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STRIKE OFFICIALLY CALLED OFF

Industrial Pirates Show Butte Wage Slaves That Democracy Means Profits

ORGANIZED LABOR PROVES TOO WEAK TO BATTLE AGAINST REDUCED WAGES

It was the general opinion among the striking organizations this morning that today will see the finish of the 10-day strike. The action of the electricians, following the referendum vote of the engineers on Saturday, shattered all hope that the miners would be supported by a general craft tie-up.

Immediately upon the receipt of the strike vote of the electricians, yesterday evening, the members of Metal Mine Workers' Industrial union No. 340 considered the general situation in an informal conference and the opinion was unanimous that a continuation of the strike at this time would be fatal. A similar opinion seemed to prevail at the office of the Metal Mine Workers' union (independent).

CAMOUFLAGING THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

If a Herring and a Half Cost a Cent and a Half, How Far Does a Drop of Water Fall to Break a Shingle?

The Bulletin, of course, is interested in the flagrant profiteering in Butte, and is making an effort to show that those who have the most American flags in their show windows, as a rule, are the biggest profiteers.

ALL IS NOT SMOOTH FOR GERMAN GOVT

Radical Leader Hasse Accuses Ebert-Schiedemann Faction of Murder of Liebknecht and Luxemburg.

By FRANK J. TAYLOR (United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Wien, Feb. 15.—Hugo Hasse, radical leader, today threw the national assembly into an uproar when he declared the workmen's and soldiers' councils would continue to exist in spite of the socialist, democratic and centrist coalition demonstrates its intention to socialize the new republic.

He said he doubted if the coalition would carry out this program and threatened new outbreaks unless socialization is accomplished.
When Hasse openly accused the Ebert-Schiedemann government with murdering Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg a riot almost ensued. Practically every delegate except the radicals threatened to oust Hasse and his followers from the assembly. Hasse calmly waited until the mood had quieted down and resumed his attack on the government as a whole, and every one connected with it individually. He admitted the Spartacists received money from the Russians.

Finance Minister Schiffer said: "Germany's financial situation is desperate and our mastery of it will depend entirely upon the conditions in which the entente leaves us. Germany's war credits and loans total \$4,000,000,000."

Schiffer charged "crookedness" in the conduct of the war, especially by profiteers. "The present economic situation is also desperate," he continued.

Various strikes are unjustified, he said. The great trouble in the country is...

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ONLY A SOLDIER'S LETTER

S. V. Arneson, Ex-Printer on the Butte Miner, Writes to Business Manager of Butte's Only Independent Newspaper and While Smith Stands Trial for Sedition Popular Butte Boys in France Say "Carry On."

Paris, Jan. 23, 1919.
Dear Friend Bruce:
Was up at the Stars and Stripes, official organ of the A. E. F., this morning, and Hugh McDermott, friend of us both, handed me a letter from Bill Young and in it was included your editorial, published in the Bulletin of Dec. 25, "Christmas, 1918," and I want to take this opportunity, if you will, of extending to you my sincere appreciation and approval of your good work in behalf of the workers "over here" who look to such men as you to "carry on" at home. It is well that in the great struggle for human liberty, through which we have but recently passed, we have not overlooked the necessity for honesty and justice being done at home. Those of us soldiering in

France, who believe in the organization of labor, know the odds that are against you, and hope the day speedily will come when we, too, can get on the defensive again—capital always is on the offensive—and repulsed all counterattacks on points and ground we now hold, advantages we have gained at such an awful cost in not only money and effort, but at the cost of the most sacred of all—life. Still we have not finished; we have not yet even talked of flying the white flag of truce, to say nothing of the unthinkable yellow one. By introducing more women and CHILDREN to the present daily wage system, through a lack of man-power at home, the employer has had things

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(Special United Press Wire.)
Treves, Feb. 16.—The armistice renewal was signed at 6:30 this evening.

SAYS SITUATION "UNFORTUNATE"

"We are drifting into a most unfortunate situation," Senator Cummings said in the senate Saturday, "regarding demobilization of soldiers. I believe a very large part of our soldiers are coming home discontented, particularly because their country has done nothing to provide for their transition from war to peace pursuits."

Senator Weeks of Massachusetts, republican, pointing out that commissions in England, France and Italy long had been studying reconstruction problems, deplored inaction by the United States.

COOTIES TO MOBILIZE AGAIN

Propose Now to Cut Salaries of All Workers. Jawn May Sail to Help With League of Nations.

Jawn H. McIntosh's "Cootie" club (formerly the Ad club) will meet tomorrow at noon to partake of their weekly nulligan, and Jawn will discuss on his plan to make a large reduction in the scales of wages of downtown crafts as a solution of the H. C. of L. problem.

He will again inform the "Cooties" that American business men in Butte should advertise only in corporation newspapers.

Rumor has it that there is considerable dissension among the members of the association which pays Jawn a salary of \$400 per month. Some are becoming restless under the assessment plan of assisting demoralized business men who, at Jawn's orders, have been making a losing fight against the workers' newspaper.

A wireless flash has just been picked up that Mr. McIntosh will likely be called to France to organize the league of nations and straighten out the peace tangle. In case such a calamity should befall as Jawn having to leave Butte for any considerable length of time, it is understood that Oscar von Rohm will substitute for him.

MEMBER OF SUPREME COURT GETS PEEVED

New York, Feb. 17.—Justice Ford of the supreme court today resigned from the Republican club, giving as his reason the fact that the club had not "repudiated" criticism of President Wilson made by James M. Beck, former assistant attorney general, in an address before the club at its Lincoln day dinner.

SMITH AND DALY OFF FOR HELENA

R. B. Smith and Leo Daly of the Bulletin staff, left this afternoon for Helena, where they will join W. F. Dunn, also of the Bulletin staff, and a member of the legislature, and together they will appear in court to answer to the charge of holding a poor opinion of the state council of pretense.

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CONFLICTING REPORTS ON ARMISTICE MAY BE INDEFINITELY POSTPONED

SAYS LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS UNLAWFUL

Sen. Poindexter of Washington Says United States Has Reached a Condition of Imbecility.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Vigorous attacks upon four articles of the league's constitution—those providing for disarmament, arbitration, supervision of the munitions trade and for mandatories of foreign countries—were made by Senator Poindexter of Washington, republican. He declares the disarmament and munitions trade paragraphs were unconstitutional, the arbitration provision unenforceable, and the clause for mandatories and others abhorrent.

Regarding the eighth article on disarmament, Senator Poindexter said: "This provision transfers to the league the sovereignty prerogatives of fixing the relative and absolute size of the armies and navies of the several countries. The provision is unconstitutional and an impairment of the sovereignty and independence of this country. There is no power in the president nor in the senate nor in congress itself, nor all combined, to transfer in this way the sovereign power of the nation."

New German Draft.
Referring to press reports of adoption by Germany of an army conscription policy, Senator Poindexter deplored disarmament while Germany was taking military measures of her own.

Article 12 of the constitution providing for arbitration and suspension of war for three months after the league acts, Senator Poindexter declared would put under the control of foreign powers every question which might affect our independence, safety, honor or existence.

"It is unconscionable and the American people will never understandingly ratify it," he said, "and if ratified it would never be and could never be kept in the face of attack upon our vital interests."

Declaring unconstitutional article 18, for supervision of nations' munitions trade, Senator Poindexter said: "Furthermore, it is abhorrent to the self-respect of the United States and a surrender of our sovereignty. It cannot be supposed that the United States has reached such a condition of imbecility that it must have a guardian appointed for it to control its international and domestic affairs. It is curious that such a proposition should ever receive consideration."

Article 19, providing for mandatories over foreign countries, Senator Poindexter said, would require use of American naval and military force in various parts of the world at enormous expense and possible loss of life.

"We are not called upon," he said, "by any obligation as a nation to assume such duties and it is even doubtful whether there is any extensive desire anywhere in the world that we should so impose ourselves upon the affairs and peoples of other continents. It is abhorrent to the traditions of the nation and in conflict with the century-old policies inherited from Washington, Monroe and other statesmen."

MONTANA WEATHER.

Unsettled Monday and Tuesday, probably rain west of the divide; colder Tuesday.

(Special United Press Wire to The Bulletin.)
Basle, Feb. 17.—Conflicting reports are received from Reves regarding the status of the armistice. One report said the armistice is prolonged indefinitely. Another said Foch has allowed the Germans three days grace in which to accept the new terms. The armistice was to have expired today.

(Special United Press Wire to The Bulletin.)
Paris, Feb. 17.—The Russian situation is again the foremost question before the peace conference. The tentative date for the joint meeting at Prinkipos expires Saturday without anything having been accomplished. The supreme war council is expected to give it full consideration at the meeting this afternoon.

ATTEMPT TO 'GET' I. W. W. ORGANIZER

Men Who Know no "Law and Order," and Whose Specialty Is "Cripples," Busy Again.

Organizer Harry J. Casey of the I. W. W. had a narrow escape from kidnapping last night. Casey lives at the lodging house at 316 North Wyoming street, and by a coincidence, occupies room 32, the same room from which Frank H. Little was dragged on the night of his murder, in the former strike.

At 12:20 a. m. Casey was awakened by voices outside his door. A question was asked, "Where does the live?" Apparently there were two in the party and they attempted to conceal themselves in the bath room across the hall. After a moment Casey slipped out of the room and succeeded in reaching the Finnish hall, next door.

The regular guards at the hall kept up a watch all night, expecting further developments. Apparently the two interlopers did not discover Casey's escape until later, for they were seen to enter and leave the lodging house four times during the night. Three more men were lurking around the corner all night.

It appears that the A. C. M. gunmen are on the move again. The I. W. W. members, forewarned by the incident, have made elaborate plans for the future and the gunmen will be met by a hot reception on their next night visit. It is high time that the union men of Butte begin to tame these midnight skulkers for all time.

The attempt upon Casey was all the more cowardly, since Casey is a cripple. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American war and lost his limb in the service of the United States. But respect for the wearers of the uniform, as we well know, has been the last consideration to the A. C. M. and its hired murderers.

THE LIQUOR DEALERS' TALK

National Retail Association Says That Country Will Not Go Dry on July 1. Less Than 4,000 Members of State Legislatures Muzzle More Than 100,000,000 People, According to Report of President Seckel.

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