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REVOLUTION IS STARTED BY CRETANS

Provisional Government Organized by Island Rebels—Germans Lose Ground Recently Captured on Somme.

French, in New Offensive Movement, Take Important Trenches—Fighting Along Danube Reported Severe.

Paris, Sept. 21.—A revolution in the Greek island of Crete is reported in a Havas despatch from Athens. The revolutionists are said to have proclaimed a provisional government.

Several revolutionary outbreaks in Greece have been reported since the entrance of Rumania into the war and the occupation by the Bulgarians of the eastern portion of Greek Macedonia, which resulted in an agitation in favor of participation by Greece in the war. Last month revolutionists obtained control of parts of Greek Macedonia near Saloniki and proclaimed a provisional government. The movement was said to be extending, but further news was withheld by the censor.

Under the treaty of peace between Greece and Turkey in 1913 the island was annexed by Greece. Ex-Premier Venizelos is a Cretan by birth.

Germans Drive Back

Berlin, Sept. 21.—Troops of Crown Prince Rupprecht, of Bavaria, are engaged in hand-to-hand fighting with entente allied forces near Courcellette, north of the Somme, says today's official statement issued by the German general staff. Ground which had been gained by Germans in an attack southwest of Rancourt and in Bouchevaines was lost, the statement adds, after bitter fighting.

Germans Lose Heavily

London, Sept. 21.—The Germans launched heavy counter attacks last night on British positions south of the Ancre on the Somme front, the war office announced this afternoon. New Zealand troops, defending the attacked positions, beat off the Germans with severe losses to them.

French Make Gain

Paris, Sept. 21.—The French have made another gain in the Verdun sector where they captured two trenches and 100 prisoners south of the Thiaumont work, according to an official statement issued by the war office. They also gained 100 yards east of Fort Vaux and in the Chapire Wood. Bad weather still halts operations on the Somme and the German attacks have not been renewed.

BATTLE RAGES ALONG DANUBE

Bucharest, Sept. 21.—The battle in Dobruja, between the Danube and the Black Sea, continues with intensity along the whole line. Official announcement was made here today that the Russians and Rumanians have repulsed the Germans and Bulgarians in their attacks, inflicting severe losses on them.

Rumanian troops which have been retreating in Transylvania have halted their retreat south of Petroseny, the statement says.

TO INTERN KAVALLA GUARD.

Berlin, Sept. 21, by wireless to Sayville.—The Greek force transferred from Kavalla to Germany will be lodged at Goerlitz, Prussia, says the Overseas News Agency. The force is composed of 400 officers and 6,000 men. Officers will be distributed in boarding houses and hotels and the soldiers in barracks.

COMMISSIONERS BACK FROM INSPECTION OF MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS

Members of the health and charities boards who have been on trips inspecting isolation hospitals and buildings which combine health and charities departments, returned to Bridgeport this evening. Dr. Abraham Sophian, the expert who had charge of the fight to suppress infantile paralysis here; Dr. Frederic W. Stevens, president of the health board; Commissioner William L. Zepp of that board, and Superintendent Spencer R. Gordon of the charities department have been on extended trips in the last few weeks visiting isolation hospitals at Cleveland, Baltimore, Boston, New York, Long Island and elsewhere. It is expected that a joint meeting of the health and charities boards will be held tomorrow evening when the commissioners who have made the trips of investigation will report their findings and make their recommendations.

WILL STAY AT BORDER.

San Antonio, Tex., Sept. 21.—The request of 300 members of the Second New York infantry to remain on border duty after they had been ordered home resulted today in an announcement by General Funston that guardsmen who wished to stay to transfer to other regiments, releasing men who wanted to return to their homes.

THE WEATHER

Increasing cloudiness followed by showers tonight or Friday.

STATE TELLS IDENTITY OF ALLEGED VICTIM OF ARCHER-GILLIGAN PLOT

Hartford, Sept. 21.—Identity of the first body exhumed in the investigation of the deaths at the Archer Home for Elderly People in Windsor, was disclosed today by State's Attorney Hugh M. Alcorn, after he had presented an indictment to the grand jury charging Mrs. Amy E. Archer-Gilligan with murder in the first degree on five counts.

Four of the cases had been known for some months, but today the fifth was made public by the state's attorney, who said the first body taken from the graveyards in the state's investigation was that of Mrs. Maude Lynch, 34 years old, of Lakeville, who died at the Archer Home, Feb. 2, 1916, and on whose body an autopsy was performed April 3, 1916. Mrs. Lynch was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Winkworth, of Lakeville. Her husband had abandoned her and her parents were anxious to have been induced to send her to the Archer home. A contract was made for Mrs. Gilligan to care of her for life for \$10,000, about four months after Mrs. Lynch entered the home. Some eight months later she died, the cause of death being given as anaemia. She was buried at Windsor and Captain Robert Hurley, of the state police, said today the reason her body was

MANUFACTURERS REGRETTING SUIT AGAINST MOLDERS

Prominent Union Official Declares Legal Action Will Be Boomerang.

Intimations that Bridgeport foundrymen believe now they have made a mistake in their suits against the striking molders, and that the National Manufacturers' association regrets the legal action, have reached the National Molders' union, according to J. P. Frey, one of the leaders of the union movement in this country and an executive of the molders' organization. Mr. Frey, who will address the mass meeting of molders that will be held this evening in Sokol hall, asserts that the union has reason to believe the manufacturers now look on the action as a boomerang, which will strengthen the position of union labor in the country.

"There are already evidences that lead to the belief that the local foundrymen, their attorney, and the legal representatives of the National Foundrymen's association, the National Metal Trades association, and the National Association of Manufacturers, are not wholly pleased with the legal aspect of their case," he declares, "and are inclining to the thought that they have made a serious blunder, which in the end will react and bring about decisions from the highest courts, which will more clearly and definitely announce the rights of labor."

The action evidently is taken under the "antiquated conspiracy law" of Connecticut, declares Mr. Frey, coupled with the law that allows seizure of property before the hearing in the case. Mr. Frey, attorney William Rubin, "the millionaire lawyer of Cincinnati, and P. F. Duffy, organizer of the American Federation of Labor, will speak at a meeting tomorrow evening, which has been transferred from Rakovz hall to Sokol hall.

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CITY'S SHARE OF COUNTY TAX FIXED AT \$18,135.05

Total Amount to Be Raised in Fairfield County is \$41,890.

The city of Bridgeport must pay a county tax of \$18,135.05, according to notice received today from State Tax Commissioner Corbin by Clerk Haviland of the superior court. This is the first year the tax has been fixed by the new system. In past years it was the custom for the county senators and representatives to fix the rate at their annual meeting. Under the new arrangement the state tax commissioner fixes the rate in proportion to the amount each city and town receives in taxes.

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SOCIALISTS ARE ARRESTED.

London, Sept. 21.—The Wireless Press gave out today a despatch from Zurich to the effect that 150 Socialists were arrested in Berlin on the ground that they were concerned in agitation against the war. Although over 70 years of age it is said they have been sent to the front.

VOLUNTEERS SEEKING TO END STRIKE

Committee of Business Men Join in Negotiations in New York to Prevent Walk-out of 700,000 Men.

President Gompers Promises Aid to Volunteer Mediators—Rioting Marks Operation of Elevated Cars

New York, Sept. 21.—Seventy-five business organizations as a committee tried to persuade labor leaders today to refrain from declaring a general strike in sympathy with the street railway employees, of whom it is asserted there are 11,000 on strike. This is the last day of grace given by the labor union to the mayor and volunteer mediators to settle the dispute with the Interborough Rapid Transit Co. and New York Railways Co.

If today's conferences fail to find a plan of settlement, the labor leaders threaten to issue a call tomorrow for a general sympathetic strike to begin on Monday. The citizens' committee had little hope of success. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is here and has promised to attend a meeting with the citizens' committee this afternoon. Local strike leaders also will participate in the conference. Mr. Gompers refrains from making any public announcement of his views as to the advisability of calling a general strike. It was reported today that some of the trade unions were opposed to it, owing to the fact that they have contracts with their employers which would be violated by a strike.

Rioting continues nightly. Despite the fact that 2,000 policemen are concentrated in the center of the city last night to protect elevated and cross town surface lines, strike sympathizers bombarded cars with missiles. In one case several hundred strikers attacked a car in Central Park West and were beaten off only after a battle with the police. Repeatedly during the early hours today Sixth and Third avenue elevated trains were assaulted by strike sympathizers on roof tops. Twenty-two such attacks were reported by the police within a few hours. Car windows were smashed under showers of bricks and bottles and several passengers were injured.

LITTLE BOY WITH SISTER'S SAVINGS IS SPENDTHRIFT

Royally Entertains Playmates at Soda Counters—\$50 Bill Betrays Him.

Frank Lucas, 10 years of age, has "Monty Brewster" beaten a city block when it comes to being a spendthrift, only Fred doesn't spend his own money. Yesterday his playmates found him a veritable Christmas tree, possessing five dollar bills in every pocket—which, incidentally, they snatched from him—and spending money like water.

Fred after appropriating \$110 of his sister's money started on a riotous pleasure tour with his companions. They drank ice cream sodas, till they were chilled to the bone. Deciding it was necessary to warm up, Fred purchased a half dozen air rifles with which to chase and shoot Indians. He tendered a \$50 dollar bill to pay for some shot, at the store of Logan Bros., East Main and Nichols streets, and ran away when asked where the rest he was to get. The clerk catching him after pursuit. He was turned over to his mother who was not told of the theft of the money by her daughter. They refused to have the boy prosecuted and Lieut. Cronan is in possession of the \$50 bill, which he says he would like someone to claim before he spends it.

Lajoie May Manage Salt Lake City Team

Cleveland, Sept. 21.—Napoleon Lajoie is considering an offer which will end his six year career as manager of the Cleveland Indians and manager in the Class AAA minors.

The Salt Lake City ball club in the Pacific Coast league has offered Lajoie the place as playing manager with the option on a big block of stock in the club.

Lajoie is now in Cleveland, his playing days for the present season being over because of a strained ligament in his leg.

Workman's Leg Is Broken In Fall Off Scaffold In West End

Joseph Balthasar, 24 years of age, fell 25 feet from a scaffold at Howard avenue and Spruce street, this morning, suffering a fracture of his left leg and dislocation of his left foot. He was removed to St. Vincent's hospital, after being treated by Dr. S. L. Aranki at the emergency hospital.

CHILD DIES OF BURNS.

Winsted, Conn., Sept. 21.—Joseph Vinsko, four years old, of Torrington, died at the county hospital here today of burns received yesterday while playing about a bonfire in Torrington.

THEFTS FROM U. M. C. CO. TOTAL NEARLY \$100,000, PLANT OFFICIALS BELIEVE

COLUMN TWENTY MILES LONG AS TROOPS PARADE

Biggest Military Pageant Since Civil War Days Staged at El Paso.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 21.—National guardsmen and regulars—26,000 of them in dust-stained khaki—swung through the streets of El Paso and past a reviewing stand at Fort Bliss today in the first parade and review of an infantry division at full war strength ever held in the United States. Military men said also that a larger number of troops were in line than at any other time in the history of the country with the exception of the grand review in Washington at the close of the Civil war, May 23 and 24, 1865.

Tanned by service on the border, the brown-clad legions, cavalry, infantry, field artillery and auxiliary troops marched in an unbroken column, nearly 20 miles long. Major General Charles H. Clement, commanding the Pennsylvania division, and Brigadier General Bill, commanding the El Paso military district, reviewed them. Participating in the review were troops from the regular army, from Massachusetts, Michigan, Kentucky, Ohio, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and New Mexico, in all 799 officers and 25,941 men. Eight thousand animals and 1,000 vehicles, including ambulances, gun carriages and supply wagons, helped make up the pageant.

NIGHT VISIT TO GAY LIFE ENDS IN FREE-FOR-ALL

Youth Escorts Matron Home, Then Beats Husband Who Questioned Him.

Mrs. George Rowe of 209 Congress street, loves cabaret shows. To this fact her husband attributes the fact that he is today nursing a badly bruised face, a cut over the eye, and is suffering from being bitten on the finger.

Mrs. Rowe last evening, claiming that her husband had not been staying with her at home nights, accompanied Emma Barwell, a pretty girl of about 20 years, George Lotto, of New York, and another man for a trip about town.

Her husband seeing her in the company of Lotto followed them to a cabaret show and then home. Rowe according to his story on the witness stand, in city court today, feigned drunkenness, passed his wife who was standing in the hallway of their home with Lotto and went upstairs to his room.

He reappeared in a few moments and inquired of Lotto "what business have you with my wife and what do you intend to do?" At the same time he walked towards Lotto. From Rowe's appearance Lotto did big things. He walloped Rowe around the hallway and nearly bit his finger off, running away when advised to do so by Mrs. Rowe.

Lotto between sobs, tears and groans, maintained on the witness stand that he was attacked first and only defended himself; that he was an unsophisticated youth who had not been out of his room after 3 o'clock at night for a long while until the evening in question.

Judge Bartlett believing that Rowe assumed a pugnacious attitude when walking toward Lotto, placed the case on file.

Swearing that he would never again attempt to lighten the monotony of a married lady's evenings, Lotto left the courthouse and incidentally, Bridgeport.

Rats Gnaw Matches and Cause \$275 Loss

Fire at 4:29 o'clock this morning did about \$275 damage in the store at 140 Hallett street, occupied by H. Cohen. Assistant Chief G. F. Beardslee believes rats gnawing match heads caused the blaze. The loss was covered by insurance.

Investigation of the fire at the Automatic Machine Co., makes the chief and his assistants believe that fumes rising from gas and oil in the boiler room came in contact with flame. It isn't expected that the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. will again fail to notify the fire department when water is turned off. It has been the custom of the company, but an employee overlooked the matter this time.

OIL PRICES INCREASED.

Bakersfield, Cal., Sept. 21.—The Standard Oil Company has announced an increase of five cents a barrel in the price of crude oil at the wells in California, the schedule making a record price for the San Joaquin fields.

PLAN UNION OF ENGINEERS HERE; ORGANIZER BUSY

Bridgeporters Interested in Visit of International Officer.

Organizers of the International Union of Steam & Operating Engineers, with headquarters in Chicago are in this city for the purpose of organizing the 300 operatives here, unionizing the Stratford avenue bridge works now said to be done with non-union labor and to oppose the National Association of Steam Engineers, a branch of which has been formed here.

In this city yesterday were F. A. Fitzgerald of New Haven, state business agent and one of the three national trustees of the International Union of Steam & Operating Engineers, and William MacKenzie, of Portland, Ore., who is vice president of the union organization. MacKenzie formerly was a resident of Bridgeport, having begun his working days in this city, and is a brother of David H. MacKenzie of North street. For many years he has been identified with organized labor and was honored with a vice presidency at the last convention held in Newark, N. J.

Both organizers declare that ordinances should be adopted by the common council prohibiting work on municipal contracts except under the eight-hour scale. An effort to institute such remedial legislation will be made at an early date. The organizers assert that while city employees work on the eight-hour scale, contractors doing work under city control are permitted to evade the requirements because the administration fails to protect Bridgeport labor by inserting the proper clauses in contracts when signed. The Holbrook, Cabot & Rollins Co. and the Warren Brothers Co. conducted as instances of companies that employ non-union engineers. "We will also begin a campaign against the National Association of Steam Engineers," said State Organizer Fitzgerald, yesterday. "The N. A. S. E. is not associated with the American Federation of Labor. It is conducted in the interests of the National Association of Manufacturers and primarily is for the purpose of educating labor, which will be restricted to a uniform price set by the manufacturers. A preamble of the constitution prohibits members from striking for better wages or conditions. Many members have joined the organization under the impression that it is a strictly labor organization and affiliated with the Federation of Labor, which is not so. About 150 members belong to the A. S. E. in Bridgeport."

C. OF C. FROWNS ON JUGGLING OF CHARTER DRAFT

Special Committee Protests Against Mayor's Attitude Towards Measure.

At a meeting of the Algonquin club today the special committee appointed by the chamber of commerce recommended that the commission form of government charter could best be voted for on the regular election day, November 7th, instead of November 25th, the date for the special election set by the mayor. The executive committee concurred in this view and a copy of the action of the committee will be sent Mayor Wilson. The special committee of the chamber of commerce appointed to consider the matter consists of Attorney Carl Foster, William T. Hincks, Frank B. Burton, P. H. McGuire and Murray H. Chapin.

In reply to the special committee that prepared the commission charter and drafted a protest against Mayor Wilson's selection of November 25th as the date for the special election, the mayor today sent a letter reiterating the excuse he already has offered, that the charter was too important to be considered at any general election.

Banker Gets Option on City Bakery Plot

The property at Main and Bank streets, which Alderman Robert N. Blakeslee has urged to the city to buy for part of the municipal center to include public buildings and a plaza, is now controlled by Samuel W. Hawley, president of the Bridgeport Savings bank. It was announced today that Mr. Hawley is understood to have under option what is known as the City Bakery property, a piece about 65x90 feet. He will not say what he proposes to do with it.

The acquisition of the property is interesting in view of the report being made by Alderman Blakeslee to have the city purchase it. He proposes that the city should get the whole block, and also the Franklin block.

Prominent Politicians and Business Men May Be Involved in Great Investigation Which May Unearth Organized Robbery Campaign.

Wright Brothers Virtually Admit Stealing Load of Wire, Say Police—Arrested, One Boasts He "Put Redgate Where He Is Today."

Virtual admission by Joseph G. Wright and his brother, Nathaniel, that they had stolen a load of valuable aluminum wire from the Union Metallic Cartridge Co. was obtained by the police today. Simultaneously, details of astounding losses experienced in the last few months by the munitions concern, and the ease with which great thefts could be committed were unfolded to the authorities. Nearly \$100,000 worth of metal, used in the finer processes at the plant is missing. Nobody in power at the plant knows how much more is gone or for how many years thefts have been going on. It was revealed today that search is being made for a missing car of high speed steel.

It was freely admitted by police officials today that they suspect a systematized campaign of wholesale robbery, startling in its magnitude and boldness and it was more than intimated that a number of men, prominent in the business and political life of the community may be dragged into the affair.

Bridgeport was stirred today by the revelation that Joseph Wright, who has long been on the inside of Republican politics in this city, and who has been seen at nearly every gathering of Republicans in recent years, boasted when he was arrested that he put the superintendent of police here in office. He openly asserted his friendship and nearness to Mayor Wilson and John T. King and seemed to believe their protection would save him from punishment.

The first conclusive evidence, that the concern was being robbed, came with the arrest of the Wright brothers yesterday. Nathaniel P. Wright was a trusted employee of the company and had entire charge of the stock room of the company. Goods received by the company under his sole supervision and care and he was the only one who kept records of the consumption of material in manufacture the police are balked in their efforts—temporarily at least—whether or not others besides the Wright brothers and those who were used as fences for the disposal of the goods, are involved is also a question the police are bending every effort to learn. The brothers, however, maintain they stole only one truck load of aluminum wire, valued at about \$5,000, and were the only ones concerned.

According to the police, Joseph Wright last week asked T. H. Coogan, a teamster, of 53 Mead street, if he had an auto-truck, which could be used to take a cargo of goods to New Haven. The latter replied that he had not but would secure one for him. Coogan sent Edward Smith, of 143 Linden avenue, to Wright, who hired Smith. The truck driver was ordered to appear at the teaming gate of the plant, show a pass which Wright furnished him, and bring with him plenty of canvas to cover the load.

Monday morning Smith appeared at the plant, showed his pass and went to the entrance of the stock building. According to the auto truck driver's story, Nathaniel Wright met him in the stock building and assisted him in loading onto the truck a load of aluminum wire valued at about \$5,000.

Smith was ordered to take the load to the junk shop of Max Albert & Sons, 75 York street, New Haven, Joseph Wright, who is a salesman, having previously arranged for the sale of the wire to a New York junk dealer through Alpert. Carefully covering his truck with the canvas, Smith safely made a get-away from the yard of the plant and reached New Haven.

For some reason the auto stood outside the New Haven junk shop for several hours before the cargo was removed. The suspicions of several officials of the police department were aroused, who inquired what comprised the load, Smith replying "some

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