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# LENINE A TRAITOR?

## FRIEND OF THE KAISER

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WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—That Nicholas Lenine, bolshevik prime minister, is deliberately attempting to deliver revolutionary Russia into the hands of the Germans, is the substance of highly important communications received in Washington today from an unquestionable but confidential source.

The communication shows also that Lenine is simultaneously trying to arouse the Russians against the "militarism of the allies."

This latest development in the ever-changing Russian turmoil is particularly significant in view of the Japanese threat in Siberia.

Believe in Trotsky. The communication received today is, in part, as follows: "Lenine takes the stand that there must be no agitation against German militarism, but that agitation should continue against the militarism of the nations at war with Germany."

"He is using every influence to have the new peace treaty terms (between Germany and the bolshevik spokesmen) obeyed in all particulars of non-interference with Germany."

In Lenine the government now sees the man behind the treachery to revolutionary Russia. In Trotsky, the foreign minister, officials here still believe, is the spirit trying to keep the revolution alive and honored.

The statement of Lenine's policy toward the invading Germans leaves no doubt here that he is playing "hand in glove" with the Teutons. It explains many things that in recent months have perplexed the allied diplomats.

There is now presented a bolshevik government divided in purposes within itself. Allied Diplomacy Blamed. At the same time, Lenine's insistence to continue agitation against the "militarism of the allies" renders even more delicate the question of Japanese interference in Siberia, and faces the allies with one of the most serious diplomatic problems of the war.

The pitiful failure of allied diplomacy in the past—including American—is now cheerfully blamed officially here for the present Russian chaos.

## CENSURE BOB LA FOLLETTE

(United Press Leased Wire.) MADISON, Wis., March 6.—The Wisconsin legislature went on record today in condemnation of U. S. Senator Robert M. La Follette's attitude with regard to the war.

By a vote of 53 to 32, the assembly this afternoon, after a 17-hour session, adopted an amendment censuring the senator. The senate adopted the resolution a week ago.

## BLIND PROSPECTOR BURNED TO DEATH

(United Press Leased Wire.) REDDING, Cal., March 6.—James M. Waller, an aged prospector, almost blind, was burned to death while alone in his cabin four miles from Redding. His remains were brought to Redding today.

## Just 5 Days Left!

Tacoma never faced a more important city election. We are to select a mayor, two other commissioners and a controller.

We are to decide, moreover, whether we shall buy the entire street car system and whether we shall authorize the construction of a great new power plant.

## Famous Irish Leader Is Claimed by Death



Famous Irish leader who has died a broken-hearted man torn between his love of Great Britain and his deep desire to see a partial home rule granted to his native sod, Ireland.

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, March 6.—John Redmond, famous Irish leader, died early today of heart disease, following an intestinal operation.

Redmond became critically ill several days ago. At that time it was announced that he was suffering from a malignant cancer. He had been the Irish Nationalist leader in the house of commons since shortly after the election to parliament in the '80's.

He was the principal factor in the home rule movement. Redmond was a forceful orator of the Rooseveltian type. It was his program to antagonize every British government, hoping to force Irish home rule thru methods approximating "insurgency."

When the war government failed to pass the home rule bill, Redmond was popularly believed to have suffered a broken heart. Yet he refused to join the Sinn Fein movement and was intensely patriotic, almost imperialistic, in his loyalty.

As a result, his popularity in Ireland waned, and recently there had been a movement in his home district to succeed him in parliament. Redmond did not want absolute independence for Ireland. He desired a government for that country similar to that of the dominion of Canada.

He had visited America several times, generally for the purpose of raising funds to push the home rule movement. His son, William Archer Redmond, was elected to parliament from East Tyrone in 1911.

Redmond's brother, Maj. William H. K. Redmond, member of parliament from Clare, was killed in action on the west front recently.

## Carline Measure Is Ready for Vote

Tacoma's intention to go into the municipal street railway business on a broad scale took a formal aspect Wednesday morning when an ordinance prepared by Judge T. L. Stiles, former city attorney, was introduced before the city council.

The ordinance provides that voters of Tacoma shall decide at the spring primary April 2 whether they want to bond the city for the purpose of "constructing, condemning, purchasing, acquiring, maintaining or operating" a general municipal street railway system.

# The Amazing Mr. Trap!

Consider for a minute the amazing case of Mr. Trap and Mr. Cot. Mr. Trap obtains a formal, legal contract to do certain work for Mr. Cot. He is to receive a certain pay. The contract is to run for a definite period. Mr. Trap agrees to do so and so for Mr. Cot, if the latter in turn will give the former a monopoly of the business.

So the bargain, well understood by both parties, is signed and sealed, and lived up to implicitly by Mr. Cot.

But after a time Mr. Trap comes to the conclusion that his profits aren't as large as he wishes and he gets sick of his own agreement.

So, he says, I'll just break the contract so far as it binds ME. But, of course, I want it to remain binding on Mr. Cot.

I will be freed of all the onerous duties I am obligated to render him. But he will have to continue to give me a monopoly of his business, and at a higher rate of pay, to boot.

Mr. Cot, not being a fool, of course won't listen to such an infamous offer.

Now suppose that Mr. Trap went to a committee of typical Tacoma business men and laid the case before them. What would they say?

They'd call him a rascal, of course, and refuse to listen to his crooked proposal.

Suppose he'd go to a committee of laboring men, or doctors, or army officers, or private soldiers, or ministers, or bartenders, or chauffeurs.

Any such committee would indignantly tell him he hadn't a foot to stand on and that if he expected Mr. Cot to be bound by his agreement, that he, Mr. Trap, must live up to his. They'd think him a yellow cur to propose such duplicity.

BUT, Tacoma people, suppose now that Mr. Trap, instead, went to a committee of nine lawyers and laid his case before them. What do you suppose THAT committee would say? Would it pass on a question of business honor as any other committee of citizens would do, or would the question of business honor at once become "an involved legal question" which might be juggled like a magician's deck of cards?

Well, for the answer to those questions, wait and see. Because the case of Mr. Trap, often known as the Tacoma Railway & Power Co., against Mr. Cot, our old friend, the City of Tacoma, is about to be heard by the supreme court.

Can a contract be smashed all to smithereens by one party and still be held binding on the other? It's an involved legal question that our nine infallible Olympia minds are about to grapple with.

## Divorce Sought By J. H. Dege

James H. Dege has filed suit in the superior court against Golda M. Dege for divorce. The plaintiff, thru his attorneys, Williamson, Williamson & Freeman, asks for an absolute divorce on the ground of incompatibility and the custody of the minor child, Carroll Kenneth Dege.

## WOMEN SCORE 90 AGAINST MEN'S 33

(United Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, March 6.—More than 90 per cent of New York City's newly enfranchised women voted in Tuesday's congressional election, returns today showed.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Spring ain't here but don't you cuss, since we have the jitney bus. Only one or two are humming. Don't you worry; keep 'em coming. Weatherman is on the square. It's "tonight and Thursday fair."

TODAY'S CLEARINGS Clearings ..... \$ 595,601.84 Balances ..... 84,490.42 Transactions ..... 1,863,708.03 sent back from occupied sections of France, according to Berlin papers reaching here today.

## State Begins Weaving Circumstantial Web About Defendant in Swayne Murder Case

(Special to The Times.) CHEHALIS, March 6.—The state today started to weave its web of circumstantial evidence in the murder trial of Oscar Main.

C. P. Lloyd of Napavine testified that a year ago he saw a shingle hatchet in the woodshed of the Main home. It is presumed the state will try to show the hatchet is not there now and may have been the one.

Robert Hodge testified that he saw Main at between 4 and 5 o'clock enter the Swayne store from the rear door. On cross examination he became badly confused and said he saw two men. He denied it was three weeks before he told anyone that the man he saw was Main.

C. P. Lloyd and his 12-year-old son said they reached Napavine from the country at 5 o'clock, saw a light in Swayne's store, went to the depot, and on returning past the store about a half an hour later, saw no light in the store.

They both saw Main at his office and saw him leave and start toward the Swayne store, they said.

Phillip Wagner and Jennings Linhart testified that at about 5:15 they saw Main coming from the direction of the Swayne store. He spoke to them, they said.

C. P. Lloyd, one of the state's chief witnesses, told of having seen a lather's hatchet of the sort the prosecution believes was used in the murder, hanging in the woodshed of Oscar Main's home at Napavine about a year ago.

"It was the only hatchet of its kind I ever have seen in Napavine," said Lloyd.

Lloyd, his 12-year-old son Paul and W. H. Jones were the witnesses in this morning's session.

Rigid Cross-Examination. In an effort to break down Lloyd's testimony of late yesterday that he and Jones had seen Main on the main street of Napavine on the afternoon of the murder, the defense put him thru a rigid cross-examination.

He stuck to his story emphatically. His son also was given a grilling examination, as he had testified that he was with his father and Jones the afternoon of the crime.

After the jury had visited the scene of the crime at Napavine yesterday afternoon five witnesses for the state were examined out of

## HANSON WINS EASY VICTORY

(United Press Leased Wire.) SEATTLE, March 6.—Ole Hanson was elected mayor of Seattle yesterday by a vote of 31,401 against James E. Bradford's total of 27,203. Hanson led in the primaries, defeating Mayor Hiram C. Gill.

Miss Anna Louise Strong, member of the school board, was recalled by a vote of 26,308 to 20,950.

It was charged that Miss Strong opposed the selective draft. She was a witness for the defense in the two trials of Hulett M. Wells, convicted of sedition.

Seattle also voted bonds to build an elevated street railway. The line will be the first of its kind in the northwest and will be part of the municipal railway system.

## DIG UP \$20 EACH FOR THE RED CROSS

(United Press Leased Wire.) LIVINGSTON, Mont., March 6.—Three men charged with disloyal remarks were not only forced to kneel in the snow and kiss the American flag, but were invited also to help the Red Cross.

The men, two of them in business here, were waited on by a committee of business men. They contributed \$20 each to the Red Cross.

## HE WAS IN ERROR

(United Press Leased Wire.) CHICAGO, March 6.—Peter Henegge thought it was oil in the gasoline can this morning when he tried to make a fire. Mrs. Henegge and four children are also in the hospital.

## KAISER GOES INTO OL' CLO'S BUSINESS

(United Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—Kaiser Wilhelm has gone into the old clothes business and his government is now commanding ing ancient suits and dresses to get the wool therein.

Also, wool mattresses are being sent back from occupied sections of France, according to Berlin transactions ..... 1,863,708.03 papers reaching here today.

## UMATILLA ASHORE ON COAST OF JAPAN

(United Press Leased Wire.) SAN FRANCISCO, March 6.—Telegrams to the Pacific Steamship Co. today brought word that the steamer Umatilla, formerly on the coastwise run, is ashore near Onboyesaki, Japan. The vessel is resting on an even keel and it is believed can be pulled off without difficulty. The Umatilla left the Sound for the Orient Feb. 12.

## Boy First Witness

The first witness to enter the box was Robert Meyers, a 16-year-old boy, who drove the delivery car for Fred Swayne in conducting the grocery business, relating how, on the evening of the murder, about 9 o'clock, Mrs. Swayne called at his home and asked that he go to the store to see why Fred did not come home. Meyers and a companion, Bob Evans, went to the store, and found Swayne's dead body.

They then hurriedly left Mrs. Swayne's home, where they told her that Fred had been hurt, about the same time calling a doctor. R. B. Patterson, a druggist, was also called.

Called Main to Go With Them. Meyers and Evans then went to Oscar Main's home and asked the latter to go with them to Swayne's store, telling him that Swayne had been hurt. On the way they met John Coulson, who accompanied the party to the scene of the tragedy.

## SAMMIES IN NEW AREA

(United Press Leased Wire.) WITH THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE, March 6.—American troops holding trenches with the French in another portion of the Lorraine front, other than the American sector, brilliantly repulsed a German raid early yesterday. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy.

This is the first announcement permitted that Americans are entrenched in this sector.

## SINK STEAMER

(United Press Leased Wire.) LONDON, March 6.—The British steamer Kenmare has been submerged, the admiralty announced today. Six persons were saved.

## TALK O' THE TIMES

Greetings, are you registered? Japan wants to invade Asia. Permit us to suggest that instead she invade Europe. She is anxious, she says, to protect Russia.

Let her protect Russia's western frontier; that's where Russia needs the most protecting.

We miss very much the old plate that, hanging in the barber shop, displayed the different types of haircut.

Also the 10-cent shaves. We will wager three pounds of sugar against two eggs that, inside of six months, one of the scrupulous, not to say diffident, Hohenzollern lads will be perched on the throne of the Romanoffs.

What is your Most Consoling Thought? Ours is that our favorite weather is never more than six months away, going or coming.

We are willing to bet five that the fellow who wrote "Keep the fellow who wrote 'Keep the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co.'s 'dry' pile ends for fireplace fuel."

To a Tacoma woman who has a son somewhere in France one of life's little irritations is the woman who reports that her son, who is inspecting munitions somewhere in Wisconsin, looks lovely in his new uniform.

## See for Yourself!

MR. ADVERTISER: After you get all thru reading the other fellows' circulation bombast, stand on any downtown corner at 5 p. m. and watch the people buy newspapers. Maybe half of them will take white editions; of those at least one-third will be Times. And the other half of the people will be carrying Pinks; those ALL are Times.