

Only 35,000 Slain by Reds, Says Williams

Not More Than One in 1,000 Russians Killed, Friend of Bolsheviki Declares

Attitude Toned Down Socialist Writer Admits He Left Russia Before Worst of Atrocities Occurred

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—An admission that there have been many atrocities under the Soviet government in Russia and much had and cruel action by its tribunals was made before the Overman committee today by Albert Rhys Williams, ex-preacher, Socialist writer and lecturer and former employe of Leon Trotsky.

Mr. Williams couped this admission, however, with a strong defence of the Bolsheviki. He declared the atrocities had been greatly exaggerated and insisted that fewer than one person in a thousand in Russia had been killed by the Soviets. He also admitted that stress both on the high ideals of the Bolsheviki leaders and on the difficulties with which they had had to contend, he said they would attempt a great social and governmental experiment that might produce a form of organization better than anything now known; that they had not had a fair chance, and that the experiment should be allowed to work itself out. He dismissed the theories and plans of the Bolsheviki far more willingly than he did their practices. He also admitted that he had left Russia before the worst atrocities, which occurred last fall.

Don't Need Violence Here There was long a discussion of Socialist principles, during which he declared that he did not advocate violent revolution in this country, but that it would be necessary in order to bring about his ideals, and in general took a more moderate tone than either of the previous speakers. He said that he had left Russia before the worst atrocities, which occurred last fall.

Headmitted, after his testimony, which was concluded promptly, he was toning down his attitude, apparently on information from radicals that the country is not ready for an extreme propaganda. In fact, there has been a noticeable drawing in of the extremists about the hearings since they began, and several people have taken pains to assure members of the committee that they were not so radical as they were reported.

They don't seem so anxious as they were to be hooked up with the Bolsheviki, one Senator remarked. Mr. Williams' testimony, by statement by a review of the distress in Russia under the Kerevsky regime and its failure to remedy this. This regime, he said, had really been a reign of anarchy and chaos. The only group that realized that the deep unrest of the people demanded a radical reform programme, going to the whole social structure instead of being content to reform the political organization only, were the Bolsheviki.

He admitted frankly that he spoke for those people, whom he reported represented the great mass of Russians. The anti-Bolsheviki witnesses, he declared, spoke for the better part of the people, who, he said, were harassed, and by whose sufferings they had been prejudiced. He dismissed Mrs. Breshkevich's indictment of the Bolsheviks, whose followers had been taken away from her, and did not refer to that of Mr. Christoffovitch, who had spent his whole life among the working classes.

"If I believed one-half of all these charges that have been made against the Bolsheviki were true," he said, "I would be in the front of the whole Bolsheviki outfit being thrown out. I know there have been horrors enough. I have seen enough of them. But I believe that if the Bolsheviki fail it will be with clean hands and clean hearts."

Goes Back to Czar As an offset to the Bolsheviki horrors, moreover, he cited the sufferings which the Russian people had gone through under the Czar, the preliminary attempts of the Soviet leaders to grant an amnesty to their old enemies, and the counter-atrocities committed by the White Guard and counter-revolutionaries.

"Ackerman, a correspondent of the Times," he said, "got through a dispatch telling of a grainload of 2,100 Bolsheviki, captured by the White Guard, and sent across Siberia. Only 1,500 arrived. On the way eight hundred starved to death, died of disease and neglect, were shot trying to escape or committed suicide."

"You have heard the story of the five grand dukes who were bombed to death in the well. Against that I set the eight hundred, so far as my sympathy is concerned, it is with these Bolsheviki, who, after all, are the people that have done the real work in Russia, rather than the grand dukes, who have always lived softly and comfortably on the sweat of these same workers."

Altogether, he declared, up to July 1 of last year, more than 25,000 people had been killed in battle or by execution by the Soviets—less than one in a thousand in all Russia. He admitted that there was a food scarcity in 1918, but that the Bolsheviki were largely to blame, but said they had been able to escape responsibility by "passing the buck" to the railway. He also admitted that there had been a great deal of looting, but said the only case

"Huns" Squeals Bring Joy to 400 Yachtsmen

THE Kaiser, the Crown Prince and Hindenburg met a glorious end last night at the Bensonhurst Yacht Club, Twenty-second Street, Brooklyn. They were served in every conceivable way from chops to scrapple to the 400 members of the club who attended the dinner and entertainment.

The Kaiser, the Crown Prince and Hindenburg were the names which the yachtsmen bestowed last May on three pigs which were given to them. They said that the squeals heard on the yacht club premises preceding the dinner came from the Kaiser and the Crown Prince. Not even a squeal remained when dish-washing time came, though the Kaiser, the Crown Prince and Hindenburg had made 700 pounds of pork.

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Speakers at Irish Convention Express Faith in President

Steps Taken to Demand That Wilson's Self-Determination Idea Apply to Erin; Cohalan Chairman

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 22.—"Did Wilson mean it? Does America mean it?" These were big questions before the Irish convention at its opening session in the Second Regiment Armory today when steps were taken to demand that the Wilson principle about the right of little nations to self-determination be applied to Ireland.

The Very Rev. Peter E. Magennis, of New York, president of the Friends of Irish Freedom, told the 5,000 delegates that he believed Mr. Wilson meant it. He said that it was their duty to put an end to those age-long deceptions that have wrung the heart and enslaved the spirit of the Irish people.

Dr. Patrick McCartan, envoy of the Provisional Government of the Irish Republic, declared that the Irish have absolute confidence in Mr. Wilson, and that there is no plan afoot for harassing him by the American press. He said that the resolutions expressing the sympathy of the Irish-Americans for Ireland's cause.

Cohalan for Chairman "How long, Oh Lord, must Ireland suffer?" asked Archbishop Dougherty in his opening prayer. "None have served thee better. During the centuries of persecution, the Irish race has emptied its veins as martyrs to their religion. Their lands have been taken from them, bread taken from the mouths of their children, and their priests hunted down like wolves."

Reconstruction; Is Greeted by Cheers Socialist-Instructor Explains Five Phases of World's Plan in First Public Lecture Since Acquittal

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Before he began his lecture, which is one of a series of twelve, Dr. Nearing was greeted with cheers and applause by the audience. He said that it was his first public appearance since his acquittal. Dr. Nearing made no reference to his trial, however, beginning immediately his discourse upon the reconstruction problem.

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Hurley Sees World-Wide U. S. Merchant Marine

Shipping Board Head Wants American Flag on All Ships on Register of Nation

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—An American merchant marine carrying the American flag into every port of the world is the accomplishment Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Shipping Board, hopes to see realized through the combined efforts of all lines of business, he told the members of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association today.

"The American flag must fly over every American ship, whether that ship is owned by the government or by corporations or by individuals." Increased wages and demand for labor, especially in Europe, and better conditions in America were to be expected during the reconstruction period, Mr. Hurley said.

He said there would be a surplus of labor before the end of the war, but that the result of the ending of the war, but that as soon as European manufacturing began all tonnage would be in demand and we want to be ready for that demand.

The Illinois Manufacturers' Association appointed a committee which will make a survey of the Middle West.

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German Language Being Thrust Upon Loyal Nebraskans

Pastors Resume Tongue Over Congregations' Protests; Children Forced to Use It Against Their Will

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 22.—German "Kultur" is making a desperate effort to "come back" in Nebraska. The Nebraska State Legislature, now in session, is swarming with German lobbyists. Every meeting of the legislative committee in charge of bills which can touch Germanism in any way is cluttered with advocates of "Kultur."

German preachers have returned to the use of German in their sermons and German schools are running full blast. Bills now in the state Legislature to force the grade schools to the use of the English language are being fought by the strongest lobby in Lincoln. German newspapers are appearing in German just as they did before the war, and German politicians are just as arrogant as they were before the State Council of Defense was organized.

In New York Avenue Congregational Sunday school 105 children out of 200 voted to use English exclusively, but the pastor reinstated German just the same. In the church itself German was reinstated for all services.

Immanuel Congregational Church voted for the return of German in all services. St. Paul's Lutheran Church took similar action. The German Presbyterian Church holds half its services in German. Both the Zion German Lutheran and the German Evangelical associations have returned to German service exclusively. In practically all of these Hastings churches the young people insisted on the services being held in English, but the older members and the preachers overruled them.

At a hearing last week before a legislative committee a school teacher testified that children are sent to her school without one English word in their vocabulary, and that German is the home language of nine-tenths of the homes in her school district.

Some days ago the committee received a protest written by a fourteen-year-old schoolboy. The boy said that since the war his pastor had returned to the use of German, which he, as well as most of the boys in the church, could not understand. "All the hymns are in German, and we will be forced to learn German whether we want to or not unless the Legislature helps us out," read the letter.

The church situation at Hastings is duplicated in practically every German section of the state. At Norfolk, the center of a large German population, all churches which used German before the war have returned to that language. In many towns the preachers of the German congregations, most of whom are German born, have gone back to the German language, even over the protests of a large portion of their congregations.

Draft Dodgers Must Face Prosecution Despite Peace WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Draft dodgers now are being classified by the Department of Justice and the Provost Marshal General's office, to separate those whose apparently violated the law accidentally from those who were wilful in their attempt to evade service.

The former cases will be dismissed while the latter will be prosecuted with all the force of the law. The latter cases will be prosecuted with all the force of the law.

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Beck Asserts Home Rule Tenet Is Hard Hit by Prohibition

Former Assistant Attorney General Says Impairment May Be Fatal; Declares Constitution Is on Trial

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Opposition to the prohibition amendment was voiced here today by James M. Beck, former Assistant Attorney General of the United States, in an address at the Washington's Birthday celebration. Evolutionary changes in the life of the republic have made certain adaptations and amendments to the constitution necessary, he said, but he argued that public sentiment must be kept alive to the fact that its basic laws must not be radically changed. Discussing the prohibition amendment, he said:

"Whatever our opinions may be as to statutory prohibition, no fair minded man can question the wisdom of the eighteenth amendment, if, in part of the Fathers to determine questions of individual morality or personal life, it is a country of 100,000,000 people it is, in my judgment, a hazardous experiment to impose by a rigid constitutional amendment a doubtful principle of individual liberty which offends the pride of the individual liberty of the eighteenth amendment as the destruction of the principle of home rule, and, as such, the deadliest menace to the perpetuity of the republic that has arisen in the last half century."

"The Constitution, Washington's supreme achievement, is on trial," Mr. Beck declared. "It cannot be questioned, that if the principle of the initiative and referendum continues to gain faith and favor, the government will be greatly impaired, and, as a principle, wholly destroyed. For those who solve themselves with the thought that this is a more effective expression to the will of the people, it is well to remember that, in many referendums, it is a minority of the people—generally the proponents of some startling innovation—who triumph at the polls through the failure of the opposition to exercise the right of franchise."

The recall of judicial decisions would, if ever generally adopted, he asserted, mean the potential destruction of all constitutional limitations. The principle of an independent judiciary he called "the balance wheel of the Constitution." The recall of judges, he said, was obviously fatal to such independence.

Mr. Beck declared that nothing except the principle of home rule was of deeper concern to the framers of the Constitution than the principle of a concurrent power of the Senate and the Executive over the foreign relations of the government.

"When, therefore," he said, "the constitution made necessary the advice and consent of the Senate," something more than a mere ratification of an appointment or of a treaty was in contemplation. The word "advice" clearly meant cooperation with the Executive in an advisory capacity before a conclusion was reached and the nation, to some extent, morally committed.

"Current events show that the Senate has not abdicated its great duty under the express language of the Constitution. I have no wish to comment upon any current issues, as this is a patriotic gathering where I would not willingly offend the susceptibilities of any one; but I trust I may respectfully dissent to the interpretation of the Constitution which I have just read and to express my own gratification that President Wilson has indicated his wish to submit the most momentous proposal of a league of nations, with take such action, either in its acceptance, rejection or amendment, as it thinks best; for if, in this matter of supreme importance, it fails to exercise its own judgment it would set a precedent which in the future would go far to put the destinies of this mighty nation in its foreign relations in the exclusive control of one man."

California Raisins—The finest quality packed No. 2 cans. Our price this sale, \$1.89; can, 17c. "Lily White" Brand Spinach—1-lb. 4-oz. cans, our regular price 24c. This sale, doz., \$2.44; each, 21c.

A Special Sale of Wisconsin Sifted Peas, "Toll-Gate" Brand—Small tender peas; No. 2 can. This sale, doz., \$2.17; each, 19c. A Special Sale of the Franco-American Food Company's French Style Puree of Tomato Soup—Quart cans; verified price; sold elsewhere at 35c to 38c can. This sale, doz., \$3.64; each, 31c.

Oregon Salmon, "Invincible" Brand—medium red, in the No. 1/2 flat cans. \$2.17; doz., 19c can. "Lily White" Brand Fancy Spring Catch Columbia River Salmon—The finest quality packed; No. 1/2 flat cans. Doz., \$2.53; 22c a can. California Orange Marmalade—"Del Monte" Brand—13-oz. cans, doz., \$2.44; each, 21c. California Ripe Olives—"American Beauty" Brand; 9-oz. cans; our regular price is 21c. Our price for this sale, 15c each. California Yellow Cling Peaches—At less than wholesale price; "Teal" Brand. These peaches are of a fine flavor and color, in heavy syrup; No. 2 1/2 can, containing 12 to 14 halves. Our price, doz., \$3.38; each, 29c.

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