

A. MITCHELL PALMER DECLARES WARFARE ON PROFITEERS AND RED AGITATORS, HELD EQUAL MENACE

Attorney General of United States Attempts Defense of Democratic Administration and Tells of Problems Now Facing Country—Domestic More Dangerous Than Aliens, He Claims Trouble-Makers

Topeka, Kans., Feb. 24.—The profiteer was classed with the anarchist and the alien agitator as one of America's principal enemies by A. Mitchell Palmer, attorney general of the United States, in addressing the Kansas Democratic club here.

In part Mr. Palmer said: "Foremost amongst the problems which call for prompt and wise solution is that which the French call the 'cost of life' and which we in America have come to know as the 'cost of living'. The pressure upon men for means wherewith to bring to themselves and their families the comforts which the American standard of living requires, has created discontent amongst a large body of our people which is responsible for many other problems of the day. The relations between money and labor in industry have been strained by this pressure and call for readjustment. These strained relations have in turn offered excuse for dangerous agitators to advise and pursue the short cut to reform through physical force and violence, so that the peace and order of the country have been seriously disturbed.

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"The campaign against the high cost of living has not been unsuccessful. While no general level of prices to the consumer has been reached, there has been in many lines a marked tendency toward such a level. Last summer indications pointed to ever-mounting prices in all lines of commodities and it seemed to be certain that during the period of scant production when prices always are higher, there would be a distressing increase in the general cost of living, but the increase during the winter has been less than in any previous winter for any years and I think it may be stated with confidence that the peak has been reached and passed. How much the activities of the government had to do with this will doubtless always be a matter for debate, but the fact remains that such laws as we have had have been vigorously enforced with the purpose of controlling as far as possible the artificial increase of prices.

Profiteers have been caught and punished in nearly every state and in almost every line of trade. Great quantities of hoarded commodities have been released into the natural channels of commerce. Untold numbers of men have been deterred by this action from hoarding the necessities of life and from charging unjust and unreasonable profits. Competition has been restored by the entering of decrees under the Sherman anti-trust law; while co-operation has been maintained with nearly all the states in efforts, through fair price committees and other agencies, to check the upward tendency in the prices of all necessary commodities.

"It may not be improper, in this connection, to mention a single instance where the government, by urgent insistence, has brought about a decree which is designed to restore freedom of competition and increase the opportunities for individual initiative in business, which must in time bear good fruits for the public welfare. I refer to the packers' case.

CLASS WARFARE

"One of the most serious afterwar problems is that which is involved in what may be called the ultra-radical class war movement in America. In other parts of the world, men have had the same desire which has stirred the hearts of men here—the desire for fuller liberty and more abundant opportunity. The difference is that in those countries the desire has been rigorously suppressed. In many of them it has remained almost inarticulate through all the centuries. This long-suppressed repression brought the inevitable explosion; the people resorted to force to bring a new day in government and industry, a day whose dawn did not at first break bright and clear. The result has been far from the hopes of those responsible for the new conditions, but it may be that time and a return to something like orderly processes, coupled with an apparent sympathetic understanding on the part of a larger mass of the people, will eventually bring peace and happiness and a very much larger share of freedom to the peoples of the old world. The mistake which seems to have been made by many who have come here recently from other parts of the world and who have not yet breathed deeply the spirit of our institutions, is this:—They affect to believe that the general movement for better conditions of life in other parts of the world must have its counterpart in method in this new world. They have been forced to live under conditions that have made them believe that government is synonymous with tyranny. In accordance with every precedent of history, having shaken off autocracy in government and industry in the old world, they promptly went to the other extreme and established an autocracy of their own. The dictatorship of the proletariat in Russia is as menacing to freedom as was the autocracy of

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ISSUES VOTERS WILL CONSIDER MARCH 16 MANY

Four Constitutional Amendments and Several Important Laws Up

Four constitutional amendments and four proposed initiatory laws will be voted on at the state presidential primary March 16.

The constitutional amendments are for the recall of public officers, permitting the leasing of coal lands for agricultural purposes, permitting municipalities to issue bonds on revenue producing utilities, and to reduce the period of residence to qualify a voter from six months to three in the county and from ninety days to thirty in the precinct.

Proposed laws are: Repeal of the anti-Sunday baseball law, repeal of the anti-cigarette and establishment of a license system; creation of a state boxing system and operation of theatres on Sunday.

If approved the amendments and laws would become effective immediately.

WILCOX DENIES THAT JOHNSON CAN WITHDRAW

Charges Nonpartisan League With Attempt to Make Political Capital

In an alleged attempt to make political capital out of the resolutions introduced at the February 17 convention at Bismarck asking presidential candidates to sidestep the primary and leave their fortunes to the delegates, league leaders are said to have circulated a story that the name of Senator Hiram W. Johnson has been withdrawn by his campaign committee, contrary to his wishes, and that it will be necessary to have new petitions signed and filed to put him on the ballot.

COULD NOT WITHDRAW

R. Selden Wilcox, state manager, denied today that Senator Johnson's name had been withdrawn and furthermore declared that in accordance with a ruling of the state supreme court in the Hurtless case his name after it had been filed with the secretary of state could not have been withdrawn.

State headquarters have been opened in the Dahl building, on Main street, opposite the Northern Pacific depot.

NO ALLIANCE

"No political clique is going to run off with the Johnson campaign," declared Wilcox today. "He has absolutely refused to make any alliances or deals and no attempt has been made to secure any endorsements. On the contrary the Johnson campaign committee whenever it has been consulted has opposed any and all endorsements by conventions and conferences.

HAS PLATFORM

"The Johnson campaign all over the country is being made on the same basis. Senator Johnson is not a candidate without a program or a platform. He has both and very definite ones and he is making his appeal solely on them. He is glad to have the support of every man who sincerely agrees with him and will help if elected in putting through his expressed wishes."

Mr. Wilcox made the following announcement regarding the coming visit of Senator Johnson to North Dakota.

METINGS PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Johnson will enter North Dakota on Wednesday at Grand Forks, where he will be met by a reception committee headed by Mayor Wheeler, who will extend to him an official welcome. The commercial club of Grand Forks will give a banquet in his honor at 6 o'clock at the club rooms. Mayor Wheeler will preside at the meeting which will be held in the Auditorium.

O'HARE TO PRESIDE

Bismarck will also give the senator a rousing reception. City officials will sit on the platform, and he will be introduced by H. P. O'Hare, city attorney, who will welcome him for the city and the Missouri Slope.

All arrangements at Devils Lake, where he will make a short stop between trains, are being made by the Commercial club.

Arrangements have not been completed yet for the meetings at Fargo and Minot, but his welcome in both these cities will be of the same official nature.

'ALL-REPUBLICAN' STATE COMMITTEE MEETS TOMORROW

Grand Forks, Feb. 24.—The "all-republican" state central committee formed at the state convention in Bismarck on February 17, when Nonpartisan League members were eliminated, will hold an organization meeting here tomorrow.

Minnesota Fish Smothered to Death

Winona, Minn., Feb. 24.—Great numbers of fish are being smothered to death in Lake Winona and other waters of this region this winter because of the unusual thickness of the ice. Game wardens are cutting artificial air-holes, while others are cutting holes and spearing quantities of pickerel and bull heads as they come up for air.

LEMKE EXTENDS INVITATIONS TO RED RIVER CLAN

Members of Central Committee Who Read Him Out Asked to Meet

OUT OF STATE POLITICS

League Head of G. O. P. Organization Says Dakota Issues Are Nix

There's to be nothing exclusive about William Lemke's republican party in Bismarck next Friday. Jerry Bacon, Norma Black, Treadwell Twichell, Joe Lee and the two other republican members of the republican state central committee who signed the call for the republican convention held in Bismarck last week and who read Chairman William Lemke and some 26 associates out of the republican state central committee have been extended a special invitation to attend, Mr. Lemke announced here last night.

"I expect every one of the 49 members of the republican state central committee," said Mr. Lemke. "They've all been invited, and there's no reason why any of them should stay away—not even the seven who called last week's convention."

Mr. Lemke stated very positively that the meeting of the republican state central committee which is to be held to order at 2 o'clock next Friday afternoon in the capitol city was proclaimed by himself as chairman only after he had received hundreds of requests, from republicans in all parts of the state, who desired an opportunity "to express their sentiments," said Mr. Lemke.

NO STATE ISSUES

"No state issues are involved at the present time," said Mr. Lemke when asked whether state affairs would be discussed. He was not positive that Friday's meeting of the state central committee would be open to the public, nor had he completed arrangements for a meeting place. "I've spent a very peaceful, quiet day," said the storm center of North Dakota politics. The chairman showed no great excitement over the impending meeting. He declared himself merely an executive agent, acting at the request of members of the organization which he represents, and he manifested no particular personal interest in the call or its result. It is anticipated, however, that some matters of real interest will develop in the meeting itself. The state central committee is dominated by Nonpartisan leaguers, representatives of that faction which met at Hillsboro last week and endorsed a ticket of presidential electors and delegates to the national convention under the head of "progressive republicans."

SONORA WARNED IT MUST RELEASE YANK AVIATORS

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Sonora state officials have been notified by the state department to release G. L. Usher and M. L. Wolf, American army aviators, who have been held since their forced landing two weeks ago, the state department was advised today by the embassy at Mexico City.

RAZING DESERTED LODGING HOUSES PROFITABLE TASK

Butte, Mont., Feb. 24.—Deserted hotels and lodging houses, of which not a few eyecores survive here as in every Montana pioneer town, would, should the city officials give the word, be demolished in a jiffy. Workmen, faking down a shack that dated back to pioneer days, encountered a cache of \$4.50 in silver, \$22 in bills and 22 pints of fine old whiskey!

Nobody could be found who knew anything of the cache and judging from the coins, it was left there many years ago. The building itself was 25 years old. The workmen turned the money over to their foreman—and allowed him four fingers of the booze.

GEDDES DOESN'T KNOW THAT HE'S NEW AMBASSADOR

London, Feb. 24.—Sir Auckland Geddes, minister of national service and reconstruction, who is reported to have been offered the ambassadorship to the United States in succession to Viscount Grey, informed the Associated Press today that he was not "aware of the government having arrived at any decision regarding the naming of an ambassador to Washington."

LEMKE'S POW-WOW

Sub-dictator Lemke, the political chameleon of North Dakota, will star as a simon pure Republican, February 17. He naively suggests that however divergent our opinions may be on the state issues we should forget them and rally around his leadership as Republicans "just for a day."

The Tribune refuses to get unduly excited over the several species of Republicans, all struggling to be crowned as sole heirs and joint heirs of the party label in North Dakota. Primary laws have all but wiped out party distinctions. Every four years we dust off the party label and try to define Republicanism. There is always the sordid fight for control of party machinery when federal patronage lures.

Lemke Republicans will gather here this week, just as other factions met in previous weeks. Whether they will name a ticket and try to carry the principles of the "New Day" into the Chicago convention is not disclosed.

Whatever happens, Republicans opposed to the Townley-Lemke dictatorship should not waver in the determination to fight socialism, however Lemke may disguise his real political affiliations. The "esteemed" primary law affords no guaranty against anyone wrongfully appropriating the party label and machinery.

All you have to have is the votes, Mr. Lemke and his cohorts in the past have controlled the election machinery and secured the votes. It is now apparent that they do not intend to yield one iota of their authority under the law to masquerade as Republicans. Mr. Lemke, is the de jure head of the Republican party, whether the Stalwart or the Progressive wings of the Republican party like it or not.

Division in Republican ranks may result in sending a Townley-Lemke delegation to Chicago instructed for a presidential candidate either as radical as the leaguers desire, or as conservative as some others may demand. But even this result should not dampen the ardor or affect the determination of those citizens in this state who are united to wipe Townleyism from the seats of the mighty in North Dakota, to restore representative government in this state and to abolish an autocratic bureaucracy.

The conventions already held indicate that the two groups of Republicans are a unit against the spread of Bolshevism in this state and are not going to allow Lemke to split the anti-Townley forces in the vital fight before us all next June.

Let us renew our determination to combat the socialist regime at all costs. Concede the Townley-Lemke machine if necessary the empty glory of a soviet delegation to the Chicago convention which will have as much power in that body as Kate Richards O'Hare could command were she to secure a seat through some sinister manipulation.

Lay on Lemke! trot out your favorite son movement for Frazier or camouflage under the banner of Johnson, Wood, or some unknown candidate.

But the big, vital fight against what you stand for in this state will go on just as vigorously as ever. Whatever success you may gain March 16 by political chicanery and manipulation of our "esteemed" primary laws, will only redouble the opposition to your vicious propaganda. It should also serve to caution the opponents of Townleyism that only in union is there strength.

PRESIDENT REFERS RAIL BILL TO DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE BEFORE TAKING ACTION ON MOOT MEASURE

Washington, Feb. 24.—President Wilson will not act immediately on the compromise railway bill passed yesterday by the senate. It was announced at the white house today that the president had directed that the measure be referred to the department of justice as soon as it reached the white house.

The president has ten days in which to pass on the act before it can become a law without his signature. It is generally expected that he will be urged by representatives of the railway brotherhoods and of organized labor generally to veto the bill because of its wage and other labor provisions.

Union labor asks the vetoing of this section because it provides for a tripartite committee to be formed to return to the old method of negotiation and decision by representatives of the workers and the railroads.

BIG TOLL TAKEN BY IGNORANCE, SAYS EXPERT

Hundreds of Thousands of Persons Sacrificed Annually, Asserts Dr. Wood

Cleveland, O., Feb. 24.—Lives of hundreds of thousands of people are sacrificed annually and a staggering economic loss results through failure to apply scientific knowledge to the prevention of needless weakness, disease and death, said Dr. Thomas D. Wood, professor of physical education at Columbia university addressing the national council of education today. The council is composed of 129 of the leading educators of the country attending the national education convention here.

"Our schools are wasting enormous sums in trying to educate children handicapped by ill health," Dr. Wood said. "Seventy-five percent of sixteen million school children of the United States have physical defects which are most remedial."

CANADA EXPORTED MILLION CATTLE

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24.—Canada exported more than 1,000,000 cattle, 141,555 horses, 429,800 sheep and 292,347 swine during the past five years, according to figures made public by the federal department of agriculture.

It is believed that imports of cattle, particularly blooded stock, will be quite heavy for two or three years. Farmers who have amassed fortunes in the northwest provinces have been broadening their cattle holdings by obtaining costly breeders from England.

It is expected that the Prince of Wales will soon send a shipment of cattle to his ranch at Alberta.

MANITOBA LEADS IN CADET CORPS

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 24.—Manitoba led the Canadian provinces last year in the percentage of students less than 19 years of age, who enrolled as cadets for military training. Dominion statistics obtained from Ottawa, showed 1,675,391 students in schools. The total of enrolled cadets between 12 and 19 years was 60,788.

Manitoba furnished 8,631 students out of a school enrollment of 109,925 or a percentage of 7.85. British Columbia and Ontario with respective percentages of 4.98 and 3.89 were next on the list. New Brunswick was last with a percentage of 1.37.

CANADA OLYMPIC CLUB ASKS FUND OF \$15,000

Winnipeg, Man.—Manitoba stormmen who are interested in preparations for sending a Canadian team to the Olympic games at Antwerp this year, have been informed that the Canadian Olympic club has decided to ask the government for an appropriation in addition to the \$15,000 grant which is held insufficient. Walter Knox, noted Canadian athlete, will coach the track and field men. An effort is being made to obtain Joe Wright as coach of the rowing crew. Wright is at the University of Pennsylvania.

EIGHTY PER CENT OF RUSSIAN RED ARMY NOT "RED" AT ALL; MAJORITY OF OFFICERS OLD-TIME CZARISTS

REBELLION IN NORTH COUNTRY QUIETER TODAY

Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer On Way With His Army

Marquette, Mich., Feb. 24.—H. B. Hatch, U. S. commissioner, today refused to issue federal warrants for the arrest of six Iron county officials charged with conspiracy to obstruct the prohibition law. Hatch declared he could not act without the approval of District Attorney Walker, at Grand Rapids, Mich. Federal Judge Sessions or Attorney General Palmer.

Major Dalrymple, federal prohibition administrator for the central states, who demanded the warrants, notified Hatch that unless telegraphic authority to issue the warrants was received from District Attorney Walker by 2 p. m. he would proceed with his deputies and state constabulary to Iron River and make the arrests without warrants.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—The liquor rebellion in Iron county, upper peninsula of Michigan today apparently had subsided in the face of the approach of Major Dalrymple, federal prohibition officer, and a picked force of eighteen armed assistants.

Major Dalrymple said he was cloaked with full permission to handle the situation in his own way. He announced he would clean up the county, arrest the state, county and Iron River city officials who had interfered on February 18 in the seizure of contraband wine, "or give up my job."

Indications last night were that Major Dalrymple's force would meet no opposition, but he left Chicago prepared to cope with the situation.

Y. W. C. A. STILL CONTINUES WAR WORK IN GOTHAM

Aid on Military Scale Extended to Girl Workers of Metropolis

New York, Feb. 24.—Assistance to girl workers in solving housing problems and in finding recreation is to be continued by the Young Women's Christian association on a war scale. It is announced in the annual report of the association's war work committee.

The safeguarding of health and the maintenance of morale of girls in industrial centers have become part of the reconstruction program.

Six new centers have recently been opened in isolated regions where special industrial problems for women must be met—in mill villages of the South, mining towns of Ohio and West Virginia and among canning and fish packing industries of the Pacific coast.

Service centers have been opened in eight cities with large industrial populations—Richmond, Va., New Orleans, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Pittsburgh, Worcester, Mass., St. Louis and Chicago. In the last 15 months 200,000 girls have enrolled in these cities as members of industrial clubs or have been assisted in housing, cafeteria service, education and recreation.

Particular attention is being given to the women's housing problem in Washington, where during the war 100,000 women were employed. The number has already increased to 107,000 and seems likely to be 125,000 before the year is over because of the additional force required for the census. A large recreation building and a hotel for 400 girls are planned.

Work for negro girls is under way in the ten domestic fields of the association. Assistance to foreign-born women is being given by 51 international institute centers, with workers speaking 35 languages. The work is in line with that done in the war, such as translation, home service, for families of soldiers, and allying of rumors that caused excitement among foreigners who did not understand the true conditions. Work for foreigners in small industrial towns and agricultural communities is under way in four states.

Describing the war work of the council, the reports tells of 24 vacation camps in 29 states where 29,000 girl workers obtained rest and recreation. Lectures on social hygiene were given in communities surrounding cantonments to a total of 1,563,393 women and girls. Dormitories were built for girl workers connected with a number of cantonments.

The association maintained 124 hostess houses in this city for women relatives or friends who were visiting soldier and sailor at camps or shore stations. Many hostess houses acted as hospitals during the influenza epidemic.

Soviet Forces Opposed to Bolshevik Rule, Declared Correspondent of American Paper, Recently Returned From Lenin's Country—Allies Refuse Overtures Until Convinced That Horrors Have Come to End

Amsterdam, Feb. 24.—About eighty percent of the red army in Russia is not "red at all, but is neutral, according to the staff correspondent of the Handelsblad, G. Nylens, who has just returned from an extended tour of soviet Russia.

He says about 60 percent of the officers, who are largely drawn from the trained military men of the old ruling class, are of czarist inclination. This leaves only about twenty percent of the men and forty percent of the officers thoroughly attached to the Bolshevik regime, the rest being neutral or czarist.

ALLIES REJECT OVERTURES

London, Feb. 24.—The allies will decline to deal with soviet Russia until "they have arrived at the conviction that the Bolshevik horrors have come to an end" it was announced after a meeting of the allied supreme council today.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS OFF

The decision of the supreme council, it was recognized, precludes diplomatic relations between the allied governments and the Moscow administration. The council expressed itself as pleased that the international labor bureau had decided to send a delegation to Russia to study conditions.

The council declared it could not assume the responsibility of advising the border states to continue war against the Bolsheviks. If the Bolshevik attack within the territory of the border states, however, the allies promise every possible support.

FEW HURT AT MURANSK

Christiania, Norway, Feb. 24.—Refugees arriving at Vardo state the Bolshevik forces which captured Muransk numbered only 5,000 and the losses on both sides were slight. Two Russian steamers and several small boats escaped with refugees, one of the steamers being struck by shrapnel.

SOVIETS GRAB NAVY

London, Feb. 24.—The capture of ice-breaking and other naval craft by the red forces which are overrunning the Archangel and Muransk sections of Russia is reported in a soviet communication today.

COURT ENJOINS SHIPPING BOARD ON BOAT SALES

Injunction Will Prevent Disposal of Thirty German Liners

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Associate Justice Bailey of the district supreme court today signed a formal order of injunction against the shipping board to prevent the sale of thirty former German liners. The court consented to the request of the shipping board that the ship Suwnee which has been sold for \$2,900,000 be excluded from the order of the injunction.

No notification of an appeal was given by counsel for the shipping board, but it was said that a special appeal may be taken later.

BURLEIGH COUNTY LEAGUERS ACTIVE IN STATE MEETING

Burleigh county leaguers were well represented in the committee which made arrangements for the "progressive republican" convention which met informally at Hillsboro last week and endorsed North Dakota's third slate of presidential electors and delegates to the national convention.

William Meyers, a prominent Nonpartisan league organizer, and C. A. Swanson, a member of the Burleigh county commission, both of Driscoll, collaborated with P. W. Wood of Deering a member of the executive committee of the National Nonpartisan League in arranging the Hillsboro gathering.

Mr. Meyers is still understood to be an active candidate for the league endorsement for sheriff of Burleigh county in opposition to Sheriff Rollin Welch who is completing his first term and is expected to seek reelection.

ENGLISH POUND DECLINES AGAIN

New York, N. Y., Feb. 24.—Demand bills for the English pound sterling dropped 4 1/2 cents here today, opening at \$36.24.