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INDICT ARMY OFFICERS FOR GIANT FRAUD

Conspiracy to Mulet Government of Many Millions Divulged By Department of Justice Agents—Detroit Cases Involve \$30,000,000—Other Disclosures to Follow—Capt. Nicholson of Washington, F. C. Collins Among Those Involved.

DETROIT, June 7.—An alleged conspiracy to defraud the government of \$30,000,000 munitions supplies has been uncovered by department of justice agents here, it became known today.

Indictment charges of conspiracy have been returned by the United States grand jury against Captain Sotarios Nicholson of Washington, connected with the ordnance department; Grant Hugh Browne, millionaire sportsman; Fred C. Collins, vice consul of Greece, and president of a local realty company; and a United States army officer now in France, according to Arthur L. Barkev, chief of Detroit bureau of investigation of the department of justice.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Indictment of army officers and business men at Detroit was the first step by the department of justice and army intelligence service, it was said here today, in a campaign against alleged authors of fraudulent bids against the government in connection with the munitions supplies.

Chicago, Pittsburg and Boston were among the cities mentioned here as being other centers of the investigation.

OPPOSITION GROWS AMONG GERMANS TO RHINE REPUBLIC

COBLENTZ, June 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Rhinish republic movement has made no headway in the American area of occupation, notwithstanding reports to the contrary, according to Third Army Headquarters. The American authorities are continuing to maintain an attitude of opposition to political moves of any kind which would be contrary to the regulations of the army of occupation. The British officers in their area are said to have taken a similar stand.

French officers in Coblenz have stated that the idea of launching a republic just at this time originated in Mayence and Wiesbaden and that the French regarded the movement with favor.

WIESBADEN, June 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Opposition to the Rhinish republic is growing here each day. The judges of the province are the latest to defy the new government and with court employees have declined to recognize the legality of the regime headed by Dr. Dornen.

ANOTHER IRRIGATION PROJECT FOR KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., June 7.—A new irrigation project by which 1600 acres of land will be brought under water on the south side of the Klamath river, between Klamath Falls and Keno, is going rapidly forward. The water has been diked from the lands in that section and will be pumped on again by two large centrifugal pumps.

H. H. Van Walkenburg, J. A. Bushong, R. V. Eas, H. A. Talbot, B. E. Kerns, C. E. Ezell and Dr. E. H. Hawkins are the men most interested in the new venture.

BERLIN FIRMS BOYCOTT IMPERIAL DEFENSE MEN

BERLIN, June 7.—Certain Berlin firms have for some time carried on a secret boycott against men of the imperial defense forces and at last one concern openly stated that it discharged two men because they had served with these troops. Herr Noske, minister of national defense, has branded this as treason. After his statement had been made public, the men were reinstated.

NAVY LEAGUE MEMBERS BRANDED ANARCHISTS BY SECRETARY DANIELS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Officials and members of the Navy League, which attacked Secretary Daniels before the United States entered the war, were denounced before the house naval committee today by Mr. Daniels, who said they were as much enemies of the country as any anarchists.

"These men," said the secretary, "were as guilty of infamy as any man arrested during the war and they should have been accorded the treatment they deserve. While I am secretary they can never have anything to do with the navy."

FIRE THAT BURNED S. P. BRIDGE NEAR MERLIN, INCENDIARY

SALEM, June 7.—The fire which destroyed a part of the railroad bridge over Jump-off Joe creek near Merlin in Josephine county, early Tuesday morning, resulting in the wrecking of a Southern Pacific freight train and the destruction by fire of several carloads of lumber, was of incendiary origin, in the opinion of Fred A. Williams, member of the state public service commission, who visited the scene of the wreck that same morning.

Another train had passed over the trestle three hours earlier and there was no sign of a fire at that time, Williams said. He contends that no blaze of accidental origin could have consumed such an expanse of bridge in so short a time as was the case in this fire. The location of the bridge, he declares, is ideal for the staging of a serious wreck and only the presence of mine of the engineer of the first locomotive, who applied the air before jumping, thus bringing the train to a stop, prevented the two helper engines, as well as the rest of the train, from going into the ditch, at the probable cost of many lives.

Williams admitted that Berlin never was popular, especially in Germany and that Berlin is considered a black sheep among German cities. He explained that its position necessitated the presence of good, bad and indifferent. Dr. Max Osborn declared that imperial Berlin had clogged itself with lonely buildings and senseless monuments. "The real Berlin is hidden behind these pretensions characterless things but now there is no real barrier to recreating it as a city of art without parallel," he declared.

TRY TO KEEP BERLIN AS GERMAN CENTER OF BOSCHE KULTUR

BERLIN, June 7.—A huge meeting was held here the other day to protest against the efforts to strip Berlin of its status as a capital. Mayor Werth and several others painted Berlin as a world city of art, a city for visitors and a city of the future.

Despite its present smuttiness, crime and disorder, they said, Berlin will regain its reputation as the cleanest, safest and best governed city in the world. Werth said that further disorders would bring anarchy, and urged all to work to improve conditions.

INVESTIGATE EXPENSE OF WAR NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Investigation of war department expenditures by the special house committee of 15 will begin late next week with Secretary Baker and Brigadier General Lord, director of finance in the department as the first witnesses. The committee held its first meeting today and unanimously adopted a resolution asking the house for unlimited funds for employing counsel, accountants and clerical help. The senate military committee will devote itself principally to permanent army legislation.

CANADA STRIKE IS BROKEN BY OVERSEAS MEN

2,000 Returned Soldiers Maintain Law and Order in Winnipeg—Strikers Reported Ready to Return if Assured Jobs—Telegraphers Vote on Returning to Work in Body

WINNIPEG, Man., June 7.—Mayor Charles F. Gray faced a heckling crowd of strikers and sympathizers today at Victoria Park and declared that the city would not concede one inch from its determination to employ every legitimate means to maintain law and order, to feed all citizens, and to combat the sympathetic strike of municipal employees.

Gray told the strikers that he would be "a spineless man" if he acted otherwise. He held out no offer of compromise to those who quit city jobs seeking their old places. The mayor intimated that former employees must enter the city's service as newly hired workers.

WINNIPEG, Man., June 7.—Telegraph operators on strike here will hold a meeting late this afternoon to consider the question of returning to work in a body Monday. This action was decided upon after an announcement that a large number of operators would resume work Monday. It is understood that other unions will meet to decide whether they shall continue on strike.

VICTORIA, B. C., June 7.—Victoria union men are to hold a mass meeting tonight or tomorrow to decide whether or not they will strike in sympathy with the Winnipeg walk-out.

WINNIPEG, June 7.—Metal trades employers of Winnipeg have not officially announced their attitude on the collective bargaining plan submitted by the railway brotherhood's executives, who are attempting to mediate the controversy between the employers and the seven crafts represented by the Winnipeg Trades council. The union leaders yesterday accepted this proposal and their acceptance was generally considered a broad recession from their demands as originally outlined.

It was intimated at the Board of Trade this morning that the "big issues of the strike" must be disposed of before a collective bargaining agreement can be reached.

A report was current that the strike leaders were ready to order all union men back to work if they could be assured that all the strikers would get their jobs back.

A communication signed by James Wining, president of the Winnipeg Trades Council, in which it was stated that the council indorses the movement for the "deportation of all undesirable aliens" was delivered to the Winnipeg newspapers.

Winnipeg was calm and orderly today. More than 2,000 returned soldier constables were on duty.

VANCOUVER, B. C., June 7.—Garbage men, street cleaners and other outside civic employees, numbering about 250 men, joined the general strike here today.

As some of the water works employees are now on strike the city has arranged to obtain an emergency crew in case the water mains break.

Strike of the meat cutters and slaughter house employees has diminished the supply of meat in local butcher shops. So far there has been no actual shortage.

MOSIER VALLEY BANK VISITED BY YEGGS

HOOD RIVER, Ore., June 7.—Called at daybreak by Mosier authorities, local city and county officers hurried today to observe trains passing to the west for suspects and to watch the Columbia river highway. Burglars blew the first door of the Mosier Valley bank vault last night, but were unable to open the inside safe.

U. OF O. PROFESSOR HONORED BY FEDERAL APPOINTMENT

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Four new appointments to the research fellowship board which will promote fundamental research in physics and chemistry were announced today by the national research council. They are Warren C. Vosburg and George Satchel of Columbia University, Ernest F. Barker of Western University, London, Canada, and Albert E. Caswell, of the University of Oregon.

EXPECT REQUEST FOR PEACE TREATY WILL NEVER BE GRANTED

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Administration officials believe President Wilson's reply to the senate resolution asking for the peace treaty with Germany will be that it is not compatible with the public interest to furnish the text at this time.

This belief was strengthened by dispatches today from Paris saying the American peace delegation apparently is firm in its decision not to authorize publication of the treaty until it is signed.

OFFERS MARRIAGE TO MISS GARRISON AS HIS DEFENSE

OKANOGAN, Wash., June 7.—An offer of marriage by counsel for D. M. Storrs, on trial in superior court here on a felony charge growing out of his alleged relations with Ruth Garrison, acquitted recently at Seattle for the murder of Mrs. Storrs on grounds of insanity, was rejected by Superior Judge John S. Jurev today as a defense to the charge against Storrs.

The state rested at 10 a. m., following lengthy arguments on a motion by Storrs' counsel for continuance of the case until such time as the offer of marriage, which under the statutes would constitute a defense to the charge, could be carried out. Judge Jurev held that he lacked jurisdiction to entertain such a motion under the circumstances, but said if he did not he would deny it.

The arguments on the motion were made in the presence of the jury and of Miss Garrison, who occupied the witness stand at the time. Miss Garrison at present is an inmate of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, where she was committed following her acquittal.

CLAIM MURDERER OF WIDOW COBURN NOW IDENTIFIED

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., June 7.—Definite clues which have identified and located the supposed murderer of Mrs. Sara Satira Coburn, aged wealthy Pescadero widow, who was clubbed to death Tuesday night, are in the hands of District Attorney Franklin Swart of San Mateo county, Swart announced here today.

"It is my belief that we have the person responsible for Mrs. Coburn's death identified, and we can lay our hands on that person at any time," Swart said. "We are moving cautiously however, in order to make our case as complete as possible."

Suspicion that Wallace Loren Coburn, the 63 year old incompetent stepson of Mrs. Coburn, who was found with the body, was responsible in any way for the murder, has practically been dissipated by developments, Swart said.

"Every new clue leads further and further away from Wallace Coburn," Swart said.

REVOKE 2 CHARTERS CANADIAN UNIONS

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Martin G. Ryan, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Carmen has revoked the charter of two local unions of that order at Winnipeg, and a third at Edmonton, Canada. It was announced at American Federation of Labor headquarters, on the ground that the action of their members in appropriating money for organizing the "one big union" which has led to strikes now progressing in western Canada, is a disregard of union law. Other heads of international unions are said to be preparing similar orders affecting their crafts.

Warmer Sunday. Oregon—Tonight and Sunday fair, warmer Sunday, except near the coast; gentle winds, mostly northerly.

COVENANT WILL NOT DRAW U.S. INTO WAR NET

Wm. G. McAdoo, Former Secretary of Treasury Calls Criticisms of League Far Fetched—No War Possible Without Congressional Action—League Essential to Peace.

SANTA BARBARA, Calif., June 7.—The boundaries proposed for the European and Asiatic nations by the peace conference and the League of Nations are not fixed and final but are merely tentative and experimental, according to William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury in a statement made public here today.

Because of the existence of so many "twilight zones" of commingled populations in various states, the league must take the stewardship from the conference of settling the boundaries when it is necessary to shift them in the future. In no other way, except by a League of Nations, can such boundaries be fixed and causes of future wars avoided.

According to Mr. McAdoo, the argument that the United States will be drawn into every European controversy by reason of its membership in the League of Nations is "far fetched" for the following reasons:

"1. We cannot be drawn into any war unless congress first authorizes it.

"2. After all European armaments are reduced practically to an international police force basis, any war or attempted war will be a small affair because of the small armed forces available.

"3. The control by governments of the manufacture of war munitions and the destruction of great war plants like the Krupp's will prevent would be belligerents from getting the necessary supplies of arms and ammunition.

"4. In case of conflict in Europe, the nearby powers would be called on first to provide the necessary forces as, in the case of conflict on the American continent, the United States would be asked to take the matter in hand. But, in no case, I repeat it, is the United States bound to go to war or supply an armed force without the authorization of congress."

Mr. McAdoo declared the economic boycott which would be put to work in the event a nation defied the League of Nations and went to war without just cause to be a "terrible weapon which the sane representatives of no nation would defy with impunity."

LABOR LEADERS ORDER RAILROAD STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Orders that they should return to work immediately under penalty were sent today to the striking shopmen of the Norfolk and Western railway by officials of the railway employees division of the American Federation of Labor, who said that the strike was illegal and unsanctioned.

ROANOKE, Va., June 7.—The strike of Norfolk and Western railway shopmen has spread over the greater part of the system from Norfolk to Columbus, Ohio, according to reports received today by A. C. Needles, federal manager of the road.

The suspension of work, the federal manager said in a formal statement, is a violation of contract between the employees of the company. The strike resulted from a refusal of the company to reinstate several men who had been discharged.

JAPAN WILL BUILD 2 NEW BATTLE CRUISERS

TOKIO, June 7.—The warships to be built for the Japanese navy in the current financial year 1919-1920, are the battleships Kaza and Tosa, two battle cruisers whose names have not yet been chosen, two cruisers, eight destroyers and seven submarines.

The two battle cruisers are to be of the latest type. The designs have already been drafted and it is expected that the minister of the navy will shortly issue formal instructions for undertaking their construction.

EVIDENCE OF ATROCITIES BY POLES SENT TO PARIS. PARIS, June 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Evidence of cruelties practiced upon the Jews in Vilna by Polish troops as seen by witnesses has been collected by Dr. Rachmievitz and sent to the premier of Lithuania and transmitted by him to the Lithuanian commission to the peace conference.

CHINESE CREW BOOZE SHIP TURN STEAM ON CUSTOM INSPECTORS

TACOMA, Wash., June 7.—A. S. Atherson, a custom house inspector was painfully burned and Lee J. Carter, custom house officer, was slightly burned while searching the steamship Javary, just in port from Shanghai for contraband. The officers charge the Chinese crew, after getting a full head of steam in the boilers, opened all the steam coals in the boiler rooms where the search was in progress. It was with difficulty the officers reached the upper decks. An investigation is being made in an effort to fix the responsibility for the "steam attack" on the officers. The officers obtained 25 quarts of whiskey and two bottles of beer.

MAJORITY OF LABOR VOTE IN FAVOR OF MOONEY STRIKE

CHICAGO, June 7.—The Mooney Defense League today through Anton Johannsen, secretary, announced returns on the proposed general strike of trades unions in connection with the demand for a new trial for Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings, convicted of participation in the preparation of dynamite explosion in San Francisco. No definite figures were given, the results being grouped as follows:

Coal miners, metal miners, oil workers, railway carmen, each 100 to 1 in favor of the strike; timber workers, packing trades, longshoremen, painters, boot and shoe makers and bakers, each 50 to 1 in favor; brewery workers and electricians, each 40 to 1 for the strike; tool makers, cigar makers, each 30 to 1; miscellaneous trades, 10 to 1; plumbers 10 to 6 for the strike; carpenters, 10 to 7; and bricklayers, 10 to 8 for the strike; barbers and printers, each 8 to 1 against the strike.

The announcement said the strike will be considered at the convention of the American Federation of Labor which opens at Atlantic City, N. J. on Monday.

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PORTLAND YOUTH COMMITS SUICIDE

PORTLAND, June 7.—Arthur Lange, 22 years old, son of Mr. and Mrs. August W. Lange, residing at 1109 Division street, killed himself last night in a clothes closet in his room by shooting his head off with a double-barreled shotgun, the police said today. Despondency over business troubles is held responsible for his act.

Lange was recently discharged from the navy and was superintending a new bakery under construction of which he was the proprietor. The building was only partly completed and it is believed that brooding over business troubles caused him to kill himself.

FIUME TANGLE STILL UNSOLVED ITALIANS CHAFE

Premier Orlando Demands Settlement By June 18th When Italian Parliament Meets—All Efforts to Arrive at Agreement Futile—Delegates Work Hard to Speed Up Conference

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS, June 7.—There is every evidence that the leading figures of the peace conference in Paris are endeavoring to hasten the delivery of the allied reply to Germany's counter proposals to the terms of peace. According to advice positive instructions have been given by the council of four to all commissions working on the reply to complete their reports by Monday. If this order is carried out it is probable the reply will be framed early in the week and will be immediately presented to the enemy delegation.

From reports coming from Paris it seems that there is growing a sentiment in the council of four that alterations must be made in the treaty, but in what particulars, the terms will be modified is not indicated.

French Expect Refusal. Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, head of the German peace mission, left Versailles last night for Germany. It is reported from Paris that he is expected to return Sunday.

French official circles are said to expect the Germans to refuse to sign the terms and it is pointed out that as delay would favor the Germans, there is necessity for haste in bringing exchanges between the allies and the enemy to a close. A more hopeful sentiment is said to be apparent in Berlin.

The Italian claims to territory on the eastern shore of the Adriatic also are causing some uneasiness in peace conference circles. The Italian parliament will meet June 18 and Premier Orlando is demanding that a settlement be reached by that time. Dispatches from Paris indicate that the deadlock over the situation regarding Fiume and the Dalmatian coast is still the source of concern and that efforts to arrive at an agreement have been futile.

Admiral Kolchak's forces operating in European Russia, are, it is admitted, checked by Bolsheviks, and it seems probable that there will be, to say the least, quite a serious delay in carrying the campaign to a successful conclusion.

Hungarian Bolshevik forces continue to advance against Czech troops between Budapest and Vienna.

TOTAL CASUALTIES IN NORTH RUSSIA 556 IN ALL RANKS

ARCHANGEL, June 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The total casualties of the American force in North Russia to date have been 20 officers and 536 men. An official announcement today divides the casualties as follows:

Killed in action or died of wounds: Five officers, 99 men.

Missing in action: No officers, 35 men.

Died of disease or accident: Three officers, 77 men.

Wounded: Twelve officers, 325 men.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—Official announcement was made today by General March that all of the original Archangel expedition will have sailed for home within two weeks. Companies E, G, I, M, and the machine gun companies of the 339th infantry are now en route for Brest, having sailed from Archangel June 3. There will be left at Archangel temporarily the railway engineer units sent there recently to assist the withdrawal. General March said he was unable to forecast the date for the withdrawal of the Siberian forces.

AMERICAN OFFICERS DECORATED BY KING

LONDON, June 6.—Americans who will be decorated by King George at Buckingham palace during the presentation of war medals tomorrow will be Major A. J. McElroy, air service, Distinguished Service Order, and Captain Otto A. Rodnard and Lieutenant H. B. Steele, both of the 320th infantry, Military Cross.