dreading the effect of the next drive, is preparing to flood the lowlands by diverting water from the river Scheldt, thus blocking allied progress.

Another supposition is that the Germans, lacking the men to hold the present lines firmly enough, are preparing for another "strategic retreat."

Meanwhile the air forces on both sides are active, not only immediately back of the opposing lines but in widely extended fields. Germany is pushing her air campaign against England to a extent that is leading London to wonder, as one newspaper expresses it, if Germany has got "her great air offensive" ready before that of the British.

# PEOPLE ARE FLEEING FROM WEST FLANDERS

PARIS, Sept. 5.—A dispatch to the Havas agency from Hazebrouck says: "Western Flanders is being evacuated as far as the line of Courtrai-Thourout (this line running to the east respectively of Ypres and Dixmude). It is learned today that many refugees are being cared for at Ghent, large numbers of them arriving from Roulers (northeast of Ypres) which the British are bombarding ceaselessly.

# NATION WIDE RAID ON I. W. W. MADE BY UNCLE SAM

(Continued from page 1.)

### Raid at Portland.

PORTLAND, Sept. 5.—Portland headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World were closed today by federal and state officers, following a raid in which the officials confiscated and carted to the federal building all the furniture, books, pictures and everything else movable in the place.

A complete printing outfit, found in a locked rear room, was carried away, together with several trunks filled with printed copies of recent I. W. W. resolutions calling a general strike throughout the northwest.

About 100 members of the organization were at headquarters when the raid was made, but offered no resistance. They were searched for firearms and literature. Their membership cards in the I. W. W. were taken from them and destroyed. Carl Lindner, Seattle, was the only one arrested.

### Seattle Office Closed.

SEATTLE, Sept. 5.—A detachment of police and federal officers raided the main headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here at noon today. One hundred and fifty men found there were ordered to leave the building while a search was being conducted. The printing office of the organization was also raided by federal officers.

### Raid at Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 5.—Headquarters of the Industrial Workers of the World here were raided today by United States Marshal C. T. Walton with a force of deputies and police. Records and printed matter of the organization were seized.

The raiding officers said they were acting for the department of justice in executing simultaneous raids on the I. W. W. headquarters all over the country in an effort to stamp out alleged seditious activities.

A branch office where the organization's printing plant is located also was raided. Carl Kaesmeyer, assistant editor of the Imprinta Del Rebelo, said to be an I. W. W. publication, was arrested as an alien enemy. All persons found at the two places were searched and certain papers taken from them. A truckload of material was seized.

# AIRSHIPS RAID LONDON.

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"Enemy airplanes in considerable numbers crossed the southeast coast over a wide area between 10:30 p. m. and 2 a. m. last night. The raiders seemed to have traveled singly or in groups of from two to three, for which reason it is difficult to estimate their numbers with accuracy, but it is possible that as many as 20 machines took part.

"By 11:20 p. m. it became evident that enemy airplanes were approaching London, and at 11:45 the first bombs were dropped in the London district. From this time until approximately 1 a. m., forty bombs were dropped.

"The total casualties reported up to this time are: Killed, 11; injured, 62. The material damage is not extensive.

"One enemy machine is reported to have been brought down in the sea off Sheerness."

### Wreckage in Streets.

In several London streets this morning sights were witnessed reminiscent of the earlier periods of the war, when Zeppelins paid nocturnal visits. Early this morning crowds flocked to the districts which had suffered and the police had a busy time. So far as could be seen the damage was not very great, and certainly no places of military importance were affected.

Among the crowds the dominant demand was for reprisals which many believe would put an end to raids on England. Others insist the government take immediate steps to obtain supremacy of the air to a degree which would render raids impossible.

### Scarborough Bombed.

LONDON, Sept. 5.—Scarborough, on the English east coast, was bombarded last night by a hostile submarine. It was officially announced today. About half the shells in the 30 rounds fired from the undersea boat landed, three persons being killed and five injured, but little material damage being caused.

# DEMAND OUSTING OF U. OF N. REGENT FOR DISLOYALTY

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 5.—The conference of state and county councils of defense, held here, has demanded the immediate removal from the presidency of the board of regents of the University of Nebraska of Frank L. Haller, alleging that he has failed to answer or acquit himself of charges of disloyalty preferred against him some time ago by the State Council of Defense. His resignation as a member of the board of regents is also asked for.

The charges of disloyalty are said to have been based upon statements made by Haller prior to the declaration of war by the United States in which the regent compared the United States with Germany, with conclusions drawn heartily in favor of the latter.

The conference also adopted a resolution asking for the repeal of the Mockett law, by which schools are forced to offer the German language course of study in the state grade schools.

It also went on record as opposing teaching of any modern European language in Nebraska graded schools and protested against the teaching of German in high schools of the state during the war.

The conference also asked for confiscation of property by federal authorities for treasonable utterances and deportation where the laws provide for it in such cases. A demand is also made for the suppression of the German language press unless it shall voluntarily purge itself of disloyalty and cease its insidious methods of poisoning the minds of its readers against the United States government.

The board of regents will meet today to consider the charges against Haller and decide whether he will be asked to resign from the board.

# BOARD TO PROBE DEFECTIVE CARTRIDGES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 5.—Investigation of the defective ammunition turned out at the Frankfort arsenal by a special committee of two civilians and one army officer was ordered today by Secretary Baker. Dr. H. T. Talbot, professor of chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Dr. Parsons, of the bureau of mines are the civilians. Major General Scott, chief of staff, will name the army member.

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# "SO LONG LETTY" AT AUDITORIUM NEXT TUESDAY

Local theater goers have a rare treat in store on Tuesday, September 11, when Oliver Morosco will present his greatest musical success, "So Long Letty," at the Chautauqua auditorium, Ashland, seats for which are now on sale.

This is positively the largest and most pretentious theatrical offering ever presented here, and Ashland is one of the very few small cities which will have an opportunity of seeing this company, which is the original one, coming here, as it does, after four record breaking weeks in San Francisco, where it was pronounced the best offering of its kind seen there in years, enroute to Portland, where it will play a limited engagement at prices in excess of those charged here.

The announcement that "So Long Letty" would show in Ashland has caused much favorable comment among the theater goers of the valley. Several local people saw the production in San Francisco and say that they wouldn't miss seeing it again under any circumstances. A considerable number of requests for seat reservations were received before the seats were put on sale.

R. E. Packard of Talent recently left for Chicago to accept a position as draftsman with the Southern Pacific company.

# MADDEN RESIGNS OFFICE AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

At the monthly meeting of the county court Wednesday, the resignation of Frank H. Madden as county commissioner was received and accepted. Mr. Madden, who wrote from Seattle, gave as his reason for resigning pressure of private business, which necessitated his being out of the county the greater part of the time. Who will be chosen as his successor has not been determined.

Mr. Madden operates a string of canneries in Alaska in partnership with E. B. Hanley and the growth of the business requires his presence either in Alaska or at the Seattle office most of the year.

A delegation of Little Gatte and Lake Creek residents petitioned for the construction of a road thru the Gus Nygren ranch, eliminating the present hill, straightening and shortening and providing a water grade. They have raised \$1000 and purchased the right of way from Nygren. The petition was accepted and the county surveyor ordered to lay out the proposed road.

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