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THOUSANDS ARE KILLED IN KOREAN RIOTS

MASSACRE IN KOREA BY JAPS

Over 1000 Unarmed People Killed in Three Hours—Shocking Brutality Reported By Pastor to San Francisco Association—Appeal for Red Cross Aid—Japanese Consul General Declares Army Initiated By Mobs Forced to Take Action.

TOKIO, April 12.—The uprisings in Korea are spreading and threaten to engulf the whole peninsula, says an official statement from the Japanese government today. There have been serious riots in the last three days in hundreds of places. A number of policemen have been killed and several police stations and post-offices destroyed.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Japanese began what was described as a "massacre" in Korea at Seoul, the capital, during a demonstration March 28, according to a cablegram received here today by the Korean National association from a native Christian pastor.

The cablegram was filed from Shanghai. According to officials of the Korean National assembly here, the information was sent by messenger from Seoul to Shanghai by the association's representative at Seoul.

The cablegram read: "Japan began massacre in Korea. Over 1000 unarmed people killed in Seoul during three hours' demonstration on 28th. Japanese troops fire brigades and civilians are ordered shooting, beating and looting people mercilessly throughout Korea. Killed several thousand since 27th. Churches, schools and homes of leaders destroyed. Women made naked and beaten before crowds, especially leaders' families. The imprisoned being severely tortured. Doctors are forbidden entering wounded. Foreign Red Cross urgently needed."

Information Reliable
The information in this cablegram came from a native pastor known to be reliable and in touch with the situation, according to an official of the Korean National association. Previous messages from this person were said to have been fully confirmed. His integrity was vouched for.

T. Ohta, consul general of Japan here, commenting on the Korean situation, gave the Associated Press this statement:

"During the first stages of the Korean disturbance the activities of the mobs were not so serious. Their demonstrations were confined to the cities and towns and the authorities entrusted the local police departments to control them by means of apprehending the ring leaders and dispersing the crowd. The mobs, however, taking advantage of the lenient attitude of the government, have increased their activities until they amount to lawless outrages and have increased the area of their operations over the greater part of the peninsula. The accounts of the last three days show that more than two hundred localities are now affected, and large numbers of innocent people residing therein are suffering greatly. Some have been forced to join the bandits and others are re-

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U. S. ARMY IS NOW BELOW 2 MILLION

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Demobilization has reduced the total strength of the American army below two million. Complete reports to April 8, announced today by General March, showed the aggregate strength on that date to be 1,980,506. Since November 11, 686,114 men have sailed for home, and up to April 8, 605,722 had been landed. There have been returned to civil life 1,701,469 officers and men. 50 per cent of the officers and 46 per cent of the men who were in the army when the armistice was signed. Discharge orders now total 1,925,000.

U. S. ALIENS LEAVING COUNTRY WITH FOUR FIFTHS OF CURRENCY

NEW YORK, April 12.—All the savings banks in the United States are asked in letters sent out today by the savings bank section of the American Bankers' association to aid in checking the exodus from this country of aliens who are sailing for their native lands with millions of American dollars. Due to Bolshevik propaganda the association says, an "alarming" proportion of the fourteen million foreign-born population in the United States are selling their liberty bonds and withdrawing their money from the banks. "It is estimated that about 1,200,000 cannot be stopped from going and that they will carry with them nearly four billion dollars, or four-fifths of the total currency in circulation and in reserve in the United States before the war," said the letters.

REQUESTS WAR DEPT. TO CALL YANKS HOME

Detroit Welfare Association. Relatives of Mutinous Soldiers. Pray Leniency and Prompt Withdrawal of Troops—Gen. March Blames Red Propaganda for Trouble.

DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—The Detroit's Own Welfare association, composed of relatives of men in the 339th Infantry, a part of the allied forces in Russia, has appealed to the war department for leniency in dealing with American soldiers who mutinied March 30 when ordered to the front lines.

The message refers to "the odds against which the troops are fighting" and renews the request that they be withdrawn at an early date. The 339th, known as "Detroit's Own," comprises the greater part of the American forces in Russia.

Company Identified
WASHINGTON, April 12.—Company 1 of the 339th Infantry was identified today by General March as the unit which recently refused to return to front line trenches in the Archangel sector when ordered to do so by its officers.

A supplementary report to the department on the incident said it was worthy of note that the questions put by the men of Company 1 to their officers were "identical with the questions which Bolshevik propaganda advised that they put to them."

The department has not received copies of the Bolshevik leaflets containing these questions and General March said he was extremely anxious to secure one. "In my long service," General March said, "I don't recall another instance where American soldiers did not want to go into a fight. They always have said 'lead us to it.'"

Military Situation Improves
A report from Murmansk dated March 28 said the Onda bridge on the railroad south of Murmansk had been rebuilt, restoring communication with the southernmost post of the allies.

While the actual situation of the small commands of the expedition in north Russia is not known, General March said the reopening of communication to the south over the Onda bridge solved any military question since it afforded a direct line for supply and reinforcements. Communication between Murmansk and Archangel is being kept open with the assistance of ice breakers.

General March did not indicate what the latest reports showed as to the present state of discipline among the American forces.

Alex Sparrow, superintendent of Crater Lake national park, left this morning for a several days sojourn at San Francisco from where he will go for a visit of a week or more at Yosemite park.

MUNICH SOVIET IS OVERTHROWN BY MODERATES

Bolshevik Forces Lose Ground Throughout Bavaria—Now Willing to Join Central Council in Advisory Capacity—Allies Threatened Food Blockade Against Reds.

BASEL, April 12.—The soviet republic in Munich was overthrown Friday by force of arms, the Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin says.

BERLIN, April 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—A special dispatch from Bamberg to the Vossische Zeitung says that the German government has announced that the centrist powers have informed it that Bavaria is not to be included in the conclusion of peace and that measures will be taken to prevent any entente foodstuffs from reaching Bavaria.

BERLIN, April 11.—The German national assembly has established a committee of 28 members which will be charged with the duty of carrying on peace negotiations.

BERLIN, April 11.—Reports received from Munich today state that an agreement has been reached between the central council and the communists. This is held to indicate that the moderate elements in the Bavarian capital have gained the upper hand.

Uprising Dwindles

BERLIN, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—The ministry of justice has drafted a bill dealing with criminal procedure under one provision of which any woman may serve on juries in the lower courts. The measure alters the existing method of selecting the jury lists so that it may be done by popular vote. The bill will go before the national assembly in a few days.

From other parts of Bavaria it is reported that the following of the soviet republic leaders is dwindling. According to the Lokal Anzeiger the soviet republic regime has been overthrown in Amberg, Osnabach, Inzelsdorf, Fuerth and the upper Palatinate.

The communists declared their readiness to join the central council in an advisory capacity.

FRANKFORT, April 12.—(Havas.)—Marshal Foch in answering a German protest has declared that his decision is final regarding the occupation of Greisheim, five miles west of Darmstadt, the capital of Meuse-Danmstadt.

Greisheim is in the neutral zone on the eastern bank of the Rhine. It is opposite the French zone of occupation. There has been no report that the town has been occupied by allied troops.

VICTORY MEDAL FOR EVERY SOLDIER ON THE ALLIED SIDE

WASHINGTON, April 12.—After prolonged conferences with all the allied governments, General March announced today a design has been approved for issuance to every soldier who participated in the great war on the allied side of a "victory medal" in commemoration of his service to civilization.

The obverse side of the medal will bear a winged Victory, and on the reverse will be in the language of the country by which it is issued, the words "The Great War for Civilization," and the arms of the allies. A design also has been adopted to consist of a "double rainbow" series with red in the center. This ribbon will be similar for all armies and is to be issued in the United States very soon.

A lapel button for civilian wear also has been adopted.

Mrs. M. Deavilla left for her home in Montague today following a short visit in the city.

BOLSHEVIKI PLAN BIG OFFENSIVE AGAINST ALLIES IN SPRING

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Extensive preparation by the Bolshevik government of Russia for a big military offensive this spring was described in official dispatches received here today, based upon a summary of information reaching the Scandinavian countries.

The Bolsheviks were said to be getting ready for an offensive on the Murman front as soon as weather permitted and to be strengthening the forces already facing the allies in the Archangel region.

In western Russia whole new armies are being organized, it was said, many former war prisoners being mobilized along with new detachments.

BELGIAN ADVOCATE OPPOSES PLAN OF LABOR DELEGATES

PARIS, Friday, April 11.—(By Associated Press.) At the meeting of the peace conference today before the report of the committee on international labor legislation was adopted, Emile Vandervelde, Belgian labor delegate, made what was in effect a minority report. He advocated the admission to the international labor conference of delegates from countries with which a state of war still exists, saying that otherwise he felt there might be held another conference where the proletariat from all countries will be represented and which would wield more power than the conference to be held in Washington next October.

He concluded by saying that the issues relative to the adoption of an 8-hour day, equality of salaries for men and women workers and legislation dealing with night work must be settled.

"There are two ways to arrive at these results," he said. "One is the Russian way and the other the British method. I prefer the latter."

M. Collard, the French labor delegate, spoke briefly, bespeaking French support and approval of the report.

AMERICAN OFFICERS DECORATED IN LONDON

LONDON, April 12.—At an imposing ceremony on the parade ground near the American military headquarters today, Major General John Biddle, the commander in the United Kingdom, decorated Colonel Harry F. Rethers of Los Angeles of the quartermaster corps and Colonel Francis F. Longley of the 26th engineers, with the distinguished service medals. At the request of the French government, General Biddle presented the war cross to Second Lieutenant James V. Slade of the second engineers.

MARYSVILLE BOXER DIES AFTER COUNT

MARYSVILLE, Calif., April 12.—Joe Baker, 18, died here today following a boxing contest with Frank Everett at the Marysville Athletic club last night. Baker collapsed in the third round. Everett is being held by the police without charge pending the verdict of the coroner's jury.

Northern Pacific Captain Quits.
SAN FRANCISCO, April 12.—Deep sea vessels have seen the last of Captain A. T. Hunter, former navigating officer of the steamer Northern Pacific, as skipper, the captain announced upon his arrival here yesterday. He expects to enter business here. Under Captain Hunter's direction the Northern Pacific made many runs between Flavel, Ore., and San Francisco and in the war zone.

RACE EQUALITY DENIED JAPAN IN PEACE PACT

Present Covenant Excludes Japanese Plank Also French Demand for International Military Staff—Both Countries Reserve Right to Bring Up Questions Later.

PARIS, April 12.—With the single exception of the amendment specifically exempting the Monroe doctrine from being affected by the covenant, no vital change was made by the league of nations commission in that document in its meeting on Thursday and Friday nights. Last night's meeting marked the conclusion of the consideration of the covenant.

Last night's discussion lasted four hours, President Wilson attending the session and remaining until it closed, after midnight. No date was set for a plenary session of the peace conference to consider the covenant.

The covenant as the committee left it did not include any section granting Japan's request for the recognition of racial equality and neither was a section introduced covering the request of France for an international military general staff. Both the Japanese and France announced that they reserved the right to bring up the amendments they desired before a plenary session of the conference.

As it now stands the covenant contains 26 sections.

Consider Boundaries Monday

PARIS, April 12.—The council of four of the peace conference expects to finish its examination of the boundary questions in dispute on Monday next and to summon the German delegates to Versailles in the course of the next week, according to Le Journal today.

PARIS, April 11.—(By the Associated Press.)—The supreme economic council has announced an agreement between the associated governments providing that enemy tonnage that was acquired before and since the armistice would be divided among those government, according to their ability to bring the ships into speedy use and in the case of passenger ships, according to their relative needs. This arrangement will not prejudice the ultimate disposition of the ships under the terms of the treaty of peace.

The vessels will fly the flag of the allied maritime council as well as the national flag of the country undertaking their management.

GERMANY PLACES HIGH PRICE ON YANKEE FLOUR

BERLIN, Friday, April 11.—(By Associated Press.) The housewives of Berlin have been supplied with the first installments of the flour which recently arrived from the United States, the allotment being at the rate of one-half pound for each person. The price fixed by the authorities is two marks, twenty pfennigs the pound, which is seven times the amount that was paid in peace times.

The food commissioner declares the high price set is necessary, as the native supplies are rapidly diminishing and conservation of the imported flour is sought to prevent a later rise in the price of bread for the production of which the new supplies will be needed.

HOME GUARDS ACT AS CITY FIREMEN

CINCINNATI, Ohio, April 12.—With the exception of 142 firemen who refused to resign their positions, the Cincinnati fire department today is manned by the Cincinnati regiment of home guards. The firemen resigned because four men who had presented demands to the city from the firemen's union had been discharged for joining a union.

SAYS DRUG HABIT IS GREATEST PROBLEM OF THE NATION

NEW YORK, April 12.—Asserting that three New York physicians recently investigated had been found to have dispensed 1,500,000 narcotic prescriptions to drug addicts in six months, Major Daniel L. Porter, supervisor in New York for the internal revenue department, declared at a conference with state and municipal authorities that the narcotic evil was "the greatest problem of the nation."

The conference was called to work out plans for handling hundreds of drug addicts cut off from their source of supply by the arrest last Tuesday of six physicians and four druggists and to discuss means of checking the widespread distribution of drugs by unscrupulous persons.

INCREASE WIRE RATES UPHELD BY BURLESON

Twenty Per Cent Increase Should Be Compared With 100 Per Cent in Other Prices—Postal Service Small; Can't Be Compared With Western Union—Service Is Test.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—In making available today figures upon which is based the recent increase in telegraph rates the wire control board directs attention to the fact that while the increase in prices of products and service of various industrial and mercantile corporations has increased one hundred percent, telegraph service has been rendered at pre-war prices through the period when industrial and business profits were unprecedented. "The increase of 20 percent in telegraph rates," says the statement, "should be considered in comparison with the 100 percent increase in other prices, and it is less than that found necessary to add to the railroad freight rates and is no greater than has been made generally in other public utility rates in order to obviate financial collapse."

Postal Business Small

Discussing a comparison of the self-containing operations of the Postal company with the smaller proportionate earnings of the Western Union, the statement declares that during the six months from August, 1918, to January, 1919, the Postal carried only about one-sixth of the business of the country, limited to profitable fields, while the Western Union carried five-sixths of the business, much of which extended into fields less profitable, but which gave a service necessary to maintain the requirements of the public. During the same period the Postal carried only about one-twelfth of the government business, carried at approximately 40 per cent of the commercial rate and claimed by both companies to be a loss of 50 percent of the operating costs. In this connection, the board says, it is informed that instructions were issued by officials of the Postal directing their subordinates to avoid government business whenever it could be done.

After citing figures to show the enormous cost in wages and material occasioned by the increased scope of operations of the Western Union and declaring that the purpose of the wire board is to make the lowest rate that will maintain the service required by the country, the statement continues:

Service to All
"In making a rate sufficient to maintain the telegraph service of the country, discrimination could not be made between two companies performing this service. The fact that the Postal company could continue to carry business at the old rates and still earn its compensation is of practically no significance in constructing a fair schedule of rates for the country as a whole. Such rates must

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NEW LABOR PARTY IS LAUNCHED

Duty of Workers By Hand or Brain to Organize Politically Is Edict of Illinois Convention—Room for All Who Perform Service to Society, Organized or Unorganized—Platform of Party Principles Are Given to the World.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., April 12.—The Labor party of Illinois today issued the following statement of its convention:

Labor is the primary and just basis of political responsibility and power. It is not merely the right, but the duty of the workers by hand or brain to become a political party.

The Labor party is destined to usher in the new day of freedom in the United States—freedom from the grind of poverty; freedom from the ownership of government by big business; freedom of the men and women who buy food and clothing and pay rent, from exploitation at the hands of the money kings of "kingless" America.

Newspaper Men Included

Organized workers are members of it. Unorganized workers are members of it. Clerks, housewives, newspapermen, farmers, school teachers, storekeepers belong to it. Such heads of organizations and business concerns as are not exploiters or profiteers belong to it. There is no place in the party for those who are not workers. There is room within it for all who perform service to society.

The party enunciates the following program to which it pledges itself:

Democratic control of industry and commerce for the general good of those who work.

The unqualified right of workers to organize.

Freedom from economic hazard which comes with a minimum wage based on the cost of living.

8-Hour Working Day

A maximum working day of eight hours and abolition of unemployment by reducing the hours of work still further, as necessary to permit all who are able to work to find occupation and full pay for those who, for a time are unemployed because of illness, accident or temporary loss of work.

Complete enfranchisement of women and equal pay for men and women doing similar work.

Reduction of the cost of living to a just level by the elimination of wasteful methods and profiteering.

Complete revision of the state constitution.

No Improvement Tax

Taxation of inheritances and incomes and land values but not of improvements.

Public ownership and operation of all public utilities, including grain elevators, warehouses, stockyards, abattoirs, insurance and banks.

Development under public ownership of the water power sites, Public ownership, preferably federal, of the mines.

State aid to provide lands and homes for Illinois residents.

Abolition of employment of all under 16.

Old Age Insurance

A democratic system of public education from kindergarten to university.

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EUGENE DEBS IS ORDERED TO PEN

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 12.—The United States supreme court mandate, ordering that Eugene V. Debs, socialist leader, be taken to Moundsville, W. Va., federal prison to begin a 10-year sentence for violation of the espionage act, was received this morning.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 12.—Eugene V. Debs said today he would leave on an early train for Cleveland, Ohio, in anticipation of going to the prison at Moundsville, W. Va., to begin serving his sentence.