

HEARST CHARGES GRAFT IN SHIP BOARD WILSON ISSUES ULTIMATUM TO R. R. MEN

INJUNCTION HOLDS UP SHIP SALE

William Randolph Hearst Springs Sensation in Washington—Claims Ships Worth \$300,000,000 to Be Sold to International Mercantile Marine for \$28,000,000—Chairman Jones, Republican, Defends Administration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Application for an injunction against the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation to prevent the sale of 30 former German lines at public auction next Monday was filed in the District of Columbia supreme court today by William Randolph Hearst of New York, acting in his capacity as a taxpayer.

Chief Justice Mc Coy issued a rule requiring the defendants to show cause Monday morning why a temporary injunction should not be issued.

Chairman Payne, of the shipping board, announced that the application for an injunction would not prevent the offering of the ships for sale. He said tenders would be received Monday, as planned, but that final action on them would be deferred until the injunction proceedings had been disposed of finally.

Payne's Statement.

Chairman Payne's announcement follows: "The board will, of course pay the utmost respect to any action of the court. Since the law has placed the power to sell ships in the board, it is probable that when the court is placed in possession of the facts, the order to show cause will be set aside.

"I have not seen the complaint which Mr. Hearst has filed, and can of course make no comment. It would be a public calamity not to be able to sell the ships after the wide publicity which has been given to the proposed sale. The board will give careful consideration to the whole matter and act as the circumstances may require. My recommendation will be that we proceed with the auction and tentatively receive the highest bids possible and then defer action as to their acceptance until the matter is disposed of by the court."

Ships Worth \$100,000,000

Mr. Hearst, through his attorneys, former Governor Folk of Missouri, former Senator Bailey of Texas, former Acting Judge Advocate General Ansell and William A. DeFord, told the court that irreparable injury would be done the United States and its people and taxpayers if the sale were allowed to proceed next Monday.

He charged that unless the court intervened vessels worth more than \$100,000,000 would be sold for a much smaller figure. Aside from the financial loss to the government, Mr. Hearst said, the sale of the vessels would destroy the "army transport reserve immediately available in case of emergency."

He also alleges that the shipping

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OFFER \$1000 REWARD FOR THE DISCOVERY OF BEAVERTON FARMER

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 13.—The circuit court here today authorized the posting of a reward of \$1,000 for information leading to the discovery of Ernest Descomms, Beaverton rancher, missing for a week. The police believe that the portions of a body found in a gulch here last Saturday indicated the murder of Descomms.

KOLCHAK EXECUTED BY REDS

Executive Former Leader of Anti-Boishevik Forces in Siberia Officially Confirmed—Met Death 5 O'Clock in the Morning, February 7th—Allies to Investigate by Whom Leader Was Betrayed—Kolchak Visited U. S. in 1917.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—News of the execution of Admiral Kolchak, former head of the all Russian government has been officially confirmed.



ADM. ALEXANDER KOLCHAK

He and one of his ministers, M. Penelave, were shot at Irkutsk, at 5 o'clock on the morning of February 7.

The revolutionary committee at Irkutsk decided at 2 o'clock in the morning that the two officials should be executed. Members of the committee then shot the victims quickly, fearing attempts at rescue.

It has not been explained why the admiral and M. Penelave, who was premier and minister of the interior of the cabinet formed last November,

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NO ATTACK I. W. W. HALL BY LEGION

Most Important Witness for State With I. W. W.'s at Time of Shooting, Says Legion Boys Were Closing Ranks When Fired Upon—Other Witness States First Shots Came From Avalon or Arnold Hotels—Evidence Damaging.

MONTESSANO, Wash., Feb. 13.—Thomas C. Morgan, 19 years old, said to be one of the most important witnesses for the state in the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia Armistice day parade victim, took the stand shortly after the opening of court today.

Morgan, whose home is in Raymond, Wash., was in the I. W. W. hall at the time of the shooting of Grimm and other American Legion members.

He went to the I. W. W. hall shortly after 3 o'clock on the day of the tragedy, he testified. He saw there Britt Smith, Mike Sheehan, Ray Becker and James Melnerney, four of the defendants. Shortly after her eached the hall, he said, Elmer Smith, Centralia attorney and another of the defendants entered the hall and held a conversation with Britt Smith.

During all of the shooting Morgan was in the rear of the hall, he testified.

Men Carried Guns. Clarence Sherwood, 17-year-old Centralia youth, also a witness today, testified to being near the railroad tracks, northeast of the scene of the shooting at the time the marchers were fired upon. He described the shooting as "sounding like a motorcycle exhaust," saying that the shots seemed to come from both the hill and from the direction of the town. After the shooting, he testified, he saw John Lamb, one of the defendants, running northeast from town. Two men accompanied Lamb, he said, both carrying guns.

Defense counsel questioned Sherwood closely on cross-examination, state counsel objecting to the line of examination, declaring it an attempt to intimidate the witness. Defense was held by the court to strict cross-examination.

American Legion members marching in the parade in Centralia last Armistice day had halted and were marking time when the first shots were fired into their ranks according to T. C. Morgan, state's witness at the trial of eleven alleged I. W. W. charged with the murder of Warren O. Grimm, one of the victims of the shooting.

The first shots came from opposite the I. W. W. hall, Morgan declared. He testified that he thought they came from either the Avalon or Arnold hotels.

No Attack on Hall. The shooting from across the street from the hall was followed quickly by shots from the Roderick Hotel, upstairs over the hall, Morgan testified, qualifying the assertion by stating that "he thought they came from upstairs over the hall."

"At the time these first shots were fired, were the soldiers standing in ranks?" W. H. Abel, of state counsel asked.

"They were closing up as near as I could see," answered Morgan. They hadn't made any attempt to come towards the hall that I could see."

Morgan was found hiding in an ice chest in the rear of the I. W. W. hall after the shooting. With him in the chest were James Melnerney, Ray Becker and Mike Sheehan, three of the defendants. In the original information charging murder, filed in the justice court at Centralia, Morgan was named as a defendant, but his name was not included in the amended information.

Nebraska for Hitchcock. OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 13.—A "Nebraska for Hitchcock for President" club was organized last night by 100 democrats with John A. Rine, Omaha, as president.

League of Nations Invites Root to Act on Court Committee



ELIHU ROOT

LONDON, Feb. 13.—Elihu Root has been invited to become a member of the committee to prepare plans for the organization of a permanent court of international justice. The list was announced at today's session of the council of the League of Nations.

A. J. Balfour, who is presiding over the council sessions, after reading the names of the men invited to become members of the committee to organize the permanent court, said: "Maybe, for one reason or another, Mr. Root may not deem it desirable to accept the council's invitation. The council hopes he will always remember that he will be welcome at whatever stage of our sittings he may be privileged to accept, to add to our deliberations the great weight of his learning and name."

REPUBLICAN HOOVER CLUB FORMED, NATION WIDE APPEAL IS SENT

PALO ALTO, Cal., Feb. 13.—The organization of a Hoover club "to give active and voluntary expression to the demand for Herbert C. Hoover for president of the United States and to obtain his nomination by the republican party," was perfected here today by fellow townsmen of the former food administrator. Men and women of the two leading political parties are represented in the membership of the club.

The first action of the club was to issue a nation wide invitation for advocates of Mr. Hoover's nomination to telegraph their endorsements to the headquarters of the club at Palo Alto. Resolutions were adopted urging the organization of Hoover republican clubs wherever there is sentiment favoring his nomination.

PRESIDENT'S DISEASE IS FATAL TO GENERAL VANCOUVER FIREMEN GO OUT ON A STRIKE

NEW YORK, Feb. 13.—Brigadier General Peter W. Davidson, second in command at the port of embarkation in Hoboken, died yesterday at the Fox Hills military hospital at Staten Island after an illness with cerebral thrombosis. He was formerly in command of the 166th depot brigade at Camp Lewis. He graduated from West Point in 1879 and served in the Montana Indian wars, the Philippines, Cuba, China and Alaska.

THIRSTY AMERICANS MAURITANIA DRINK BIG LINER DRY IN ONE TRIP

SOUTHAMPTON, Feb. 13.—Although the Cunard liner Mauretania had a record stock of liquors on board when leaving New York, her lockers were empty on arrival here. The bar was besieged by thirsty passengers from the moment she pulled outside the three mile zone. The Mauretania's stewards declare that increased storage room for beverages is necessary for future trips.

CANADIANS OBJECT TO FREEZE OUT

Dominion Gives Notice to Great Britain It Objects to Any Change in Covenant Which Will Prevent Her From Being Full Fledged Member League of Nations—New Allied Note to Be Sent to Holland—Ex-Kaiser Menace to Peace of Europe.

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—Canada has given Great Britain notice that it objects to change in the covenant of the League of Nations which will prevent the dominion from being a full fledged member of the league and having a vote in the assembly. After a meeting of the cabinet last night urgent representations were forwarded to the imperial authorities protesting against acceptance by Great Britain of the Lenoir reservation to the peace treaty which now is being considered by the United States senate.

LONDON, Feb. 13.—A new allied note to Holland regarding the extradition of former Emperor William will be dispatched tomorrow, according to the Evening Standard today. The note, says the newspaper, makes a strong appeal to the Dutch government not to create greater difficulties in Europe by insisting on the right of asylum for the man characterized as the world's present troubles. The note was being drawn up and was slated in a form to emphasize the concerted view of the allies that the presence of the former emperor in Holland was a danger to the peace of Europe.

The note does not make any requests of Holland but it is hoped that the Dutch government will be drawn into reopening the negotiations which ended with the refusal to give up the ex-ruhr.

It is intimated that Holland has not received a suggestion to this effect unkindly and that she might be willing to intern the former emperor outside of Europe.

PARIS, Feb. 12.—(Havas)—Premier Millerand, of France, who is attending the meeting of the supreme allied council in London, is energetically insisting upon the execution of the extradition clause of the Versailles treaty and urging if the Germans refuse to surrender men accused of war crimes that they be tried by default, says the Echo de Paris. Germany's proposal that she try the alleged culprits "no more likely to be adopted at London than in Paris," says the Petit Parisien, which adds the council will establish the culpability of former Emperor William and again demand his extradition from Holland. The Matin, however, says it is informed that there will be further discussions, consideration being taken of Premier Lloyd George's suggestions and the political situation in England. Discussing financial phases of the London conference, several newspapers say moral help and occasional material assistance will be given nations in serious straits. The Petit Parisien observes that England and France have agreed on some American exchange problems and recalls the French loan issued in September, 1915, will fall due on October 15, this year. Hope is expressed that prompt payment may be arranged.

R. R. LEADERS WILL DECIDE TOMORROW

Refuses to Make Public Terms Upon which President Insists General Strike Be Called Off—Will Not Effect Strike of Maintenance of Way Men—First Interview President Has Had Since Illness—Looks Very Well.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—An "unalterable" decision in the railroad wage controversy was made today by President Wilson in conference with representatives of the brotherhoods. The president said the government's policy was "based on justice to all interests."

Secretary Tumulty declined to say whether the president had refused specifically the wage demands, saying that "everybody wants to settle the strike," and that the brotherhood chiefs should have an opportunity to consider the president's suggestion or proposal without outside interference.

The president's suggestion or proposal that the government's policy was "based on justice to all interests" is in line with the final word presented to the union leaders by Director General Hines at the last conference with them.

Mr. Hines was understood to have told the men that with the return of the roads to private control under the new railroad bill an impartial tribunal for consideration of their demands would be created.

Mr. Hines was understood to have suggested to the president that if an increase in pay were granted the men the roads would seek an increase in freight rates, which would mean increased living costs. Inasmuch as the unions were pressing strongly for a reduction in living costs officials said there was reason to believe that the president had employed this in his answer to the union spokesmen.

Just Been Shaved.

When the railroad men greeted the president they told him he was looking very well. "I have just been shaved," said the president, "that helps a bit."

The president, sitting in his wheelchair in a corner under the portico, wrapped in a blanket, shook hands with the men when Secretary Tumulty presented them. They stood up throughout the conference with their overcoats on, but their hats in their hands. The president pressed them to put on their hats, because of the dampness, but they refused.

After reading his statement the president asked them to give consideration to his suggestion and they promised to do so. The brotherhood men would not say what the proposal was. Timothy Shea, acting president Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen announcing that they would make no statement today.

R. M. Jewell, president of the railway department of the American

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UP TO UNITED STATES TO CALL CREDITORS MEETING, SETTLE DEBTS

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 13.—Consolidation of the war debts of all nations involved in the world conflict as well as outstanding trade balances which would provide international obligations guaranteed by all powers involved, was advocated by John T. Arnold, of San Francisco, speaking before the United States-Mexican trade conference here yesterday. Mr. Arnold, who is a representative of the American Bankers' association, urged that an international clearing

house be established as an adjunct to his plan. He declared an international bankers' conference should be called immediately and that commercial men of all nations be invited to send representatives. He said such a conference should provide measures for standardization of currency and for the elimination of exchange fluctuations.

FRANCE INSISTS ON EXTRADITION CLAUSE, TREATY OF VERSAILLES

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