

LOYAL TEACHERS TO FIND THE TRAITORS

Series of Meetings Called to Reveal True Standing of City Instructors.

UNION ASKS FOR FUNDS

Organization Backing Those Under Charges Appeals for Sins of Defence.

Local New York school teachers will be today a series of rallies and meetings for the avowed purpose of smoking out their unreliable and disloyal fellows...

Among the meetings announced for today are: Teachers of the Bushwick High School, executive committee of the Teachers' Council, vigilance committee of the American Defence Society...

Appeal of the Union.

The letter, which is headed "An Appeal to Loyal Teachers," reads: "We who stand ready to give our time, our energy, our lives to suppress Prussianism abroad must be equally ready to defend democracy at home."

"Where do you stand?" "The recent suspension and transfer of our fellow teachers from the De Witt Clinton High School is an audacious exhibition of autocracy in a dangerous form."

"The president of the Board of Education in a statement to the press denies that these men and women are charged with disloyalty or pro-Germanism."

"Supt. Tisdley, however, after subjecting them to an infamous third degree and after grilling them mercilessly for hours at a time, charges them with holding (not expressing) certain views."

"The real object is to bind and gag the rising spirit of democracy among the teachers. The real object is to throw fear and consternation into our hearts. The real object is to reduce us to lifeless automatons. What is your conception of a teacher in a democracy?"

"Where do you stand?" "The teachers union has pledged its legal and financial support to these men and women because it believes that they were not given a square deal because un-American methods have been used against them."

"We have a momentous fight before us. We're going to see it through. We want you with us. We must have a big defence fund. You must give as you have never given before. Give us ten dollars now."

John J. Rafferty, principal of School 19, who has been made president of the Federation of Teachers Association, in discussing the mass meeting to be held by his organization said that it was the intention of the federation and of all loyal teachers to smoke out the unreliable and unloyal members of their profession.

Will Expose the Disloyal.

"Those who are not with us are against us," he said. "This is no time for half-hearted loyalty. The mass meeting which we are going to hold, just as soon as we can get the spectators, will demonstrate to the public that the teachers as a whole are loyal and true to the Government. We want them to come and be counted. We want to smoke out those who cannot be relied on and we are just as anxious to do this as any members of the Board of Education. And we will do it too."

In answer to a request from Maxine Gross, president of the Teachers Council of the Board of Education, Henry R. Inville, president of the Teachers Union, has sent the following letter to

Mr. Gross stating the position of his organization: "Since receiving your circular letter of November 12, 1917, requesting information on the absolute and unquestioned loyalty of teachers' organizations or of their officers I have been so much occupied with fighting Prussianism in our educational system that your reasonable request has not been given the proper attention. However, permit me to say that on April 20, 1917, the Teachers Union voted to do its utmost to support the Government in the present crisis. Furthermore, to the best of my knowledge and belief all the officers of the union are loyal to the Government. The union never has and I trust never will, defend disloyalty in any of its members."

I may be permitted to make a distinction between our loyalty and the loyalty of other organizations of teachers who are now implying accusations of disloyalty against us for our support of the loyal teachers who were disciplined without a hearing. It is that we are willing to risk our professional lives in fighting the first great battle for democracy in education. We respectfully submit this to the consideration of all 100 per cent Americans as one of the most hopeful ways of destroying autocracy all over the world."

RINTELEN IS GIVEN 20 MONTHS TERM

Kaiser's Relative Faces Total of Nearly Three Years at Atlanta.

Frank Rintelen, the most distinguished German agent in captivity in any of the allied nations, stood before Federal Judge Julius M. Mayer yesterday afternoon and received a sentence of one year and eight months in Atlanta Federal prison for having defrauded this Government in August, 1915, when he obtained a passport by representing himself to be an American citizen.

Appearing with his attorney, George Gordon Battle, Rintelen, blood relative of the Kaiser, pleaded guilty. Harold A. Content, Assistant United States Attorney, said that by their utter disregard of American laws Rintelen and other Teuton agents had caused loyal Americans traveling in the allied countries much embarrassment. He urged a severe sentence.

Mr. Battle told how his client had been seized by the British authorities when trying to make his way back to Germany with his American passport; how he had been confined in a British prison camp for a long period; of his surrender to the American authorities last spring and of his trial here and his conviction with David Lamar for conspiracy to stop the exportation of war materials to the allies.

For that conviction Rintelen was sentenced to one year and one day in Atlanta, but as he has been kept in jail in the vicinity of this city for the purpose of consulting his counsel relative to the charges of passport frauds, he has not yet begun to serve that sentence.

He therefore has three years eight months and one day of imprisonment ahead of him unless, as Judge Mayer pointed out, the war may end in the meantime and his sentence be shortened by the executive order.

To date, including the time spent in the British prison camp of Bovington Hall, Rintelen has been a prisoner for about twenty months.

No mention was made in court yesterday of Andrew D. Meloy, the accountant, indicted with Rintelen for having aided him in obtaining his passport. It was generally understood when Meloy testified against Rintelen at the conspiracy trial last spring that he would not be punished.

UNCLE SAM ASKS FOR HELP.

Four Thousand Stenographers and Typewriters Needed.

In the big drive for stenographers and typewriters in the last week at the Custom House, 1,100 took the examination. Harry C. Cole, representing the United States Civil Service Commission, stated yesterday:

"At least 4,000 more typists and stenographers and typewriters are needed in Washington. It is a serious war problem. There are more than enough good stenographers in New York to supply the need. The examinations will continue at the Custom House at this week every hour from 2 A. M. until 6 P. M., except Thanksgiving Day. It is the duty of men and women who can do this work to take the examination and serve the Government in its need. No advance application is required, but a photograph must be presented for identification."

COAL SUPPLY HERE SHORT, SAYS SWANN

Promises to Begin Investigation To-day—Contradicts Federal Administrator.

NONE IN LOCAL YARDS

Moskowitz and Wiggin Confer on Plan for Relieving Needs of Poor.

District Attorney Swann and the Federal Fuel Administration viewed with diametrically opposed notions the coal situation in New York yesterday. Where the Federal Administrator insisted that the town had weathered its first cold snap without suffering and with enough coal to keep the steam pipes going, the District Attorney asserted that there wasn't a ton of coal in the city that could be purchased by persons who had contracted for it in advance.

The District Attorney promised to begin an investigation of the situation today. He said that a great many people were suffering and that he wanted to see what chance there is to have some coal rushed in from the mines.

The Federal Administration reported that outside of a few apartment house owners in Brooklyn very few complaints of lack of coal had been made. It was stated by the Administration that pains had been taken to see that peddlers who supplied the poor with buckets and hags of coal got them from the yards to take care of this trade.

The District Attorney's side of the case has it that the big apartment houses and buildings, heading the warning of a coming shortage, filled their bins months ago, but persons who waited until they ran short to get new supplies have been unable to do so. It is charged that many of the latter class are in actual distress.

The District Attorney's attention was directed to the situation, curiously enough, by personal experience. He has an apartment house on Riverside Drive and yesterday his superintendent informed him that coal was needed. Mr. Swann at once called up Robert Gordon & Sons, at the foot of East Thirty-seventh street, of whom he has been buying coal for ten years.

Dealers' Supplies Exhausted. "We haven't an ounce," came the reply. The concern is one of the largest of its kind in the city. Because Mr. Swann had been transferred to such a long period members of the company were anxious to accommodate him. They went to other dealers who would be most likely to loan them enough to fill the order. The first dealer admitted he was out. The next said the same thing, and the next. Finally it became known that not a ton, or even a half ton, of coal was to be purchased on the entire island.

In Brooklyn a small dealer at New Utrecht avenue and Forty-ninth street said yesterday he had a small quantity of coal but "Lord knows what'll happen when that's gone."

Fredric E. Gunnison, administrator for Brooklyn, said: "We had a few appeals for help from apartment house owners, but in most cases we were able to help them out to the extent of two or three days supply. It is not possible for this office to act as a clearing house in providing coal, but we are always ready to do whatever we can. Last week the Administration division for the city made arrangements by which 20,000 tons of coal will be shipped in each week to be used by retailers in meeting the demands of the peddlers. We were able to get some of that distributed in time for the cold snap which came in Saturday. In Brooklyn alone 1,000 tons of coal have been shipped in since last Friday with which to meet the needs of the poorer people who buy in small lots."

Arrange to Supply Poor. Dr. Henry Moskowitz, Commissioner of Markets for New York city, will confer today with Alfred H. Wiggin, Federal Fuel Administrator for the city, in relation to the plan for establishing municipal stations for the sale of coal in the poorer sections of the city. He expects to obtain the support of the ad-

MINISTRATION FOR THE PLAN SOME TIME THIS WEEK. DR. MOSKOWITZ SAID: "THE PAST THREE DAYS PUT THE CITY TO A TEST, AND I THINK IT WAS WELL MET, AS I HAVE RECEIVED ONLY A FEW COMPLAINTS FROM CITIZENS WHO WERE UNABLE TO OBTAIN COAL. HOWEVER, THE NEXT COLD WAVE MAY BE MORE PROTRACTED AND I HOPE THE CITY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO MEET ANY FUEL EMERGENCY BY HAVING AMPLE STOCKS ON HAND TO SEND TO THE POORER PEOPLE."

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CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SPARTAN BOYS

Red Cross and Southern Women Plan Holiday Cheer—Athletics Booming.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., Nov. 26.—A great deal of interest is being paid to athletics in Camp Wadsworth now as a part of the military training. There are football games every Wednesday and Saturday afternoons and on Sundays and boxing bouts all over camp almost nightly.

The local Red Cross and army women have been busy arranging for the Christmas trees to be given in Camp Wadsworth the night of December 24. It is planned to have at least thirty trees, one for each unit, and to give each soldier in camp a present of some kind.

If people in New York State desire to help the local people who have the matter in charge they can communicate with W. H. Carr, local representative of the American Red Cross.

The Rev. George Tyson, who has been attached to the Fourteenth Regiment, has been transferred to a National Guard regiment at Yaphank and left tonight for his new post of duty.

Second Lieut. Copley Amory, Cavalry Reserve Corps, is transferred to the office of the Adjutant-General at Washington for duty in the war risk insurance bureau.

The following officers have been ordered to report at the School of Fire, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, December 1 for a special course of instruction: First Lieut. Eben P. Armstrong, 105th Infantry; Second Lieut. F. W. Roney, 105th Infantry; Second Lieut. Ford N. Terry, 105th Infantry; First Lieut. James G. Oakley, 105th Infantry; First Lieut. Pier L. Focardi, 105th Infantry; Capt. Stanton Whitney, 105th Machine Gun Battalion; First Lieut. C. N. Morgan, 105th Machine Gun Battalion; Capt. C. W. Wickersham of the military police has been detailed as acting judge advocate in the absence of Major J. Leslie Kincaid.

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The commission appointed by Herbert C. Hoover, National Food Administrator, to investigate the cost of producing milk on the farm and distributing it in New York city began yesterday the taking of testimony at the City Hall. The Dairyman's League and the city distributors have agreed to be bound by the findings of the commission for a period of three months, beginning January 1. Under the Federal law the commission has the authority to impose price that the dairyman may charge the distributor, and the price that the distributors may exact from consumers. It is possible that a plan will be devised whereby war time economies at least may be effected in the distribution of milk by putting in force a zoning system. This would mean that a single company might have the exclusive right to deliver on one block or in a single territory, thus doing away with a dozen different milk companies' wagons now performing the same service. It is known that it is not only the view

of the members of the commission that the milk situation must be taken care of as a war measure but that great care must be exerted to preserve the milk industry for the future. It is intended that nothing shall be done to discourage the farmer from continuing in the business of producing milk. The members feel that the farmer should receive a fair profit for his milk, otherwise he will get rid of his cows, either by selling them or slaughtering them, and a falling off in the milk supply would follow that would cause prices to go sky high. The idea seems to prevail in the commission that the public must be satisfied to pay just exactly what milk is worth, which is the big question that is to be determined.

Dr. W. H. Jordan, director of the New York Agricultural Experiment Station, president, and Frank W. Stevens, formerly chairman of the Public Service Commission for the Second district, acted as counsel.

The other members of the commission are: Arthur Williams, Federal Food Administrator for this city; John Mitchell, president of the State Food Commission; Lucius P. Brown, director of the Bureau of Foods and Drugs of the Department of Health; Jacob H. Schiff, Miss Mabel Kittredge, Eugene Schoen, Charles M. Dow of Janestown, Bradley Fuller, a lawyer of Utica, and C. S. Chedrick of Buffalo, president of the New York Milk Conference Board. John P. Galvin of the Board of Water Supply will not be able to serve because of his city position, and A. B. Heburn is to be named to take his place.

E. D. Cooper, president of the Dairyman's League, was the first witness. He repeated much of the testimony he gave before the Mayor's Committee on Milk. He said that in his opinion Prof. George F. Warren is the greatest expert on the cost of milk production. He explained the workings of the league and said he was not certain that it would be practical to fix prices for a period ahead because of the changes that are going on all the time. Food and labor have materially increased of late, he said. Mr. Cooper said New York city gets between 2,400,000 and 2,800,000 quarts of milk a day, one-third or one-half of which comes from league members.

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