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NEWS STEW SOLDIER AND

Shocking 'Slum' Conditions Here, Says U.S. Officer

Unless rental agents learn to establish fair rents, they will sooner or later find their business regulated by legislative action. This was the warning and prediction sounded by Howard G. Cosgrove, chairman of the United States Fair Rentals commission, in an exhaustive personal report issued Tuesday.

Legislative action should also be taken immediately to eliminate the professional lodging house speculator, he urges.

Created to protect shipyard workers from profiteering landlords, this body has lowered rents in 161 cases, while in only 25 instances did the commission find itself justified in sustaining increases asked. Cosgrove also points out the unfairness of many places for the habitations, and urges that these shacks be torn down.

Commission Observations
A few extracts from the report follow:

"Rental agencies of the city should take notice that thru competition the owners of properties are forcing them to place exorbitant and improper rentals upon the properties handled by them. The agencies know what is a proper rental and they ought to agree among themselves that they will not accept the inflated rents which are being demanded in excess of what they deem to be a fair and proper rental. Unless this is done, I predict that sooner or later the rental agencies will find their business regulated by legislative action."

Tear Down Shacks
"Proper methods of accounting should be followed in the handling of these properties.
"The shacks should be torn down and the city or state should prohibit the further building of them. A method should be devised to aid the man of little means to live in proper quarters. It is impossible to expect families living in shacks, such as we have visited, to either remain or become good citizens.
"The legislature of the state should pass legislation designed to eliminate the professional lodging house speculator."

Live Under Street
"People have been found living in quarters below the street level, without adequate light or sanitation, and reports of these have been made to the city health officials.
"The commission, upon complaint, discovered what was called a hotel annex. It was a large basement on a building built back from the street, over a ravine, which ravine, in the summer, is the home of many thousand happy, mirthful frogs. To enter the basement, one descended from street level and followed along the wall of the building, and entered around the lobby, and entered the bottom of the ravine. A large basement had a little area, which seemed to be used as a hotel lobby.
"There was the usual counter and key rack, also a small table covered with ancient papers and magazines. Around the lobby were the hotel rooms. These were built in this basement room by making thin board partitions, inclosing small stalls just large enough for a cot bed and a chair. There was not enough room in any of these stalls for the usual operation of a bed. The cot was set and chair be first removed. Over each of these rooms ran a ceiling of

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Troops Enter Strasbourg Between Rows of Gaily-Dressed Girls

BY FRANK J. TAYLOR
(United Press Correspondent)
STRASSBURG, Nov. 25.—(Night)—French infantry divisions are taking over Alsatian towns controlled by German soldiers. They are handling the situation in a most creditable manner, restoring order, providing food for the people, and caring for refugees.

The Alsatians are delighted with the French ideas of constructive operation. Dances, concerts, fetes and the intermingling of soldiers and civilians are accomplishing more in the way of maintaining order than the German "verboten" signs ever did.

The formal entry of French military into Strasbourg today, following the actual occupation of French troops yesterday, was enthusiastically hailed by the population.

Marshal Pétain was accompanied by Gen. Castellanos and Gen. (Dagoberto) Diaz, African colonials, who were welcomed and paraded between two long lines of brightly costumed Alsatian girls, drawn up in front of the famous Ninth Century cathedral.

Martial exercises were held and the Marseillaise sung before the city. A week spent with the victorious French armies of occupation in Alsace-Lorraine has provided me with convincing evidence that the people almost unanimously are French at heart. This despite the fact that for nearly 50 years they have been under German control and for the last four years forbidden to use a single word of French.

The few remaining Germans are rapidly leaving Alsace. They are entirely out of Lorraine.

PERU NEAR WAR BREAK WITH CHILE

Hostilities Between South American Countries Appear Possibility

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—Hostilities between Chile and Peru appear to be a possibility.

Peru has withdrawn her consular agents from Chile, as the result of popular demonstrations, resulting from a revival of the dispute over the provinces of Tacna and Arica, which Chile took from Peru in 1883. As Peru has no minister in Chile, withdrawal of her consuls constitutes a break in diplomatic relations.

It is believed here today that the United States, or one of the South American nations will offer to mediate the difficulty, so as to avoid actual warfare. It was also regarded as a possibility that Peru and Chile would carry their disputes to the peace congress, on the theory that a league of nations would require settlement of such matters.

When Peru ceded Tacna and Arica to Chile at the end of the four years' war, in which Peru and Bolivia were completely defeated by Chile, a plebiscite was to be held at the end of ten years to decide the ultimate disposition of the provinces.

The plebiscite has never taken place, and Tacna and Arica have been the Alsace-Lorraine of South American politics ever since.

Chile vies with Argentina and Brazil for power and influence in South America. It has an area of 239,329 square miles, and a population of 3,641,477.

Its regular army totals about 20,000, but it has a national militia in which all able-bodied men between 18 and 45 are liable for service.

Its navy consists of one old battleship, two armored cruisers, four protected cruisers, ten torpedo boats and two destroyers, six torpedo boats and a mine layer.

The fleet of such a configuration would be certain to sweep to adjoining nations. Hence there is the strongest urge upon this government to act promptly in putting them out now.

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Peace of World Now Threatened by the Bolsheviks

DISPATCH FROM ROBERT J. BENDER
(By United Press Leased Wire, Direct to The Star)

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The eyes of the world today are on German soldiers returning home.

Whether they aid in restoring an orderly regime or yield to the anarchistic pleadings of Dr. Karl Liebknecht, Germany's Lenin, will determine if the empire is to gain its feet or join with Russia in chaos and crime.

Fear is expressed here that the German troops, returning to barren cupboards in war-broken homes, will fall prey to the doctrines of Liebknecht. He, like Lenin, has taken a stand against not only the imperialism of Germany, but has threatened the allied world as well.

With Germany in the control of the Bolsheviks, a great portion of Europe would be in the hands of anarchy. The problem is one of giving civilized government today the most solemn thought and worry.

The latest appeal of the German government, protesting against demobilization of the German armies, is held to indicate that the government is counting on these troops to assist in establishing a military dictatorship which might squelch the present upheaval.

As to allied aid, no definite conclusions have been reached. It is certain, however, if Bolshevism gains the ascendancy in Germany, the allied armies will be the only immediate means of combatting its spread into other countries.

The allies might throw an armed cordon around Germany or occupy her leading cities to assist in bringing order.

It was pointed out that President Wilson has always taken the stand that countries should be allowed to settle their own internal differences—as for instance, Mexico and Russia.

Threatens Entire World
But with Germany, the problem presents a threat against the peace and democratic tranquillity of the entire world. Scores of millions of people in Germany and Russia will be involved in an anarchistic uprising if Germany does not regain her balance. It is pointed out.

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Mooney Sentence of Death Is Due Within 17 Days

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 26.—Seventeen days yet to go before Tom Mooney hangs. All other developments in the Mooney case were dwarfed before that fact today.

When Mooney hangs, the Bolshevik element in America will make him his martyr and will make a building block to play to their favor over Bolshevist methods. This fact was undisputed today.

Union labor, fearing this development, is making every effort to save Mooney, altho Mooney styles himself as "labor agitator" rather than union leader.

Union leaders insist their efforts to save Mooney are based upon a desire to see justice done rather than merely to save one of their number.

Many expect Governor Stephens to act, granting a conditional pardon, a vice which would allow Mooney to other trial for murder on one of the nine indictments springing from the preparedness parade bombing, July 24, 1917.

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Grand Duchess of Luxemburg Requests Aid From President

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—President Wilson's intervention in behalf of the grand duchess of Luxemburg was sought today in a telegram from the grand duchess.

The telegram, which was received by the state department, requested that he save the duchy from the passage of German troops (probably meaning destruction committed by them) and that he protect the peace negotiations the right of Luxemburg as a small, independent free nation.

The message was referred to the Versailles council.

LONDON, Nov. 26.—The grand duchess of Luxemburg has decided to take no share in the government of her country for the present, a dispatch to the Express announced today.

School Children of America Erect Riley Monument

GREENFIELD, Ind., Nov. 26.—School children of America today honored James Whitcomb Riley when a monument to his memory was unveiled in the grounds of the Hancock county court house, a short distance from the birthplace of the poet.

Funds for the erection of the monument were contributed by school children in all parts of the nation.

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SAYS GERMANS TOO LISTLESS IN DEMOCRACY

J. W. T. Mason
written for the United Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 26.—Germany's adoption of the soviet form of government shows no more evidence of being the outcome of true revolutionary spirit than the camouflaged democratic ministry of Chancellor Ebert.

Germany appears to be too weary to do any real thinking about democratic regeneration.

The mechanical substitution of the soviet administration for the previous authority of the Ebert ministry has more than characteristic impersonal problem in mathematics than a vital human experiment.

True conversion to democracy is yet to come to Germany. It is impossible to believe that a sincere change from militaristic ambitions to the pure ideals of freedom can be made by a nation in so spiritless a fashion.

The Germans are evidencing no more than a theoretical revolution. They are suspiciously testing various experiments in democracy, without giving heartfelt support to the basic democratic principles.

It is the most extraordinary procedure in government juggling the world has ever seen.

Oh, Say, Kiddies! Just Listen to Old Santa

Oh, say, kiddies! When old Santa Claus gets busy around Christmas, delivering all the thousands of presents for the "service" boys and girls of Seattle and vicinity, gosh! Won't he have a pack, too?

Mrs. A. S. Taylor, vice chairman of the Red Cross Christmas tree committee, got old Santa on the phone yesterday.

"Did you get enough Christmas presents for the kiddies whose dads and uncles are Uncle Sam's soldiers and sailors?" she asked.

"Yep," said Santa. "I've already put away 5,000 dolls and toys for them. And if there are more kiddies I'll bundle along right this minute and get some more presents."

So it's up to the little boys and little girls to be sure and get cards of admission to the army on Christmas day. You can get these cards by writing to the Red Cross headquarters, 315 University st., or you may apply by mail to that address.

Government Is Keeping Close Tab on Mooney

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The American government is keeping close watch on disturbances growing out of meetings convened to protest against the death sentence of Thomas J. Mooney.

While officials expressed no great concern over the situation, the riot precipitated in New York last night when soldiers and sailors attacked officials after a meeting there caused some uneasiness here.

Officials view the general spirit in the country as a natural outgrowth of the war. As a result, steps will be taken shortly, to remove, in so far as possible all sources of possible irritation.

Completed with the Mooney protests for the boys will be trains, automobiles, cloaks, and a host of fascinating mechanical men.

In a word, it's going to be some party.

Chilean Congress Brands Official as 'Unpatriotic'

SANTIAGO, Chile, Nov. 26.—Second Vice President Cardenas has been officially censured by the Chilean congress as "unpatriotic" because he made a speech before that body last night, expressing the hope the differences with Peru could be settled without war.

A stormy scene resulted when Cardenas made his address. The members rose to their feet in a body and shouted "Traitor!" The meeting broke up in confusion.

The president and first vice president of congress turned in their resignations because of Cardenas' "unpatriotic" utterances.

Congress resumed later and immediately passed a resolution declaring Cardenas to be "unpatriotic and unfit to carry out the duties of his office." The vote was 63 to 1.

The members also refused to accept the resignations of the president and vice president. The Chilean foreign minister has recalled all consular agents from Peru.

Wilson Limits His European Journey to Six-Week Stay

WASHINGTON, Nov. 26.—The president, it may be stated on highest authority, will not be absent from his trip to France, including the time required for sailing to and from Europe.

Messages from every nook and corner of France, Belgium, Italy, and the British Isles are pouring into the White House urging the president to include these points in his itinerary.

One from Lord Northcliffe, declared he "must" make the journey and that his coming would be marked by the greatest ovation ever accorded a citizen or statesman.

HERBERT HOOVER REACHES FRANCE

PARIS, Nov. 26.—Herbert Hoover and his party arrived here from England this morning. He plans to confer with Col. House and Food Minister Loret.

VON BESSELER FLEES
COPENHAGEN, Nov. 26.—Gen. Von Beseler, German governor general, has fled from Poland, it was reported in dispatches received here.