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# NO PASSPORTS FOR AMERICAN SOCIALISTS

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### WARNING ISSUED BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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Washington, May 23.—Emphatic disapproval of the peace propaganda of European socialists was expressed today by the American government, which denied passports to American delegates to the Stockholm conference and issued a warning that any American taking part in the negotiations would be legally liable to heavy punishment.

Officials explained that the government's course would have the twofold effect of discrediting generally peace moves by unauthorized persons and of condemning in particular the present socialist agitation, regarded since its inception as inspired by Germany.

#### Punishment Defined.

In making known the decision, Secretary Lansing cited the Logan act of 1795 as defining the punishments which might be expected by any American now in Stockholm or who might go there without a passport and participate in the peace discussions. Under this law unauthorized persons who directly or indirectly treat with foreign agents regarding controversies of the United States are liable to imprisonment for three years and fined \$5,000.

#### The American Delegates.

The American delegates to the conference are Victor L. Berger of Milwaukee and Morris Hillquit and Algernon Lee of New York. They were selected by the party's executive committee after notable pro-socialist leaders, including Edward Russell and William English Walling, had condemned the movement in a joint statement as "the most dangerous of all the Kaiser's plots."

#### Are Radically Pro-German.

The same statement denounced Hillquit and Lee, who are socialist writers, as radically pro-German. Berger, a native of Austria-Hungary, has been editor of several German newspapers in Milwaukee and in 1911 was elected as the first socialist to sit in congress.

Report of American diplomatic agents abroad are understood to show clearly that the plan for a conference at Stockholm had its origin in Germany. Passports already have been granted to German delegates, who will keep at the front the most dangerous slogan of "no annexations," interpreted here as a cardinal feature of Germany's program for a truce to further consolidate a great central European empire.

Business circles also have selected delegates to the meeting as a result, it is believed here, of German influence. It was at the suggestion of the proposal of "no annexations" first came into prominence. Such proposals are regarded here as only a blind

#### CORDIAL GREETING FOR ITALY'S WAR MISSION

Escorted by Two Cavalry Troops Through Streets of Washington.

Washington, May 23.—The Prince of Udine, member of the Royal House of Savoy, and cousin of the king of Italy, delivered a message of greeting and comradeship to the American people on his arrival here today as head of Italy's war mission. Accompanied by some of the kingdom's leading citizens, including William Marconi, inventor of the wireless, the prince expressed his delight at being in America at this time, and at the opportunity to express Italy's appreciation of America's active championship of the common world struggle against autocracy.

The Italian mission met, on arrival in this country, by Ambassador di Celleri and Third Assistant Secretary of State Breckinridge Long, was escorted with every honor when its special train reached the capital today at noon.

The Prince of Udine and his fellow members were presented in order by the Italian ambassador to Secretary Lansing, Counselor Polk, Assistant Secretary Phillips and Lieutenant-Colonel John C. Gilmore of the army and Lieutenant-Commander William N. Jeffers of the navy.

The visitors passed out through a cheering crowd in the station to waiting automobiles. They were escorted to the capitol, up Pennsylvania avenue, between the treasury department, the White House and the Joseph Letter house where they will make their headquarters. Another crowd greeted them as they passed beneath the trees in front of the house with the cavalry standing at attention and the horns of scores of automobiles tooting.

#### Yale Committee Confers With President.

Washington, May 23.—Professor Irving Fisher of Yale and a committee of five today discussed with President Wilson questions of war prohibition legislation and the conservation of food and grain now used in making beverages at school.

### Cabled Paragraphs

Holland Sending Ships for Grain. The Hague, May 23, via London, 4.43 p. m.—The minister of agriculture has requisitioned under the shipping law twenty-two Dutch vessels, which will proceed to the United States by way of Halifax in ballast to bring back 10,000 tons of grain.

Teutonic Spies in Geneva. Geneva, via Paris, May 23, 4.00 p. m.—The police have discovered 711 one of the principal hotels of Geneva, nest of German and Austrian spies, which have been made thus far, including the correspondence of the Frankfurter Zeitung. A number of compromising documents have been seized.

LIFE INSURANCE IN FORCE IN CONNECTICUT Amounted to early \$400,000,000 at the End of 1916.

Hartford, Conn., May 23.—Nearly 400 million dollars worth of life insurance was in force in Connecticut at the end of 1916, according to the figures of the thirty-two life insurance companies licensed to do business in this state at the close of the year. The total life insurance commissioner made public tonight, covering the operations during 1916, showed an increase in the aggregate in Connecticut of the policyholders was \$217,927,443, an increase over 1915 of \$18,471,241.31. The total premiums received were \$1,150,163.79, an increase over 1915 of \$150,163.79.

The total business of the companies for the year shows an aggregate of \$1,150,163.79, an increase over 1915 of \$150,163.79, being an increase over the figures of 1914. The net reserve on these policies was \$4,366,964,627.30, an increase over the year of \$245,511,939.61. Premiums received aggregated \$732,251,854.67, an increase over the previous year of \$75,152,570.92. The total income was \$375,152,570.92, an increase over 1915 of \$65,110,542.55. The total paid in claims was \$17,827,443.43, an increase over 1915 of \$1,847,124.19. The total disbursements were \$19,674,567.62, an increase over 1915 of \$2,011,443.43.

No Delegates From Great Britain. The socialist party of Great Britain has refused to send representatives to Stockholm. Its executive committee, which met in London last week, decided that no delegates should be sent, and that its decision should be regarded rather as a disapproval of the peace move than as a reflection upon sincerity of socialists in this country.

It was emphasized that great danger might result if unauthorized persons attempted at present to negotiate regarding peace with foreign agents who appear in the instruments of a cleverly directed German war move.

The so-called Logan act, under which Secretary Lansing pointed out that such attempts can be published, and which Congress passed in 1799 after Dr. George Logan, a member of the Society of Friends and a leader in Pennsylvania politics, had made a tour of the world, including a visit to Germany, to close the widening breach between the American and the French governments. At the time diplomatic relations between the two countries had been severed and there was every indication that war soon would follow.

### REV. EDWARD MURPHY, OF BRIDGEPORT, INSTANTLY KILLED

When Automobile Turned Over Near Thompsonville.

Thompsonville, Conn., May 23.—Rev. Edward Murphy, assistant pastor of St. Francis Catholic church in Bridgeport, was instantly killed and Rev. Fr. Pankowski was injured today when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on the road to Hazardville, about three miles from Thompsonville.

Both priests were thrown under the car which had to be jacked up so that Murphy and the body of Fr. Pankowski could be taken to the hospital. The latter was brought to an undertaker's here pending instructions and will be buried in the cemetery at St. John's, Bridgeport, Mass.

Fr. Murphy was 32 years of age and a native of New Haven. He was a member of the Holy Trinity church and St. John's, Bridgeport, Mass. He was ordained to the priesthood six years ago and was assigned to Rev. Fr. Nihil in Bridgeport.

The body of Father Murphy was placed aboard a train tonight to be taken to the cemetery in Hazardville. The condition of Rev. Matthew Pankowski, president of the Holy Trinity church in Springfield, is said to be improved tonight. It is not believed that he will be able to return to his home in Hazardville.

The automobile, which turned over after a forward spring had collapsed, was owned and driven by Arthur C. Gaynor, president of the Hartford Manufacturing Company of Stratford, Mr. Gaynor and the two priests were returning from a visit to Rev. L. J. Pickler, who until recently was stationed in Bridgeport.

### A DOZEN PUPILS INJURED WHEN CEILING FELL

In Lunch Room of Bridgeport High School During Recess.

Bridgeport, Conn., May 23.—About a dozen pupils were injured, some of them seriously, when the ceiling of the lunch room in the high school fell during the midday recess today.

About sixty girls were in the room which is used by pupils who bring their own lunches and do not patronize the restaurant proper. Four of them were knocked unconscious by the falling ceiling and others were injured in a panic that followed. The teachers, however, quickly secured order and assembled the scholars in the classroom.

Miss Julia Kippen, a senior, was the most seriously injured. She was taken to her home, where she remained but after emergency hospital treatment she revived enough to be taken to the hospital. The other injured girls were taken home.

The building, which is only about two years old, was greatly delayed in construction by strikes and lawsuits, but when finally completed was regarded as a perfect piece of school architecture. An investigation is started to determine not only the cause of today's accident but also to learn whether there are other insecure spots in the building.

### AETNA LIFE TO HELP FLOAT LIBERTY BONDS.

Will Accept Payment from Factory Employees at Rate of 5 Per Cent. Per Month.

Hartford, Conn., May 23.—An agreement was today announced by the Aetna Life Insurance company, which has taken \$1,600,000 of liberty bonds, will make available to owners of factories here money to pay for liberty bonds which the factory employees will subscribe for, the money to be repaid to the insurance company at the rate of 5 per cent a month.

### Press Censorship in Modified Form in War Zones

AGREED UPON BY CONFEREES OF SENATE AND HOUSE

### Called by President New Bill Would Not Restrict Any Discussion, Comment or Criticism of the Acts or Policies of the Government or Its Representatives.

Washington, May 23.—The newspaper censorship fight was reopened in congress today, following President Wilson's action in personally intervening to insist upon inclusion of some form of press regulation in the administrative reorganization bill.

Senators Called to White House. The president's desire for censorship power of some sort was emphasized today to senate conferees on the bill, which was called to the White House. Surprise over the step was expressed generally at the White House, where it was understood that the administration had accepted the senate's unfavorable vote as final.

Should the leaders find that there is reasonable prospect of acceptance by the house of modified censorship plan, it was stated tonight, the conferees had agreed to accept and present the following provision:

The New Provision. "In time of war, the president is hereby authorized to prescribe and promulgate rules and regulations for the purpose of securing the secrecy of information to the public, and thereby to the enemy, of information with respect to naval or military operations, and to the distribution of any of the armed forces of the United States in naval or military operations, and to any works intended for the fortification or defense of any place; and whenever, in time of war, shall willfully violate any such rule or regulation shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or by both such fine and imprisonment; provided that nothing in this section shall be construed to limit or restrict, or for limit or restrict, any discussion, private or public, of the acts or policies of the government or its representatives, or the publication of the same."

Acceptable to President. President Wilson is said to have accepted the principle of this provision. It was understood tonight that the conferees will report to the president by proclamation to prescribe what news shall not be published, leaving the courts to apply the provisions of the law.

Into this man's hands the nations at war with Germany would place approximately 100,000,000 rifles. So far has the program progressed that the officials entrusted with its execution already have a definite idea of the scope of the plan. It is believed that it will be one man, and that his selection will be announced within a few days.

Virtually all the nations linked with America in the war against Prussian autocracy have agreed to the essential features of the plan. An agreement making it effective as soon as the tremendous amount of detail is worked out will be signed. The program hinges on the extent to which the United States will participate in the scheme.

Plans are being formulated under which the needs of the American army will be met by the purchase of rifles from the British, French and Italian governments. The army and navy, experts estimate, will spend approximately \$3,500,000,000 during the year of war. The rifles will spend approximately \$5,000,000,000 a year and more if American rifles are used.

The mechanism of the organization would consist primarily of a directing head and sub-divisions or bureaus, in charge of purchases of certain commodities, and other experts familiar with every line of industrial and commercial activity.

NEW ENGLAND WOODSMEN TO AID BRITISH ARMIES. Ten Portable Sawmill Units Are Going to France as Civilian Employees.

Washington, May 23.—An agreement with the British war office under which the six New England states will send ten portable sawmill units comprising 400 expert woodsmen to aid the British armies in France, was announced tonight by the American Forestry Association.

The members of the expedition will serve as civilian employees of the British government and will be fully equipped for logging and milling operations. The plan is understood to have the approval of the war department, which, on its own account, is enlisting a regiment of foresters to serve with the American army.

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