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OPERA BOUFFE AT FIUME BECOMES BLOODY AT LAST

SIXTY ARE DEAD U. S. TO REMOVE AND MANY ARE WOUNDED TROOPS FROM DOMINGO

Musical Comedy Poet-Warrior Goads Regular Italian Commander Into Action; Ready to "Beat It."

Paris, Dec. 27.—Sixty were killed and many wounded in fighting around Fiume, according to advices to the French foreign office.

General Cavaglia, commanding the Italian regular forces who are attacking the city, is expected to take Fiume today, according to the dispatches.

Gabrielle D'Annunzio, poet-commander of the legionnaires, is reported ready to flee.

Cavaglia sent a delegation under a flag of truce to the city. D'Annunzio's legionnaires, on edge for a week, opened fire before the visitors could explain their errand. Fighting followed.

Rome itself is in a state of great excitement. Sympathizing with their blood relatives under the command of D'Annunzio, Romans flooded about the newspaper offices asking for further details of the Fiume situation.

D'Annunzio persisted to the last in defiance of the government troops. He continued to write proclamations and appeals to the residents of Fiume to stand firm. As the regulars clung to their positions, and continued to edge toward the city, the poet-commander prepared to flee. He expected to take flight in an airplane at the last moment. The poet's government was tottering. The actual battle is said to have been precipitated by D'Annunzio himself, who ordered an advance on the first outpost to creep toward the city.

URGES RESISTANCE.
 Rome, Dec. 27.—Fiume prepared for the clash with the Italian regulars. Foreigners were given three days to leave city, as they now consume food needed by the fighters. D'Annunzio has militarized the municipal and public servants, supplied them with weapons and arranged to throw them into fighting that may develop. Mayor Gigante, in a manifesto, assumed responsibility for informing the government, in the name of the citizens, that Fiume will not agree to the Rapallo treaty even if bloodshed results. He urged citizens to resist the government until the last.

FEAR CIVIL WAR.
 Rome, Dec. 27.—Italy is dreading civil war as a possible result of Gabrielle D'Annunzio's retention of Fiume. Troops from the regular Italian army surround the city, enforcing the blockade ordered by the government. Hundreds of citizens have left Fiume.

'UNITED FARMERS' CO-OP BUSINESS IS GROWING

(By the Federated Press.)
 Toronto, Ont., Dec. 27.—Co-operation among Ontario's farmers is making rapid strides, according to the annual address of President A. A. Powers of the United Farmers' Co-operative Co., Ltd., which shows that the annual turnover jumped from \$8,500,000 in 1919 to \$19,375,000 in 1920.

The number of stores increased from four to 28 with four others in process of establishment. He told 600 members present.

WOMEN PRISONERS BEAT UP TACOMA JAIL MATRON

Tacoma, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Ella Buck, night matron at the city jail, is in the hospital suffering from painful injuries received late Sunday night when two women prisoners under her care attacked her in a desperate effort to escape. They stole a revolver from the matron's desk and snapped it in her face. When they found it was unloaded they beat her over the head with it and choked her. One of the prisoners asked to get a pitcher of water and the other was released from her cell on the pretext of using the telephone.

BOLD BANDITS HOLD UP EXPRESS WAGON TODAY

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—Five armed bandits held up and robbed an American Express wagon near the union station here. Driving up behind the wagon, the highwaymen covered the two guards and forced the driver to alight, open the lock on the wagon cage and unload the fare into their automobile.

The safe is believed to have contained jewelry and currency. Company officials refused to estimate the loss.

EUROPEAN NORMALCY.
 New York, Dec. 27.—The \$1,000 plate dinner to be held at the Hotel Commodore to raise funds for European children will consist of three courses, beef stew, bread and cocoa, it was announced. It will cost 25 cents a plate but that it will be just twice as elaborate as the meals served to European youngsters by the American relief workers. Among the guests will be Hoover and Parshing. Fritz Kreisler will play.

NOIRMALEY!
 Milwaukee.—Fifty thousand workers in Milwaukee out of jobs by New Year's, is the prediction of Frank J. Weber, business manager, Federated Trades council, after a study of work conditions and the trend of unemployment. He figures that there are 35,000 Wisconsin workers outside of Milwaukee, who are unemployed.

President Wilson Orders Military Governor of the South American Republic to Withdraw.

Washington, Dec. 27.—The United States is ready to withdraw troops from the Dominican Republic, was announced by the state department today. The American forces have occupied Santo Domingo for the last four years.

President Wilson, the statement announced, has directed Admiral Snowden, military governor of Santo Domingo, to issue a proclamation in which it is explained the purpose of the United States in establishing peace and civility in Santo Domingo had been achieved.

DENY WOBBLIES GOT CASH OF JUDGE GARY

Item on Steel Trust Books Thought Scheme of Open Shopper to Create Ill-Feeling Among Workers.

(By the Federated Press.)
 Chicago, Dec. 27.—Statements in the capitalist press that the I. W. W. received money from the steel trust to break up the A. F. of L. unions in the steel industry were emphatically denied by Roy A. Brown, chairman of the general executive board of the I. W. W.

In the course of the investigation into the building situation in New York by the Lockwood legislative committee, Samuel Untermyer quizzed Secretary Choney of the National Steel Erectors' association, a subsidiary of the steel trust, about an item of \$100.55 on the books of the association under date of June 4, 1912. A notation to the effect that it was paid to the I. W. W. has been widely heralded as evidence that the organization was used in the steel trust campaign against unionism.

The following official statement on the matter has been issued by Roy A. Brown: "The Industrial Workers of the World, while disorganizing certain other labor organizations on the matter of industrial versus craft unionism, have never endeavored to disrupt working class organizations by siding with the employers in any clash.

"While the I. W. W. believes that its method of organization, the industrial, is superior to that of the craft union, it always is on the side of labor in any struggle between a working class organization and the master class.

"The incident of the \$100 as reported in the capitalist press, is either a lie or a frame-up; or if such payment were ever made, in good faith, it was not made to the I. W. W. but to some confidence man representing himself as an emissary of the I. W. W.

"In many A. F. of L. fights, the steel strike, for instance, of the Mooney case, and in hundreds of other cases, the I. W. W. has contributed financial and moral support; and will continue to do so every time a body of workers is fighting against oppression of the employing class."



Christmas Dance in Erin Raided by British; Four Killed in Battle

Dublin, Dec. 27.—Four men were killed and 120 Sinn Feiners were captured early today when police and soldiers surrounded a dance hall in Limerick. The police claimed three sentries were killed by the return fire.

The prisoners were marched away to military headquarters, where they were held for examination. The party included men and women who were arrested as they poured through the doors of the dance hall.

A sentry spied the first dark form that told of the approach of troops and police. The shot which gave the alarm killed a policeman, and from all sides of the building shots rang out.

Soldiers poured into the dance floor, meeting no opposition there. Covering the dancers with revolvers, the officers made a search for arms. No announcement was made as to what was found on the dancers, but officials gave the impression some long-wanted Sinn Fein leaders were in the party and that a number of important documents might be seized.

The raid on the dance hall, since the holidays lessened the fighting, a Sinn Fein party was giving a Christmas dance, the promoters taking advantage of the good feeling which seemed to have settled on both sides.

AMERICAN SOLDIER TESTIFIES.
 Washington, Dec. 27.—A characterization of the Black and Tans in Ireland as wholly without discipline and not responsible to anybody was given today by a former corporal in the United States army in reply to a request of the commission of the Committee of One Hundred investigating the Irish question.

Daniel J. Broderick of Chicago told the commission that "if enlisted men of the American military services took into their own hands reprisals against the people of occupied territory as the Black and Tans and English soldiers do in Ireland, they would be tried by courts-martial and sentenced to long terms in military prisons."

"Mickaleen" Sullivan Makes Announcement of Appointees

M. F. Sullivan, county clerk and recorder-elect, today announced the names of his appointees, who will take office with him next Monday. The appointees are:
 Chief deputy, W. S. Barclay; deputies, Leo Butler, John Sullivan, Dave Levy, Julia Hurley, Mary Harrington, Helen Clark, Alice Sylvester, Dan Sullivan, M. J. Berkeper, Anna Joyce.

BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF CHICAGO SUIT PRICES

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Retail prices on practically all clothing reached their lowest levels since 1914, here, when merchants advertised gigantic sales, throwing millions of dollars worth of goods on the market.

The main sales were on men's suits, blankets, women's hats, coats and suits.

Other large stocks of goods will be thrown on the market as the after-Christmas sales progress, merchants said.

CANADIAN TURKEYS SOLD AT COST PRICE BY CITY

(By the Federated Press.)
 Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 27.—General support of the city's potato buying campaign is responsible for the board of control's decision to purchase hundreds of Canadian turkeys, which were sold at cost.

MORE NEW YEAR GIFTS.
 (By the Federated Press.)
 Toronto, Ont.—Grand Trunk railroad officials announce a 10 per cent cut in the shop employees' muster roll at the various shops throughout Canada as well as a 20 per cent reduction in working hours of those still employed.

FIERCE REBUKE IS ADMINISTERED LL. GEORGE

British Labor Party Wins Two Seats in Parliament. The Government Is Again Defeated.

London, Dec. 27.—George Barker, miners' agent, member of the British labor party, was elected to parliament for the Aberlery division of Monmouthshire in the bye-election to fill the seat made vacant by the resignation of William Bruce, better known as "Mabon," president of the South Wales Miners' Federation, who has joined the government.

Barker polled 15,498 to 7,842 for his opponent.

In the bye-election in West Rhondda, W. J. Wyn scored a smashing victory for labor forces. His vote was 14,925 against 959 for his opponent.

During the campaign the defeated candidate stood for the present government policy in Ireland. His defeat is a decided rebuke to the government and an enthusiastic verdict in favor of the Irish people.

LENGTHEN HOURS.
 Lond., N. J., Dec. 27.—The 44-hour week is a thing of the past in the Dye works 3,500 workers have been manufacturers. In the United Piece Dye works 3,500 workers have been shifted from the 44 to the 48-hour week, with time and a half for overtime eliminated. Nearby works have locked out most of their employees.

THE WEATHER
 Probably snow.

OPEN SHOP MOVEMENT TO BE PROBED BY CONGRESS

MORGENTHAU FOR UNIONS SEEKING TRADE WITH RUSSIA GOVERNMENT ACTION

Would Use Recognition of Soviet Republic Contingent on "Saving" of Armenia, Says Statement.

(By PAUL HANNA, Federated Press Correspondent.)
 Washington, Dec. 27.—Recognition of Soviet Russia is urged by Henry C. Morgenthau, personal representative of President Wilson in the proposed mediation to "save" Armenia.

And President Wilson also contemplates recognition of the Soviet government by European powers as the only means of carrying out the Armenian project, according to a further strange contention by Morgenthau.

Discussing at Atlantic City the Armenian task entrusted to himself by the president, Morgenthau used the following language:

"It appears to be time that the American people are made to understand just how much depends on the willingness of the allies to deal with the people who surround the Armenians—the Turkish nationalists and the Reds of Russia. Up to the present time they have recognized neither. Should England, France or Italy decide to recognize the Soviets they could easily make the saving of Armenia a condition and unless they find some means of dealing with these representatives move outside the diplomatic pale, the best efforts known toward saving Armenia are likely to fail."

"This, I believe is exactly what President Wilson meant when he distinctly stated that his acceptance of the task of mediation between the Armenians and their enemies rested upon the moral and diplomatic support of the victorious powers."

The state department declines to state whether Mr. Morgenthau spoke with the authority of the president, but it is generally conceded that if he did not have such authority he committed a gross "betrayal" of the chief executive by thus defying the terms under which he would fulfill a task already accepted.

And if Mr. Morgenthau's policy is accepted it means that the Wilson administration has gulped its words and wants to negotiate with the Moscow government, which was again "outlawed" as recently as last week, when the labor department ordered the deportation of L. C. A. K. Martens, representative of the Soviet government.

From still closer to the president comes the declaration of William C. McAdoo advocating trade with Russia. McAdoo remained silent during the period when his statement might have influenced the proceedings against Martens, but simultaneously with the ending of the blockade by the treasury and federal reserve board officers, McAdoo says:

"I have long been convinced that we ought to establish trade relations with Russia. It is not necessary to recognize the Soviet government to do this. Why should we refuse to get people in distress, in Russia or elsewhere, buy our products if they can pay for them, no matter what form of government they may choose for themselves?"

"We have always stood for the right of people to determine their own form of government, and I must say that I have never been able to say that I have never been able to insist not trade with the Russian people because we do not like or recognize their existing government."

"The opening of trade with Russia—and I am sure that it can be accomplished under conditions that will reasonably protect our citizens—would be very helpful to our business situation."

In that language the president's own son-in-law scorns and repudiates the official propaganda, slandering Soviet Russia as too vile to touch, which the White House has employed to deceive the American people for three years past.

WASHINGTON LABOR MAKES POLITICAL CAMPAIGN PAY

(By the Federated Press.)
 Seattle, Dec. 27.—Receipts of \$5,206.48 and a balance of \$558.01 are shown in the report of the Washington State Federation of Labor on funds collected and disbursed during the political campaign. An appeal for money with which to carry on the work for labor laws at the coming legislature's session is made.

It may also be necessary to conduct an aggressive initiative fight, either to submit to the people at the next general election legislation that the legislature fails to enact or to hold up and submit to the people legislation that may be detrimental to the general welfare of labor, the state federation announces.

Textile and Railroad Workers Urging Gompers to Get Busy With His Friends "at Court."

Washington, Dec. 27.—A congressional investigation into wage cuts and efforts of employers to establish the "open shop," as well as the cost of living, may be asked by organized labor.

The textile workers, it was understood, are negotiating with President Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. The negotiations may lead to Gompers seeking an investigation of conditions in the textile trade. The textile manufacturers probably have led all others in cutting wages and number of textile factories closed. The workers charge these suspensions have been in the interest of the "open shop."

Railroad workers have also made charges against the railroads, claiming that the roads are taking advantage of the Esch-Commins law which guarantees earnings of 6 per cent. President Johnston of the machinists said the roads are letting out repair work to private companies on the cost-plus system, thereby running up expenses to the roads by giving great profits to private repair companies. Many railroad officials, Johnston said, are financially interested in these repair companies.

INQUISITIOUS MEASURE.
 Washington, Dec. 27.—President Johnston of the International Association of Machinists announces the discovery that at the very hour that the recent conference of progressive labor officials and other liberals was called to take action on the Poincaré anti-strike bill passed by the senate, there had also slipped through the senate a bill fathered by Chairman Esch of the house interstate commerce commission, which permits all railroads to let out their

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SKILLED MEN CANNOT GO TO CANADA WITHOUT \$250

(By the Federated Press.)
 Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 27.—No mechanic or other toiler, whether skilled or unskilled can enter Canada unless he possesses in his own right \$250 and transportation to his destination, according to an order-in-council amending the Dominion immigration act. This regulation does not apply to farmers, farm laborers and domestics, nor tourists, travelers or returning Canadians.

HARD TIMES BLAMED FOR DIVORCES AND LESS KIDS

(By the Federated Press.)
 Detroit, Mich., Dec. 27.—Hard times, war and the lack of children reared by the circuit court, for the startling increase in divorces in Wayne county during the last several months.

More divorce suits than marriage licenses were filed last week.

ILLINOIS WAITERS CARRY ON EIGHT MONTHS' FIGHT

(By the Federated Press.)
 Peoria, Ill., Dec. 27.—The strike of the Cooks, Waiters and Waitresses, members of Hotel and Restaurant Employees' union, No. 327, of Peoria, still on. Their principal demand is one day off in seven.

The strike has been on since May 1.

MASS. PROTESTS AGAINST BRITISH RULE IN ERIN

Boston, Dec. 27.—A communication to Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain, terming the Cork fire a typical British atrocity and stating that "any alliance with your bloody government is impossible," was signed today by many members of the legislature which assembled in special session.

PAPER FUND DRIVE

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