

BOMB OUTRAGE BLAME LAID TO U. S. BY SOVIET

Marten's Aide Says Arrest Of Weinstein Was Hysterical Effort by Department of Justice Agents to Cover Condemning Trail.

WOULD ABOLISH WAR RISK OFFICE

Smoot Opens Fight to Transfer Bureau to War and Navy Departments.
The fight to abolish the War Risk Insurance Bureau has opened in the Senate.
Senator Smoot is the driving force behind a bill which would split up the present organization and transfer it to various bureaus of the War and Navy departments. He says the measure would save the government \$10,000,000 a year and dispense with the services of more than 9,000 employees.
He hopes that his bill will be passed by the Senate without great delay as expressed by Senator Smoot. In presenting his measure to the Senate yesterday, the Republican leader made it clear that he had no personal animus in the matter, but was acting only in the interests of Federal economy. He took to himself a portion of the blame for the "hastily drawn legislation" which created the unwieldy structure of the bureau.
"There are thousands of clerks tumbling over themselves in the bureau," said Smoot. "It is impossible to get work done because there are so many employees."
"Thousands of soldiers and sailors are withdrawing their insurance. Why? Because of the almost unbelievable inefficiency which exists in the War Risk Bureau. It insists on making dead men alive and live men dead. Once it has reached a decision, nothing can change it, not even the visible, living evidence that the man is not dead. I have scores of documented stories about the exploits of the bureau which make amazing reading."
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BLANKET DENIAL OF CHARGE MADE

Radicals Anxious to Present "Proof" of Falsity of Agents of Government, Would Not Fear Deportation After Given Hearing.
Agents of the Department of Justice were the principal figures in the very nation-wide bomb plots they were set to unravel, declare S. Nuorteva, secretary of the Russian Soviet government bureau in a statement last night. The very planks in the program of the Communist Party of America which have brought upon adherents "persecution," the statement adds, were drafted and inserted into that program by government agents.
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"RUIN FOR ALL OF US" SEEN BY LUDENDORFF

Paris, Jan. 6.—The entente's "infamous" treatment of Germany threatens to draw it into the "final ruin, which now is overtaking us," Gen. Erich Ludendorff, former joint commander of the German armies, declared in a letter published in the Matin today. The letter was given to the newspaper's Berlin correspondent after he had asked Ludendorff his view of the situation which will prevail in Germany after the treaty of Versailles becomes effective.
"After the entente's infamous treatment of Germany, I cannot well publish my views in the entente press," Ludendorff said, "but if the entente is drawn into the final ruin now overtaking us, she should realize it is her own fault."
"Personally I do not have the right to point out the danger to which the entente's narrow vision exposes her. I was in favor of the proposition to join the entente against the Bolsheviks, because I thought that would make them understand the situation in central Europe."
"Sooner or later a terrible catastrophe will overtake us all. I can do nothing to prevent a situation the entente has created."

TO DEPORT BARITONE ON WOMAN'S CHARGE

Chicago, Jan. 6.—George Baklanoff, noted Russian baritone of the Chicago Grand Opera, was arrested today in his suite at the Congress Hotel on a deportation warrant signed by Secretary of Labor Wilson, received from Washington.
The warrant charges the opera star with improper conduct with Vera Amazer, another member of the company. She complained to government officials that Baklanoff accompanied her on tours about the country, pretending that he was unmarried. Recently she learned that he has a wife and children in Russia, the charges stated.
Baklanoff was released under \$1,000 bail, pending a hearing.
Big Berlin Factory Closed.
Berlin, Jan. 6.—The great Siemens manufacturing establishment, employing 30,000 people, has closed because of fuel shortage. Many other industrial plants were threatened.

AT WASHINGTON THEATERS

Poli's — "Shubert Galettes of 1919."
National — "The Royal Vagabond."
Shubert-Garrick — "The Mood of the Moon."
Shubert — "Belasco — Wm. Hodge, in "The Guest of Honor."
Loew's Palace — "Douglas Fairbanks, in "When the Clouds Roll By."
Crandall's Metropolitan — Clara Kimball Young, in "Eyes of Youth."
Moore's Rialto — Anita Stewart, in "Mind the Paint Girl."
Loew's Columbia — Billie Burke, in "Wanted—A Husband."
Cosmos — Continuous vaudeville and pictures.
Crandall's Knickerbocker — Nani-Lillian Walker, in "The Joyous Liar."
Moore's Garden — "The Lone Wolf's Daughter."
Moore's Strand — Mabel Normand, in "Pinto."
Folly — Burlesque: "Siding Billy Watson."
Gayety — Burlesque: "Hip! Hip! Hoory! Girls."

GLASS TO URGE FURTHER LOANS TO EUROPEANS

House Committee Ready To Hear His Plea for Stricken Nations.

MUST BE CONVINCED

In Letter Secretary Pointed Out That Great Britain Will Share Burden.

The question of extending further credit to bankrupt European countries will be taken up by the House Ways and Means Committee before the end of the week.
This was decided yesterday at a conference of the Republican members of the committee, to whom Chairman Ferdinand submitted a letter from Secretary of the Treasury Glass recommending that the United States dig further into its financial pockets to help foreign nations.
Consideration of the proposal will be begun as soon as Chairman Fordney can arrange to have Secretary Glass appear before the committee to discuss both the interest deferring and additional credits proposals. It is hoped to have him testify Thursday or Friday.
Not Opposed to Loans.
The Secretary's letter to Chairman Fordney, which was written prior to the Christmas recess of Congress, reveals that the Treasury Department is not opposed to further government loans to European countries. The Secretary points out that in his annual report to Congress he urged that the government discontinue lending money to other nations, but says he is convinced now that the necessary financing cannot be done through ordinary private channels. The Secretary's letter follows, in part:
"Reports and urgent advice received from reliable sources as to the shortage and utter lack of food in certain portions of Europe are so serious that I feel it my duty to lay some of the facts before Congress. Although the shortage of food in Europe as a whole is less this winter than last, there is in parts of Europe (especially Austria, Poland and Armenia) a most dangerous shortage of food, clothing and fuel."
In certain sections whole populations are now dangerously weak and hopeless from hunger.
"The death rate caused by starvation is already increasing to an alarming extent, and unless something is done, great numbers will die from starvation and cold."
Britain Will Share.
"The British government has informed this government that it is prepared to share with us to the extent of its ability in the relief of Austria, which, according to our information, is in the most desperate condition."
"As you are aware, the Treasury has strongly held the opinion that this government should, at the earliest possible moment, discontinue lending money to other governments. I have urged that private initiative should be restored and that credits for purchases in the United States should be obtained through private channels."
"I am reluctantly convinced now that in order to meet the urgent necessity of keeping the destitute populations of Europe alive through this winter, there must be taken at once measure for their relief. The resources and efficiency of the private charities of this country"

One Dry Martini In This Dry City Is Sold for \$13

Highest Bidder at Auction Loses Little Time in Disposing of Property.

Two laws were smashed and super-profiteering bootleggers put to shame yesterday at a well-known Washington club.
One lone little cocktail memento of the vanished past, retailed to a thirsty and tired business man for the sum of \$13, which a few years ago would have purchased 25 of the same.
It was at a dinner where the guests by studious application had reduced a bottle of Martini to one drink.
"Let's auction it off," suggested one guest.
Then followed a spirited contest until the top mark, \$13 was reached. The high bidder immediately disposed of his property.
The police will take no action in this case of society bootlegging and auctioneering without a license. For the \$13 goes to the \$100,000 fund for the Children's Hospital.

Fall From Car Platform Wins Her Award of \$300

In a suit to recover \$20,000 damages from the Chesapeake Beach Railway Company for injuries resulting from an accident August 19, 1918, in which she tripped on a protruding bolt and fell from a rear platform of one of the company's cars, Lucie A. Walker yesterday was awarded \$300 by a jury in Circuit Court, No. 1. Chief Justice McCoy presiding.

Rail Shop Union Buys Factories to Cut H. C. of L.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 6.—War on the high cost of living was started by the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way and Railway Shop Laborers, with announcement today of the purchase of several factories, the output of which will be "sold at greatly reduced prices" to union members.
The purchases included an underwear factory at Ypsilanti, a glove factory at Williamstown, Mich., and a clothing factory in New York. Negotiations are under way for purchase of two other mills in Toledo, it was said by George Seal, grand secretary of the brotherhood. These deals represent an output of \$1,000,000. A distributing warehouse will be established in Ypsilanti, another at Toronto and still others elsewhere as needed.

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Rehash Probe Threatens Move for Better Schools

School teachers must have more pay in order that the best may be encouraged to stay in the profession, according to Dr. P. P. Claxton, head of the United States Bureau of Education, which is to begin very soon a survey of the school system of the District of Columbia.
"Schools have reached the point," said Dr. Claxton, "where they are becoming very expensive. This is particularly true in the District of Columbia, where there are so many small buildings which do not permit of greatest use of the buildings under the work-study-play plan."
"Building costs," he continued, "have become so high that it is practically imperative that something must be done to reduce the costs of education. This can be done by the reduction of the number of

Backgrounds of Fiume Old World Politics In Hands of Diplomats

John Hearley today begins publication in The Washington Herald of a series of articles on Old World diplomacia. He uses Fiume and the Italo-Yugo-Slav controversy as a key to Europe's labyrinth of foreign office intrigues. France and England are exposed as the original behind-the-scenes instigators of the existing differences between Italy and Yugo-Slavia. The second of this series of articles will appear tomorrow.

By JOHN HEARLEY.
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For Americans, Fiume is a political philosophy rather than a much-mooted seaport on the Adriatic. In the last analysis, Fiume indexes the Old World's foreign office mentality. It reveals an unwritten and inner history of European politics.
Neither Italy nor Yugoslavia nor President Wilson is essentially responsible for the present Italo-Yugoslav controversy. The original "nigger in the woodpile" was Anglo-French intrigue. Now England especially is trying to unscramble some of the eggs of her diplomacia.
Fetters Distrust Them All.
Italy's government distrusts France and England, and d'Annunzio distrusts all three. Consequently, d'Annunzio is hanging on to Fiume, un-

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Women Chief Sufferers In Federal Sweatshops

(The Washington Herald is publishing a series of articles on "Uncle Sam's Sweatshops"—the government service in Washington—written by G. W. Axelson. Mr. Axelson's picture of the government worker, drawn from a new point of view, is surprising even those officials who believed themselves cognizant of conditions in the government service. The next article will appear tomorrow.)
By G. W. AXELSON.
Uncongenial working conditions have figured less than any other phase of employment brought to the attention of the Reclassification Commission, yet revelations have been made that the government is still sweating the worker instead of the machine. Although no department is free from abuses the greatest are found where mechanical appliances figure. In the majority of cases women are the greatest sufferers.
Lack of certain appliances also

works for the discomfort and danger of the employe. The mail bag repair shop of the Postoffice department is a case in point. Here women are compelled to work in dust and germ-laden atmosphere night and day. Bags, which during their migrations have picked up the dirt of a continent, are used in the shop there to be handled without the slightest attempt being made to cleanse them.
Machines Unused.
In this noisome "tailor shop" women bend over their task hour after hour, contaminated by whatever has been picked up on station platforms, cars, trucks and floors. By the time these bags reach the place of renovation they are well aired out, giving extra encouragement to any lurking germs which are on the lookout for new places of abode.
As if to mock the efforts of the repairers for a bit of fresh air there are two \$5,000 tumbling machines on hand. These, however, have never "tumbled" in the present quarters. It seems that they do not fit into the general scheme of things when the repair force was transferred so they remain as ornaments.
The fact that no fans or ventilators have been installed was remarked upon but no explanation was vouchsafed. They simply are not there. For this kind of work the basic pay is \$1.75, \$2.10, \$2.55 and \$2.90 a day.
Avoid Gambling Section.
There are many isolated departments.

ENGLISH FUNDS FOR SHAFT HERE

Sum of 6,000 Pounds Given For New York Memorial To Dover Patrol.

The memory of the Dover patrol and the part it played in safeguarding the English channel during the war, will be perpetuated by a monument to be erected in New York City, according to an announcement made yesterday by the Navy Department. Secretary Daniels made this statement:
"As a tribute to the part played by the American forces during the war and to the happy comradeship which existed between the Navies, a sum of 6,000 pounds has been allocated to the American people from the fund recently raised by popular subscription in Great Britain to perpetuate the memory of the Dover patrol and the part it played in safeguarding the English channel during the war."
"Acceptance of the generous offer by the Navy Department has been forwarded through the State Department with the announcement that the fund will be used to erect a monument in New York Harbor on government-owned land, near the entrance in plain view from all incoming and outgoing vessels."

Leaps From Burning Hotel With \$250,000 in Jewels

Augusta, Ga., Jan. 6.—Pine Ridge Camp, a tourist resort near Aiken, S. C., was destroyed by fire early today.
Mrs. Daniel B. Smith, of Boston, leaped from a second story window, carrying with her \$250,000 worth of jewels.
Mrs. Smith's two grandchildren, who had been left in the burning building, were saved by the heroic work of Willie Black, an Aiken boy.

Cap Would Do Cheaper

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 6.—Abraham James helped the police arrest a refractory citizen and now demands \$250,000 as compensation, claiming damage to business and lost time.

WILSON NAMES THREE D. C. MEN ON RENT BOARD

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SENATE READY TO ACT

Prompt Confirmation of Commission Is Expected By District Committee.

President Wilson yesterday sent to the Senate the nominations of three Washington men to be member of the Rent Commission under authority of the Ball Act.
A. Leftwich Sinclair, Captain James F. Oyster and Guy Mason were the men named to settle controversies arising between landlords and tenants on questions of alleged profiteering, insufficient service and heat, and complaints from owners against objectionable tenants.
Although the Ball bill was passed nearly three months ago and received the signature of the President, which was taken as an indication of his approval, the Chief Executive delayed so long in naming the members of the commission that many Senators and Members of the House became exercised at the delay.
Sherman Held Responsible.
Chief among these was Senator Sherman, of Illinois, who, it is understood, was responsible for the holding up by the Senate District Committee, of which he is chairman, of the confirmation of Dr. John Van Schaick as District Commissioner.
The Van Schaick appointment has lain in the Senate District Committee without denial on the part of the committee that action would be held up.

AUTO DRIVER LEAPS; TRAIN KILLS FRIEND

Hagerstown, Md., Jan. 6.—Dr. Edgar A. Firey, 46 years old, dentist, of this city, was killed and Albert S. Healey, clothing merchant, was severely injured this morning in an automobile accident here.
They were riding in Healey's machine, which collided with a Cumberland Valley Railroad freight train at West Antietam crossing. The engine caught the front of the automobile and dragged the car several hundred feet. Healey, who was driving, jumped. Dr. Firey, who attempted to save himself, was caught and dragged by the locomotive. The train crew picked him up unconscious and badly mangled. He died before reaching the Washington County Hospital.

Arrest Man in Plot Murder Lord French

London, Jan. 6.—The arrest today of Bartholomew Kelly, a saloonkeeper, of Ashdown, on suspicion of complicity in the attempt to assassinate Lord French, is hinted at by the authorities as the first definite result in their investigation of that coup. Kelly is believed to have been "spirited" to London. He has been under surveillance since the day of the attack, but his arrest came as a surprise.
Kelly is 30 years old and unmarried. The police assert he has information which will lead to the arrest of the would-be assassins.

Sir Oliver to Tour U. S.

Southampton, Jan. 6.—Sir Oliver Lodge, noted British scientist, sailed on the Lapland for a two months' tour in the United States. He will lecture on spiritualism.

D. C. Seethes With Politics On Eve of Democratic Feast

On the eve of the Jackson Day banquet, to be held here tomorrow night, heralded in Democratic circles as the party's biggest pre-campaign event, speculation is rife among men of both parties as to the possible political results of the two-barreled affair.
The lobbies of Washington hotels are packed to overflowing. The big event has brought an influx of politicians from practically every State in the Union, and each train is unloading its quota of those lured to the National Capital by the big "two-ring" Democratic circus.
Chairman Cummings will preside at the Willard dinner, while J. Bruce Kremer, national committeeman from Montana, will do the honors at the Washington spread.
The national committee is scheduled to hold a meeting at the Hotel Shoreham tomorrow to determine the time and place for the Democratic convention.
Woman Is Speaker.
The list of speakers for the dinner includes William Jennings Bryan, Josephus Daniels, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer, Senator Robert L. Owen, of Oklahoma, Senator Gilbert M. Hitchcock, administration spokesman for the treaty in the Sen-

Jersey Drays Would Bar Governor-Elect Edwards

Newark, N. J., Jan. 6.—Announcement was made here today that the Anti-Saloon League of New Jersey has forwarded to Thomas F. McCran, holdover Republican Attorney General of the State, a brief urging that measures be taken to annul the election of Edward L. Edwards as governor, and of twelve Essex County assemblymen.
The latter, like Mr. Edwards, are opposed to bone dry prohibition enforcement.

3 Gassed Miners Saved; Fire Imperils 18 in Ohio

Martins Ferry, Ohio, Jan. 6.—Eighteen miners had a narrow escape when fire broke out in the Loughlin mine of the United States Steel Corporation here this afternoon. Three were seriously gassed, but were dragged to safety by fellow workers.
A general alarm at 3:30 called all the fire companies in the city to the mine. The blaze was a mile and a quarter from the opening. Up to that hour chemicals alone had been used.

Elect French President 17th.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Election of the president of France will be held at Versailles, January 17, it was officially announced here today.

CLERKS OVERPAID IN U. S. SERVICE, SMOOT ASSERTS

Shocks Senate by Bitterest Attack on Federal Employees of Washington Heard at Capitol in Decade.

MEXICANS SLAY TWO MORE U. S. CITIZENS

Men With Oil Company's Funds Are Murdered Near Tampico.

P. J. Rolle and Earle Bowles, American employes of the International Petroleum Company, have been murdered in Mexico. Their deaths, bring the total in the murder roll of Americans in the oil regions alone to nineteen since 1917.
News of the double slaying was received in Washington yesterday afternoon, but it was not known to the State Department until last night. It is believed that a protest will be sent to the Carranza government. The State Department's announcement of the killing was as follows:
"A Tampico dispatch to the Department of State announced today that P. J. Rolle and Earle Bowles, Americans, were murdered near Fort-Lobos, an oil loading station between Tampico and Tuxpan, Mexico, and that their bodies were discovered January 5. It is reported that the men were suspected of having in their possession pay funds of the company.
An early dispatch regarding the murder of Rolle and Bowles said that a Mexican, who was accompanying them, had likewise been murdered. Time and again, however, the payrolls of American oil companies in the Tampico district have been stolen by marauding Mexicans. The American companies have requested permission to use airplanes to transport their funds, but this request was turned down by Carranza. The latest murder in the oil district was that of Edgar Wallace, an employe of the Aguilar Company, who was killed by a Mexican soldier."

MARYLAND YANK CHOSEN SPEAKER

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