

TRIAL OF CENTRALIA I. W. W.'S IS STARTED

NO ATTACK I. W. W. HALL SAYS STATE

County Prosecutor Allen Makes Strong Case in Opening Remarks Before Centralia Massacre Jury—Maintains State Will Prove I. W. W.'s Deliberately Entered Into Plot to Murder Service Men—Shots Not Fired From I. W. W. Hall.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 7.—Outlining in its every detail the state's version of events leading up to the Armistice day shootings at Centralia, Wash., on November 11, 1919, Herman Allen, county attorney of Lewis county, in which Centralia is situated, today told the 12 jurors sworn to hear the evidence against 11 alleged members of the Industrial Workers of the World just what the state would attempt to prove by the testimony and exhibits it would offer at 1:30 o'clock.

"Incredible as it may appear that a crime so heinous in its character and evincing so much depravity should be perpetrated within the limits of a peaceful and moral community, nevertheless the evidence which we shall lay before you irresistibly lead to the conclusion that the prisoners are guilty of the offense of which they stand charged," Mr. Allen declared when first addressing the jury.

Explains Halt at I. W. W. Hall After the counter march, which took place at Tower avenue and Third street, some confusion took place, Mr. Allen explained, the result being that some of the marchers were forced to halt in the block between Second and Third streets, on Tower avenue, many of them stopping directly in front of the I. W. W. hall. The Centralia division had reached a position just ahead of the hall, nearly at the intersection of Tower avenue and Second street, when Grimm gave the command to halt and close ranks. Allen said in his statement. He then located the I. W. W. hall at from 150 to 200 feet north of the corner where the men had halted.

Fired on When Halting "It was while the men were in this position that they were fired upon," the county prosecutor declared. "When in this position four or five shots rang out and there was a distinct pause of a few seconds, and the boys began to break ranks and seek shelter. When the ranks broke and the boys began scattering, several volleys of shots came from the I. W. W. hall."

How many shots were fired it may not accurately be determined, but it will be shown that there were a great number, ranging from 50 to 150," Allen continued in describing the shooting. He then described the position of the marchers in the street, how they at first did not realize they were being shot at, their efforts to escape the rain of bullets and charged that the defendants "manifested an absolute and total disregard of human life," men, women and children being in the crowd that had gathered along the streets to witness the procession. He then declared

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NEW YORK WOMEN SHOVEL SNOW; ALL TRUCKING TRAFFIC IS SUSPENDED

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Snowbound New York marshalled all its forces today in a prodigious effort to extricate itself from the paralyzing storm that has reminded old timers of the classic blizzard of 1888.

Spurred by Mayor Hylan's proclamation urging the suspension of all but vitally necessary trucking traffic for a period of three days, big trucking corporations and others turned over their auto trucks and drivers to cart the snow to piers where steamship companies loaded their employees for the task of dumping into the harbor. Hundreds of

RARE TREASURES ART WORTH OVER MILLION FOUND WIDOW'S HOUSE

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Treasures of art valued at more than a million dollars were found today in the unpretentious dwelling of Mrs. Evaline M. Kimball, aged widow of W. W. Kimball, founder of a piano company. The widow, who is 79 years old, recently was adjudged incompetent. An inventory filed in probate court yesterday and approved listed early Chinese and Japanese jade and porcelain vases, bowls and plaques, rare pictures and antique furniture. Among the other valuable paintings were works of Rembrandt, John Constable, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Millet, Gainsborough, Bristol, George Romney and Corot.

WILSON STANDS PAT REGARDING RESERVATIONS

President Reaffirms His Stand Against Any But Interpretative Reservations to Peace Treaty in Letter to Senator Hitchcock—Less Uncompromising Attitude Urged.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—After listening to a letter from President Wilson, re-affirming his stand against any but interpretative reservations to the peace treaty, democratic senators decided in conference today to proceed with their previous plan to help bring the treaty up in the senate Monday and to work for a reservation compromise.

The letter is understood to have expressed the president's willingness to accept any interpretative reservations that the democrats might frame but to have omitted discussion of any specific reservation proposals.

A long discussion in which some senators are said to have urged that the democratic senate leaders be more compromising in their attitude followed submission of the communication. The only formal decision reached, it was announced, was to aid in every possible way that move to take up the treaty and expedite its ratification.

MRS. WILSON NOT GUILTY MURDER

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Gertrude Wilson was found not guilty of the murder of Charles Brown, wealthy sheecman, on the first ballot of the jury taken within 15 minutes of the time the case was given into its hands.

HOUSER ON CARPET FOR PROFITEERING

SPOKANE, Feb. 7.—Belief that Max H. Houser of Portland, Ore., vice president of the United States grain corporation for the northwest, "by reason of his connection with the United States grain corporation, has been able to manipulate and operate" grain companies of which he was formerly an owner "to an immense profit to himself and associates," is expressed in findings of a United States grand jury returned to District Judge E. E. Cushman here today.

Once More Predict Rain. WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are: Pacific states—Rains in Washington and Oregon middle of the week and, again, about the end of the week. Seasonal temperatures.

SEC'Y NAVY LAMBASTS ADMIRAL

Daniels Tells Investigating Committee He Regrets Recommending Sims as Admiral for Life—Criticized American Army and Praised British—Sims' Charges Untrue—Busy With British Propaganda—Objects to Magazine Articles.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—When Mr. Daniels completed his prepared statement today he was cross questioned by members of the committee. He conceded that Admiral Sims had served where ordered and said that he meant no reflection by his previous testimony that the admiral had served most of his time on shore duty.

Chairman Hale read letters written by Secretary Daniels praising Admiral Sims for his service during the war and Senator McCormick read testimony complimentary to Sims, given by Secretary Daniels before congressional committees during consideration of a bill to make Sims and Benson full admirals.

"Every word that I have said of Admiral Sims' ability and brilliancy in certain lines is true," said Mr. Daniels, "but if I had known what has developed since, I should not have recommended that he be made an admiral for life."

"I wish to give some reasons why I would not make that recommendation now. One reason is a statement made recently in the house of representatives by Representative Byrnes in which he said that while in Paris in October, 1918, he talked to Admiral Sims and Sims praised the British army highly, declared that an armistice would have to be signed because Pershing had been unable to break thru the German line due to a breakdown in the American service of transportation and greatly minimized the service of the American navy during the war. Afterward, Representative Byrnes said, he visited Pershing's headquarters and learned that Sims' charges were entirely unfounded. A few days afterward Representative Byrnes repeated Admiral Sims' remarks to a high American official without saying who made them and received the reply 'that is pure British propaganda and there is only one officer in the American service who could have said such things and he is Rear Admiral William S. Sims.'"

Statements contained in a series of magazine articles written by Admiral Sims and published recently were given by Secretary Daniels as another reason why he would not now recommend Admiral Sims for admiral.

"The third reason I should not have recommended him is the book he has written and published," Secretary Daniels continued.

"There were six men to whom the navy owes most its success. The first is Admiral Benson, who directed operations. The second is Admiral Mayo, who commanded the Atlantic fleet during the war. Then there was Admiral Sims, whom we selected because he had a large acquaintance abroad."

PORTLAND, Feb. 7.—The influenza situation in Portland today reached its highest crest since the outbreak of the malady last month. One hundred and fifteen new cases were reported to the city health bureau bringing the total number of cases in the city up to 724.

This brings the total number of deaths from influenza up to twelve in this city. The 115 new cases reported set a record for this season in Portland. There were 52 releases from quarantine today.

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W. M. SEWARD OWNER SEWARD HOTEL JUMPS 6 STORIES TO DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 7.—W. M. Seward, owner of the hotel here which bears his name, died today after he leaped from a window of the hotel and fell six stories into a court. Seward had been ill for many months from a nervous breakdown and was under the care of several nurses whom he eluded in order to jump from the window.

SECRETARY LANE'S RESIGNATION IN PRESIDENT'S HANDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Secretary Lane of the department of the interior has placed his resignation in the hands of President Wilson and will be effective March 1. It became known some time ago that the secretary contemplated leaving the cabinet when it was convenient for the president to release him.

It is understood that Mr. Lane's plans for the immediate future have not been fully matured, but will be announced soon. He has been secretary of the interior since the beginning of President Wilson's administration. Prior to that he was a member and chairman of the inter-state commerce commission.

Mr. Lane's resignation terminates a public service of more than 20 years in which he has held many posts, beginning with local offices in his home state of California. It has been a matter of common agreement among politicians for some time that he would be a presidential possibility were it not for the fact that he was born in Canada.

"FLU" APPEARS TO BE ON THE WANE EXCEPT PORTLAND

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—The influenza epidemic was at a standstill today in most communities and new cases showed a decline in others, according to reports from twenty-five states to the public health service.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 7.—Influenza which has resulted in eight deaths in Roseburg today was on the wane. For the first time since the epidemic struck three weeks ago the outlook was optimistic and physicians were confident the danger has passed. Only a few scattering cases have been reported for the past two days and all indications point to the fact that the disease is dying out almost as rapidly as it appeared.

CHINA EMBARRASSED BY JAPAN OFFER

PEKING, Sunday, Feb. 1.—(By Associated Press.) Japan's proposal to open negotiations with China for the return of Shantung province has placed the government in a dilemma, according to Dr. Yen Hwak-Ling, counselor of the foreign office, who has just returned from Paris with Foreign Minister Lu Cheng Hsiang. The acceptance of the Japanese proposal is objected to by provincial authorities, student bodies, chambers of commerce and various guilds, but a refusal, besides endangering the good relations of the two countries, Dr. Yen pointed out, would necessarily mean the indefinite postponement of the province's restoration.

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U.S. MARINES CLASH WITH JAP TROOPS

American Marines at Vladivostok Intervene When Japs Attempt to Restrain Revolutionary Troops—Japanese Give Up Attempt and No Serious Trouble Results—War Ships Loaded With Russians Arrive in Tokio.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—American marines at Vladivostok intervened when Japanese soldiers attempted to prevent revolutionary troops from capturing General Rozanoff, Russian governor general, when the city was taken by the reds, according to a Vladivostok dispatch to the Mail. The message, which was dated last Sunday, stated General Rozanoff finally escaped and took refuge on a Japanese cruiser in the harbor.

Describing the capture of the city, the correspondent says the first revolutionists entered by stealth, seized the street railroad and used the cars to carry them up the main street to the house occupied by General Rozanoff. When they tried to surround the building the Japanese blocked the way, but the officer of an American marine detachment announced he would not permit interference. The Japanese then withdrew and all foreign forces observed a neutral attitude subsequently.

TOKIO, Feb. 7.—Russian officers who have been serving at Vladivostok under command of General Rozanoff, governor general of the Russian maritime province have arrived with their families in Tsuruga harbor on the southern coast of Japan.

They were on board two Russian warships which entered port early today, and their arrival which was unheralded, appears to indicate an exodus of Russians from the eastern part of Siberia.

Reports received late last week reflected a serious state of affairs in Vladivostok and it appeared the bolsheviks had assumed control of the city up to within a short distance of the city. Nikolai, 40 miles north, was in the hands of the reds at that time and American forces along the railroad between that place and Vladivostok reported encountering units of the soviet army. A state of siege had been proclaimed in the city and further reinforcements of Japanese troops were expected.

More recent advices stated revolutionist forces had occupied Vladivostok January 31, and that allied missions which had been in the city had left, going westward over the Trans-Siberian railroad in the direction of Harbin. Nothing was reported as to the flight of Russian officers which may indicate the wholesale desertion of Russian government troops or their dispersion. If this should prove to be the case the only considerable anti-bolshevik forces in far eastern Siberia would be Japanese and Americans.

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GOV. STUART DECLINES HONOR.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 7.—Former Governor Henry C. Stuart has declined appointment to the inter-state commerce commission to succeed James S. Harlan of Indiana, it was announced here today.

PASSENGERS DOMINION LINER PRINCESS ANNE LANDED SAFELY IN N. Y.

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—Thirty-two passengers and 28 members of the crew of the steamship Princess Anne, which stranded on a sand bar at Rockaway Point Thursday night while bound from Norfolk, Va., to this city, were landed at the Battery by the police boat patrol shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon. Forty-four members of the crew remained aboard the distressed vessel. Captain Frank Seay of Norfolk, who was injured while manning the boat through the storm, was among those landed.

GUARANTEE 5 1-2 PER CENT TO U. S. RAILROADS

Senate and House Agree On Important Railroad Legislation—Government Guarantee Extends For Two Years—Rates to Depend Upon Earning Power Each District.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—A return of 5 1/2 per cent on the aggregate value of the railroads would be guaranteed by the government for a period of two years under an agreement reached today by the senate and house conferees on the railroad bill.

In announcing the agreement today, Chairman Cummins of the senate managers said the re-written section provided that after the two-year period the per cent of return would be fixed by the inter-state commerce commission which would be authorized to fix rates so as to yield that return.

With the agreement on this section leaders hope to complete final enactment of the bill before March 1.

Rates by Districts The aggregate value of the properties used in transportation would be determined by the inter-state commission, according to the bill the determination being by traffic districts. These districts would be used as groups for rate making and in territories where the roads earned an equivalent of the guaranteed return, no increase in rates would be necessary. Similarly, the rates would be raised to make up a deficit in districts where the roads failed to earn the 5 1/2 per cent.

Figures on the probable aggregate value of the roads are not available yet. The commission has completed the final physical valuation of only three roads and the tentative valuation of only 56, the largest being the Kansas City Southern. The outstanding capitalization and bonded indebtedness of all the roads amount to approximately \$19,000,000,000 on which a 5 1/2 per cent return would be \$1,045,000,000.

Aid Weaker Roads The guaranteed return to the roads under government control has

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Until the result of the election is known, the commission is not in position to map out any further road program, and the commissioners declined to commit themselves to any new projects. All requests for paving were turned down and even flattering offers of co-operation from counties were laid on the shelf until the commission knows whether it will receive more funds.

Jackson county's proposal to pay 25 per cent of the cost of having the Crater Lake road from Medford as a two-year project, was placed in abeyance by the commission. No answer will be given until after the May election.

As the local delegation pointed out Jackson county is prepared to pay one-fourth of the cost of the construction of the Medford-Crater Lake highway providing the federal government will provide one-half and the state highway commission the remaining one-fourth of the cost of construction.

If the commission is not prepared immediately to meet one-fourth of the cost of the highway, Jackson county agreed to lend the amount necessary to the state. It was desired to begin work soon on the 23-mile stretch between Medford and Trail by way of Eagle creek, and if a satisfactory bid for the work could not be obtained the county would do the work on force account.

A conference was held Wednesday night between the delegation and the committee from the Portland chamber of commerce appointed following the Portland trade excursion to southern Oregon to boost the highway and the state highway commission. W. H. Gore, spokesman of the Jackson county delegation told of the great need for the construction of the highway for the accommodation of tourists and what already has been accomplished by Jackson county in road construction. E. V. Carter, of Ashland and County Judge G. A. Gardner supplemented his remarks and when the plan of financing was proposed, S. Benson of the state highway commission appeared greatly pleased and requested that the proposal be reduced to writing and presented to the commission.

President H. B. Van Duser, president; W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary; P. Hetherington, assistant secretary; Walter H. Evans, chairman of the local Medford-Crater Lake road committee, and John M. Scott represented the Portland chamber of commerce at the conference.

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leave the initiative in the process of extradition to others. It was said yesterday that Baron Birkenhead, lord chancellor of England, is understood to have made it clear that the British government favored a radical modification of the list in order that an agreement with Germany might be reached. Premier Millerand declared in the chamber of deputies last evening the allies would not evacuate the left bank of the Rhine until Germany had fulfilled all the terms of the Versailles treaty.