

# BOLSHEVIK MAY START WORK ON LONG RAILROAD

CHRISTIANIA. (Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A concession for constructing a railway 2,000 miles long has been granted "in principle" by the Bolshevik government of Russia to a financial group headed by Edward Hannevig, a Norwegian, says a Norwegian lawyer, M. Puntervold, who recently returned from Russia.

The proposed railway is to extend from the Obi river in the Tobolsk government, via Kotlass to Petrograd, Murmansk and Archangel. It is said to include the right of utilizing 33,000 square miles of forest land through which the railway is to be constructed, mining rights along the railway and the opening of banks at the railway stations and towns near the line.

According to M. Puntervold, the terms granted are far more favorable to capitalists than might have been expected from the most conservative government in Norway. The newspaper *Ti Rens-Tegh*, commenting upon the concession, says: "It is a proof that Lenin's government is finding it necessary to create a new capitalism to encourage the economic life of Northern Russia."

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## BIG INTEREST IN BASEBALL ALONG COAST.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., May 3.—The outstanding feature of the Pacific Coast baseball league season, says the Associated Press, has been the remarkable attendance shown by official reports. In this the coast league has set a mark at which the major leagues are envious. It has not been infrequent to find week day crowds that compared favorably with the Sunday and holiday crowds of war days.

In ratio of population, the attendance figures show that Sacramento has been one of the best cities in the circuit with respect to the size of the crowds which have attended the games. San Francisco's official figures also show an encouraging increase in numbers, and the same conditions obtain in practically every city on the circuit where games have been played.

It has been remarked both by the crowd and the sporting writers that the increased interest in the games has benefited the players as well as the spectators. A snip and a bit is being shown by the players which was lacking last season and this is ascribed largely to the influence of the large crowds. Accounts of the games show that a large proportion of them have been good, lively contests.

As yet the teams have not shaken down to the form and places in which pre-season opinion placed them. Portland, which has been rated as a first division team, has not shown the predicted form while Salt Lake City has been a surprise thus far to the majority of the early season prognosticators.

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### PRE-WAR TIMES STARTED AGAIN FOR PARISIANS

PARIS, May 3.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—This has been a red letter day for the ordinary work-a-day Parisian. Beginning today the cafes are permitted to remain open an hour later in the evening, until 10:30. Music again is allowed, and the popular restaurants served "national" dishes at prices reduced by 30 percent in consequence of the action of the Food Ministry which has placed frozen meat and certain classes of vegetables on the market at moderate prices.

The cheaper meals proved so popular that most of the restaurants were sold out at noon, and crowds of workers who had been eagerly looking forward to some relief from the burden of dear living found themselves charged at the old exorbitant rates.

In the evening, the grand boulevards were more crowded than ever as a consequence of the relaxation of the early closing rule. But a down-pour of rain and the sudden failure of the electric light in the central districts, plunged everybody into gloom, the French soldier, his face the picture of boredom, was addressed by a companion: "You don't seem pleased at all at being demobilized." "No, I didn't think it was going to be so dull," was the reply.

But Paris is regaining slowly its normal life. March 29 was also the opening day of the first after-war salon; to be precise, it was the vernal day of the Salon du Cercle Artistique et Littéraire, otherwise known as the Salon Volney.

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## EX-KAISER MAY BE TRIED BY A U. S. OFFICIAL

TAFT, HUGHES AND ROOT MENTIONED AMONG THOSE WHO MAY PASS JUDGMENT ON THE BEAST OF BERLIN.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—Either Charles Evans Hughes or William Howard Taft may be the American judge in the international tribunal to try the former kaiser, it was believed here. The nomination will probably be made by President Wilson and it may be submitted to congress for confirmation. Elihu Root was also mentioned as a possibility.

Lord Reading, chief justice of England, is regarded as the likeliest British candidate.

The scene of the trial will probably be Geneva, the seat of the League of Nations.

The five judges, representing the United States, Great Britain, Italy, Japan and France, working without legal precedents, will be required to rule on evidence and pass judgment and sentence on the arch criminals of history, with the code of justice and morality as their only guides. A general course of procedure will be decided on before the trial by the five judges, it is believed.

Several prominent Germans of the old regime will probably be retained as counsel and advisers by Wilhelm. In this connection, former Ambassador von Bernstorff is mentioned.

The staff of prosecuting attorneys will probably be representative of the five great powers and it is considered possible that the present government of Germany might also be permitted to name a prosecutor, as democratic Germany would be anxious to take this opportunity of fixing the war guilt.

Exile has already been decided on tentatively as the penalty in the event of a conviction, Paris advices indicate.

**IRON CROSSES GO UP.**  
COBLENZ, May 5.—The price of Iron Crosses has more than doubled since the German authorities placed an embargo on the open traffic in them here. Nevertheless, they are being sold. The dealers say the German government has prohibited manufacture of the iron crosses and that private concerns are making and selling imitations of them.

## WAR HERO BACK WITH FINE RECORD

Sergeant O. F. Boye, who returned from Camp Lewis last night after receiving his discharge from the military service, is one of the real war heroes, having seen fighting in some of the heaviest engagements of the war. His discharge papers show that he was in the battle of St. Mihiel, the Argonne forest, on the Meuse and in the Lys and Scheldt sectors in Belgium. The young man is a stockman of the Bly section and operated a ranch there previous to his entrance into the service.

Sergeant Boye was in company F of the 361st infantry.

## PETROGRAD EVACUATED; BOLSHEVIKI RETIRE

HELSINGFORS, May 3.—Petrograd, is being evacuated today by the Bolsheviki. It is reliably reported, that many of the inhabitants are being sent away.

LONDON, May 3.—Along the Murmansk railway the Bolsheviki troops under the Allied pressure have withdrawn to a new position thirty miles back on the Western bank of Lake Onega.

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## RUSS PEASANTS COOKING STRAW TO MAKE BREAD

WITH AMERICAN FORCES IN NORTH RUSSIA, (Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Russian soldiers returning from Germany to their homes in northern Russia find their fatherland vastly changed since they went to war.

Scores of these soldiers are passing thru the Bolsheviki lines and making their way to the American and other Allied outposts.

They tell tales of pitiful suffering from hunger in the villages through which they passed. One of them, E. Evlampieff of Archangel, thus describes his experiences when he returned from Germany.

"At Petrograd we were sent to barracks, where a Bolsheviki commissar started to read us the Soviet program. The prisoners protested.

"Give us first something to eat, and then read us your program."

"Then the commissar gave up trying to read the program, saying we were not fit elements for propaganda and he left us. Each of us received 25 rubles in advance on his salary."

"Famine was reigning in Petrograd. The first category (working people of Bolsheviki sympathies) received one pound of oats daily. The second category received 1-2 pound. The citizens grind the oats in coffee mills, to make flour for bread. For Christmas the Petrograd inhabitants received two potatoes for each person. A slice of bread is sold for 25 rubles. There was no tobacco. People smoked cabbage and nettle.

"The situation at Valogda was the same as in Petrograd, it was famine and the population stood in line for bread sometimes for two days. There was no private commerce. The shops were empty."

On his way from Vologda toward Archangel a commissar tried to coax Evlampieff into serving in the Red Army and, on his refusal sent him back to Vologda. A peasant hid him in a load of hay and carried him to his uncle's house in Torozk. In the villages he passed through, he said, there was famine. The peasants cut straw, cook it and make bread. Eventually after a long journey on foot thru the snow Evlampieff reached his home in Archangel.

When such prisoners reach the territory of the Provisional Government of the North they are cared for as well as possible. Many of them voluntarily have joined the White Guard Army because of their hatred of the Bolsheviki.

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