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### GENERAL STRIKE

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President Wilson's having ordered a commission to investigate the Minnesota situation. This complies with the men's demands.

Upon receipt of the official Lawson telegram, the strike may be called off, leaders say. All machinists excepting those who are working for railroads, art out. C. L. Greenville, labor leader, claimed that railroad shopmen who had not quit work with the general exodus at 10 a. m. would quit later.

In an appeal received shortly after the strike became effective, G. W. Lawson, secretary of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, now conferring with federal authorities in Washington, asked Minnesota laboring men to refrain from violence.

Railroad union representatives today planned several meetings late this afternoon to plan the course that the railroad men will pursue during the strike. It is conceded that a general tieup of the railroads of the northwest will quickly force federal arbitration which is de-

manded by union men.

### President Intervenes

Washington, Dec. 13.—President Wilson today ordered the special mediation commission, headed by Secretary of Labor Wilson to go to the Twin Cities at the earliest possible moment.

Labor leaders in St. Paul and Minneapolis were appealed to over the long distance telephone from here by government officials in an effort to avert the spread of the general strike.

The president's intervention was taken in the form of a message sent by Secretary of War Baker as chairman of the council of National Defense. The message hinted that critical federal interests may be involved in the Minnesota labor troubles. The state produces nearly two thirds of the iron ore of the United States and a very large percentage of the flour.

The special mediation commission is now at Seattle, Wash.

Baker's message said: "In view of conflicting reports existing in labor disputes at St. Paul and Minneapolis, the president wishes you and the commission to stop at the Twin Cities while returning east to confer with the public safety commission, labor representatives, street railway managers and other parties to the existing dispute there. The primary authority and responsibility of the governor of Minnesota in dealing with the situation now existing is recognized; but because of federal interests which may become involved, it is desired that your committee make such observation as will permit an accurate understanding of the situation from here."

### War Time Control of Railroads Is Pending

Washington, Dec. 12.—Plans for war time control of railroads probably will be completed before night.

With the railroad war board scheduled to see President Wilson and with brotherhood chiefs in town, it appears

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## "MAN FROM HOME" SCORES BIG SUCCESS

### Elks' Presentation of American Drama Pleased Great Crowd Last Night

"The Man From Home" packed the Grand theatre to the doors last night.

It is a wholesome play with a genuine American flavor, and it was presented by a remarkably strong local cast, and staged with fidelity to Italian scenes among which thickens the plot and finally unravels in the most approved style of the American novel upon which it is founded.

"The Man From Home", Daniel Voorhees Pike, a home-spun lawyer from Kokomo, Indiana, was accurately portrayed by James W. Mott. He was cast for the star role and fully sustained his reputation as a capable actor, possibly he did even more and won new laurels in the estimation of an appreciative audience. He looked the typical American who could not understand the reverence of his attractive ward for the titles and traditions of a decadent old world—perhaps he did not try to comprehend them.

The Earl of Hawcastle was there in person though some folks thought it was Charley Galloway. Galloway missed his calling monkeying with dry tag details when he might be delighting big audiences both to his and their betterment.

His son, the Hon. Almerie St. Aubyn, was also there and his real name is Murray L. Hart. He took the part of an English society dude so well that one felt like doing something real mean to him. That was some acting sure, for it was real enough to make a fellow mad.

August Hucklestein, Jr., with a Bolshevik bearing made a genuine Grand duke and won a place in the admiration of the big audience by his keen portrayal of a rather difficult part.

The part of Bibere, secretary to the grand duke, was taken by L. S. Geer who butted into everything and made himself generally conspicuous. He wants to keep out of the governor's way should his excellency ever desire to change secretaries for he would sure get the job.

A. L. Frasier had a serious part for he was Mr. Ivanoff, a Russian fugitive, and that job is bad enough at its best, though just now the fugitive Russian should wear a smile. However he was a fugitive before conditions in Russia got so bad. The audience felt real sorry for him—he seemed so nearly what he pretended to be.

Horace Granger Simpson, son of Old Man Simpson, of Kokomo, Indiana, was represented by Charley Miller of the Hotel Marion and he showed the American to who had been exposed to the European bug and was badly bitten by it, in an artistic manner.

E. Cooke Patton was there in the shape of the maitre d'hotel and he talked incessantly, solemnly and with an eye always to business. To offer praise of his work would recall the old smile about maintaining the lily.

The army consisting of Ben Oleoff and Walter Keyes and under the command of Tom Kay was one that would make the boches hunt the third line in the Hindenburg line of defense, or some place still further back toward Berlin. It is seldom a secretary of state, a state treasurer and a mayor of a capital city get on the boards in a bunch and that feature was sure one to be remembered.

Harley White was there too, an ex-mayor, who turned head waiter and handed out considerable fun along with the things he was supposed to pass over to his customers. One wouldn't think it of Harley but he was an all right waiter and if you doubt it take in the performance tonight and see for yourself.

Miss Olga Gray as Ethel Granger Simpson, had the pivotal role of leading lady and she played it charmingly and with a fine conception of the character. She was by turns, sweet, saucy, innocent, demure as a mouse, and as flirty as only a real American girl can be.

Mrs. A. J. Bahn as the Countess of Champagne showed genuine talent in a most difficult and trying part, meeting all its demands in full.

As Lady Crech, the Earl's sister, Mrs. R. M. Hofer again delighted all with her acting. One can hardly call it that, for she takes the part so naturally that one can hardly realize she is acting. She has the happy knack of making a part seem the real thing and this she certainly accomplished last night.

The presentation will be repeated tonight and the proceeds go to the Red Cross.

ed likely that definite means of unified operation would be devised.

The president will be ready within a short time to advise congress of his desires as to this vital project. As affairs re now shaping, it appears likely that a government railroad dictator—perhaps Secretary of the Interior Lane—will be appointed to run the lines. He would have power to pool the lines and their equipment; to eliminate un-essential schedules and so direct finances that the railroads at the end of his tenure would be on a sounder basis than before.

However, both the railroad war board and the brotherhoods intend to impress upon the president the views that private control under a single head and a responsible director was efficiency, provided the government lends a hand in strengthening the roads' finances.

The president himself has been non-committal so far, although the general impression is that he is favorable to the government control idea. Congress as a whole appears sympathetic to such a solution of the problem, but will be amenable to whatever suggestions the president may make.

Sent over many airplanes is the personal message from General Pershing in France, and already the northwest is making extensive preparations to do that little thing.



Jackies Alvin Spurgeon and Willis Jenkins of U. S. S. Seattle, "rolling their own" with good old "Bull" Durham.

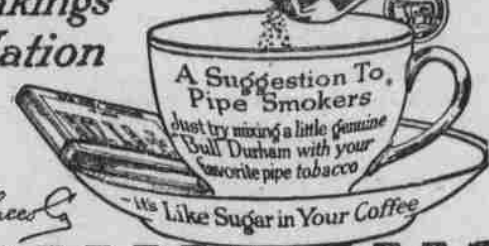
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### German Agents Distribute Breakfast Food Samples Filled with Ground Glass

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 13.—Designated by German agents as a campaign of terrorism and "frightfulness," a "ground glass plot" was revealed here today when hundreds of calls came into police headquarters reporting crushed glass in samples of a breakfast food which had been widely distributed throughout the city.

The police could place no other interpretation upon the facts than that enemies were at work.

Several persons who had eaten the samples became violently ill. Some were rushed to the receiving hospital and an antidote administered.

The rail lead to the office of a distributor who declared he had received the consignment from a St. Louis firm for local distribution. Glass has also been found in other foodstuffs here recently.

**UNIFORMED BURGLARS.** Portland, Or., Dec. 13.—We have with us now the uniformed burglar. Two men attired in army clothing are being sought today after holding up Edward Hanson with a revolver and robbing him of a small sum. Police believe the men purchased uniforms or failed to turn in their issue when rejected at Vancouver barracks.

**Kramer Won Sprint.** New York, Dec. 13.—Frank Kramer, veteran bicycle star, today had regained some of his former prestige as a result of his victory in a mile sprint on the Madison Square Garden track.

Kramer defeated Arthur Spencer in 2:26 3-5.

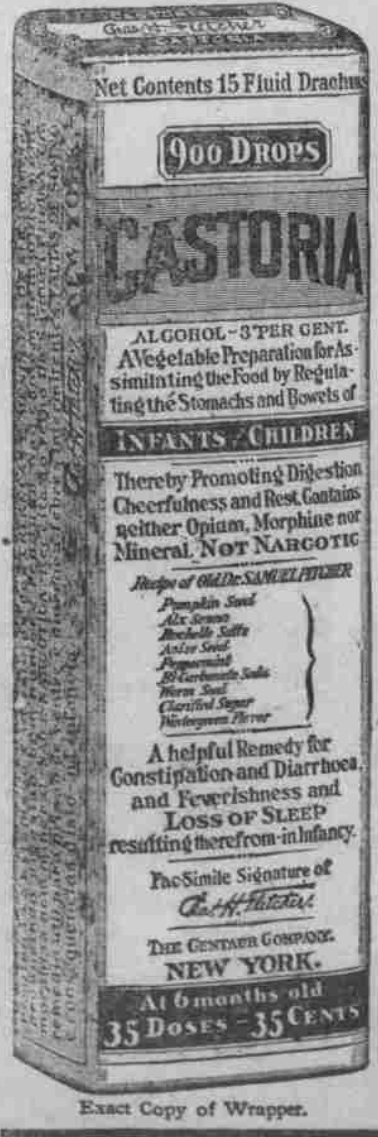
### Supplies For Russia Will Be Disposed Of

Washington, Dec. 13.—Supplies purchased by the Russian government and now awaiting shipment will be sold either to entente powers or private concerns and the proceeds used to liquidate the Kerenski government's liabilities in this country, Vladimir Novitsky, financial delegate, announced.

All war supplies that can be utilized by the allies probably will be taken over and unfilled contracts will be cancelled or transferred for other entente powers. A meeting between Russia's creditors and members of the financial mission for the purpose of closing accounts will be held in a few days.

**Leonard Praised Opponent.** Philadelphia, Dec. 13.—Benny Leonard today is congratulating himself upon his victory by a narrow margin over Irish Patsy Cline of New York at the Olympian Athletic club last night. The world's lightweight champion barely managed to outbox the challenger in five of the six rounds. Leonard admitted frankly today that "Cline was too good to be put to sleep. I can truthfully say he is one of the best lightweights in the country," said the champion.

**Police Stopped Them.** Oakland, Cal., Dec. 13.—Frank Barrieau was mauling Willie Webb unmercifully in the fourth round last night when the police intervened and stopped the contest. Barrieau had the decision by a big margin.



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