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# EMPLOYERS' AGITATOR STARTS LABOR WAR

## REVELATIONS SHOW HUGE WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES IN GOVERNMENT NITRATE PLANT

Washington, Feb. 4.—Astounding revelations of wasteful extravagance in the construction of the government nitrate plant at Mussel Shoals, Ala., including details of enormous sums spent for corporation publicity and even of the purchase of a portrait of the president of the company whose subsidiary contracted for the building of the plant, were made by Col. F. H. Wagner, former director of operations at the plant, in a lengthy report filed with the house war expenditures committee yesterday afternoon.

## ALL COUNTY OFFICIALS SAVING

The report of Colonel Wagner created a sensation, the members of the committee declaring that it revealed the existence of astounding conditions in the construction and operation of the \$70,000,000 nitrate plant. The report went into detail showing every expenditure from the item showing that a head barber had been paid \$5 per day extra for duties which merely consisted of making change on about \$25 per day from his cash register, to other items showing the enormous salaries paid inexperienced individuals "with a pull."

Colonel Wagner related how he had protested vigorously against payment of \$550 for a portrait of I. S. Washburn of New York, president of the American Cyanide corporation, whose subsidiary had been given the contract for the construction of the Mussel Shoals buildings. He also asserted the Air Nitrates corporation, the subsidiary, maintained a publicity plant at an expense of \$2,000 per month.

With relation to the salaries of officials of the company, the colonel's report showed the following officers, their salaries and their previous occupations:

J. W. Young, resident manager, salary, \$10,000, formerly deputation engineer, department of water, gas and electric supply, New York; J. T. Featherstone, vice president, salary, \$10,000, formerly street cleaning commissioner, New York; J. C. Hammit, head of community department, salary, \$7,500, formerly commissioner of fire prevention, New York; E. V. Daniels, treasurer, salary \$10,000, formerly fourth deputy police com-

## Japan Busy On War Fund

(By The Federated Press.)  
Tokio, (By Mail).—Japan is preparing to play a large militaristic role and proposes to put into her war chest for the next 14 years at least \$80,000,000 annually. The outlines of this policy are made clear in the advance summary of the budget for 1920-21, soon to be presented to the imperial diet.

The government proposes to vote \$243,000,000 for the army, the amount to be spread over a 14-year period, and \$431,000,000 for the navy, to be met within eight years. This means an annual increase of \$49,500,000 in war expenditure.

Besides this amount, it is proposed to raise large and indefinite amounts by borrowing.

## NEWSPAPER GIVES BONUS

Youngstown, O., Feb. 4.—Newspapers here have announced a 10 per cent bonus, payable both to the editorial and mechanical staffs. The bonus will continue indefinitely until the high cost of living decreases. A similar bonus was made effective last October.

## Two Hundred Thousand Workers in Bombay Mills Walk Out on Strike

(By The Federated Press.)  
Liverpool, Feb. 3.—At least 200,000 mill workers are on strike in Bombay, and the mills are entirely stopped, according to advices received here. The situation is said to be very bad, since the strikers are solidly united and show no disposition to return to work.

## Man Whose Services Are for Sale to Highest Bidder Attempts Apology

The paid agitator of the associated industries is out with another statement to the public, attempting to explain some of his previous utterances made at the mass meeting of the employers held in the courthouse.

He complains that he has been misunderstood. The truth of the matter is that he has been too well understood and that there is not a workingman in Silver Bow county who does not understand exactly what this gentleman meant by his inflammatory utterances and incitements to violence.

There is not a workingman who does not understand that the associated industries is a national organization, dominated by the steel trust and its subsidiaries and that its present arbitrary attitude is born of the wish of some of its local lights and employes to get into the limelight via the Ole Hanson route.

The steel trust whipped its oppressed workers back to a 12-hour day and the tyranny of its gunmen and constabulary by using the same patriotic camouflage that the associated industries and its \$3,000.00 per year mouthpiece is using.

There is not a single instance where the employing interests have tried to reduce wages and break down the conditions that labor has built up by years of struggle and sacrifice that these interests have not scuttled under the flag and from the protection of its folds issued their ultimatums to labor just as their spokesman in this community is doing today.

The fat-salaried agitator of the associated industries complains of the minority of "radicals" who dominate the trade-union movement. From his own statements, he

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## Lying Statements of Employers' Association Scored by Council

Union Men Aroused at Efforts of McIntosh, of Weak Mind, to Disrupt Workers' Cause.

Branding the statements by the business agent of the Associated Industries as false and unauthorized, delegates from the Streetcarmen's union, the Teamsters' union and the Butte Workmen's union declared last night at the Silver Bow council that statements published in the copper sheets to the effect that these organizations were not seeking wage increases were false and had so informed the Associated Industries.

(By The Federated Press.)

## SHAW ABRAIGNS BRITISHERS OVER WAR

Vienna, Feb. 4.—Conditions brought about by the war and the ruinous peace are so bad that they cannot possibly last, declares George Bernard Shaw in an article in the Neue Presse. The article contains an arraignment of the British government in enforcing war conditions and suspending all bulwarks of liberty and law, and says President Wilson is perhaps the most tragic figure at the present time. Shaw sees the new congresses, forgetting everything they pretended to fight for, settling down to 10 years' revenge and contriving humiliations for the vanquished enemy.

President Wilson led his people into war to destroy militarism, says Shaw, and the British army, once rescued by him, is now eagerly employed in Cologne to imprison every German refusing to salute a British officer, while the government hopes to compel Germans to perform salutes, even after the conclusion of peace, until Broadway.

## ELLIS ISLAND IS "PESTHOLE" IS CHARGED

(By The Federated Press.)  
New York, Feb. 4.—Ellis Island, on which about 400 alien radicals are held for deportation, is little less than a pest hole. As some of the prisoners are gradually being released either on writs of habeas corpus or on bail, they bring to the city horrifying stories of illness and death among the prisoners. Two died on Jan. 19, after being seized with convulsions. Calls for doctors were unheeded by the guards. Stretcher bearers were sent instead.

All those at present detained on the island are coughing and suffering from nausea, due to the execrable food and stuffy air. They refuse to go to the hospital because conditions there, they state are even worse than in the cells.

Meanwhile, while those detained are held for an examination at the convenience of the immigration authorities pending deportation, more than 200 of the prisoners have left families behind destitute.

Some of the wives and children have been evicted from their tenement dwellings because their husbands are radical suspects. Others are threatened with eviction.

WILSON CHANGES MIND AGAIN.  
Washington, Feb. 4.—President Wilson and Secretary Tammuly held a long discussion of the treaty situation, it was learned. New instructions to Wilson's supporters in the senate may result.

## POUND STERLING HITS NEW LOW FIGURE

(Special United Press Wire.)  
New York, Feb. 4.—The greatest single drop in demand sterling taken since the present decline in foreign exchange began, was made this morning when the British pound sterling opened at \$2.20, off 1/16 from yesterday's close.

Bankers predicted the bottom was not reached yet.

## SOCIAL REVOLUTIONARIES OCCUPY VLADIVOSTOK, SAYS MESSAGE FROM GEN. GRAVES

(Special United Press Wire.)  
London, Feb. 4.—Soviet Russia agrees to give unreserved recognition of Esthonia's independence, under the terms of the peace agreement reached between the two nations, according to a Reval dispatch. Soviet Russia also renounces all rights to sovereignty in Esthonian territories.

The dispatch outlines the peace agreement as follows: Both nations renounce all claims for indemnities; prisoners to be repatriated quickly; Russia to pay Esthonia 15,000,000 rubles in gold, but there will be customs charges between the two countries.

Esthonia also received a concession to construct a railway to connect with the Moscow line at the Esthonian frontier and permission to purchase 2,500,000 acres of woodlands.

## RUSSIANS TAKE CHARGE

Washington, Feb. 4.—Social revolutionaries have occupied Vladivostok and are in control of the city, General Graves, commander of the American forces in Siberia, cabled to Secretary of War Baker yesterday. The cable stated that good order was being maintained.

The platform of the social revolutionaries, according to General Graves' message, declares for the end of civil war in Siberia and against the interference by foreigners in internal affairs of the country. Manifestoes have been issued by the revolutionaries, said the general, guaranteeing to all peaceful citizens freedom and liberty. No arrests will be made except in cases of crimes, and then trials will be held before civil courts and not by military courts-martial.

General Graves announced that the change in control at Vladivostok will not interfere with the departure of American forces now in progress. Vast quantities of surplus American army stores there have been sold to the Russian Co-operative society.

## OFFER PEACEFUL TRADE

(Special United Press Wire.)  
Washington, Feb. 4.—Soviet Russia has asked for the opening of trade relations with the United States. Ludwig C. A. K. Martens,

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## FRENCH TEXTILE WORKERS DISPLAY MUCH SOLIDARITY

(By The Federated Press.)  
Lille, France, Feb. 4.—The growing solidarity of the textile workers in the north of France was illustrated in the recent strike at Tourcoing following a lock-out. In this strike the unions of the neighboring towns, Roubaix, came to the assistance of the workers, and more important still, the various crafts took joint action. Their effort was so unified that the operators were forced to capitulate to their demands.

## MINERS TRY COLLECTIVE OWNERSHIP OF LEAD MINE

(By The Federated Press.)  
Manchester, England, Feb. 4.—An experiment in collective ownership is being carried on by 10 striking miners in Derbyshire, who have bought a lead mine. The mine has been decreed for 100 years, and was flooded when operations were begun. The Miners' association has promised to cover the expense of running the enterprise for the next six months.

## Brother of Aviator-Lothario Will Wed English Girl Victim Now Here

Fall River, Mass., Feb. 3.—Guy Spiker is unshaken in his determination to marry Emily Knowles, the English mother of his aviator-brother's baby son, he declared, in the face of reports that obstacles had arisen which might prevent the ceremony.

It was stated at the home of Mrs. William Battersby, a cousin of Miss Knowles, that no plans for the marriage had been made.

"I still intend to marry Miss Knowles, despite reports to the contrary," Guy Spiker said. "I'll be doing my brother a service; but that is not the only reason."

He refused to state what the other reason might be. Miss Knowles and her baby, accompanied by Mrs. Cora Spiker of Salthearth, wife of Miss Knowles' sweetheart, and Guy Spiker, reached here yesterday. They were met at the depot by the Battersbys and were immediately driven to the Battersby home in taxicabs.