

SOCIALISTS BITTERLY ARRIGNED IN PROSECUTION'S BRIEF

HINES REFERS DEMANDS TO PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE ASSERTS FIVE ASSEMBLYMEN WERE DISQUALIFIED

Prevented By Their Own Acts From Taking Constitutional Oath of Office—Pledged Themselves Not to Vote to Appropriate Moneys For War.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12.—In a brief which summarizes the evidence introduced by the prosecution at the hearing by the assembly judiciary committee regarding the qualifications of the five suspended socialist members, counsel for the committee declared that the men under investigation have disqualified themselves from taking the constitutional oath of office, that they are members of a revolutionary and that it is the duty of every member of the assembly to expel them from that body.

"The five assemblymen," says the brief, "by pledging themselves as members of the Socialist party not to vote to appropriate moneys for military or naval purposes or war, disqualified themselves from taking the constitutional oath of office as assemblymen, and the oath as taken by them was false."

"The promise of the Socialists not to vote for any military or naval appropriations or for war was as such in conflict with the federal constitution as with the state constitution, and disqualified them from taking the official oath to support the federal constitution and rendered the oath as taken void."

"The five assemblymen by their promise to take directions from the dues-paying members of the 'locals' or the executive committee, including their vote for all appointments and officials chosen by the legislature; to vote as a unit with all other members of their party on all occasions, and to place their resignations in the hands of the dues-paying members to insure the performance of their pledge, abdicated their function as assemblymen and disqualified themselves from taking the oath of office."

"The socialist party is a revolutionary party, having the single purpose of destroying our institutions and government, which they abhor and substituting the Russian-soviet government or the proletarian government instead to be controlled by themselves. This appears from their platforms and propaganda."

"The Socialist party is not a national party, like the Democratic party or the Republican, whose aim is to conserve and preserve the nation. The Socialist party is an anti-national party whose allegiance is given to the international and not to the United States, whose government and institutions it would destroy."

"The five assemblymen stand squarely with their party for the overthrow of our government. Three of them—Clausens, Solomon, and Waldman—avowed these doctrines as candidates for the assembly."

"The five assemblymen by their pledges and speeches have rendered themselves amenable to the terms of the espionage act, and should be convicted under its terms."

WARNS PEOPLE PROSPERITY MAY BE ARTIFICIAL

No Country Can Be Enriched By Increasing Prices of Products.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Warning that the prosperity and activity indicated by banking figures may become artificial and deceptive was given today by John Skelton Williams in his annual report as comptroller of the currency.

Remarking that in 1919 there was not a national bank failure involving loss to depositors and that the banking power of the country has increased 500 per cent. in the last 30 years, Mr. Williams added: "A large volume of money cannot mean increase of real wealth, while there is a decrease of production and the accumulation and movement of securities and currency represent abnormally inflated values put on diminished supplies of essentials."

EX-EMPEROR DISAPPROVED SON'S ACTION

Dutch Claim German Generals Did Not Enter Holland.

The Hague, Feb. 12.—It is declared in reliable quarters that former Crown Prince Frederick William was serious in making his offer to the entente governments to surrender himself in place of Germans on the extradition list and that he is inclined to believe that the allies will accept his plan. It is learned here that former Emperor William is strong in his disapproval of his son's action.

Nothing was known at Wieringen of the ex-emperor's intentions before his messages to the heads of the various governments had been dispatched, and the only notification given by Frederick William was one to the Dutch government when he sent the communications abroad.

Newspaper reports that the grand duke of Hesse and his son and likewise seven German generals named on the extradition list had escaped into Holland and are discredited at the Dutch foreign office. That office declares it did not consider it possible for the men named to cross into Dutch territory.

Lansing Tells Americans To Learn From Lincoln

Washington, Feb. 12.—The American people were advised today by Secretary Lansing to find in the life of Abraham Lincoln the inspiration to forget self in devotion to country and to the fundamental national principles of liberty and justice.

"The memory of Lincoln," said the secretary of state, "of his humble origin, of his attainment to the highest honor in the gift of his fellow countrymen, of his unsurpassed service to the republic, and of his character as a man and as a public servant is one of the great spiritual assets of this nation."

Returns From "Flu" Are Heavy

Ambulance Busy Carrying Sufferers to Hospitals.

32 NEW CASES REPORTED TODAY

Pneumonia and influenza showed heavy death returns at the Health department this morning. Yesterday's fatalities include five from "flu" and five from pneumonia. The emergency ambulance answered scores of calls this morning carrying patients suffering from the epidemic to the hospitals.

There were 32 new cases of influenza the same number as yesterday reported today bringing the grand total up to 1,372. The epidemic appears to be well under control now and continues to show a slight decline each day.

WORKERS CAN FILE RETURNS IN TWO WAYS

Attention Called to Fact Automobile is Asset Not Expense.

According to information given out at the office of Collector of Internal Revenue J. J. Walsh, in Hartford today, regarding the income tax, incomes of less than \$5000 are to be turned in on Form 1040-A; incomes of more than \$5000 on Form 1040, corporation incomes on Form 1120, and partnership incomes on Form 1055.

As regards professional workers who receive other than cash for their services it is held that a fair market value shall determine the basis for their income tax. Professional workers who are employed by the state, city or town in a professional capacity may deduct the amount of salary they receive for this from their taxable income. Any other income however is subject to the income tax law.

Professional workers may file return on either of two plans, cash basis or accrual system. The cash basis is for those who do not keep a regular set of books or keep them in a haphazard manner. For instance, when a doctor pays several visits to a patient and receives but part of his bill and merely notes the amount of cash received he is subject to the cash basis of figuring up his income.

The physician, however, who after several visits charges up the patient with the whole amount of the bill whether he receives it all at once or not, keeps books on the accrual system and is entitled to charge off against his taxable income, losses by bad debts. Those who keep a so-called "cash basis" system are not allowed to charge off bad debts for the reason that they do not show them on their books.

Attention is also called to the fact that the purchase of a new automobile is not an expense but an asset. Depreciation may, however, be charged off against a machine each year. Cost of supplies, repair of an automobile used for professional work, light, telephone and office expenses for professional work may be charged off against taxable income.

Where a professional man has an office and maintains a home where he also sees some patrons, he cannot charge off rent on the home office against his income. Where his sole office, however, is in his home a proportionate part of the rent for the home may be charged off for office rent.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 12.—No reference to woman suffrage or a special session of the legislature was made, it is stated, at the meeting yesterday of the Republican State Central Committee.

STEAMERS LEAVE LOCAL HARBOR FOR RESPECTIVE PORTS

The sound steamers Chester W. Chapin and New Hampshire left Bridgeport last night. They have been here since Saturday after having broken out of the ice jam at Execution Light.

The Chapin went to New London and the New Hampshire went to New York.

SILVER AND GOLD ARE THROWN AWAY

Northampton, Mass., Feb. 12.—Silver and gold were thrown away yesterday to illustrate a talk on the waste represented by carelessness among factory workers of the McCallum Hosiery Company. George B. McCallum, treasurer of the company, told the operatives that in a week 11,760 needles worth 1 1/4 cents each, had been lost.

The effect was the same, he said, as if 147 were thrown from the ship's deck, whereupon the treasurer took from his desk a pile of 147 silver dollars and tossed them out of the window.

WOMAN WADES IN ICY WATERS OF ASH CREEK

Believed Unbalanced Condition Responsible For Act.

When Mrs. Arpad Ludvinsky, of 359 Hubbell avenue looked out of her window about 9 o'clock this morning she noticed a woman descend from the railroad embankment near Tin bridge, and start to disrobe on the shore of Ash creek. Knowing that the middle of February is no time for a person to go in swimming, Mrs. Ludvinsky rushed outdoors and was just in time to see the strange woman, dressed only in a nightgown, wade into the icy water of the creek.

Mrs. Ludvinsky called for the woman to return to dry land, and she did so. She was then taken to the Ludvinsky residence, and Mrs. Ludvinsky notified Patrolman P. J. Tierney of the woman's strange action. The officer summoned the Emergency hospital ambulance and the woman was taken to the hospital.

Attempts on the part of the police to learn the woman's identity failed, but at the Emergency hospital she gave her name as Mrs. Bessie Howard of Harlem avenue. She was taken to Hillside home for observation and treatment. It is believed that a slightly unbalanced mental condition caused the woman to attempt suicide by drowning.

U. S. SOLDIERS ARE LEAVING VLADIVOSTOK

London, Feb. 12.—A wireless dispatch from Moscow today says: "The American troops guarding the Siberian railway are being withdrawn from Vladivostok. The American mission has left Chita for Harbin."

"The Whites are hurriedly evacuating Yekaterinodar, which is about to fall."

Orders for the withdrawal of the American forces from Siberia were given last month and the movement of the troops to Vladivostok has been in progress for several weeks. It was announced from Harbin on Feb. 8 that Ernest L. Harris, the American consul general, had arrived in Harbin from Chita.

Yekaterinodar is in Ciscaucasia, about 75 miles from the Black Sea.

RUSSIAN LINER SUNK BUT ALL ON BOARD SAVED

Constantinople, Feb. 12.—A telegram received from Varna today says that the Russian liner Emperor Peter the Great, which struck a mine and was lost recently, had 700 Russian refugees on board from Odessa and Sebastopol, but that it is believed most of them were saved.

A Paris dispatch on February 10 announced the sinking of the Emperor Peter the Great through striking a mine off the harbor of Varna. These advices stated that there was no loss of life on the steamer, which was under charter to the French government.

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To Adopt Report On Esch Bill

Want Legislation on Statute Books Before March 1.

LITTLE OPPOSITION HAS DEVELOPED

Washington, Feb. 12, (By the A. P.)—While some opposition to the railroad bill as finally agreed upon in conference has developed, Senate and House leaders predicted today that the conference report on the measure would be promptly adopted so that the legislation would be on the statute books before the roads are returned to private control March 1.

The final draft of the conference report is being made and it will be presented to the Senate Saturday or Monday. The house expects to take the report up Monday or Tuesday at the latest, and leaders said today it would be disposed of in two days.

Chairman Esch, of the House Interstate Commerce Committee, one of the authors of the railroad bill, and other leaders expressed confidence that opposition by House Democrats would not delay passage of the measure. They based their prediction on the fact that the bill as rewritten in conference is substantially the same as the Esch bill recently passed by the House. Senate provisions to which there was objection, including the anti-strike section, creation of a transportation board, and compulsory consolidations, were stricken out in conference. The essential addition to the House bill was the fixing of a guaranteed return of 5-1/2 per cent.

EVACUATION OF UPPER SILESIA IS COMPLETED

French Troops Arriving in Country in Large Numbers.

Berlin, Feb. 12.—The German military evacuation of upper Silesia, preparatory to the plebiscite, has been definitely completed, it is announced in advices from that province.

A special dispatch to the Tagliche Rundschau from Opladen charges that General Lerond, head of the inter-allied administrative commission, deliberately ignored the German civil authorities who reported for the reception formalities in response to the instructions from the commission.

Herr Ritta, the first president of the province, and the heads of the local governing boards, were among the men who responded to the summons to the reception which, says the dispatch, resolved itself into a military demonstration and speech-making. General Lerond referred to the peace treaty provisions and promised to practice justice in his administration.

It is announced that French troops are arriving in Upper Silesia in large numbers.

VOLUNTARY PETITION IN BANKRUPTCY

EXPECT STREETS TO BE CLEARED OF SNOW SOON

All offices at City hall were closed today in honor of Lincoln's birthday, except Tax Collector Smith's office where the clerks were busy taking in delinquent personal taxes. Two committee meetings are scheduled for tonight, a meeting of the ordinance committee to consider matters which have been pigeonholed for some time, and a meeting of the streets and sidewalk committee.

New Haven, Feb. 12.—Options given to the Board of Finance by former Governor S. E. Baldwin, corporation counsel, W. L. Bennett and former corporation counsel, L. M. Daggett, are to the effect that the salaries of school teachers who are employed may not be raised legally while they are under contract with the municipality for a stipulated sum. This would mean that neither the Board of Finance nor the Board of Aldermen may change or add to the appropriations made for the year to be applied to salaries of school teachers. The state constitution is the bar to the increase, and the opinions agreed that the Board of Education is not a separate body and has no power to levy taxes for any purpose.

WILSON WILL HAVE PERSONAL MEETING WITH UNION HEADS

President Will Be Asked to Make Final Decision on Demands Presented by Railroad Workers Nearly a Year Ago.

Washington, Feb. 12.—President Wilson will have a personal conference tomorrow with three representatives of the railroad brotherhoods to discuss the wage demands of the 2,000,000 railroad employees which are to be referred to him today by Director General Hines.

In making the announcement, Secretary Tumulty said it had not been decided which of the brotherhoods representatives would be invited to the White House. This, he added, will be left to Mr. Hines.

The union leaders will see the President on the south lawn at the White House, where Mr. Wilson spends a portion of each morning. Before meeting the brotherhood officials the President will study in detail the report on the wage negotiations which Mr. Hines will submit through Secretary Tumulty.

The director general was in conference with Mr. Tumulty this morning and then returned to his office to complete his memorandum for the President, who will be asked to make the final decision on the demands presented by the railroad workers nearly a year ago.

Mr. Hines' memorandum, which was sent to the White House shortly before noon, was understood to have embodied the claims and arguments of the union officials with whom he has been conferring since Feb. 8.

While railroad administration officials and union representatives apparently were inclined to regard the situation as quiescent, White House officials expressed concern at the gravity of the problems presented.

Without discussing what these questions it was declared that the general public did not realize the nature of the issues involved.

Union officials with the exception of maintenance of way employes and the brotherhood of railroad trainmen, apparently were willing to complete the case in the hands of the President. Although there was dissatisfaction because the living costs had not been reduced, it was evident that the union men felt that another opportunity should be given for adjustment of the differences which have been held in abeyance at the President's request since they were submitted last July.

Mr. Hines has made a tentative appointment for this afternoon with J. H. Malloy, vice-president of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employes and Shop Laborers and his committee of ten, to discuss the organizations' alleged grievance which led to its call for a strike next Tuesday.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, also was to confer with Director General Hines on his individual reasons for invalidating the agreement which his organization has.

Constantinople, Feb. 10.—The American destroyer Talbot was reported in distress near Serpent's Island, in the Black Sea. It is thought, however, that the report may refer to the Talbot's standing by the British cruiser Cerce which is towing a tanker and two tugs loaded with refugees from Odessa towards Constanza, Rumania, under bad weather conditions.

Constitution Bars Increase in School Teachers Salaries

CANNOT BE RAISED LEGALLY WHILE UNDER CONTRACT FOR STIPULATED SUM.

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