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HOOVER TURNED DOWN ONCE MORE BY COMMITTEE

Investigators Refuse to Testify To His Testimony A. H. Lam- born Today

BIENENSTOCK SAYS STRAUSS THREATENED

Head of Sugar Trust Con- tradicts Evidence Given by Spreckels

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate sugar investigating committee again today refused Herbert Hoover's request for an immediate hearing.

Hoover, through his counsel, Judge Curtis Lindley, asked to be allowed to testify today because he had to go to New York on business.

"We'll hear Mr. Hoover when he gets back from New York," ruled Senator Reed, committee chairman. "He will be in town more than some other witnesses."

In five minutes testimony at the opening of today's session Herbert W. Bienenstock, New York grain and provision broker, said Louis Strauss, Hoover's secretary, had threatened to "steam-roller" A. H. Lamborn, a sugar broker, "if he isn't careful."

"I offered my services to Strauss," said Bienenstock. "In the course of the conversation Strauss asked me if I knew any New York food dealers. I mention A. H. Lamborn. Strauss said he was sorry I had done so."

"He said that while Hoover had the highest regard for Lamborn personally, yet Lamborn had better be careful or the steam roller would run over him and roll his guts out."

"What did Strauss mean by that? Do you know?" asked Reed.

"I have no idea," replied the witness.

"Strauss didn't tell you why Lamborn was to be steam-rolled?" asked Senator Vardaman.

"No, he just said what I have told you," said Bienenstock, who was then excused.

A. H. Lamborn and company are the agents in this country for the British royal commission which has charge of the sugar purchases for France and England.

Contradicting Chas. A. Spreckels' charge that the food administration "created" a sugar shortage, Earl D. Babst told the senate sugar investigating committee today increased consumption, inadequate supply and delayed distribution, combined, caused the famine.

Babst, head of the "sugar trust" and a member of the Hoover sugar committee, stoutly denied Spreckels' claim that there is a big surplus of Cuban sugar.

"Foreign buyers have cut down United States supply of Cuban raw sugar 50,000,000 pounds," said Babst.

"The great preserving campaign last summer took 200,000,000 pounds more than is usually consumed in the canning period."

A demand that the food administration use its influence to force a raise in the price of sugar beets was made to Herbert Hoover this afternoon by representatives of the beet sugar growers of California, Utah, Idaho, Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming. Tomorrow they will meet with Chairman Reed of the senate probers.

The growers say Babst's company has depressed the beet sugar, they claim to have statistics showing his company can increase the price from the present figure, \$7.25 a ton to \$12.00 and still make fifty per cent on the investment.

Abe Martin



a girl with a straight finish? "Don't worry," is the official slogan of the non-producers.

Northwest Mills Must Increase Spruce Output

Portland, Or., Dec. 18.—Mills of the northwest must be allowed to increase their spruce production over 100 per cent if the demands for straight grained spruce for airplane construction is to be met, declared Colonel B. P. Disque, commanding the signal corps spruce production division today.

Governmental red tape, and the rush of the government and allies for lumber of all kinds, with no order given as to what shall take precedence in overtaxed saw mills are the conditions causing the shortage, according to Disque. He says northwest mill men are operating in every way possible.

STORM WARNINGS ARE POSTED ALONG COAST

Prospects For Severe Weather Late Today—Coast Storm Is Heavy

Portland, Or., Dec. 18.—Storm warnings are still posted along the Oregon and Washington coasts, with prospects of as severe weather into today as experienced last night and this morning. Wind and rain continue, and several points are out of contact with the world through damage to wires. Swelling streams in many places are inundating lowlands and stretches of highway, but the damage thus far has been slight.

No vessels have been driven ashore yet by the high winds. The tug Agnes, after a three hour battle near the Tillamook harbor bar, was compelled to abandon a raft of spruce logs when the gale threatened the little craft. Coos bay districts are isolated intermittently by telephone and telegraph wire damage. At Hood River, the high stage put the power plant out of commission. Lincoln county reports several washouts in highways. Incoming vessels tell of choppy seas and a strong gale off the coast.

TWO THOUSAND CARS ARE LACKING NOW

Statement Is Issued by Public Service Regarding Conditions

The report issued by the Public service commission shows there is a car shortage on all roads in the state of 2000 and of these 1461 are short on the Southern Pacific. The same statement shows that for the week just ended cars were held equaling 639 days for one car. It also shows the worst offenders in this line are the biggest shippers who hold the cars, paying demurrage rather than go to any extra expense to unload them. So long as this is permitted the car shortage will continue, and the remedy is in the hands of the shippers themselves, who by holding cars for storage prevent others and also themselves getting cars when needed.

Mr. Corey's Statement

The shippers of this state have been confronted with an acute car shortage for a period of about two years. The number totaling at times more than 2500 cars on all lines, due, no doubt, in the main to the unusual conditions that now obtain throughout the United States. Notwithstanding this fact, numerous complaints have been made to this commission that shippers frequently exact from the railroads more than the so-called "free time" for the loading and unloading of cars, which aggravates this condition unnecessarily. We are advised that 72 of our leading business firms have recently delayed cars 639 days overtime. If the shipper who needs cars and is unable to get them could actually see all other car users at all other stations in his immediate section who were taking from two to thirteen days to load or unload cars when it could and should be done in as many hours, no doubt there would be a speedy reformation among them. No car user has any moral right to detain a car one hour longer than is necessary to load or unload it. Every shipper holds this view when it is someone else who is detaining the car.

Car users who detain the cars through carelessness, indifference or ignorance of the meaning of "car shortage" and "demurrage" are few. The people responsible for car detention are that vast body of highly intelligent business men who find it more profitable to use cars for storage purposes than to provide other storage facilities. It is not good business to use storage space that which costs as much as freight cars and which can earn so much more as such than as warehouses. Storage space does not need costly tracks, steel underframes, automatic couplers and air brake equipment. Shippers guilty of such practices are derelict in their duties to their country, whose transportation needs now are paramount to their private rights.

This commission, in prescribing demurrage rates effective in this state, tried to impose demurrage charges suf-

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ATTEMPT MADE TO DYNAMITE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Bomb Blows Away Portion of Governor's Mansion at Sacramento

PRO-GERMAN AGENTS AND "C C C" SUSPECTED

Governor Has Been Active In Patriotic Work and Op- posed Mooney Gang

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 18.—An attempt to dynamite the governor's mansion and to kill Governor William D. Stephens and his wife, was made early today when a charge of explosive set off in the southwest wall of the building. The rear porch was blown off and a large hole was torn in the brickwork of the building. Although Governor Stephens, his wife and the servants were asleep in the upper floor of the building, nobody was injured and the building was confined to the exterior wall of the building.

Pro-German agents or sympathizers are blamed by the police for the outrage. Governor Stephens returned only last night from Los Angeles where he had delivered an address in which he advocated sterner methods in suppressing enemy agents and enemy propaganda.

The principal clue, on which the entire police force of Sacramento is working, was furnished by Rev. Frazer Langford, a Baptist minister living in the vicinity. He declares that for several months he has seen a man, whom he believes to be a German, lurking in the vicinity of the governor's mansion and apparently examining its construction. This man, he said, vanished less than a week ago and Rev. Mr. Langford believes he was responsible.

The police threw out a dragnet early today and rounded up a number of suspicious persons, but have not yet located the man wanted. Governor Stephens was calm immediately after the explosion and assisted the police in their investigation.

"I am grateful that the affair was not more serious," he said. "The reason for the crime is a complete mystery to me, as I have received no threatening letters of any kind. Personally I believe the bomb was thrown from the alleyway at the rear of the house, after the watchman had passed the point of explosion on his rounds."

Police, however, do not agree with this theory. They believe the bomb was of the clockwork variety and arranged to explode shortly after midnight. They believe more than a dozen sticks of dynamite were in the bomb.

The explosion shattered a number of windows in the house and in residences for several blocks around, breaking brick-a-brac and dishes, but did no other general damage.

Had the force of the explosion gone toward the front of the mansion the governor and his wife would undoubtedly have been killed and the building completely wrecked. As it was, however, the main force went across the alley at the rear of the building. It blew out most of the windows of an apartment house immediately across the alley. The windows of the governor's bedroom were entirely blown out.

Up to noon today the police had no definite clue.

Mrs. E. B. Payne who lives in an apartment house across the alley from the governor's mansion says that immediately following the blast she looked out of the window and saw a man standing behind a tree in the alley.

"What's the matter?" she screamed. Then, she declares, she heard some one say "Are you hurt?" and the man ran from the alley into Sixteenth street.

Fire Chief Anderson caused surprise when he advanced the theory that accumulation of gas in the pipes of the laundry and kitchen might have caused the explosion.

Detectives, believing there may be some thing in the fire chief's theory, and that the explosion might have been accidental, are making full investigation of this angle. They say that if examination shows the gas pipes under the ground are shattered, the fire chief's contention may be correct.

Mooney Gang Accused

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—That members of the so-called "C. C. C." gang were responsible for the attempt to dynamite the governor's mansion at Sacramento, was the opinion expressed by postoffice officials here today. Members of the same gang are believed to have sent Senator Johnson, while he was governor, letters threatening his life in a manner similar to the attempt on Governor Stephens early today. These letters are now in the hands of handwriting experts and they are said to contain finger prints of members of the gang.

Persons interested in the defense of Thomas Mooney and other defendants in the San Francisco preparedness parade dynamiting cases expressed the

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"WHAT DOES HE SAY, HIGHEST?"
"HE SAYS YOU MUST BE WIPED OF THE MAP."

ROCKEFELLER LOSES FOREST HILL HOME BY MORNING BLAZE

Loss Estimated at \$100,000 —He Will Never Return to Cleveland

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 18.—Fire, believed to be of incendiary origin, early today destroyed John D. Rockefeller's Forest Hill home at East Cleveland, at an estimated loss of \$100,000. The fire was discovered in a bedroom that Rockefeller always occupied while here.

Few of the rich furnishings of the house, which was built by the oil king forty years ago, were saved. Firemen today were searching in the ruins for a valuable oil painting of John D. himself, which he prized highly. All the valuable paintings and art treasures were removed two years ago when tax officials levied an assessment of several million against him.

The belief of officials that the fire was a touch off was strengthened when watchmen declared there was no fire in the furnace last night. A large crowd which witnessed the blaze was held on the edge of the estate by a high iron picket fence, which borders the entire property.

Friends of Rockefeller today declared the fire made certain that he will not return to Cleveland.

The estate surrounding the burned home consists of 1200 acres and it has been rumored that Rockefeller intended giving it to East Cleveland as a public park.

Boat Traffic Is Held Up by the Bridge

Traffic is again suspended on the Willamette, this time by the alleged danger to boats passing the bridge.

That is the reason advanced by Captain Graham of the Oregon City Transportation company immediately after the Grahamona had passed under the bridge yesterday. The steamer Panama will make the trip as far as St. Paul today, to clean up freight on the landings and after that she too will be withdrawn. A brief cold snap would do away with all danger, but there is just now no indication of this arriving. High water and the swift current are causing the trouble, and these may be removed over night by a drop of the mercury.

Wants Fifty Million to Help Livestock Men

Washington, Dec. 18.—Serious conditions in the western livestock industry owing to drought were cited by Representative Baer, North Dakota, in introducing a bill appropriating \$50,000,000 for government purchase of livestock feed, to be re-sold to farmers at cost and on credit.

PROHIBITION NOW GOES UP TO STATES AS SENATE CONCURS

Forty-Seven Senators Vote Yes and Only Eight Opposed House Changes

Washington, Dec. 18.—The senate today concurred in the house amendments to the nation-wide prohibition resolution.

A rising vote was taken. Forty seven senators voted for the house amendments and eight against them.

The senate's action today transfers the fight to the state legislatures. Three fourths must ratify the amendment to make it a part of the constitution.

One year after such approval "the manufacture, sale or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes," will be prohibited.

The drys have already laid plans for

PIEZ SUCCEEDS HARRIS AS EMERGENCY FLEET CORPORATION HEAD

Chairman Hurley of Shipping Board Says Change Will Not Cause Delay

Washington, Dec. 18.—Charles A. Piez of Chicago, was today appointed general manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation to succeed Rear Admiral Frederick S. Harris, resigned.

In making this announcement Chairman Nurely of the shipping board declared that the latest shake-up in the government's shipbuilding personnel would not delay the program.

"Reports show that construction work is progressing as fast as human

SANTA CLAUS WILL COME TO WAR ZONE AFTER THREE YEARS

Jean is keeping his knowledge secret. The American lady told him to because even Jean's mother doesn't know. The village cure—he knows, because he's been talking to the American lady.

Last Christmas the Germans wouldn't permit the "fete de la Noel" in the church. They were using the church for other purposes—and the Germans didn't have much faith in the "petit Jean". They thought only of their Santa Claus who brought packages from Germany. To Jean, Marcelle and the little sister Duponts, the German Santa Claus meant nothing.

But miraculously the plaster of paris images of the Christ child, which represents Christmas to them, has lived safely through the destruction of Audignacourt, buried away with the now faded halo of time.

Therefore, the petit Jean will again be in the manger of Bethlehem on Christmas eve. After looking long and marveling greatly at him and to what the cure has to say about his wonderful birth, the little Duponts will go home and put their wooden shoes before the fireplace. After praying to Him to bring back their father from a German prison camp, they will wake up to find the American Santa Claus of whom they know nothing, has depurized the American lady to fill up the sandals.

"Bab's Matinee Idol" is a whimsically funny story of a boarding house girl's first affair du coeur, as Bab grandiloquently calls it herself. Marguerite Clark, of course, plays Bab.

PRO-GERMAN RULE OF RUSS TOTTERS TO AN EARLY FALL

Maximalist Faction Is Losing Grip In All Sections of Late Empire

PETROGRAD REPORTS ANYTHING BUT RELIABLE

Cossack Revolt In South Grows Stronger and Kerensky Looms Again

COSSACKS TAKE ROSTOFF.

Petrograd, Dec. 18.—The Cossacks reoccupied Rostoff today. Reports received here declare they disarmed the red guards of the Bolsheviks.

Rostoff-on-the-Don, is one of the most important commercial cities in southeastern Russia. It is in the territory of the Don Cossacks, first of the Cossack tribes to declare their revolt against the Bolsheviks. Last week the Bolsheviks claimed to hold the city "safe."

By Joseph Shaplen
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
Stockholm, Dec. 18.—The Maximalist regime is slowly but surely riding to a fall.

Information from travelers reaching here as well as anti-Bolshevik newspapers smuggled via Haparanda indicate even the Petrograd garrisons no longer supports the Lenin-Trotsky flag. Twenty-six of Russia's provinces and territories have formally refused recognition of the Bolshevik "government". Every Bolshevik claim from Petrograd must be heavily discounted.

Terrorism reigns in Petrograd. The intrigues of the old Russian regime are aiding the extremists in playing on the minds of the ignorant masses of the soldiers by fairy tales that there will be an immediate revolution in Germany.

The date set for the opening of the constituent assembly was the occasion for a monster demonstration in Petrograd in favor of this meeting.

Not only was the meeting suppressed, but the Bolsheviks have not permitted any news of it to be sent out. The demonstration expressed strong condemnation of the Bolshevik efforts to wreck the assembly.

That the Maximalists feel they can no longer rely on the Petrograd garrison, once their greatest source of power, is indicated in notice that Lettish troops have been ordered to supersede them and are now policing the city. Such known German provocateurs as

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JOIN THE RED CROSS TODAY—IT'S A DOLLAR THAT BRINGS MORE THAN INTEREST.
