

RUSSIAN CAPITAL TAKEN BY REBELS

PETROGRAD FALLS, REDS RETAKE KIEV

Revolutionary Forces Gain Control of Russian Capital—Bitter Struggle Continues in Other Parts of Country—Anti-Bolshevik Win, Then Lose Minsk and Kiev.

WARSAW, Mar. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Petrograd is in the hands of revolutionary forces and the bolsheviks have been completely overpowered, according to a wireless dispatch today. The message, which was confused and disconnected, owing to the weakness of the sending station, is believed to have been sent out from Petrograd.

It was declared in the dispatch that food sent by Colonel Ryan, American Red Cross commissioner to the Baltic states had arrived, but whether it had been received at Kronstadt or Petrograd was not clear.

Kill Red Leaders.
A dispatch from Vilna says anti-bolshevik forces fought their way into Minsk, and held control of the city for five hours, but were later driven out by soviet forces. While occupying the city, the revolutionists killed many local communists, it is said, and when the bolsheviks reentered the town they executed more than 200 persons, many of whom were Poles, who were accused of sympathizing with the insurgents.

The reports received in governmental quarters here say the revolutionary movement continues to spread in the region surrounding Minsk. The soviet authorities are described as making desperate efforts to control the situation.

A wireless appeal from the Kronstadt insurgents was picked up today by the Polish government radio station here. It made an urgent plea for food supplies and for outside reinforcements.

Bolsheviks Retake Kiev.
CONSTANTINOPLE, Mar. 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—Three south Russian cities, Kiev, Ekaterinoslav and Odessa were recently occupied by Ukrainian revolutionary troops led by Simon Petliura, the peasant leader, and General Makno. Recent advices however, would seem to indicate that Odessa has again been captured by the bolsheviks.

The revolt, according to news reaching here, began February 25, when Ukrainians occupied the center of Odessa. They were virtually annihilated by soviet troops, but the tables were turned a week later, when the bolshevik garrison of the city was driven out by Ukrainian bands, who hanged the soviet commissaries. The Ukrainians, assisted by the Russian social democrats, controlled the city for a few days, but the Ukrainians began looting and during the disorder, the bolsheviks retake the city.

General Makno appears to be in authority at Ekaterinoslav, and reports allege Jewish pogroms have been in progress there. Petliura's army took Kiev March 2, and executed the bolshevik commissaries, but the present situation has not been cleared up by dispatches reaching Constantinople.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12.—On his first birthday anniversary today John L. Green, Jr., son of a Portland patrolman, was drowned in a bathtub. The mother stepped out of the room to get some clothes and when she returned found the infant had fallen into the water. A police pumpster was rushed to the house but failed to resuscitate the child.

Harding to Follow Wilson Policies in World War Issues

WASHINGTON, March 12.—(By the Associated Press.)—The policy of the Harding administration with respect to American rights growing out of the participation of the United States in the world war will not differ materially from that of the Wilson administration, it was learned today in authoritative quarters.

"Adjustment of the situation growing out of the award of a mandate over the Pacific Island of Yap to Japan will be insisted upon as determined by this administration as it was by the last, it was said, and the attitude with respect to the British mandate over Mesopotamia will be maintained.

It has been made clear that the new administration will continue to defend the contention that the United States has not yielded and cannot be deprived of any of her rights as one of the victors and must be considered in the adjustment of the problems created by the war.

SECRETARY DAVIS TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE MEAT MIX

CHICAGO, Mar. 12.—Personal mediation to avert a strike of meat packers employees will be attempted by Secretary Davis of the labor department, it was indicated today, if both sides sent representatives to Washington as he has requested. It is understood that he does not intend to delegate the responsibility to the board of conciliators, but will himself conduct the negotiations which it was not believed would require the further attention of President Harding.

Mr. Davis, it is understood, will seek to bring the parties to an agreement and is not likely to suggest any specific compromises. The department is awaiting with especial interest the reply of the packers in view of the reported statement by Secretary Lane of the employees' union that the strike would not be called pending discussions, if the packers would consent to a settlement.



J. J. Davis, Secretary of Labor.

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MOVEMENT LAUNCHED RAISE \$250,000 FOR PURCHASE OF CRATER LAKE HOTEL

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12.—Backed by Governor Ben W. Olcott and the Portland Chamber of Commerce, a committee appointed late yesterday at a meeting which considered the development of hotel and tourist facilities at Crater Lake national park, today was at work on plans for raising an initial \$250,000 capital for a company to handle the project.

Following statements by experts, a meeting held here yesterday afternoon authorized the appointment of the committee to push the proposition of obtaining funds with which to purchase the Parkhurst interests at Crater Lake, adequately equip the place and make of it a modern tourist attraction.

H. B. Van Duzer, president of the Chamber of Commerce, named a committee of which Rodney L. Hagan is chairman. Others appointed are: H. R. Butler, Hood River; J. R. Wheeler, R. W. Childs and Sydney R. Vincent, Portland.

Governor Olcott made a plea for support of the enterprise.

CONQUEST IN GERMANY IS NOT DESIRED

Premier Briand of France Denies Reports Imputing Desire to Annex German Territory As Result of Occupation of Rhine Towns—German Business Men Bitter.

PARIS, Mar. 12.—Premier Briand will appear before the chamber of deputies Tuesday and submit a report on the allied conference in London and it is expected he will speak on both the German and Near Eastern situations.

After his arrival last night from the British capital, M. Briand expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the solidarity shown by the allies during negotiations at London, and denied reports imputing to France a desire to annex German territory as a result of occupation of towns on the Rhine. He declared if the amount of German territory should be extended, such action would be taken only because the allies had decided upon further penalties.

DUESSELDORF, Mar. 12.—(By Associated Press.) Belgian patrols which took control of the rural commune of Hamborn Wednesday night have been removed, and this action on the part of the allied command has tended to ease the situation at Duisburg.

Officials declare the patrols were thrown out merely to protect the town of Duisburg but the advance of the Belgians inspired belief on the part of the Germans that the allied lines might be extended immediately.

Assertion is made in official quarters that such a move is not planned.

Germans Agree to Salute
Co-operation by the German security police here and allied troops has been effected as a result of German initiative. Two officers called at French headquarters yesterday and made formal apology for the refusal on the part of a German policeman to salute an allied officer. For a time this incident threatened considerable tension. The security police, however, appeared to be willing to salute, but seemed not to know officers from privates. The two officers promised promptly to punish disobedience of the order to salute.

Restaurants, Cafes, Wine
Restaurants and cafes, wine bars, wine shops and theaters of Dusseldorf are cheerfully catering to a record patronage which is not particularly affected by the ransacking of the chow at ten o'clock in the evening. Crowds, through the streets until midnight and are apparently in the best of spirits.

Germans Bitter
ESSEN, Germany, Mar. 12.—In this center of the great industrial region of Germany bitter hostility prevails against the allied plan for establishing a customs frontier and taxing German exports. The feeling is expressed chiefly against Lloyd George and the French authorities and to some extent also against those Americans who participated in the work of the reparation commission.

The heads of the great industrial houses of Essen are outspoken in their criticisms. They say that already huge contracts have been cancelled and that the prospects are that trade will stagnate. They declare that the workmen will be the chief ones to suffer and that the entire Ruhr basin, if not all Germany, will be irreparably damaged if the entente carries out a heavy taxation of Rhineland exports.

Kaiser Writes War Book
AMSTERDAM, Mar. 12.—Former Emperor William of Germany has written for private distribution a book by which he attempts to show that England was responsible for the world war. In the volume he has collated historical facts and data relative to international agreements between all countries involved in the war from 1884 to 1914, and these facts have been marshaled in parallel columns by Count Hohenzollern, says the newspaper Het Volk.

He declares England's responsibility for the war centered in her "plot to isolate Germany" and refers to "the mobilization of English banks in April, 1914, preparations for war by the British fleet in June, the same year, and

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Colonel George Harvey



Colonel G. Harvey, Ex-Democrat, Gets Diplomatic Plum

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—Colonel George Harvey of New York, editor of Harvey's Weekly, is understood to have been definitely selected by President Harding as ambassador to London to succeed John W. Davis, who now is returning home. The nomination may go to the senate before the present extraordinary session ends.

HARDING ASKS COUNTRY FOR AID TO CHINA

President Urges Renewed Efforts to Save Starving Chinese—Conditions Declared Indescribable—Selling Children to Get Food.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 12.—An appeal to the American people to "do everything in their power" towards the relief of famine conditions in China, was issued today by President Harding.

"At this, the earliest practicable moment of my administration," said the president's statement, "I desire to add my own to the many appeals which have been issued heretofore in behalf of the starving people of a large section of China.

"I am informed that the American committee, and the church and other organizations co-operating with it have already remitted several millions of dollars to the American and international relief committees in China and that already a great relief work has been accomplished. Nevertheless, my information is that the means thus far placed at the command of these organizations are entirely inadequate to the task they confront.

"The picture of China's distress is so tragic that I am moved therefore, to renew the appeals heretofore made and to express the hope that the American people will continue to contribute to this humanitarian cause as generously as they possibly can.

U. S. Has Never Failed.
"The cry for succor comes to us from a people far distant, but linked to us by manifold ties of friendly relations and good will. The American nation has never failed to demonstrate its friendship for the people of China and that friendship always has been reciprocated in a manner which I feel justifies the hope that in this hour of China's distress our people will do everything in their power for its amelioration."

NEW YORK, Mar. 12.—Two hundred and seven children have been sold, three abandoned and one killed by famine stricken parents in the province of Chihli, northern China, according to a dispatch received here today by the American committee for the China famine fund.

These figures, the report says, were the result of a famine survey made in seventy-three villages of the province where more than 10,000 persons were found destitute.

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SAYS FATAL SHOT FIRED BY VAMPIRE

Ex-Police Chief Gives Death Bed Statement of Jake Hamon to Jury in Ardmore Trial—Victim Said Smith Woman Shot Him As She Stood at Bed.

ARDMORE, Okla., March 12.—Constantly interrupted in turn by defense and then by state, the Rev. J. T. Irwin, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lawton, Okla., and the man who delivered Jake L. Hamon's funeral oration, today detailed to the jury in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, charged with Mr. Hamon's murder, his last conference with the dying man.

"This was a frame up by others," Dr. Irwin testified the dying oil man and railroad millionaire and republican national committee man, told him. "Three times I have paid her off but this is the last time," he quoted further.

ARDMORE, Okla., Mar. 12.—A dying statement by Jake L. Hamon, reputed millionaire oil and railroad man and republican national committee man from Oklahoma, in which he said Clara Smith Hamon shot him as he lay on the bed in his own room of the suite they occupied at a hotel here, was given the jury today in the trial of the woman on a murder charge.

W. B. Nichols, former chief of police of Oklahoma City and business associate of Hamon, told the jury that Jake Hamon, after telling him he knew he would die from the bullet wound told him Clara Hamon had fired the bullet as she stood at his bedside striking his head with her left hand.

Hamon Was Sober
W. B. Nichols, former chief of police of Oklahoma City, now in the oil business, said he was in Hamon's office on the afternoon preceding the evening on which Hamon was shot; that he had two drinks and Hamon three and that Hamon was sober when he left the office two hours before he was shot.

Mr. Nichols said Mr. Hamon showed him the suit he had intended to wear at the presidential inauguration March 4th.

He said after he heard Hamon had been shot he went to the hospital just in time to see Hamon operated on. Mr. Nichols identified a 25 caliber steel bullet as similar to one taken from Hamon's body. The defense admitted it was the fatal bullet and it was submitted as evidence.

"Now Clara, Mrs. Hamon is leaving for Chicago and you have got to leave here," Mr. Nichols quoted Frank Ketch Hamon's business manager, as saying to Clara after the shooting.

"Clara, I never have butted into your affairs before, but I am now; no more disgrace for the Hamon family."

"He Did It" Clara Said
"Why, you talk as if I did it," he quoted Clara as having said. "He did it himself and he will tell you so."

Mr. Nichols said on the morning following the shooting Clara Hamon's face and hands were bruised.

On Tuesday, Mr. Nichols said Mr. Hamon told him he had been fatally shot.

"But she got me," he quoted Hamon as having said.

He quoted Hamon as having said he was lying down for a rest when Clara came to him, put her hand on his head and fired into his body. He said Hamon said he threw up his arm, but too late.

"Let's call it an accident," Nichols said Hamon quoted Clara as saying after he had disarmed her and searched on the floor for the weapon he had knocked from her hand after he was shot.

Palms But No Beach
Nichols said he tried to buoy up Hamon and told him they had to go to Palm Beach, Fla., but Hamon said that

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Palm Beach Smart Set Towed 17 Miles To Sea By Devil Fish

PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 12.—Florence Zeitfeld, Jr., and Leonard Replogle battled for eight hours yesterday with a giant ray or devil fish that towed two boats forty miles from Palm Beach and seventeen miles to sea and then escaped when the cables broke, although its body bore four harpoons, eight rifle bullets and fifteen wounds from lances.

The sea monster was in sight of the bathers near the breakers pier when discovered. Mr. and Mrs. Zeitfeld had ended a day's fishing trip in Mr. Replogle's boat when their attention was called to the monster. Immediately two fast motor boats started in pursuit.

Occupants of both boats threw harpoons into the big fish which immediately sped away to sea. Army rifle bullets were fired into its body but the fish did not slacken speed. At nightfall the cables to the harpoon parted and the fish escaped. Airplanes followed the boats and watched the struggle.

RALPH WILLIAMS SLATED FOR POST OFFICE POSITION

WASHINGTON, March 12.—William Walter Husband of St. Johnsbury, Vt., was nominated today by President Harding to be commissioner general of immigration.

Lars Bladine, Cedar Falls, Iowa, was nominated to be collector of internal revenue for the district of Iowa.

Harry Hilton Billany of Delaware was nominated to be fourth assistant postmaster general.

Carl A. Mapes of Michigan was re-nominated solicitor of the bureau of internal revenue.

The nomination of Mr. Billany subsequently was confirmed by the senate. He formerly was postmaster at Wilmington, Del.

Ralph E. Williams, republican national committeeman from Oregon, is understood to be under consideration for one of the other three assistant postmaster generalships. The assistants will be equal in rank, it was said today at the postoffice department and Postmaster General Hayes is said to be planning to drop the numerical designations.

Mr. Billany, as fourth assistant, will have supervision of rural free delivery.

UNION VOLUNTARILY REDUCES WAGES

SPOKANE, Mar. 12.—Union building laborers and hod carriers of this city, at a meeting last night voted a voluntary reduction of \$1 a day in wages, it was announced by their officers today. The action was taken, it was stated, to stimulate building activities here.

Wages of building laborers under the new scale will be \$5 a day and those of hod carriers \$6.

BAKER H. S. PLAYS "RINGER"; SEMI-FINAL IN BASKETBALL MUST BE REPLAYED

SALEM, Mar. 12.—Franklin high school, of Portland and Molalla high school teams will clash this afternoon to decide which team shall play the winner of the Salem-McMinnville game, also slated for this afternoon, for the state high school basketball championship here tonight.

The games were scheduled by lots drawn this morning after the Baker high school team had been disqualified by tournament officials for having played an ineligible player under an assumed name. Baker had won all of its games using the disqualified player and was to have met Salem for the championship.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 12.—Deliberately violating the players' eligibility

BEN COLLINS NOT GUILTY BANK CASE

After Deliberating Five Hours Jury in Second Jacksonville Bank Case Acquits Ben Collins of Criminal Charge—Further Instructions From Court Requested at Noon.

At 2:30 this afternoon the jury returned a verdict of not guilty in the Collins case.

The jury in the case of Ben M. Collins began its deliberations at 9:40 o'clock this morning, and at noon had reached no verdict. At eleven o'clock the jury asked for further instructions, and returned to the jury box.

Juror W. H. Lamb, a farmer of Medford asked the court: "If the defendant borrowed over \$2200 would it be a crime, your honor?"

The court replied in line with its previous instructions that such would not be a crime, and that further, the borrowing of a greater amount from a bank would not in itself constitute a crime. The court also instructed that it must be proven that the defendant conspired with the cashier of a bank to defraud. This point is based on the Oregon state law, prohibiting a bank to loan over ten per cent of its capital to one person, and is probably the point upon which the decision hinges. The jury retired immediately and resumed their deliberations.

Little, if any interest, is being taken in the case by the citizens of Jacksonville, only five people not court attaches waiting for the verdict.

Court Adjourns to March 21.
With the completion of the trial of Ben M. Collins the circuit court took a continuance until Monday, March 21, when the docket will be resumed. This action was taken necessary largely by the calling of Marshall Hooper, assistant bank superintendent, to Klamath Falls, where he was called on official business in connection with the re-opening of the J. W. Siemens bank of that city. Hooper is an important witness in the remaining Jacksonville bank cases.

When the court resumes its sessions it will be occupied by civil actions and the hearing of the evidence in the indictments against Chester C. Kubli, S. T. Johnson, and J. E. Bartlett, in connection with the Bank of Jacksonville failure, and that of W. F. DeWitt, Ashland jitney driver, indicted on a manslaughter charge as a result of the death of Mrs. Nona Jennings of this city in an auto accident near Talent last Christmas Eve.

Bank Examiners Attacked.
Charging that the state board of bank examiners "ruined a banker" in the Bank of Jacksonville, and had built a fire in the south part of town to cover up and detract attention, Attorney Gus Newbury in a strong address, made his plea to the jury Friday afternoon, before a crowded courtroom in the trial of Ben M. Collins, indicted in connection with the failure of the Bank of Jacksonville.

In his argument Attorney Newbury told the jury that all the records in Collins' case had not been presented, "though they were in the possession of the bank examiners, and in this very courtroom this morning."

"They only submitted one sheet of the ledger," continued Attorney Newbury. "Where are the remaining sheets? Where is the note register? Johnson testified they were kept. This

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