

# STATE WINS FIRST BLOOD I. W. W. TRIAL

### Alleged Confession of Loren Roberts Admitted by Court as Evidence— Counsel for Defense Loses Point After strenuous Struggle—Claims Roberts Insane When Confession Was Made—Confession to Damaging to I. W. W.'s Defense.

MONTESANO, Wash., Feb. 11.—What are purported to be a confession and a supplementary confession of Loren Roberts, one of the 11 alleged I. W. W.'s on trial here for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim, was introduced as evidence in court here today.

The alleged confession and supplement were offered as evidence early at today's session of court, but were not permitted until both state and defense counsel had argued over the admissibility, the latter maintaining Roberts was insane.

The alleged confession, or statement of Roberts is really supplementary to the one he is alleged to have made in the city jail at Centralia, early on the Friday morning following the shootings, which was published Sunday morning November 16, 1919. It was made at Olympia, in the office of the sheriff of Thurston county, on November 17, in the presence of Herman Allen, county attorney of Lewis county; Frank Christensen, assistant state attorney general; A. C. Baker, stenographer, and Ben King and Sheriff J. H. Gifford.

It differs from the one alleged to have been made in the Centralia jail only to the extent of being more detailed, and to the extent of implicating more of the defendants now on trial.

Roberts, in the alleged confession introduced in evidence today, gave his age as 21 years and his residence as Grand Mount, a small settlement near Centralia. He became a member of the I. W. W. just a year ago, according to the document. In his own purported words:

"I became a 'wobbly' on February 12 and attended meetings at Centralia from time to time. I attended a meeting here Sunday afternoon before the shooting. Among those I knew present were Britt Smith, a man named Faulkner, McInerney, Bert Bland." Roberts is then quoted as saying that the purported raid on the I. W. W. hall was discussed only generally at that time. At the meeting held Wednesday evening, however, the statement says, Britt Smith, Everest, McInerney and a man named Davis were present.

# WANT A WORKMAN ON U. S. SHIPPING BOARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Recommendations that an experienced workman be appointed to the next vacancy on the shipping board and that shipyard employes be given first opportunity to purchase houses erected by the government during the war were made in a memorial sent to President Wilson today by the national conference of American shipworkers, in session here. Inclusion of a man from their ranks on the shipping board, the memorial said, would insure loyal cooperation of yard workers.

# LADY ASTOR'S MAIDEN SPEECH TO BE DELIVERED ON THE BOOZE QUESTION

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The drink question was briefly discussed in both houses of parliament yesterday. Earl Curzon told the lords that the bill on this subject to be introduced would contain provisions for shorter hours of sale. The experiment of state management certainly would not be dropped, he said.

In the house of commons the subject was alluded to by Sir Donald MacLean.

"The fact that America has gone dry is an economic fact of the gravest importance to Great Britain," he said.

He declared the British expenditure for drink absolutely staggered him. The country spent more than

# LEAGUE OF NATIONS HAS 2ND MEETING IN HISTORIC ST. JAMES

LONDON, Feb. 11.—The council of the League of Nations formally opened its meeting in St. James palace here at noon today. Arthur J. Balfour, representing Great Britain, assumed the chair on the suggestion of Leon Bourgeois, representative of France.

In his speech of welcome to the delegates Mr. Balfour said there was only one blot on the meeting, and that was that there were eight nations represented instead of nine. He said that it was not desirable to touch on the absence of the United States, but he referred to it marrring the symmetry of the original plan of the league.

M. Bourgeois in reply, added a word of regret that the nations represented were only eight in number.

# FORMER EDITOR OF CENTURY IS NAMED ROME AMBASSADOR

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Robert Underwood Johnson of New York, author and editor and one of the founders of the League to Enforce Peace, has been selected by President Wilson as ambassador to Rome to succeed Thomas Nelson Page who resigned several months ago. The president is expected to send the nomination to the senate within a few days.

Mr. Johnson was originator of the memorial to Keats and Shelley in Rome, originator and chairman of the American poets ambulance in Italy in 1917 and author of Italian rhapsody and other poems of Italy, published in 1917. He was decorated by the Italian government in 1895, was made cavaliere of the crown of Italy.

Mr. Johnson was born in Washington 67 years ago and was editor of the Century magazine from November 1909 to May, 1913. He induced General Grant to write his memoirs and set on foot the movement which resulted in the creation of the Yosemite national park.

# OIL LEASING BILL IN FINAL STAGE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Enactment of the oil land leasing bill was completed today with the adoption of the conference report by the senate. The bill now goes to the president.

The senate's action terminated a ten years fight. The bill provides for the leasing and development of government owned oil, coal, gas, phosphate, sodium and oil shale lands by private enterprise and affects approximately 75,000,000 acres of public domain, principally in western states.

German Mail to Mexico. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 11.—The first mail to Mexico direct from Germany since the beginning of the war arrived at Vera Cruz today from Hamburg along with a cargo of dyes and medicines.

# 164,000,000 POUNDS STERLING FOR DRINK IN 1914

164,000,000 pounds sterling for drink in 1914, he said, and this expenditure increased until it was 259,000,000 pounds in 1918 while it was estimated that the expenditure for the year ending March 31 next would be nearly 400,000,000 pounds. The duty of 1918 was 38,500,000 pounds. It was a form of revenue that all chancellors of the exchequer would be pleased to dispense with, he said.

The liquor question will be debated in the house of commons during the present week when, according to a lobby report, Lady Astor will speak on the topic. It will not only be her ladyship's maiden speech in the house but the first time that a woman has been heard in parliament.

# ANTI-PERU PLOT LOOMS IN MEXICO

### United States Government Tips Off Peruvian Consul in New York That Revolutionary Conspiracy is Being Hatched Up in This Country—Trying to Obtain Men and Arms in Mexico—American Government May Deport Plotters to Peru.

LIMA, Peru, Feb. 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Charges declared to be backed by the United States government information, that attempts are being made by anti-government Peruvians in the United States to organize an expedition in Mexico for a revolutionary attack in Peru, are made in a message from Peruvian Consul General Higginson in New York to the government here, according to El Tiempo, a semi-official organ. The alleged plot is declared to involve attempts to bring Chilean and Bolivian interests into the conspiracy. Consul General Higginson's cable message is given by El Tiempo verbatim as follows:

"An agent of the department of justice in Washington called at this consulate last night and informed me officially that information had been received that Peruvian enemies to the government and residents in New York were trying to obtain arms and men in Mexico for the purpose of landing in Peru. The agent told me the information was to the effect that the aforesaid Peruvians were endeavoring to arrange with ex-President Montes of Bolivia and the government of Chile to support the movement to disturb the public peace of Peru. The agent called on some of the conspirators and advised them that if further complaints were made against them the American government would deport them to Peru according to law, or subject them to trial before the courts in the United States."

When inquiries were made of President Leguia regarding the foregoing the president declared that information in Consul General Higginson's telegram was amply corroborated by private advices received from other sources.

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# SEARCH FOR MISSING CORVALLIS WOMAN

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 11.—Efforts were continued today to find Mrs. Baol, who disappeared from her home here Saturday. Word has come to Corvallis to the effect that a strange woman was seen on the road north of the city Saturday and that she asked at one house to use the telephone. She did not get the party she wanted so continued on her way. The countryside has been notified to be on watch. Search, however, is still being made in the river.

# MARSHFIELD MEN IN BIG LUMBER DEAL

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 11.—The Tachenitch Timber company today purchased a one-hundred million feet of timber at Lake Tachenitch and will construct a sixty thousand foot capacity saw mill at once.

The timber was bought from the Umqupa Timber company, of which A. E. Adelsperger and W. J. Conrad of Marshfield are members. W. F. McGregor, of Astoria, is president of the purchasing company, and R. K. Gooch, also of Astoria, secretary. The timber is situated contiguous to Lake Tachenitch and can be milled easily.

# HOOVER WILL BE IN OREGON PRIMARY AS DEMOCRAT SAYS WEST

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 11.—The name of Herbert Hoover will be submitted for the approval of Oregon voters as the next president of the United States, Oswald West, democrat, former governor of this state, announced today. Petitions will be circulated immediately, West said.

Replying to a suggestion that Mr. Hoover has not announced whether he will be a democrat or republican, West remarked: "That doesn't make any difference. We're deciding for him. He is going to be a democrat."

GAINESVILLE, Ga., Feb. 11.—Herbert Hoover is certain to be one of the men voted on in the democratic presidential preference primary to be held in Georgia April 20. This was assured when the necessary 100 democrats signed a petition presenting Mr. Hoover as nominee of the party and requesting the democratic executive committee to place his name on the preferential ballot.

# BELIEVE OUSTED SOCIALISTS WILL BE REINSTATED

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Another dissension among members of the assembly judiciary committee trying the five suspended socialist assemblymen charged with disloyalty was noted at the opening of today's session.

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# SAVE MONEY AND WORK HARD ONLY CURE FOR H. C. L.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 11.—Financial aid for Europe and restriction of domestic bank loans so as to deny funds for speculation, was urged today by Henry A. Moehlenpach, member of the federal reserve board, in an address before the Dallas group of the Texas State Bankers association. America's effort, Mr. Moehlenpach said, should be toward increased production and individual economy.

Declaring that "the war, financially has just begun," Mr. Moehlenpach urged a campaign of education "to stop the people in their debauch, their sprees, their extravagant living and spending."

Also different plans to deflate credit are being advocated, the speaker declared that increased production and conservative regulation of credits should be the present policy.

The Edge foreign finance law was praised by Mr. Moehlenpach, who also urged entrance into the federal reserve system of state banks.

# TREATY IS PRESENTED TO SENATE

### Reservations as Revised in Bi-Partisan Conference Presented for Consideration—Eight of 14 Reservations Are Modified Under Senator Lodge's Proposal Preamble Changed So Only Affirmative Acceptance by Others Powers is Necessary.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—The peace treaty reservations as revised tentatively in recent unofficial bi-partisan conferences presented in the senate today by Senator Lodge, for consideration when the treaty comes on next Monday.

The modifications do not agree entirely with the draft which democratic members of the bi-partisan committee have said were tentatively agreed on.

Eight of the fourteen reservations would be modified under Senator Lodge's proposal, and the preamble would be changed so that affirmative acceptance by the others powers would not be required. Four of the remaining six reservations were accepted by the democratic conferees without change, the republicans of the committee say, while the other two relating to article ten and the Monroe doctrine were left unchanged.

Clemenceau Satisfied

PARIS, Feb. 11.—How the allies accepted President Wilson's fourteen points in connection with armistice negotiations was revealed for the first time by the Echo de Paris today. It was at a meeting in the office of Stephen Pichon, foreign minister on November 3, 1918. Previous meetings at Versailles had fixed the military conditions of an eventual armistice and the government chiefs had met for final deliberation.

David Lloyd George, the British premier, the Echo de Paris says, turned to Colonel House and declared: "If we have thoroughly understood President Wilson's thought, the armistice negotiations which the American government is disposed to open with Germany in concert with the allied powers are subordinated by the acceptance by the said powers of the principles and conditions of peace defined by the president on January 8 and in his subsequent speeches. In a word we must give our assent to the fourteen points."

Colonel House is reported to have answered that was so, Premier Clemenceau broke in: "As for the fourteen points I have not read them yet. Let me know what they are."

How 14 Points Fared

Colonel House began, but after he had read the first point (relative to "open covenants of peace openly arrived at," M. Clemenceau exclaimed: "That cannot be accepted. You can not negotiate in the middle of a public street."

A. J. Balfour, British secretary of state for foreign affairs explained this point meant only publication of a result and not the steps by which they were reached, and the French premier answered: "In that case my objections fall to the ground."

Reading of the second point, in which Mr. Wilson declared in favor of "the freedom of the seas," brought a reservation from Premier Lloyd George but the important third point (regarding the removal of economic barriers) and others went through quickly. Only when the seventh (regarding the evacuation and restoration of Belgium), the eighth (declaring all French territory must be freed and restored and that the wrong done France by Prussia in 1871 (relative to Alsace Lorraine), and the eleventh (in which the future status of Rumania, Serbia and Montenegro was considered) were read, were there further reservations, as the matter of reparations entered into the situation.

Sacrament Is Adopted!

After all the points had been read M. Clemenceau turned to Colonel House saying: "In case we reject the fourteen points what would happen?"

President Wilson would consider conversations he has engaged in with the allies on the subject of the armistice as ended," was Colonel House's reply.

"Would he also consider as ended the conversations he began with the Germans in October?" asked the French premier. "I can give you no assurance of that," replied Colonel House.

BERLIN, Feb. 10.—Announcement is made of the death of Richard Dehmel, a widely known poet. He was born November 18, 1863.

# AMERICAN TOBACCO CO. OFFERS 60 BILLION TO FRANCE FOR MONOPOLY

PARIS, Feb. 11.—Proposals by four great tobacco growers' associations in the United States for an immediate loan of 60,000,000,000 francs in return for a concession involving a tobacco monopoly in France were made several months ago but were rejected by Louis Klotz, then minister of finance, according to the Journal.

The newspaper has learned, it asserts, that the proposition has been renewed since Frederick Francois-Marsal assumed the portfolio of finance.

Government experts estimate the profit from the sale of tobacco in France is about 500,000,000 francs a year.

# SEATTLE "MOVIE" MAGNATE ROBBED OF \$20,000 JEWELS

SEATTLE, Feb. 11.—Police were searching here today for thieves, who in two robberies last night, stole diamonds which the owners told the police were worth between \$20,000 and \$23,000.

C. C. Cohen, moving picture theater owner, reported two thieves held up the Cohen automobile as it was entering his garage shortly before midnight and, at the point of guns, compelled Cohen's two sisters to hand over jewels valued at between \$17,000 and \$20,000. The robbers then commandeered the automobile and escaped, the police were advised.

Alexander Dickinson, the other victim, reported that two burglars entered his apartment late yesterday and carried away a steel safe containing diamonds worth approximately \$2000.

# DENMARK WINS IN PLEBESCITE

FEENSBURG, Feb. 11.—Publication of the final result of the plebescite held in Schleswig to determine the future status of that district has been prohibited until this evening by the international commission in control here.

APENRADE, Schleswig, Tuesday, Feb. 10.—Overwhelming victory for the Danes in this zone of the province of Schleswig, the future status of which is to be determined by the plebescite held today is indicated by incomplete returns received here. Country districts showed large majorities for Denmark while the vote in the towns showed larger figures than the Danish estimates.

Donder, Apenrade and Sonderborg, however, have been carried by the Germans.

News of the vote is being received with wildest rejoicings by the Danes in this city.

# FLOUR DROPS 2ND TIME IN A WEEK

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 11.—For a second time within a week flour dropped 50 cents a barrel at the market here today. The decline is attributed to the uncertain and erratic wheat situation.

# PRESIDENT WILSON LEADS CITIZENS FELICITATING EDISON ON BIRTHDAY

ORANGE, N. J., Feb. 11.—Municipal buildings, places of business and private homes here were decorated with flags and bunting today in honor of the 73rd birthday of Thomas A. Edison.

The number "73" which played a prominent part in the day's proceedings was promptly recognized as the telegraph code for "good wishes," by Mr. Edison, who was an operator in his youth.

President Wilson was among those

# GOV'T MAY TAKE HAND R. R. STRIKE

### Director General Hines Confers With Attorney General Palmer—Latter Refuses to Declare What Action Contemplated—Kansas Railroad Workers Will Not Walk Out If Strike Called—Tell Governor Allen They Don't Fancy Prison Sentence.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 11.—Officials of the sections hands and shop laborers union in all probability will not issue a strike call in Kansas, should a general order for the strike be issued, as scheduled. This was the opinion expressed by heads of the local unions in question, at a conference today with Governor Allen and members of the industrial relations court.

The union officials said they had no desire to court a prison sentence for violation of the state's anti-strike law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—Director General Hines conferred with Attorney General Palmer today on the threatened railroad strike situation.

Mr. Palmer refused to discuss the conference further than to say he had been made acquainted with the problems faced by the director general. He denied that the department of justice was contemplating action, declaring that any such statements were unwarranted at this time.

Mr. Palmer would not say, however, that the department would eventually take a hand in the controversy. "Where, when, or how its action might be taken was a matter for the future to determine," said he.

The attorney general did not discuss the possibility that the government might resort to injunction proceedings to stay the threatened strikes of trainmen and maintenance of way employes as it did in the case of the bituminous coal mine strike.

# CROWN PRINCE'S ACT A BEAUTIFUL GESTURE IS OPINION OF DUTCH

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday, Feb. 10.—Former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany sent his telegram to the heads of allied governments offering to surrender in place of Germans demanded in the allied extradition list almost on the impulse of the moment according to an interview with Major von Mulheim, the former crown prince's adjutant, published in the Telegraaf.

"The former heir to the German throne," said the major, "took his resolution without thinking long about it. The return of Baron von Lersner from Paris and the serious situation which has arisen in Berlin in consequence prompted the prince to send his telegram. He hopes by this to avert serious difficulties for Germany."

Dutch newspapers describe William's action as a "beautiful gesture."

French Receipts Grow. PARIS, Feb. 11.—The receipts of the French treasury for January last totalled 885,449,900 francs, compared with 533,838,800 francs in January, 1919, and the budget estimate of 628,053,000 francs.

# who sent messages of congratulation to Mr. Edison.

"I cannot deny myself the pleasure of sending a message to be read at the celebration of Mr. Edison's 73rd birthday," the letter said. "I am proud to count myself among the friends and admirers of Mr. Edison and I beg that you will convey to him my warmest congratulations and my hope that he will see many very happy returns of the anniversary, marked by an increasing number of scientific triumphs."