

HURLED BOMB AT KAISER

Arthur Soule Pleads Not Guilty; Declares It Was Self Defense

Bail Fixed at \$18,000 After
Bitter Fight; Parks
Resists.

WIFE MAY LEAVE TOWN, IS REPORT

Said to Be Anxious to Get
Separation From Her
Husband.

Thompson Falls, Feb. 5.—Special.—Arthur Soule, pioneer Sanders county rancher, pleaded self defense tonight when he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace W. C. Adams for the murder of Ben Soule, his nephew, two weeks ago.

The old man admitted killing his young relative, but declared that he acted in self defense. He entered a plea of not guilty and waived preliminary hearing. Prosecutor Wade Parks will take the case to the district court today.

The prosecutor and A. S. Ainsworth, counsel for the defense, engaged in a bitter controversy at the hearing over the matter of bail. Parks fought to have Soule held in jail, but Justice Adams finally admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of \$18,000.

If Soule furnishes the bail, as he is expected to do, Parks will take the matter before the district court, he said tonight. Judge Theodore Lentz of Missoula opens court here tomorrow.

Nothing was said at the hearing tonight about the suspicions which the elder Soule first offered as the reason for the fatal duel. The relations between the young man and Mrs. Arthur Soule were not mentioned.

Mrs. Soule, who has already sworn that her husband started the fight in his nephew's cabin, is reported upon good authority to be seeking a separation and financial settlement from her husband in order that she may leave Thompson before the trial.

She and her husband, it is said, came to Thompson about a week before the killing to arrange a separation, but decided to wait. They have had domestic difficulties before, Soule having sued three men for alienating his wife's affections several years ago. The elder Soule is reported to be worth about \$40,000. He has been a rancher here for nearly half a century.

Mrs. Soule's story was that her husband entered Ben's cabin with a gun in his hand and without a word aimed the weapon at his nephew and pulled the trigger. When the gun failed to go off, the wife says, the elder Soule attacked Ben with his fists. During the fight Ben secured a revolver and wounded the old man in the shoulder. He ran out of doors then, but Arthur followed and brought him down with a bullet through the leg. Then, according to the wife, he rushed upon his victim and, despite prayers for mercy, clubbed him to death with the barrel of his rifle.

FIND VON RINTELEN GUILTY CONSPIRACY

Placed Bombs to Destroy
Food and Munition Ships.

New York, Feb. 5.—Franz von Rintelen, German naval officer, and a reputed member of the German war staff, was found guilty with eight other defendants in federal court here today of conspiracy to destroy food and munitions ships of the entente allies by placing "fire bombs" in their cargoes. Judge Howe immediately imposed the maximum penalty of 15 months' imprisonment in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta and a fine of \$2,000, on each of the prisoners.

"Plea of lack of proof, sickness, recent marriage and ignorance of the laws of this country," Judge Howe said, "will not influence this court in imposing sentence."

Others convicted today are Captain Otto Wolpert, Karl von Kleist, Ernest Becker, Frederick William Karbade, Wilhelm Parades, George Praedel, Eugene Reister and Walter Uhde.

Rumor Soldiers' Families Have Not Received Money

Washington, Feb. 5.—A resolution asking the secretary of the treasury to advise the senate regarding the allowances that have been paid to soldiers' families during the past three months, was adopted today by the senate. Senator Hitchcock in introducing the resolution, said that he had heard of widespread complaint in the west that many families had not been paid.

LAYS BLAME FOR RAIL CONGESTION ON MANAGEMENT

Inefficient Operation Plan
to Discredit Government
Says Union Head.

BITTER CHARGE MADE AT WAGE HEARING

Commission Session Ruffled
by Allegations Against
Road Operators.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Inefficient operation of the railroads resulting in traffic congestion with its grave attendant evils, was charged by union leaders at a hearing today before the railroad wage commission, to a desire on the part of the management of the systems to discredit the eight-hour law and to make a failure of government control. These charges were made by W. G. Lee, head of the trainmen, A. R. Garretson, head of the conductors, and other witnesses. They told the commission that the facts alleged in their charges explained the alleged collapse of the transportation system of the country, including such roads of splendid record as the Pennsylvania.

"Rotten Railroadings"

The brotherhood leaders used such vigorous expressions as "rotten railroadings" to convey their opinion of the way the business has been carried on since the government took charge, and they offered to produce scores of instances of delayed crews, changes in personnel and misuse of rolling stock to prove their statements.

The ordinarily quiet course of such a hearing was ruffled from the very outset. Lee and Garretson, appearing to present the claims of their brotherhoods for wage increases, found several railroad representatives present, and entered an immediate protest, declaring they did not propose to deal with two sets of employers. The commission explained that the railroad men were there by special invitation to supplement, not to antagonize the information presented by the employees.

Make Strong Charges.

This question hardly had been smoothed over before decision of the working of the eight-hour law and the effect of government supervision of the roads precipitated charges by Lee that the management were doing their utmost to discredit both. He said overtime had been doubled and tripled to make the effect of the Adamson law more expensive, and to represent that the workers were obtaining large wage increases. Furthermore, he declared that every effort was being used to handicap the transportation to create dissatisfaction with the government's part in the business.

"I would go back to about four banks in New York if I wanted to find out the real cause for this," he said.

Increased Expense.

Asked how he thought the alleged results had been accomplished he said he thought the "word had been passed down the line" that overtime was to be increased greatly. He did not think that there had been a conspiracy "from the presidents down to the dispatchers" to delay trains under government supervision, but insisted sufficient persons were interested to that end to obtain what they desired. He referred to the train dispatchers as "train delayers."

Subs Destroyed as Fast as Huns Can Make Them

Washington, Feb. 5.—Representative Miller, who recently visited the battle front in France, told the house today that he believed German submarines are being destroyed about as rapidly as Germany can build them. He praised Vice Admiral Sims for the methods he had adopted with American destroyers and cruiser convoys to combat the submarine menace.

Seek Death of Wilhelm During Riot

London, Feb. 6.—A bomb was thrown at the imperial palace in Berlin by strikers Saturday evening, according to Berlin advices received here from Berne. Kaiser Wilhelm was supposed to be in the palace at the time and it is believed that the attempt was made on his life.

It was not learned whether the bomb exploded. Immediately after the attempt 25 persons were arrested by the Berlin police and troops stationed near the palace.

This is the first bomb attempt on the Kaiser that has become public and it is interpreted here as an indication of the bitter feeling held by the strikers against the government.

According to late advices the strike situation is dying out in many quarters in the German empire, although reports continue to arrive of discontent being manifested by small uprisings among the working classes.

BRITISH PLAN TO TRAIN SAMMEES

General Bliss Considering
Proposal to Put Troops
in English Camps.

Washington, Feb. 5.—In view of the difficulty in finding ships to put American fighting power in France, General Bliss, representing the United States at the military sessions of the supreme war council, is considering with British officials the advisability of starting a flow of American battalions through the British training system to front line trenches in Flanders. This project, it was learned today, has been talked over in various forms, one of the concrete proposals being that 150 battalions be assigned for such training.

Expedite Movement.

Congestion at the American embarkation ports in France has led to the suggestion of diverting certain units to British ports, passing them through the British system, and finally transferring them to General Pershing's army, it has been argued that a considerable body of men could be trained and put on the firing line who otherwise could not be sent forward for months.

The question, apparently, however, largely is one of maintaining continuous supply lines for all troops sent over, rather than of finding ships to carry the men.

SAYS SYSTEM, NOT OFFICIALS AT FAULT

Senator Wadsworth Argues
for War Council.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Developments today promised indefinite extension of the controversy in the senate over American war efficiency and the military commission bills for a war cabinet and munitions director.

Senator Wadsworth, a republican committee member, delivered a prepared speech in behalf of the proposed legislation, criticizing what he described as utter lack of system and comprehensive planning in the government's war activities.

Senator Wadsworth in his address today declared that the system and not individuals is responsible for the present conditions which, he said, "crucially handicap the government and preclude businesslike team work on the part of bureaus and various organizations, constituting a conglomeration of 'ambitious and scattered agencies.'"

BINGHAM SEES SCIENCE FIGHT DRUG FOR LIFE

Without Suffering, Chicago Historian
Spends Day of Short Time Left
in Quiet Reflection.

While his physicians used every device known to science in their desperate fight to stay the deadly, subtle process of mercury poisoning, W. H. Bingham, Chicago historian, yesterday spent in quiet reflection, a day of short time left for him to live.

Without suffering or loss of mental power Bingham lay in his hospital room, refusing all visitors and probably aware of the almost hopeless battle which science is waging against the death to which he doomed himself Sunday by swallowing an overdose of bichloride of mercury.

The poison has already had serious effects. Upon the stomach its caustic qualities have done hurt, and the dangerous influence upon the kidneys which is the usual cause of death in such cases has already been observed. Bingham's doctors have not yet given up hope, however. They believe that there is still a chance of saving the poison victim. If they can check the uric acid of the mercury upon the kidneys Bingham may survive. If they do not the poison will slowly suspend the kidneys' function until, after a day, perhaps, or a week, death comes suddenly through acute bright's disease.

Condition Very Serious.

Bingham's condition last night was serious, it was said at St. Patrick's hospital. Dr. Charles Pixley, who is in charge of the case, admitted that the man had reached a critical stage but held out hopes for recovery.

Has Brief Space Left.

In any event, a brief space of almost normal life is left to the man. It is the history of such cases that the victims—bichloride of mercury poisoning—live sometimes for as long as 19 days, apparently in good health, before death suddenly smashes them. Men have been known to give parties and even go to theaters, spending their precious last moments in enjoyment.

No Light on Mystery.

Nothing that could throw new light upon the case was revealed yesterday. Whether Bingham sought to end his life or took the poison, as he says he did, by mistake is not clear. Since he came to Missoula a month ago to gather material for a history of the state he has spoken frequently of various troubles. Recently he had been drinking heavily, and this fact, taken in connection with his willingness at first to die, indicates that the poison may have been swallowed wilfully.

Complete Largest Measure for Deficiency Expenses

Washington, Feb. 5.—The largest deficiency appropriation bill in the history of the United States, carrying \$1,500,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000, including huge sums for aviation for the army and navy, was completed today by the house appropriations subcommittee. It will be reported tomorrow to the full committee.

U. S. TO CONTINUE HEATLESS MONDAYS

Rail Conditions and Severe
Weather Hold Famine.

Washington, Feb. 5.—With the east facing the most acute coal shortage of the winter and in the grip of the coldest weather in a generation, the government decided today that the heatless Monday program cannot at this time be abandoned as had been hoped.

The conclusion to continue the closing was reached at a conference between fuel administrator Garfield and Director General McAdoo, attended by a dozen state fuel administrators. There was no official announcement, but a joint statement probably will be given out tomorrow.

There had been every indication up to last night that the Monday holidays were over, but reports brought to Washington by the state fuel administrators that throughout most of the east there is on hand but one day's supply of coal, coupled with the weather situation, were accepted as convincing proof that the present is no time to lift the closing order.

FEDERAL AGENTS RAID OFFICES OF BIG MEAT TRUST

Trade Commission Attorney
Searches Private Vault
of Chicago Company.

SWIFT CONCERN GETS COURT INJUNCTION

To Use Valuable Documents
in Hearing of Packing
Industries' Work.

Chicago, Feb. 5.—Search of the secret letter files of Henry Veeder, general counsel for Swift & Co., for documents sought in the investigation of the packers by the federal trade commission, was halted today by a temporary stay order issued by Federal Judge K. M. Landis.

The order stopped the examination of the files begun several hours earlier by Francis J. Heney, attorney for the federal trade commission on authority of a search warrant issued by Judge Landis under the provisions of the espionage act.

Armed With Warrant.

Armed with a search warrant issued by Judge Landis, Francis J. Heney, attorney for the federal trade commission, today made a sensational raid on the vault of Henry Veeder, general counsel for Swift & Co., and seized hundreds of letters, records and documents for use in the federal investigation of the packing industry.

The affidavit on which the search warrant was issued at the instance of Charles F. Clyde, district attorney, charges, among other things, that the documents sought in Veeder's vault had authorized combinations of certain felonious control to fix prices of meats, vegetables, etc., that there had been conspiracy in false entries in the books in Veeder's control, and that the Swift, Morris, Armour, Wilson, and Cudahy companies had entered into a combination to submit combination bids for government contracts.

Files Objections.

The affidavit also contained a specific list of the documents desired, it being contended that these would tend to substantiate the charges against the packers. In obtaining the stay order, Mr. Veeder claimed that many of the documents were his personal property, that he was standing on his constitutional rights in refusing to permit their examination, and that the warrant was issued without probable cause.

Federal officials pointed out tonight that the sustaining of the stay order would affect every activity of the government under the espionage act. It was under that act that I. W. W. documents were seized which resulted in the arrest of 116 members of that organization. It also has been invoked to obtain evidence in many cases of enemy alien activity against the United States. The hearing on a motion to make the order permanent will be held before Judge Landis tomorrow morning.

Huns Continue Air Raids Over Venice, Killing Many

Italian Army Headquarters in North-
Italy, Monday, Feb. 4.—By the As-
sociated Press.—A series of air raids
have been taking place almost continu-
ously during the last 24 hours over
Venice, Padua, Treviso, Mestre and the
outlying islands. Eight civilians
have been killed and 12 wounded
and much private property has been
destroyed.

Russians Deny That Chaos Reigns in Larger Cities

London, Feb. 5.—A Russian govern-
ment proclamation addressed "to all"
was received here today by wireless
from Petrograd. It denies statements
made in the foreign press that chaos
reigns in Petrograd or elsewhere. It
asserts on the contrary, that Moscow
and Petrograd are calm and that no
socialists have been arrested there.

ARREST ALLEGED SPY.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 5.—Richard
Wilkins was arrested here today by
government officials, who said they
suspect he is a German spy, and a ves-
sel being loaded here is being searched
for bombs or other destructive con-
trivances which officials say Wilkins
might have placed aboard her.

DIVERT MUCH COAL.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 5.—Upward of
10,000 tons of coal a day are being
diverted by the two days to domestic
consumers as the result of extreme
steps taken today by the county fuel
committee to help alleviate suffering.