

Oil Stock Swindlers. Bonds Above Par. Turkey's Debts for U. S. A.? Henry Ford's Anarchy.

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The editorial writer of the Chicago Tribune said in his haste: "Henry Ford is an anarchist."

Abraham Lincoln would say: "I wish some of the other big employers would swallow a little of the Henry Ford anarchy."

Mr. Ford in his latest display of anarchy is preparing jobs for ten thousand crippled soldiers. He says it isn't charity, for he is interested in the general welfare of the United States and doesn't believe that crippled soldiers should be idle. When he hires them he pays them NOT LESS THAN \$6 A DAY. He doesn't think a workman should be fined through his wages for having been wounded in the service of his country. That is a fairly good sample of Ford's anarchy. The country could stand more like it.

It is a mistake on Mr. Ford's part to sue the Tribune for a million dollars. He doesn't need the million dollars. The Tribune, which is rich, wouldn't miss it.

It was a mistake to sue, for a newspaper cannot hurt a man by saying what is true about him. And Henry Ford can't be hurt by the truth.

He ought not to be wasting time prosecuting a libel suit, but paste above his desk Samuel Johnson's saying, "No man was ever written down except by himself," and go about his business cheerfully.

Did you buy any Victory bonds? You were assured in this column that they would soon go above par. They are probably above par now, although by Government request the Stock Exchange does not quote prices on them.

The old 3 1/2 per cent bonds, income tax free, sold yesterday at 99.50. The new bonds, tax free, pay 4 1/2 per cent interest. The extra quarter of 1 per cent is equal to 5 per cent on five dollars. The Victory notes ought to sell at 104, and probably will. All other Liberty bonds will increase in value, for they are ABSOLUTELY SAFE, and there can be said of nothing else. If you have any, keep them.

Whatever else you may do, do not exchange Liberty bonds or any real money for any of the thievish oil stocks advertised in newspapers willing to allow their readers to be swindled in return for advertising profit.

There is going on in this country at present a scandalous robbing of the people through the sale of dishonest oil securities. It ought to put the swindlers in jail. Instead, it will put many respectable people in or near the poor-house.

It seems, dearly beloved, that when a nation becomes mandatory for one of those broken down countries in Europe or Asia, it also becomes responsible for the DEBTS of that country.

Do you wonder that our friends in Europe are anxious that the United States become mandatory for Turkey? Turkey issued many millions in bonds which would be worth about one-tenth of a cent per pound under ordinary conditions. But with dear old Uncle Sam responsible for what the Turkish Sultan has spent on his harems, hookahs, and eunuchs, those Turkish bonds would be worth par, and British holders of the bonds made happy.

Many in Europe, apparently, consider the Government of the United States not an ordinary, but an EXTRAORDINARY fool.

British labor officially condemns the peace treaty with Germany because "it violates the pledges given to labor." What those pledges were exactly, America doesn't know.

It would not be healthy for labor generally if seventy millions of Germans were compelled to spend the next twenty years solving the problems of production at a minimum cost.

If Germany is to pay twenty-five billions to the allies and her own home debts, her workers will be compelled to work for little and learn to eat little.

When debts are cleared off by a nation thus disciplined and the nation starts competing with outside labor, it will offer difficult competition.

Railroads, telegraphs, and telephones will go back to the private owners. We hope that the latter will not complain too bitterly of the temporary seizure by Government.

The railroads will be returned rebuilt and re-equipped, at a moment when the private owners could not possibly finance the roads. Public money was used to put them in shape. Rates were greatly increased and the public taxed accordingly.

Increases were made in telegraph and telephone tolls. The increases will double remain, and with those increases will go possibilities of combinations that did not exist.

Private ownership of public necessities is just beginning its career of profit in the United States. It would be wise if it showed a certain moderation.

WEATHER: Probably cloudy tonight and tomorrow, with occasional showers. Temperature at 8 a. m., 57 degrees. Normal temperature for May 24 for the last thirty years, 67 degrees.

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SCORES LEAP INTO BAY AS FIRE WRECKS STEAMER

BOLSHEVIKI HAVE BEGUN TO EVACUATE PETROGRAD

COPENHAGEN, May 24.—The Bolsheviki were reported today to be evacuating Petrograd, in the face of continued advance of the Estonian and Finnish armies.

Unconfirmed dispatches stated the soviet forces were blowing up ammunition dumps near the city.

Russian citizens in the suburbs were said to have risen against the Bolsheviki.

The Estonians, a dispatch said, have taken Volsovo, about forty miles southwest of Petrograd.

BOLSHEVIKI OFFER CONCESSIONS AS FALL OF PETROGRAD NEARS

HELSINGFORS, (via London), May 24.—The Bolsheviki are reported to have offered important concessions to both the allies and anti-soviet Russians, in an effort to avert capture of Petrograd and the threatened isolation of Moscow.

The advance of the Finns from the north and the Estonians from the west is causing Petrograd to take a view from which the only apparent escape is by evacuation of the city. The movement of the Estonians also threatens to cut railway communication between Petrograd and Moscow, and the Bolsheviki forces apparently must defeat the Estonians quickly or begin their retreat from Petrograd to prevent being hemmed in there.

Allied Fleet in Action. An allied fleet, according to unconfirmed reports received here, is engaging the resurrected Russian Baltic fleet in the Gulf of Finland, not far from Petrograd, in co-operation with the Estonian army.

The Bolsheviki leaders in Petrograd are said to be guaranteeing of hundreds of their followers are reported to be deserting. More than half a million workers in the factories here are being called to take up arms against the Estonians and Finns, and the Bolsheviki claim they have mobilized 2,000,000 soldiers to oppose their enemies on all fronts.

Starvation and lack of food is understood to be imminent, and various reports have it that thousands are dying daily of privations.

The above dispatch was filed just before Taylor left Helsinki for Berlin. He went into Russia more than two weeks ago, equipped with Bolsheviki passports and guarantees of safe conduct. The first word received from him was contained in two telegrams yesterday, one stating he had escaped the Bolsheviki after being robbed of everything, and the other announcing he had reached Helsinki and was about to leave for Berlin.

"BIG FOUR" CONTINUE TO DISCUSS PROPOSED AID TO ADM. KOLCHAK

PARIS, May 24.—The big four today continued discussion of the Russian situation, which has again come to the front as the result of the tentative proposal of the allies to give some degree of recognition to Admiral Kolchak, dictator of the Omsk government.

M. Bakmeteff, who was former Premier Kerensky's ambassador to France, called on Colonel House late yesterday. There was no intimation of what transpired in the conference, but was regarded as significant that Bakmeteff's visit followed reports of dispatch of "an interesting proposal" to Kolchak by the American delegation, as well as receipt of information that Roland Harris, American ambassador to Japan, had left Tokyo for Russia to see Kolchak.

CLAIMS LEAGUE OF NATIONS FETTERED IN BIBLE. The announcement that R. H. Barber, of Pittsburgh, lecturer for the International Bible Students' Association, will speak on Sunday afternoon, 7 o'clock in the Pythian Temple on "The Bible Foretells a League of Nations and World Democracy" is attracting attention of students and statesmen. Mr. Barber has been a director of the Bible Students' Association for many years and is well known in this city and is considered an able and eloquent speaker upon Biblical subjects.

ACTORS THREATEN STRIKE FOR EXTRA PAY

NEW YORK, May 24.—An actors strike, it was reported along Broadway today, may follow the action of the Producing Managers' Association last night in refusing to alter the present standard contract under which actors and actresses are employed.

The Actors' Association, which is said to include ninety per cent of the well-known actors and actresses on its membership rolls, will hold a meeting here Monday to decide its future actions.

The actors want extra pay for playing special holiday matinees.

GETS \$150,000 FOR WIFE'S LOVE

NEW YORK, May 24.—Lieut. La Verne A. Davies has won a verdict for \$150,000 from a sheriff's jury against Alfred C. Harrison, Jr. Davies charged Harrison with having alienated the affections of Ruby Davies, his young wife, while he was serving his country in the army.

Harrison is the son of Alfred C. Harrison, multi-millionaire, of Philadelphia. According to the Philadelphia Social Directory, the elder Harrison resides at Edge Hill, a suburb of Philadelphia. He is a member of the following clubs: Corinthian Yacht, Philadelphia, Philadelphia Country, University, Raquet, Union League and Rittenhouse. His daughter is the Countess Karl von Holnstein.

Young Harrison married Miss Marie M. Gibson. His residence has been at Encarnada de Mora, Cuba, where he has a large sugar plantation. He spends considerable of his time each year in this city. His wife is residing at 200 West Fifty-seventh street.

Enlisted as Marine.

Davies was married in January, 1917, when he was in modest circumstances. When the United States declared war against Germany he was fired with an ambition to "do his bit." In June, 1917, he enlisted in the 92d Battalion of Marines, believing he would get into action quickly. A month later he was discharged from this branch of the service, that he might join the army. On January 5, 1918, he enlisted in the army and was sent to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. He took his pretty twenty-year-old wife with him. They lived together as much as possible while he was in camp and, he says, he enjoyed all of her affection.

In July, 1918, his regiment—the 317th Infantry—was ordered to Porto Rico. His wife came to this city. He obtained leave of absence in August, 1918, and was here with her three weeks.

\$70,000 Gem. Gifts. Soon after his departure, he says, Harrison enticed her away from home, provided her with lavish gifts of jewelry, expensive clothes, flowers and candy.

Later, Davies adds, his wife admitted that Harrison had completely won her love away from her husband by (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

SHERMAN HEADS D. C. COMMITTEE

Senator Lawrence V. Sherman of Illinois has been chosen as the new chairman of the Senate District Committee, it was learned definitely today.

Senator Elkins of West Virginia, who took his oath as a Senator last Monday, has been elected to fill the place on the District Committee left vacant by the resignation of Senator Kenyon of Iowa. He will be the new chairman of the Committee on Education and Labor.

Senator Edge of New Jersey, it is understood, probably will be named onto the committee.

Senator Elkins asked to be appointed a member of the District Committee, as did Senator Jones.

TAKE BELL-ANS BEFORE MEALS and see how fine good digestion makes you feel.

Greatest Hero of the War And His Mother



SERG. ALVIN C. YORK,

Of Fall Mall, Tenn., winner of the Congressional medal and credited by General Pershing with the greatest single piece of heroism of the world war, and his mother. Single-handed he killed twenty Germans, captured 125 prisoners, including a major and three lieutenants, put thirty-two machine guns out of business, and smashed the counter attack of a whole German battalion. Upon his return from France he was met by a delegation from Tennessee, which presented him with a \$2,000 Victory bond.

Yank Who Beat Back Whole Foe Battalion Is Cheered By House

"You are a brave man, and I congratulate you," was Secretary of War Baker's greeting today to Sergt. Alvin C. York, of the 328th Infantry, who, at the head of a detachment of seven men, killed twenty Germans, took 132 prisoners, and put thirty-two machine guns out of commission.

Sergeant York, proclaimed the war's greatest hero, was greeted by the Secretary of War, Adjutant General Harris, and members of Congress, who enthusiastically clasped the hand of the man who had upheld the traditions of America in fighting for democracy in France.

Also Sees Secretary Tumulty.

Sergeant York later went to see Secretary Tumulty, who congratulated him on his bravery. There never was a more modest hero of the war than Sergeant York. He does not seem enthusiastic over his accomplishment. He takes it as a matter of duty—as a matter of course. He lacks the haughtiness and superciliousness that might be expected. He is plain—looks more like the type of rural visitor you have in Washington frequently, looking up the Capital.

"It all happened so quick—it was more like a miracle that we succeeded," said Sergeant York as he ate his breakfast at the Cochran.

Tells Story of Deed. "I was sent out with a detachment under Sergeant Early to silence German machine gunners. The German machine gun nests were about ten feet apart, and as we approached in

counter attack the boches swung these guns round and opened up a fusillade on us. "It was a chattering bedlam, as the Germans blazed away with their machine guns. We gave them return fire, but six of the detachment were killed outright and three others were injured more or less seriously. It looked like death or capture. We preferred death rather than capture. We thought fast. The Germans believed they had us. We were at the (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

HOMES APARTMENTS

Are YOU interested in BUYING or RENTING either?

SOMEWHERE in the numerous Real Estate listings carried in today's issue of The Washington Times is the home or apartment that YOU have been looking for!

If YOU want to BUY or RENT, read the Real Estate Section on Pages 4 and 5 and the Real Estate Classified Advertising on Pages 17 and 18 of this issue!

FOE SOLDIERS AND WORKERS VOTE TO TAKE ALLIES' PEACE

LONDON, May 24.—The German soldiers and workmen have voted to accept the allies' peace terms, said a Central News dispatch from Copenhagen. A resolution condemning the German government was adopted after a stormy session.

To Sign or Fight by June 15. PARIS, May 24.—The treaty will be signed by the allied and German delegates between June 10 and 15—or the armistice will be broken—was the forecast in peace circles today.

The Germans are now expected to hand the allies their final counter proposals by May 29. These will be printed in book form and will be almost as voluminous as the allied treaty. The mechanical part of the work has been held up owing to the train bringing the German printing machinery to Versailles meeting with some misadventure at Cologne, delaying its arrival until Sunday.

Will Give Foe Five Days. The present indications are that the allies will take four or five days to study the German counter-proposals before replying, and will then allow the Germans about the same time in which to make up their minds about signing.

A report understood to have been forwarded to the United States yesterday that Karl Kautsky, one of the leaders of the German independent socialist, was in Versailles to confer with the enemy delegates, was denied today by the French liaison mission.

AVIATOR TRIES TO SWAP AEROS IN SKY

ATLANTIC CITY, May 24.—One of the most thrilling "air stunts" ever attempted took place at the aeronautic exhibit here when, 1,000 feet in the air, Lieut. Omar Locklear attempted to climb from one plane to another via a rope ladder. Lieut. Locklear is the man who jumped from one airplane to another beneath it during a recent exhibition.

Balanced on the extreme tip of the wing of a plane operated by Lieut. S. Short, he attempted, in a high wind, to grasp a swaying rope ladder attached to the wing of a plane driven by Lieut. Melvin, Elliott. Thousands on the ground far below gasped in terror, fearing any moment he would fall to his death. Eddie Stinson, himself a daring pilot, told the story of the maneuver this way:

"I have seen some nice balancing and daring driving of aeroplanes, but those two pilots and Lieutenant Locklear showed me something new today. "While Lieutenant Locklear was swaying back and forth on top of Short's machine, Lieutenant Elliott swooped down from above. So much confidence did those two drivers have in one another that the machines actually kissed, making it necessary for Lieutenant Locklear to drop and stretch out on the top plane, yet with cool daring he flipped upright again and grabbed for the ladder as they pulled away.

"It was impossible for him to clutch it because the beat of the propellers and high winds kept it twisting or flapping up against the fuselage."

Bob Shank flew here from Washington, making the run of 192 miles in two hours and five minutes.

"COME FOUR" THEY DID. DETROIT, May 24.—"Come four," said a husky son as he rattled the bones in his hand. Four policemen came and arrested nine negroes for crap shooting.

TAFT IS SLATED FOR LEAGUE IN PLACE OF COL. HOUSE

PARIS, May 24.—Col. E. M. House's membership on the committee of organization of the League of Nations is only temporary, and he probably will be succeeded by former President Taft, according to the Matin today.

"SAL" DRIVE IS EXTENDED TO MONDAY

The Salvation Army drive for \$100,000 in the District has been extended to Monday. Washington in way below its quota, only about 70 per cent of the \$100,000 having been subscribed up to 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Washington never has shirked its duty and the committee wants the District quota oversubscribed. But many more contributions will be necessary and committees are working today busily getting up a list of names who give any sort of contribution.

Tag Day Set Record. Yesterday proved the biggest tag day in the history of the Capital. In its drive for the young women and others collected more than \$7,000 from people on the streets, in shops, and elsewhere.

Committees have been busy in the District and Government departments, but the latter have not yet made their returns to the committee and it is not known just how much has been collected in the bureau.

The business men's teams are working industriously, the committee reports, but while they have collected large sums it is feared that unless they succeed in getting some big fat checks this afternoon, the District quota will be far short of the needed amount.

Tonight there will be nearly 100 women (f) and other women in uniform asking for contributions and selling doughnuts.

Doughnut Drive Tonight. "It will be a doughnut drive tonight," said one of the committee. "If you have never eaten a Salvation Army doughnut, buy one tonight."

There will be special appeals at all of the theaters tonight and if you happen to be at one of the shows, (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

CAN FIND NO TRACE OF MISSING GIRL

Police today are without a clue that would lead to locating eleven-year-old Agnes Virginia Pedigo, who has been lost since last Sunday. Her sister, Mrs. George Harris, eighteen years old, who lost little Virginia when the child was trusted out for a trip last Sunday, is under observation at the Government Hospital for the Insane.

Mrs. Harris, who was Verma Pedigo before her marriage, yesterday told Mrs. Mims C. Van Winkle, head of the women's bureau, police department, that she had put Virginia on a District line car, Sunday night and instructed the conductor to let her off at her home in Seat Pleasant. None of the conductors on that run know anything of such an occurrence.

Mrs. Harris came to Washington Sunday, and Virginia was allowed to come with her at the older girl's request. When they had not returned at nightfall the police were notified. Mrs. Harris was located at Glen Echo Park Wednesday evening, but was unable to furnish a clue that would lead to the finding of her little sister.

HE CUT OF HER SKIRT. BOSTON, May 24.—"I couldn't find the combination to unhook it, so I cut it off," testified Harry Mitchell in court, telling about how he compelled his wife to stay at home by cutting off her skirt.

S. S. VIRGINIA DESTROYED IN CHESAPEAKE, LOSS OF LIFE IS REPORTED

By VICTOR C. OLMSTEAD. (Staff Correspondent.)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., May 24.—The Bay Line steamer Virginia, loaded with passengers and freight, bound from Baltimore to Norfolk, burned to the water's edge just inside the mouth of Chesapeake Bay at 1:30 this morning, while three ships stood by powerless to help and more than 100 terrified passengers rotted from their sleep by the flames, leaped into the bay without waiting for lifeboats to be manned.

Scores did not even don life preservers, and it is feared many of them were lost. The Virginia was not equipped with wireless and the blaze which destroyed her, was her only means of signaling for help.

Ships Steam To Rescue. Two sister Bay Line ships of the Virginia, and the Southland of the Norfolk and Washington line saw the flames and steamed to the rescue. Scores of persons struggling in the water were picked up, many of them women and practically all in their night clothes.

Saving or even helping, the vessel itself was impossible. The flames had almost reached the water line when the rescues ships arrived. The latter remained on the scene half an hour playing searchlights on the water for possible passengers. The Southland's searchlight picked up a lifeboat, oars all in place, but empty. What happened to those who manned it is not known.

Three Lifeboats Capsized. Three lifeboats engaged in the work of rescue are reported to have capsized as the boats from the Virginia were on their way to the Florida, a sister ship of the Virginia. All the passengers were asleep when at 12:30 a. m. the clanging of the gong aroused the sleepers and made them aware that the ship was afloat. Few had time to put on any clothing worth while, and rushed about the ship making every possible effort to get to a place of safety.

With the arrival of the Florida, which began to land the survivors shortly before noon, it was reported that eleven lives had been lost.

One of the first passengers to step ashore from the Florida was A. C. Johnson, 324 Herald avenue, Richmond Hill, New York. The fire, according to Mr. Johnson, was aft, and it was soon seen that the situation appeared hopeless of extinguishing the flames. Everybody lost all their personal belongings, Mr. Johnson said.

The rescued are being brought to Baltimore on the Florida. The city of Norfolk and the City of Annapolis, steamers of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Richmond line, plying on the same route as the Virginia, stood by for a time, but the Florida was able to take care of the situation. Marshal of Police Carter ordered all of the police ambulances, and the various hospitals sent their ambulances to pier 10, where the survivors will be landed from the Florida.

All American combat divisions, except regular army units, will have sailed from France by June 12, General March announced today.

ALL BUT REGULARS SAIL BY JUNE 12

The War Department, March stated, will be able to make some announcement regarding return of all American forces as soon as the peace treaty is signed and the Paris conference decides troops are no longer needed.