

"Leave Our Plague Alone." All Bow to the Senate. Labor Takes Itself Seriously—Not Here, In England.

The difference between the former Empress of Russia and the rest of Russia is this:

The Empress is insane. SHE doesn't know it, but others do, and they lock her up.

The rest of Russia is insane, Russia doesn't know it, others do, but Russia is too big to be locked up, and will wander around for some time.

There is a plague in the Shansi province of China. It starts in the lungs and kills quickly. American doctors trying to help are attacked by the ignorant Chinese.

"We have always had our plagues, and you should show respect for such things. We don't like your radical methods and all your talk about sewers, clean gutters, etc."

In Asiatic countries when you try to cure a plague of the body, ignorant people at the bottom resent it, attack you and say you lack respect for law.

In civilized countries like our own, when you try to cure the plague of poverty, ignorance at the top attacks you, say that you are interfering with what always has been, always will be, and SHOULD be, and that you show lack of respect for the law.

Men that suggest closing theaters, you may be sure, have plenty of coal and nice warm rooms at home. Why not give the public a chance to get warm at least ONCE in twenty-four hours, and forget their discomforts and worries.

The Labor party of England issues a manifesto, as though the working people really amounted to something, and had something to say.

Labor says England won't keep the German African colonies, doesn't want anything but peace, and a guarantee of its permanency.

Labor even says that India and other British dependencies can go free if they want to, and that the nations should unite to protect the African tribes—unable to govern themselves.

It would cause considerable tumult in the Republican United States, if labor presumed to talk that way and take itself so seriously.

We manage those things better in America.

A polite bow to the United States Senate. It knows its business—in a certain way.

Ingenuous editors of the country said, "Please, Senate, protect us from the extortion of the Paper Trust."

"Why, certainly," says the Senate, "By all means." And then a Senator tacks on this amendment, "You must never print, daily or Sunday, a newspaper bigger than sixteen pages."

That is like saying to the distressed mother, "Yes, I will see that you have pure milk at a cheap price for your baby, but you mustn't give baby more than half a teaspoonful in twenty-four hours."

This makes the baby's mother think, "Shall she endure the Milk Trust or starve her baby to death?"

It also makes the editors think about starving their poor little black-and-white baby, the newspaper. Better papers endure the Paper Trust.

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May Americans soon get to work above that dear Fatherland, with ten thousand dynamite-dropping machines, as a starter, and then another and another ten thousand.

That is what the Germans need to help them make up their minds concerning reasonable peace or indefinite murder.

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NATION-WIDE HUNT IS ON FOR ACCOMPLICES OF ALLEGED GERMAN SPY

ALLIES' UNITY IS SHOWN BY U.S. EXPOSURE OF CAILLAUX

Advised France of Former Premier's Intrigue With Bernstorff As Interests of Nation Were Menaced.

By DAVID LAWRENCE.

America today took an unprecedented but vital step in the interest of unity among the allies.

This is unquestionably the severest indictment yet made of the intriguing pacifists in France who, if left to their own devices, might have disrupted the French army and disrupted the entente cause.

Why United States Acted. The United States Government ordinarily refrains from the slightest intervention in the internal politics of another country.

The Department of State by furnishing to the French government the information in its possession and by making the secret telegrams public to the world not only strengthened the hand of Premier Clemenceau and the existing French government.

Low-Standing Controversy. The controversy between Clemenceau and Caillaux dates back to long before the war.

His strength in the French Chamber of Deputies has recently been growing. By judicious use of patronage and personal influence he has marshaled nearly half the deputies in the French chamber.

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This power has never been harnessed, because selfish private owners of public monopolies have had control through Government and newspapers.

Senate Passes Bill Providing For Tests Of 'Garabed' Invention

The Senate this afternoon passed the bill which authorizes a demonstration before a committee of scientists of the much discussed "Garabed" discovery.

This is an invention, or discovery, whereby, the inventor says, a new form of energy has been found.

Under the bill the Government will have the use of the discovery. The measure recently passed the House, and it was reported the other day by the Senate Patents Committee with amendments.

'LUM' HARPER, COURT CLERK, ENDS LIFE

Nicholas Columbus Harper, fifty-four years old, better known as "Lum," friend of every policeman in Washington and familiar to thousands of Police Court offenders.

Mr. Harper, according to the police, stabbed himself in the neck with a pair of manicure scissors, severing the jugular vein.

Recently the veteran clerk had suffered a nervous breakdown and for several weeks had been subject to melancholia.

Court Adjourns as Tribunal. Members of the court personnel, of the police force, and of the bar were unanimous in their praise of Mr. Harper.

300 Invitations Sent. The "lady of the house" always acts as hostess. Mrs. Lansing has sent out more than 300 invitations, and it is understood that the usual invitation list, which includes all members of the diplomatic corps, will not be adhered to.

Supposed Bomb Found in Drydock Near U. S. Warship. AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 16.—A supposed bomb was found today in a dry dock at a United States naval station, in which one of the largest United States battleships was docked.

The supposed bomb was about six inches long and shaped like a telephone receiver. A fuse was attached to it.

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BILLY SUNDAY MAY CALL FOR TRAIL HITTERS THIS EVENING

"The Hour Is Come," His Topic for Tonight's Sermon, and Time Is Believed Ripe for Converts.

The sound of civilian footsteps pounding up the sawdust trail to grasp the hand of Billy Sunday in signifying acceptance of Christ as their Saviour may be heard at the tabernacle tonight for the first time in Washington.

Billy held a "trail hitting session" last week for a number of soldiers who it was doubtful would ever have the chance again, owing to the uncertainty of their stay in Washington.

The "hour" may come tonight in the opinion of members of the Sunday party. Billy always decides during the sermon when to pull his first "sawdust trail" stuff.

Weather conditions, the temper of the crowd, the effect of the sermon, the attendance, and dozens of little things play a great part in his decision when to start the "outward and visible sign" of the salvation of sinners.

The home of Secretary of State Lansing, 1323 Eighteenth street northwest, will be the scene Friday morning of the first of the series of meetings in private residence given by Billy. These services are an important feature of every campaign.

Willard Resigns From War Board To Run B. and O. DANIEL WILLARD, chairman of the War Industries Board, has resigned. President Wilson will accept the resignation, it was officially announced today.

While the reason officially given for Willard's resignation is that his presidency of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad demands his entire attention during the present railroad transformation under Government control, his friends declare Willard was discouraged with the manner in which war work was being conducted.

He requested his release as chairman of the industries board shortly after testifying before the Senate Military Committee that lack of preparation delayed the Government's war work early after the war with Germany began and lack of co-ordination in the war Government has delayed the work since.

He is reported to have favored a directing head with full responsibility in supplying the army and navy.

Eight Bitten by Unmuzzled Dogs Here in 5 Weeks. The eighth case within the last five weeks of persons being bitten by unmuzzled dogs was brought to the attention of the police today, when Frank Zuch, twenty-eight, of 1918 I street northwest, reported that he had been attacked in an alley in the rear of the above address.

Zuch was attacked by a dog owned by the owner of the dog for permitting an unmuzzled dog to run at large.

Food for French Is Destroyed in Brooklyn Blaze. NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—More than half a million dollars damage has been done by a fire in the Robinson warehouse at the foot of Congress street, Brooklyn. The building was filled with food supplies awaiting shipment to France by the Government.

Suspecting that the fire might be of incendiary origin, Fire Marshal Brophy ordered his entire staff to start an investigation immediately.

Quiet on British Front. LONDON, Jan. 16.—Field Marshal Haig had nothing of interest to report from the British front today.

First Photographs of Latest Spy Captured and His Brother, Also Under Arrest



WALTER SPORMANN, Alleged German spy, held in Baltimore for investigation by Department of Justice.

FREDERICK SPORMANN, Brother of Walter, is held in connection with suspected spy.

BOLSHEVIKI THREATEN TO DECLARE WAR ON ROUMANIA

WILLARD RESIGNS FROM WAR BOARD TO RUN B. AND O.

Demand Release of Officers Within 24 Hours

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 16.—The Werkle Cabinet of Hungary has resigned owing to its failure to secure necessary support for its military program, according to a Budapest dispatch received here today.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—War on Roumania unless that little nation within twenty-four hours releases Russian officers held by her was threatened in an ultimatum served by the Bolsheviki government today.

The exact number of Russian army officers who were recently arrested by Roumania is not known.

The Russian ultimatum declared: "We are informed that Roumanians surrounded and dismantled the 194th and 40th Russian regiments, and arrested a committee of the 195th regiment, also visiting Austrian officers.

"Failure to release these persons and failure to punish those responsible within twenty-four hours will result in our considering relations ruptured and in taking the most energetic military measures."

LENINE ORDERS RELEASE OF ROUMANIAN MINISTER AFTER DIPLOMATS PROTEST. PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—Release of M. Diamandis, Roumanian minister, arrested by the Bolsheviki, and ordered confined in SS. Peter and Paul fortress, was ordered by Nicholas Lenine today.

FIRST 5,000 VOLUNTEERS OF NEW SOCIALIST ARMY LEAVE FOR RUSS FRONT. By JOSEPH SHAPLEN. United Press Staff Correspondent. PETROGRAD, Jan. 16.—The first 5,000 volunteers of the new socialist army left for the front today, sped by one of the most enthusiastic demonstrations the city has seen in months.

Red flags lined the route of the parade, and scores of bands played revolutionary music.

Ten thousand other volunteers for the new "army of democracy" are now enrolling in the Petrograd district alone.

The volunteers are responding to a special appeal to the people issued by the Bolshevik government and by the Russian commander-in-chief Ensign Ktylenko.

CAILLAUX LEAGUE WITH BERNSTORFF REVEALED BY U. S.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Two more arrests were made today of persons believed implicated with Joseph Caillaux in treason against France. They were Paul Comby, a well-known lawyer, and Deputy Loustalot, of the Chamber of Deputies.

That former Premier Caillaux, of France, now under arrest, was on intimate terms with the German ambassador at Buenos Aires, as far back as February, 1915, and apparently in league more or less directly with Germany, was shown in telegrams from former Ambassador Bernstorff sent from this city—given out by the State Department today.

The first of the messages warned against German praise of Caillaux, because "the fears Paris and fate of Jaures."

A second message advised of Caillaux's departure from Buenos Aires and commended that the Germans treat Caillaux courteously if they effected the "very desirable capture" of his vessel.

On June 6, 1917, the German censorship, it was shown, barred all reference to Caillaux in the German press, presumably to help protect him in his own country.

Department's Statement. The statement issued by the department, said:

"The Department of State communicates to the press the following telegram sent by Count Bernstorff to his government on February 4, 1915:

"Number 178. Buenos Aires telegraphed the following: Caillaux has left Buenos Aires after a short stay. Caillaux went direct to France, evident course of the (group) up."

Caillaux welcomes indirect courtesies from me, but emphasized the extreme caution which he is obliged to show as the French government, he said, had watched even here. He warned us against the excessive praise bestowed upon him by our press, especially the Neue Freie Presse, and desired, on the other hand, that the Mediterranean and Moroccan agreement should be adversely criticized.

"Our praise injures his position in France. Caillaux's reception here was (Continued on Page 6, Column 5)

ALL CLEWS RUN DOWN TO UNEARTH NEW PLOTS

Prisoner and Brother. With Third Baltimore Man, Held Incommunicado—Officials Try to Settle Jurisdiction.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 16.—While Navy and Department of Justice officials are attempting to settle which shall have jurisdiction, Walter Spormann, alleged German spy, with his brother, Frederick, and Marius Asch, is held incommunicado in the city jail.

Attempts of Mrs. Frederick Spormann to visit her husband have been denied by the police.

According to officials here, Spormann is held "only as an enemy alien," and the only charges against him are violation of the regulations regarding enemy aliens entering barred zones.

Seek Accomplices. It is known, however, that "leads" indicating activities of Spormann in army camps and cities throughout the country have caused a nation-wide dragnet to be thrown out for accomplices. Officials all over the United States are on the lookout for aides to Spormann.

United States District Attorney Dennis denied that there is any evidence to show that Spormann has received money from Count von Bernstorff or Captain Boy-Ed. He stated that the only receipts found in the effects of Spormann were for money turned over to the German Red Cross. Dennis refused to divulge the name of the person to whom the Red Cross money had been delivered.

Dennis was also made that Spormann had been in the act of firing a magazine at Norfolk when he was arrested.

Hints at Friction. It is hinted that friction has arisen between the Naval Intelligence Bureau and the Department of Justice over the manner in which the case was handled.

District Attorney Dennis later stated: "As far as we know, the man should not be shot or treated in any other way than any other alien enemy who violated the laws controlling their actions. If the naval officials at Norfolk or elsewhere have any other information than that given this office, we do not know of it."

Held as Enemy Alien. Lieutenant Dorton, of the Naval Intelligence Bureau here, today made statements declaring that Spormann is held only for violations of the regulations of the movements of enemy aliens.

Despite these statements there were rumors here that officials are putting a damper on the case in order that other arrests may be made.

Rumors are current here today that additional arrests have been made. One rumor says that eight men are now being held, but officials refuse to make any comment.

August was arrested yesterday. His connection with the case and is being held to examine his sanity.

Spormann takes his arrest philosophically and is deemed inclined to believe that he will be dealt with leniently.

There is a decided feeling in Baltimore that if proven guilty Spormann should pay the supreme penalty.

Baltimore has become the home of large numbers of alien enemies since the war zones were created, and numerous enemy aliens driven from Washington have taken up their abode here.

Baltimoreans are intense in their feeling against these alien enemies who do not obey the law, and declare that the death penalty for Spormann would prove an excellent example, and