

PALMER ON THE FENCE REGARDING RADICAL LAWS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Dejection of radicals, country-wide arrests of others and the "vigorous enforcement of existing laws" has given notice that the United States intends to keep order and has helped improve conditions, Attorney General Palmer today told the house judiciary committee.

The positive intention of the government to punish crimes of reds and communists has created a state of order which would have been impossible without arrests and deportations, he added.

"Some misunderstanding exists in regard to my attitude towards this legislation," he said. "Some said I had a plain case of cold feet, others that I had 'turned tail.' That, of course, is not correct. I did not attend because I could not give support to the pending rule for the Sterling-Graham bill.

More harm than good would come from repressive legislation, Mr. Palmer said, adding that pending measures were not drastic and far-reaching that they would overreach the purpose for which they were intended.

"The situation calls for legislation of simple character curbing the bill of rights, but filling a hiatus in laws which exist in present statutes," said Mr. Palmer.

"There are no federal statutes which are adequate to meet the situation. A condition of revolutionary intent exists in this country on the part of aliens and citizens, sufficiently widespread in character to merit consideration by congress. Threats are written by persons who would injure and overthrow the government.

"And these threats, which are being circulated on the part of such persons are the kind which do not entitle those who employ them to the guarantee of the so-called right of free speech."

Mr. Palmer said he disagreed with those who claimed revolutionary utterances should be met by arguments instead of statutory laws.

Declaring that because of apparent dilatoriness in stepping "red" activities last summer, every newspaper in the country had "shouted" at him, Mr. Palmer said the department by giving advance notice of intended widespread violence against the government had blocked any great disturbances.

"Order can only be maintained through firm enforcement of laws," he added.

"Justice cannot come to any part of the population without absolute observance of law and order. There are 50,000 members of the communist party in this country and the communist labor party is even larger."

Mr. Palmer read a number of excerpts from anarchistic literature revolutionary in character and said no existing statute made the printing and circulating of such documents unlawful.

PLAGUE IS REPORTED IN U. S. AREA OF AUSTRIA

VIENNA, Feb. 6.—Outbreaks of the plague are reported in the Tyrolean plebesite area, which upon ratification of the treaty of Versailles by the United States is to be occupied by American troops, according to the general understanding. American Red Cross headquarters in Warsaw and in this city are hurrying medical units to the affected districts.

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NEWSPAPERS AN INVALUABLE AID IN COMMUNITY

CORVALLIS, Feb. 6.—Recognizing the large part played by the community newspaper in developing community life and assisting in the promotion of programs of community betterment about which the farm bureaus are organized, and being cognizant of the difficult position in which these papers are placed by the scarcity of news print paper and other high production cost factors.

Be it resolved: That the county agricultural agents of Oregon in conference assembled this 9th day of January, 1920, declare it our policy to lend fullest support to the community newspapers in farm bureaus and points to agent counties.

This resolution was passed unanimously on motion of George W. Kilde, county agent for Beaton. A discussion of the best and most practical means of carrying it out brought out the following as desirable where applicable:

Cooperate with the publisher of the community newspaper in getting desirable commercial advertisements of supplies and equipment likely to be purchased as a result of a successful project, and in getting live news items whether related to the community projects or not, endorsement of Uncle Sam's campaign for reduction of distribution cost by wide advertising, and the aim of the college department of industrial journalism to foster sales of certain classes of farm produce thru ads in the community newspaper, advising readers of the Farm Bureau News that the News is not designed as a substitute for the local newspaper; encourage the naming of the farmsteads and use of letter heads showing name and principal business; avoiding all competition in commercial advertising.

MAN IS MORTAL; GOD ALONE IS IMMORTAL

This was heard at the Seventh Day Adventist church Wednesday evening, "Man is Mortal; God is Immortal." "God only has immortality," 1 Tim. 6:16, 17. "Mortal man puts on immortality as the last trump or at the second coming of Christ," 1 Cor. 15:51-54. "God is love," 1 John 4:8. The speaker said: "Will a God of love inflict such brutal tortures on humanity thru endless ages, either God would be responsible for or there would be an unquenchable fire in God's universe. If hell will exist forever where it is located when every creature is praising God?" "The wicked will be destroyed and brought to ashes," Mal. 4:1-3. Continuing the speaker said, "The punishment of the wicked will be everlasting and eternal in its effect. Conclusion—Hell is just a fire escape that some people hold out to drive people into the church."

The subject as announced for tonight will be "No life outside of Christ."

FLOAT GIANT FRENCH LOAN IN U.S. DOLLARS

PARIS, Feb. 6.—A portion of the new French loan will be floated in the United States thru a consortium of bankers and will be placed in dollars with a view to easing the exchange situation, it is learned here. These bonds will bear five per cent interest as in France, being redeemable with a fifty per cent bonus within sixty years.

It is understood the amount to be placed in the United States has not been fixed, but some estimates have run as high as \$2,000,000,000.

Subscriptions also will be received at London in pounds sterling on the same terms. Experts here came upon the success of those foreign subscriptions to assist in the stabilization of exchange.

THREATEN CLEMENCEAU IF HE VISITS EGYPT

PARIS, Thursday, Feb. 5.—Telegrams threatening Premier Clemenceau in case he visits Egypt did not emanate from the Egyptian delegation here, according to Said Zakiou Pasha, head of the Egyptian peace conference.

Before his departure M. Clemenceau received no most courteous," said Zakiou Pasha in an interview published in the Temps, "and assured me he was going to Egypt as a friend of that country."

The Egyptian people, the interview says, will be most joyful in their welcome of the "lion."

In Quito every one removes his hat on seeing a flash of lightning.

HEADS AMERICAN LEGION



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PROFIT OF MEAT TRUST LESS THAN 2 PERCENT

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Total output of the meat packing industry in the United States for 1919 was estimated at more than \$5,000,000,000 in a statement given out today by the Institute of American Traders. The estimate was based on annual reports of more than 250 packing companies which operate under federal inspection.

Profit through the industry averaged not more than a cent and a half on each dollar of sales, the report estimated.

U. S. NEGRO COLONY PLANNED IN MEXICO

HOUSTON, Ariz., Feb. 6.—The minister of public works at Mexico City has announced that he has received a number of telegrams and letters from American negroes resident in Texas, New Mexico and California, requesting concessions and facilities for the establishment of a colony. The messages set out the fact that numerous countries have been investigated and Mexico has been chosen for the colony or colonies of the negroes.

PORTLAND TRUCK AND AUTOMOBILE SHOW, FEB'Y 23D

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—The automobile show to be held in Portland the week of February 23rd to 28th will be by far the greatest motor car show ever held in the Pacific northwest. A total of 69 different makes of passenger cars and 176 different models will be on exhibition at the Lee Palace during all of show week.

At the same time, in the Portland Armory, a few blocks distant, will be held the first show devoted exclusively to motor trucks on the Pacific coast. Approximately 50 different makes of trucks and 100 models will be on display at the truck show. These models will range from the light 3 and 1 1/2 ton trucks, particularly adapted to farm and light delivery purposes, to huge vehicles of burden up to 5 and 7 1/2 tons capacity.

Both shows will be held under the same management, and one ticket of admission will be good to both with out additional cost.

There have been many improvements in both motor trucks and cars since the war, based on lessons gained in army transport work. In fact, improvements that might not have been developed in the normal course of events for ten years, have resulted in the year since the armistice from the invaluable information learned during the war.

These improvements will be seen on the latest models at the automobile show. They vary from motor refinements to an entirely new spring suspension principle, and are of the utmost interest to every owner and prospective owner of an automobile or truck.

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