

### 30 FIRES IN PENNA. LAID TO RED PLOT; LOSS IS \$4,000,000

Nine Schools Are in Ashes; Two \$1,500,000 Mines Blazing.

CHURCHES DESTROYED Captured Papers Link Soviet Advocates With Reign of Terror.

\$6,000 REWARD OFFERED

Education Looked on as Foe to Bolshevism by Suspected Culprits.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, USTONSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 8.—Red radicals, agents of the Russian Soviet Government, known to have been working among the foreign born population in this section, particularly those who labor in the mines, are responsible for the wholesale burning of schoolhouses, churches, stores, residences and mines in the last six weeks, according to county officers who have been investigating the fires.

It was learned to-day that the literature confiscated in a raid on Russians at Brownsville recently gave to the county authorities their first tip on the perpetrators of the incendiary fires which have destroyed approximately \$4,000,000 worth of property.

That the incendiaries planned to terrorize the 20,000 foreigners in the district and force upon them the radical beliefs of Lenin and Trotsky by destroying unprotected school buildings and other properties is the belief of the authorities after perusing the captured Red literature.

Nine schoolhouses, housing between 1,500 and 2,000 pupils, several large stores and residences and two small churches—thirty buildings in all—have been burned by the vandals. Five large modern mines, two of them valued at \$1,500,000 each, are now seething furnaces, due to fires the origin of which has completely puzzled mining engineers and geologists.

Several of the former declared these mine fires were the result of "volcanic eruptions of minor intensity." Old miners and men business, however, declared the fire was discovered burning fiercely in a coal seam, where there was absolutely no likelihood of fire resulting, unless taken there by some human agency.

Many radical thinkers hereabout have publicly declared that the education imparted in public schools is an effective antagonist of Bolshevism. Revenge, Government hatred, defiance of compulsory school attendance, antagonism to vaccination and pro-Germanism have been avowed by the police authorities as motives for the wave of incendiarism, but the county authorities, while evasive, admitted to-day that they have leads "which tend to show that an organized Red campaign of arson to intimidate the foreign born population of the district is under way."

Two promaniam experts from New York, representatives of the National Underwriters Association, are in the district investigating the fires to determine if more than one person is implicated. Rewards totaling \$5,000 are offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty.

### RUMELY SOUGHT TO BUY THE 'IRISH-AMERICAN'

But Bernstorff Spoiled One Plan to Aid Kaiser.

Dr. Edward I. Rumely, continuing his testimony yesterday in the United States District Court, told of his attempt in 1914 to interest Dr. Bernhard Dernburg in the acquisition of the Irish-American, a weekly newspaper, so that Irish sentiment could be crystallized against England in the war. After Dr. Rumely had proposed the purchase to Dr. Dernburg, the matter was broached to Count von Bernstorff, German Ambassador, who, Dr. Rumely testified, replied that he had no money with which to buy the paper.

In the cross examination by Hugh Alcorn, Assistant District Attorney, Dr. Rumely said at the time he discussed with Dernburg the possible acquisition of the Irish-American that he was "doing all he reasonably could to for Germany."

Assistant District Attorney Alcorn objected to the attempt of the defence to infer from Dr. Rumely's testimony "his friendship for Roosevelt" and the court sustained the objection.

Dr. Rumely said his interest in a wireless press service was to counteract reports from the British press service, which he said were unfounded. He quoted the stories of German atrocities in Belgium, denied they were true, and when questioned by the prosecution gave as his authority for their untruthfulness Melville E. Stone, who, he said, had made an independent investigation for the Associated Press.

His part in an attempt to arouse the Southern cotton growers against the blockade was revealed by Dr. Rumely. This propaganda was said for partly by himself and partly by Dr. Albert, he said.

### ACCUSED OF STEALING MUNICIPAL FARES

Staten Island Motorman Arrested in Rush Hour.

One disadvantage in being a fare collector on Mayor Hylan's municipal trolley line on Staten Island is that every tax-paying passenger is a self-constituted "spotter." Thomas Kelly, one of the motormen, discovered yesterday. Complaints by these taxpayers of "nickel snatching" having reached the ears of Grover Whalen, Commissioner of Finances and Structures, who operates the line, two Manhattan detectives were assigned yesterday to watch.

During the evening rush hour the detectives boarded Kelly's "one man" car at St. George ferry and rode a mile. Up to that point, they alleged before the lieutenant in the Stapleton police station, Kelly collected sixty fare and ran up only fifty. They charged him with the larceny of the seventy cents, and he will be arraigned to-day. Kelly said he had been ordered during the rush hours to proceed to a certain switch just beyond where he was arrested, stop to count the receipts and ring up the fares not yet registered. A ticket produced \$500 bond, and he was released overnight.

### FARMER HOLDS 53.4 WHEAT.

Kansans Increase Per Cent. Retained Over Last Year.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 8.—Growers now estimate that of this year's total Kansas wheat production—approximately 145,000,000 bushels—53.4 per cent., or 77,466,727 bushels, is still in the farmer's hands, according to a special report issued to-day by J. C. Mohler, secretary of the State Board of Agriculture.

At about the same date last year, says the report, 83.5 per cent. was in possession of producers, while in 1918 11 per cent., or 10,000,000 bushels, was reported as held by growers.

### WILSON'S MISSION COST \$1,651,191

Expenses of Peace Delegation in Paris Submitted to the Senate.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.

President Wilson spent \$1,651,191 in negotiating the Treaty of Versailles, including the covenant of the League of Nations, which has failed of ratification in the Senate. This is the total of the President's final statement of the expenses of the American peace delegation in Paris, submitted to the Senate to-day.

Most of the money was spent at the Hotel Crillon, where the peace mission was quartered.

The account shows that the American mission became so large that additional quarters had to be secured for the overflow in other hotels in Paris. Hire and laundry of linen at the hotels cost the mission \$64,865.

Salaries of members of the mission cost the Government \$208,871. Col. E. M. House and Henry White, members of the mission who were not officials of the Government, received salaries of \$1,000 a month. Most members of the mission received a per diem allowance of \$4.50 subsistence, but there was a special allowance of \$25 a day for this purpose to Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor. At frequent intervals in the account there are items of \$1,000 and \$1,500 paid to Admiral Cary T. Grayson for "confidential expenses of the President."

Special missions from Paris to various countries cost \$23,728. W. C. Bullitt was allowed \$5,000 for his mission to Russia. Col. E. R. Riggs received \$10,000 for expenses of missions to Russia and Austria. The interallied commission on mandates in Turkey, headed by Charles R. Crane and H. C. King, received \$10,000. There was an allotment of \$21,000 to Henry Morgenthau for a mission to Poland. The Rhineand commission cost \$25,000 and the interallied mission to Hungary cost \$25,000.

When the American mission left the Hotel Crillon the account showed \$125,990 was paid the owners of the hotel for damages and breakage.

Some of the other larger items were: Travel and subsistence, \$2,412; subsistence, \$195,629; wages and employees at Hotel Crillon, \$131,007; rents, \$178,832; food, hotel and kitchen supplies, \$233,990. Purchase of automobiles amounted to \$14,002 and confidential expenses of Presidential party \$17,534.

### CABINET POST FOR KNOX SEEN CERTAIN

Washington Expects Early Word of Appointment as Secretary of State.

ONLY HARDING DECISION

President-Elect Desires His Premier to Become Familiar With Conditions.

Special Despatch to THE NEW YORK HERALD, New York Herald Bureau, Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.

That Senator Philander C. Knox (Pa.) is almost certain to be selected by Senator Harding for a Cabinet position, more than likely as Secretary of State, was the gossip in well informed Senate quarters following the departure of the President-elect for Marion, Ohio. Those who were in conference with Senator Harding during his visit to the Capitol accepted the report as probably correct.

This, it seemed, is the only Cabinet position which has been decided on by Senator Harding, directly or indirectly, although the names of others who are likely to be tendered positions still held a top position in the talk.

The expectation is that it will be a very short time before announcement of Senator Knox's selection will be made public from Marion, provided the Pennsylvania Senator accepts. It is known to be the desire of Senator Harding to select his Secretary of State first, so the man who will hold the premier portfolio will be able to prepare himself by a close study of international conditions to give the best possible service immediately on the advent of the new Administration.

Senator Knox is acquainted in detail with State Department affairs, having held the position of Secretary of State in both the Roosevelt and the Taft Cabinets. In the Senate, too, he has been a leader in the discussion of foreign policies, and is the author of the resolution to bring an end to the war with Germany passed by the Senate and House and vetoed by President Wilson at the last session of Congress.

Senator Knox in the Senate has been one of the close friends and associates of Senator Harding.

### HAMON CLUE SCOUTED.

San Antonio Doubts Clara Smith Had Been in City.

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 8.—Dexter county officers here take little stock in recent rumors that Clara Smith, wanted for the alleged killing of Jake L. Hamon at Ardmore, Okla., had been here, it was said to-day. They received a request to watch for her, but so far as known have obtained no clew to her whereabouts.

P. M. Ross, a newspaper reporter, who Monday night reported he had talked with Miss Smith, was joined last night by a staff writer for a news association in a search for the young woman, but Ross failed to find her.

### ONE KILLED, 14 HURT WHEN BUS TIPS OVER

Accident on Fifth Avenue Follows Narrow Escape From Crash With Truck.

DRIVER CRUSHED IN SEAT

Eight Passengers Sent to Hospitals—Mrs. Payne Whitney Helps Victims.

A five ton coal truck coming suddenly out of the transverse road through Central Park at Seventy-ninth street, a block from the southerly end of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, caused the wrecking yesterday of a Fifth avenue bus, the death of the bus driver and injuries to fourteen persons, ten of them women.

The bus, with most of its twenty passengers riding on the deck, was a southbound express running between 110th and Fifty-seventh streets without a stop, and it was said to have been going twenty miles an hour when the truck reached Fifth avenue the bus was only a few feet away. The truck driver jammed on the brakes and swerved off, avoiding the bus by a matter of inches.

Frank Cullen, the bus driver, cut in sharply toward the right west curb, thinking to clear the truck. The bus wheels jared against the curb and the bus tipped over on its right side, carrying with it a fire alarm box.

Those on the deck were thrown to the sidewalk, near the Central Park wall. Cullen was crushed to death beneath the driver's seat. Fred Rothenasser, 602 East Eighty-third street, the conductor, may die. His right leg and several ribs were fractured and internal injuries were feared. He was sent to Mount Sinai Hospital. Eight persons were taken to hospitals suffering from slight injuries. Later they were sent to their homes.

Alfred Meyer of 267 York street, Jersey City, owner and driver of the coal truck, was held in Yorkville Court in \$2,500 bail for examination to-morrow. William O'Shaughnessy, Assistant District Attorney, told Magistrate Frothingham the bus driver seemed to be at fault and that the bus had been travelling about twenty miles an hour just before the accident.

Some of the injured were attended at the home of Mrs. Joseph F. Feder, 973 Fifth avenue. Mrs. Payne Whitney sent others slightly hurt to their homes in taxicabs. Cullen was 29 years old and lived at 1111 Park avenue.

### TO SELL SHIPPING MATERIAL.

U. S. Reopens Bids for \$15,000,000 Stock on Pacific Coast.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—Surplus Shipping Board materials on the Pacific coast valued at about \$15,000,000 are again to be offered for sale. Chairman Benson announced to-night. Bards Brothers of New York recently were awarded a contract to dispose of the supplies on a profit sharing basis with the board, but the chairman explained they have waived their contract under an agreement that they be permitted to submit another bid at the new sale.

### LINKS ARNSTEIN UP WITH STOLEN BONDS

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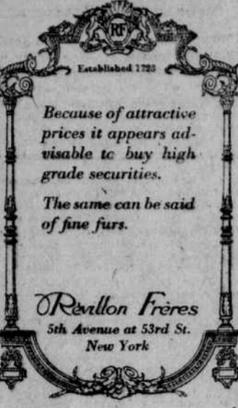
new bills. No sooner had he handed the money to me than he asked me if I couldn't loan him \$500, as he was short. I did this and never got it back. All I got for my trouble was \$500.

"Meantime we had been out walking and went up on H street Northwest, where the offices of Sullivan & Co. were. Cohen went inside with some of the bonds and Arnstein said to me: 'What an awful nerve Cohen has got.' I didn't make any reply. We waited less than a quarter of an hour for Cohen to reappear.

"When we got to the station Arnstein and Cohen said goodbye to me, and I went back to New York. Afterward I was arrested. I do not know where they went."

Gluck said he obtained the bonds from his brother, Irving. He did not state where Irving obtained the bonds.

In the previous examination of Government witnesses during to-day's session an attempt was made by the defence to show that Assistant District Attorney Dooling of New York had attempted to get the messengers to confess and turn State's evidence against Arnstein.



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