

# INNOCENCE OF W. O. GRIMM ESTABLISHED

State Springs Sensation of I. W. W. Trial by Producing Letter Written by Rev. T. T. Edmonds, Presbyterian Minister, Investigator and Witness for the Defense—Build Up Case on John Brown Model.

MONTESANO, Wash., Mar. 5.—T. T. Edmonds, a Presbyterian minister at present without charge, but until recently employed as an investigator for the defense in the case of ten alleged I. W. W. on trial here for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centra- ha Armistice day parade victim, virtually admitted in a letter read into the court record today that he had found no evidence connecting Grimm with any alleged raid on the I. W. W. hall.

The letter, which has been in the hands of the prosecution for several weeks, was read by Special Prosecutor W. H. Abel, after the Rev. Mr. Edmonds had taken the stand for the defense. Edmonds admitted writing the letter to George P. Vanderveer, counsel for the ten defendants.

Suggestion that defense counsel build his defense on the cases of Lovejoy and John Brown, was made in the letter, which told how the suggestion had occurred to the minister after a perusal of those cases in the volume "Decisive State Battles of the Country," by Hill.

Presentation of the letter during Edmonds' cross-examination came as a distinct surprise, the incident being one of the most dramatic of the trial.

"Could not the outside firing be finally be admitted with Wesley Everest, Roberts and one or two others, showing it to be perhaps as legally indefensible as the 'John Brown' case?" was one of the suggestions contained in the letter, which speaks of the "tremendous historical precedents," the Lovejoy and John Brown cases had.

Edmonds endeavored, during the reading of the letter, to explain, but court stopped his interruptions of the reading.

"The western law of reaching for a gun should apply," the letter said at one point, Abel asking Edmonds if he meant to try and show that Grimm was reaching for a gun when killed.

The minister said he was trying to convey what a former service man had told him.

Text of Letter

The letter from Edmonds to Vanderveer, dated January 4, 1920, which state counsel has had in its possession for several weeks, and which was written on the stationery of Ralph S. Pierce, Seattle attorney, is as follows:

"Dear Mr. Vanderveer: Please forgive the apparent presumption, but I want to relay to you what I felt was an inspiration—in that I believe Centralia case.

"(1) It would be a line of defense, recognizing seeming palpable otherwise unexplainable facts and so have the strength of truth.

"(2) It would not risk endangering a movement by record that might come.

"(3) It would furnish solid ground for an appeal to the latent justice and love for the persecuted in average man.

"Briefly, to combine the public defense of Lovejoy and the remarkable tactics of John Brown who so shrewdly and consciously forced his legal defense to rivet the eyes of the country on the case.

"I have secured library copy of 'Decisive Legal Battles of the Country' by Hill—who describes the un-

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# FEDERAL RESERVE BAN PLACED ON MARRIAGE LESS THAN \$125 MONTH

CHICAGO, Mar. 5.—A book of rules for employees of the federal reserve bank of Chicago, circulated today says "no male employee receiving less than \$125 a month salary will be permitted to marry while in the service of this bank, without first taking the matter up with the chief clerk.

# POLAND FEARS A MONARCHY IF U. S. SYSTEM ADOPTED

WARSAW, Feb. 22.—The American and French systems of government are being studied by members of the constitutional commission engaged in framing the constitution of the new Polish state.

Conservative members of the commission favor electing the president by a system like that followed by France, the Polish parliament, in joint session, if the constitution should provide two houses for the legislative body, making the selection.

Members of the left group in the diet have been contending for a parliament of one house.

Professor Dubanowicz of the commission thinks the American electoral system would lead to the establishment of a monarchy.

# MARY PICKFORD FLEES WITH TEARS ASTREAM

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Mar. 5.—Mary Pickford, weeping and worn, stumbled from the train here today on her return from Minden, Nev., where she obtained a divorce decree a few days ago. Miss Pickford waited until the passengers had all left her car, then peered out, and seeing a battalion of newspapermen and cameramen, flanked by a crowd of the curious, she fled from the opposite side of the car. As she ran, with tears streaming down her face, she stumbled and fell. Her mother helped her up and they fled to a waiting automobile and sped away.

# PRESBYTERIANS PLAN REFORM OF MOVIES

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—Reform of moving pictures is planned by the Presbyterian board of temperance and moral welfare, which announced today that a "white list" of approved pictures would be issued from time to time in an effort to condemn pictures characterized as a menace to child welfare and a cause of juvenile delinquency.

# PROPOSE SALE BRITISH W. INDIES TO AMERICA

LONDON, Mar. 4.—It is expected that the proposal to sell the British West Indies to the United States as a means of helping balance the war debt of Great Britain will be discussed in the house of commons by Premier Lloyd George, probably next Monday.

typhus in Poland, which threatened to become the greatest plague in history.

"The bolsheviks," he said, "are loading their typhus victims into armored motor cars, and taking them to the Polish border and forcing the Poles to accept them."

Austria as well as Poland is suffering horribly from the lack of food and fuel, he said, reciting conditions revealed by advices of American diplomatic representatives abroad.

# GERMAN IRISH UNION IN U. S. DELAYED WAR

Sir Horace Pankett Returning From Visit to U. S. A., Declares Political Union, Irish and Germans Formed in 1911 by German Agents—Finds Strong Anti-British Feeling.

DUBLIN, Mar. 4.—Sharp criticism of the new Irish home rule bill was expressed by Sir Horace Pankett, chairman of the Dublin convention, at a "welcome home" dinner given in his honor here tonight by the Irish Dominion League. He has just returned from the United States and gave his impressions of the American attitude toward Ireland.

"Long before the war broke out," he said, "I was convinced the peace of the world and the orderly progress, if not the survival of western civilization depended more than on any other one thing on mutual understanding between the British commonwealth of free nations—a term I prefer to the British empire—and the great republic of the west."

"I have not the least doubt that supposing the Irish trouble had nothing to do with the beginning of the war, it was an important factor in delaying America's decisive participation in the struggle. To the same cause was due a great deal of political embarrassment to the war administration in Washington.

"In America I found more bitter anti-English feeling than in all my forty years of observation. As usual, although due to many other causes, it was tangled up with the Irish trouble, and was generally expressed in what I may call Irish terms. Americans do not bother themselves with details. They want Ireland to have as large a measure of self-government as is consistent with the safety of the British empire, for which they, in calmer moments, realize they are almost as much concerned as are the British.

"In my judgment America does not want Ireland to be an independent republic, but until the British government ceases to break its promises to Ireland the sentiment of America will be that the Irish people are justified in asking anything they like."

Sir Horace criticized the home rule bill because it gave Ulster and a minority of not more than one-fifth to the Irish people "a virtual mandatory over Ireland—a mandatory without responsibility."

# FRANCE RECOGNIZES NEED GERMAN AID

PARIS, Mar. 5.—(Havas)—The text of the economic memorandum framed at London by the economic section of the supreme allied council was wired to the French government last night, according to the Echo de Paris. French delegates are understood to have succeeded in eliminating the dangerous clauses concerning Russia and in obtaining recognition of the claims for priority of devastated regions.

The necessity of reorganizing Germany economically is recognized, but the French leaders protest against a solution which would make the reconstruction at the expense of France.

# SPOKANE STARTS BOOM FOR HERBERT HOOVER

SPOKANE, Wash., Mar. 5.—Headed by 15 of Spokane's prominent citizens of all political faiths, a Hoover-for-president club was formed here today at noon.

J. T. Burcham, one of the leaders, said the club founders consider that election of Hoover to the presidency is "a darned sight more important" to any party than the upholding of that party's pet candidate.

"We feel," Burcham added, "that Hoover should be chosen president by either or both of the big parties. The nation needs a man of character and strength at the White House, a man who can solve the intricate problems of today."

"Um for Hoover" buttons will be passed out to the members today.

# ALIENS BARRED FROM MEMBERSHIP MINERS ORGANIZATIONS OHIO

COLUMBUS, O., Mar. 5.—Hereafter a declaration of citizenship by a foreigner will not be sufficient to entitle him to membership in the United Mine Workers of Ohio. Ohio miners in session here amended their constitution making citizenship compulsory on all members of the organization.

The miners also decided to conduct an educational campaign among aliens, giving them every assistance necessary in preparing for examinations for complete citizenship.

# HOOVER TO RUN AS G. O. P., MINNESOTA

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 5.—The name of Herbert Hoover will appear on some county ballots now being prepared for the state-wide republican primaries to be held March 15, according to reports reaching here today.

This action is taken despite declaration of Gustav Lindquist, state chairman, that Hoover's name could not appear unless he announced himself as a republican candidate. The Hennepin county republican committee, announced in Minneapolis today that the ballot will contain the names of Major General Leonard Wood, Warren G. Harding, Hiram Johnson, Senator Poinsett and Governor Lowden.

# MEXICANS KIDNAP ANOTHER AMERICAN

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—Peter W. Summers, an American citizen, has been kidnaped by Mexican rebels at Salina Cruz, Mexico, according to a dispatch today to the state department from that city.

# PHILIPPINE POPULATION EXCEEDS 10 MILLION

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—The population of the Philippines is placed at 10,356,649, according to figures compiled in the 1918 census, cabled to the insular bureau here. Of that number 9,428,857 are Christians, 6495 being American.

The figures show 1,760,958 Filipinos of military age and 2,971,292 American and Filipinos of voting age.

The number of manufacturing establishments was reported at 5239 with a capital of \$80,372,934.

# ANARCHISTS PREVENT RETURN OF STRIKES

MILAN, Mar. 5.—In compliance with orders from socialist leaders, workers who have been on strike attempted to resume work yesterday but anarchist groups attacked factories, the tramway and stores and compelled a continuation of the strike.

Radicals seized a number of Milan establishments and proclaimed a soviet but were expelled by military forces. An attack on the labor exchange by anarchists was repulsed by troops.

Mexican Rebel Executed. MEXICO CITY, Mar. 5.—Cirilo Arenas, a rebel leader, who was captured less than a week ago when he entered the city of Puebla disguised, was sentenced to death by a summary court martial Wednesday night and executed yesterday morning in Puebla according to advices received here.

O. A. C. Coach Resigns. CORVALLIS, Mar. 5.—H. W. Hargiss, head athletic coach at Oregon Agricultural college, has elected his resignation in the hands of college officials, it was earned today. No action on the resignation has been taken.

# DEMOCRATS PUT TREATY UP TO THE PRESIDENT

Senator Hitchcock Reported to Have Written Mr. Wilson Asking Him to Give Views as to Whether or Not He Will Accept Latest Compromise Proposals.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—Still hoping that the peace treaty may be saved from another deadlock, democratic senators sought today to lay directly before President Wilson the latest proposals discussed as a possible compromise basis on article ten.

While reconsideration of the republican reservations proceeded in the senate, Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, the administration leader, is understood to have written the president asking that he see administration senators and give them his views as to whether he would accept the compromise proposals now under consideration.

The proposals are said to contemplate a change in the republican article ten reservation so that military force and other specific agencies would be named as means which the United States would decline to use to preserve the integrity of other league members.

A new reservation, designed to prevent further extension of credit to foreign governments without congressional action was introduced today by Senator Knox, republican, Pennsylvania. It provides that the credit of the United States shall not be pledged until congress has affirmatively given authority. The reservation declaring the reparations commission shall not interfere with trade between the United States and Germany except with the consent of this country was re-adopted without change today by a vote of 41 to 22.

Six democrats, Senators Chamberlain, Oregon; Gore, Oklahoma; Nugent, Idaho; Reed, Missouri; Shields, Tennessee and Smith, Georgia, supporting it, a gain of one democratic vote over last November when the reservation was adopted 51 to 40.

Senator Hitchcock made an effort to modify the reservation so that it would declare there could be no discrimination against the United States, but this amendment was voted down 23 to 37, the republicans standing together against it.

# LAY OFF MEN ON SOUTHERN R. R.'S

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Mar. 5.—Orders laying off 300 of the 1500 employees at Southern Railway shops here have been posted, effective Saturday. Reduction of expenditures was said to be the purpose.

RICHMOND, Va., Mar. 5.—Railroads' lack of work has prompted an announcement by Southern Railway officials here that 149 employees at the company's local shops will be laid off next Monday.

# LLOYD GEORGE URGES TRADE WITH RUSSIA

PARIS, Mar. 5.—Joint having, distribution according to necessities and supervision of prices were provided for at London yesterday by the economic section of the supreme allied council, says the Petit Parisien, which today plans an outline of the program. The plan must be submitted to Premier Millerand before becoming effective.

"In the debate which developed," Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, urged exchanges with Russia, not entirely for wheat.

# SAYS LITERACY TEST IS INCREASING H. C. I.

NEW YORK, Mar. 5.—Representative Isaac Siegel, a member of the house immigration committee today asserted that the literacy test is barring from the United States thousands of desirable immigrants and helping increase the cost of living. An average of three per cent of the immigrants arriving at New York are sent back because of the test, he said, and a full third of the prospective immigration abandons the intention to come here when hearing of it.

# AVIATORS PUT UNDER ARREST UPON RETURN TO U. S. A. FROM MEXICO

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Mar. 5.—Lieutenants G. L. Usher and L. M. Wolfe, American aviators who landed at Nacozari, Mexico Feb. 2, arrived here today and at once left for El Paso, Texas, by airplane under escort by orders of their commanding officer. It is assumed here that they are under arrest pending investigation.

# WORRY DRIVES BISBEE JUROR TO DESTRUCTION

TOMBSTONE, Ariz., Mar. 5.—C. F. Burnett, a juror in the trial of Harry E. Wootton, charged with kidnaping in connection with the Bisbee deportations shot and killed himself at his ranch nine miles northeast of Tombstone last night, according to information reaching the county attorney's office today.

Burnett was a juror until Tuesday, when he appeared before Judge Samuel L. Patten and attorneys for both sides and said he had a "confession" to make. He said he had expressed opinions to his brother concerning the right or wrong of the deportation of striking copper miners and their sympathizers from Bisbee but that when he was examined and passed as a juror these conversations were forgotten.

Burnett left Tombstone last night for his ranch. It was reported that almost immediately after his arrival home Burnett took out a pistol and shot himself in the head.

At the county attorney's office here it was believed Burnett was temporarily insane.

# 5000 ARMENIANS SLAIN SAY FRENCH

PARIS, Mar. 5.—The number of Armenians who were victims in the massacre in Marash region of Asiatic Turkey last month does not exceed 5,000, according to detailed information received by French officials. Reports from London yesterday stated the number would be between 15,000 and 20,000.

French officials admit the gravity of the incident, but point out it was impossible to foresee and prevent the massacre as the army of occupation is not large enough to furnish strong guards at every point where the Turks are likely to engage in an uprising.

RIALTO THEATRE ST. PAUL BURNED—LOSS \$100,000

ST. PAUL, Minn., Mar. 5.—A fire of spectacular proportions, which threatened to spread to three small hotels, destroyed the Rialto theater early this morning. Firemen fought the blaze for five hours. The temperature was five degrees below zero. Loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Major Smith Again Delayed. SEATTLE, Mar. 5.—Rain in Washington and reports of storms in the Sierran mountains of northern California today again caused Major A. D. Smith, army aviator, to postpone his attempt to make a one-day flight from Camp Lewis, Tacoma, to San Diego, Cal. Major Smith said he hoped to get away on the very first day of clear weather.

# CAILLAUX TOLD GERMAN CHARGE FRANCE DECODED DISPATCHES 1901

PARIS, Mar. 5.—Documents submitted by former Premier Joseph Caillaux, on trial before the high court charged with having had treasonable dealings with the enemy, in an effort to refute testimony regarding an alleged threat by him against the life of King Alfonso of Spain, will be read later at a private sitting of the court. This announcement was made at the opening of today's session by Leon Bourgeois, president of the court.

# ASKS BONUS \$500 FOR ALL SERVICE MEN

President of Private Soldiers and Sailors Condemns Legion and Rank and File Veterans—Calls Bill Before Congress Skimping and Miserly—Admits Organization Affiliated With American Federation of Labor.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—Payment of a lump sum of \$500 to each person who served in the military or naval forces of the United States was urged before the house ways and means committee today by Marvin Gates Sperry, national president of the Private Soldiers and Sailors Legion.

He opposed proposals of representatives of other soldier organizations for adjusted compensation varying from \$50 to \$500 for every month of service, and said the services of 4,000,000 young Americans never could be paid by "the skimping, miserly additional compensation bills pending before congress."

The witness declared that the funding of \$100,000,000 annual interest due on foreign obligations proved that the government was "not weak financially and could give financial relief to all former service men."

Sperry charged that J. H. Halper, a member of the legislative committee of the Rank and File Veterans association, was a socialist and communist and "had tried to turn over the Private Soldiers and Sailors Legion to the communist party of New York."

Letters from the Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Protective association of New York city asking the amalgamation of all soldier bodies was read by the witness who said this organization was raided and its literature dumped into the streets.

"What proof have you that Halper is a socialist?" asked Chairman Fordney.

"He admitted it to me before witnesses," Sperry replied.

S. Savenben, chairman of the Rank and File Veterans association, told the committee that a composite bill, including land grants, vocational training and financial aid, suggested by the American Legion "would keep the committee talking two or three years."

"Twenty billion dollars must be raised to pay future needs of former service men. Representative Kitchin, Democrat, North Carolina, said: "The American Legion didn't favor a bonus at their national convention, but now they are fathering it," he added.

"The legion fathers everything after some other organization does the work and accomplishes results," Savenben said.

The witness said his organization was allied with organized labor "because the members are of the working class."

# MRS. GOULD, DIVORCEE, GETS A "MOVIE" JOB

LONDON, Mar. 5.—Mrs. Francis Jay Gould, whose marriage was recently dissolved by the courts in Paris, has signed a contract to become a film star with a new British moving picture combination, according to this morning's newspapers. She will receive a salary which is considered phenomenal for Great Britain, it is said.

baseador to Brazil, charged in a deposition that M. Caillaux disclosed in 1911 to Baron von Lancken-Wakenitz, then German charge d'affaires at Paris, the fact that the French foreign office had been deciphering German embassy dispatches to Wilhelmstrasse since 1901, quoting former President Poincare as his authority. This testimony was contradicted by M. Poincare. A part of his deposition in which he said M. Conty was in error, and misunderstood him, also was read.

# BOLSHEVIKI TO INVADE POLAND AFTER PUTTING DOWN A BARRAGE OF TYPHUS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 5.—Official advices to the state department say an invasion of Poland by the bolsheviks is imminent, the house rules committee was told today by William R. Castel, Jr., in charge of the department's central European division. The committee is considering an appropriation for food relief in Poland, Austria and Armenia.

Mr. Castel also declared that the bolsheviks were causing a plague of