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ACCUSE COUNTY OFFICIALS

U. S. Authorities Are After Remann and Longmire

Citizens Form Law Enforcing Association!

Charges of inefficiency or wilful failure to prosecute law violators on the part of Sheriff Robert Longmire and Prosecuting Attorney Fred Remann are made today by U. S. government authorities.

As a result of this laxness, it is alleged, bootlegging and vice enterprises are gaining a dangerous hold in Pierce county territory outside of Tacoma and are tending to make conditions inside the city difficult to cope with.

In response to these charges, three steps have already been taken:

1. The secret committee of community leaders that was active in cleansing the city of the vice element at the time Camp Lewis was established has again gotten busy.
2. State officials have been asked, or are being asked, to bring the necessary pressure to force local officials to function.
3. "The Pierce County Law Enforcing Association" has been organized at a meeting of men and women at the head of Tacoma's principal commercial, civic and patriotic organizations.

The public safety department of the city and the city police are given the highest praise by the government authorities and are in nowise mixed up in what is alleged to be a conspiracy to bring about a return of lax moral conditions. Instead, it is charged, efforts have consistently been made, as a part of this conspiracy, to remove Commissioner Pettit and Police Chief Smith from their respective positions.

A political ring centering in the court house and with ramifications in the downtown business district is accused of causing the trouble. It sought, but failed to gain, control of the city hall in the recent city election, it is said.

As every Tacoma newspaper reader knows, Prosecutor Fred Remann and Sheriff Longmire have been frequently accused during their terms of office of half heartedness in prosecuting bootleggers and in bringing red-light abatement cases and of a failure to co-operate with the city police. Time and again conferences have been held between city and county authorities with this topic under consideration.

Since the military police from Camp Lewis have been organized, similar charges have been made that the county authorities would not co-operate with them. In fact, the accusations have gone further and are that the county officials even sought to block the military police in their work.

Recent startling disclosures regarding the spread of bootlegging in this county have aroused government authorities to action.

A representative of the Fosdick committee has been in Tacoma studying conditions.

Army officers have called the menace to the attention of city leaders. They demand immediate action.

The principal direction in which this action so far has led has been the organization of the Law Enforcing association, designed to be a permanent force in the community.

Its preamble reads as follows:

"We, the undersigned, in order to meet an existing demand in Pierce County, Washington, for the prevention of violations of the law in the way of illegal

AT CONFERENCE

The following Tacomans are known to have attended a recent meeting at which the Pierce County Law Enforcing association was organized:

A. B. HOWE, president Tacoma Commercial club.
ALEX. MACLEAN, retiring president Tacoma Rotary club.
W. A. LEUBENBERGER, incoming president Tacoma Rotary club.
MRS. J. P. WEYERHAEUSER, president Tacoma Red Cross chapter.
MRS. O. G. ELLIS, of State Council of Defense.
MRS. ARTHUR C. MERRILL, president Tacoma Parent-Teacher association.
JAMES MCCORMACK, merchant.
SCOTT Z. HENDERSON, special assistant attorney general.
W. F. GEIGER, superintendent of Tacoma schools.
U. E. HARMON, city attorney.
A. L. DICKSON, secretary Tacoma Central Labor council.
ROBERT M. DAVIS, attorney.
CAPT. H. G. WINSOR, commander Company F, national guard.
Certain army officers, a representative of the Fosdick commission, and others.

NOTHING WRONG, SAY ACCUSED OFFICIALS

Sheriff Longmire and Prosecuting Attorney Remann made the following statements to The Times Monday in reply to the charges against them:

Sheriff Longmire—"There is nothing wrong in the county that I know of. If there is anything wrong I have not heard of it. No complaints have come to me. Time and again I have asked the military authorities if they had any suggestions or complaints to make, and have received none."

"The dry squad, headed by Deputy Sheriff Bill Sears, has been right on the job. So far as hampering the Tacoma police in their work is concerned, we have

constantly called on the police for assistance, and I have made all the members of the city dry squad deputy sheriffs."

Prosecuting Attorney Remann—"I understand the military police have some complaint to make relative to the civil authorities. I am not informed as to what the specific complaints are. As far as we are concerned in this office, we have co-operated with them in so far as requested, I think without exception, and will continue to do so."

"Criminal investigations are not within the province of this office. It is our business to try the cases after they have been initiated."

A. F. OF L. OPENS "WIN WAR" SESSION

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ST. PAUL, Minn., June 10.—American union labor opened its "win the war" meeting today when delegates to the 33rd convention of the American Federation of Labor went into session here.

Ordinary labor troubles were buried under patriotic discussions of securing maximum production.

Loyalty to the government was the theme of the opening addresses.

There were early hints of federation politics when it was whispered Secretary Frank Morrison would be opposed for re-election.

The typographical is expected to nominate its secretary, J. W. Hayes, for the place. The elections will be held near the close of the two weeks' session.

The war must go on until Kaiserism is crushed, Samuel Gompers declared in opening the convention.

"Otherwise," said Gompers, "the light of civilization will go out forever."

Gompers' declaration was received with cheers.

"Kaiserism and the influence it represents," Gompers continued, "have managed to divide union labor in every country in the world except the United States. But labor in America is organized to fight German autocracy."

"We will give everything we have to the cause of freedom of the world, but we will not give one cent for private profit out of the war."

Gompers closed with an earnest appeal that labor in the United States and the world support the people of Russia in their present suffering.

See page 2 for A. F. of L.'s executive committee.

ROOSEVELT ILL
(United Press Leased Wire.)
ST. LOUIS, June 10.—Col. Roosevelt was slightly indisposed and remained in his room here today. It was understood he suffered from a slight erysipelas. His speech here tonight has not been cancelled.

WEATHER FORECAST:
"Much city water was wasted on the home gardens last night," remarks Tom Duff, "also much profanity." Tonight and Tuesday fair. Cooler to-night.

Detroit has asked McAdoo to take over its street railways. The town must be absolutely lacking in patriotism.

And we hope congress won't raise the taxes on wheat. If it does, the farmers and millers and bakers will raise the prices.

Whenever alarmed, reach for your war-fund check book.

"Coal is coal," a coal man writes us, and adds, "If you can't get what you want, take what you can get." We have a better plan than that. Get what you want, and if you can't get it, spend the winter on the equator.

Soldier Drinks Poison!

With the death of Sandy Ward, 29, a colored soldier from Camp Lewis, at the county hospital at 9 o'clock Monday morning, military police are seeking to learn the details of a love tragedy which led him to swallow a quantity of carbolic acid at a rooming house at 413 East 25th st.

Hortense Miller, of 224 South 23rd st., to whom was addressed a love postcard found in Ward's room, is under arrest by the military police.

Ward, a private in the 12th battalion, 116th depot brigade, went to the rooming house and rented a room at 10 o'clock Sunday night.

At the same time he asked the proprietress, Mrs. Clara Sherman, to call him at 3 o'clock Monday morning, as he wanted to return to the camp early.

Finds Him Unconscious.

When Mrs. Sherman went to call him Monday morning she found him lying unconscious on his bed, having swallowed carbolic acid.

The love message, which gave a key to the tragedy, was found written on a postcard. It said:

"I love Miss Hortense only. There is none other can answer in her place. She is the first woman I ever loved. I am 29 years old this month."

"To all readers whom it may concern: Please do not get offended at our love affair. I was merely joking with the other girl."

Perhaps Remorse.

Available information in the hands of the police led them to believe that Ward, fearing he had lost the love of the woman thru his joking flirtations with the "other girl," swallowed the poison in a frenzy of remorse.

In her cell in the city jail, 17-year-old Hortense Muller (colored), affianced sweetheart of Sandy Ward, told a Times reporter Monday in the course of an interview that Ward told her last Thursday when she visited him at the camp that he was coming in to Tacoma Sunday and would never go back.

"He was always complaining of life in the army," said Miss Muller, "and I have a letter from him in which he said, 'I would rather be dead and in heaven than in the army.'"

Find Letters.

Miss Muller told the reporter that she had only known him six weeks and met him at Mrs. Anderson's boarding house, 224 South 24th, where she is employed as chambermaid.

Miss Muller said that she was going to marry Ward as soon as she got her divorce, and this matter she said seemed to worry Ward a great deal. Hortense Muller's home is in Buckston, Iowa, where her people are ranchers.

A number of letters found in the room of Ward are being held by the military police and which are believed will disclose startling developments when the police have finished their investigations in the case.

SEEKING OPENING ON OISE

Dispatch From Henry Wood.
By United Press Leased Wire.

WITH THE FRENCH ARMIES IN THE FIELD, June 10.—The present drive on the Montdidier-Noyon front, according to military critics, constitutes the northern arm of a vast encircling project aimed against Paris.

This movement, starting from the Avre, in the region of Montdidier, and being pushed southward as far as possible toward the capital, would co-ordinate with a southern enveloping attack from Chateau Thierry, thus seeking to envelop the American and French troops between Montdidier and Chateau Thierry.

The Germans still have a minimum of about 50 unengaged divisions (600,000 men) for their present effort.

Reserves Prompt.

The determined resistance of the French, who are holding the enemy on the wings and only permitting comparatively slight progression in the center, has gained sufficient time to enable the allies—for the first time since the original drive in March—to bring up reserves before an appreciable amount of ground was lost.

The Germans began Sunday's attack with 10 divisions (120,000 men) but suffered such heavy losses they were forced to engage other divisions before night.

Foiled in their march to penetrate Oise valley from north and likewise in their more recent attack to reach the right bank of the river from the east, the Germans have launched their third attack between Montdidier and Noyon for the purpose of reaching the Oise from the west.

German staff apparently is obstinately convinced that the Oise valley offers the most likely opportunity for advancing toward Paris.

The present attack was for the purpose of linking up the Montdidier salient created by the Germans in the March offensive with the Chateau Thierry salient, created during the past three weeks' advance.

Sunday's attack, launched by Gen. von Huber, followed the same tactics which characterized the Germans' preceding offensive efforts. They made an initial gain thru a surprise attack. German infantrymen leaped to the assault in successive waves.

Despite the Huns' efforts at secrecy and their use of gas, French artillery was able to maintain a counter preparation thruout the enemy bombardment.

The desperate efforts with which the Germans launched their new assault is indicative of their realization of the absolute necessity of ending the war before America's full strength is intervened.

Owing to an extremely heavy concentration, the French were able to inflict terrific losses on the Germans from the moment the attack began.

Return To Plan Of 1914

Battle Analysis by J. W. T. Mason.
By United Press Leased Wire.

Von Hindenburg's new offensive between Montdidier and Noyon is an attempt to capture the important French communications centering at Compiègne and duplicate von Kluck's famous advance on Paris during the early weeks of the war.

Hindenburg is returning, in fact, to the original German strategy of 1914, in all its essential details.

This month's advance to the Marne is no more than a reproduction of the drive directed over the same ground in the summer of 1914 by the Saxon general, von Hausen, while the present advance toward Compiègne is a re-acceptance of the strategic policy of von Kluck.

Both von Hausen and von Kluck are now in retirement because of their failures.

Their impetuous efforts were overcome by Gen. Foch's famous counter offensive south of the Marne, and Gen. Foch now faces the same situation that confronted Marshal Joffre in August, 1914.

Even the time element is operating now, as it did then. The Germans sought in 1914 to capture Paris and so end the war in the west before Russia could develop her major offensive.

In the same manner, Hindenburg is now attempting to rush to Paris in the hope that he can end the war before America's major offensive begins.

There is this difference, however, between the situation then and now: The allies had no large force of reserves protecting the road to Paris in 1914, while Gen. Foch's principal reserve strength is at present concentrated southwest of Compiègne, where he is strongly blocking von Kluck's old pathway to the capital.

At no point south of Amiens are the allies better prepared to resist the German advance than between Montdidier and Noyon.

Every hundred yards gained by Hindenburg in this sector can only be at a cost in casualties equaling the highest slaughter of German man-power during the Picardy offensive.

Gen. Foch has a splendid railway service running into the Compiègne for the rapid movement of troops.

BRIDGE BURNS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ROSEBURG, Or., June 10.—Fire of mysterious origin destroyed 40 feet of an 80-foot bridge on the Southern Pacific railroad at Isadora, north of here.

New stringers were placed in the bridge early today and trains were moving again. San Francisco train No. 14, due at Portland at 10:30 p. m. Sunday, was four hours late leaving Isadora.

OPERATIONS LIMITED

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., June 10.—Naval operations against the submarines are being confined largely to the Maryland and Virginia districts today, in view of the fact that the U-boats apparently chose that section after their first forays off New Jersey and Delaware.

Sinking of the American steamer Pinar Del Rio, reported over Sunday, was the first case of U-boat destruction off the Atlantic shore since the Vinland was sunk Wednesday.

All naval districts have been told to report all incidents off shore and these will be carefully reviewed here for any bearing on the general situation.

NEWSPAPER QUITS

(United Press Leased Wire.)
WINNIPEG, Man., June 10.—The Evening Telegram, whose building and plant were destroyed by fire Saturday, will not resume publication. It was announced today. Hon. Robert Rogers was the principal owner.

Even Preachers Cuss

Dr. M. A. Matthews, Seattle pastor; Bill Hart, the movie star, and a dozen other public figures (Continued on Page Five.)

GERMANS' ATTACK IS SLOWING

Battle Report From Paris Today.
By United Press Leased Wire.

PARIS, June 10.—The new German drive between Montdidier and Noyon slowed down before the French resistance yesterday evening and last night, the French official communique indicated today.

Gains of about a mile were made by the enemy in the center and on the allied left wing, in comparison with the initial penetration of three miles.

Simultaneously, American and French troops advanced again northwest of Chateau Thierry, taking 250 prisoners and 30 machine guns.

"The German rush continued last evening and last night," today's communique said.

"On the left wing several violent attacks were broken up by French fire. Courcelles-Ehadelles was taken and re-taken several times, and finally was held by the French.

"On the right the French held south and east of Ville (three miles southwest of Noyon), taking 500 prisoners.

"On the center new German forces made slight progress reaching the southern outskirts of Cuvilly (eight miles southwest of Cuvilly and the same distance southwest of Ressons-Sur-Matz village) and Bellinglise chateau.

"The French finished yesterday the detail operations at Hautelatre, taking 150 prisoners.

"Between the Oureq and the Marne German attacks were repulsed east of Vinly (nine miles west and north of chateau Thierry).

"French and American forces gained ground near Busliars (seven miles west and north of Chateau Thierry), capturing 30 prisoners and 30 machine guns.

FIRING IS HEARD OFF THE COAST

(United Press Leased Wire.)
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., June 10.—Gunfire was heard off Ventner shortly after noon today. Earlier a destroyer was seen about 20 miles offshore. Nothing official could be learned here.

There is a naval target range off Cape May, and it was believed the firing may have been practice shooting by American warships.

Profanity Now Fashionable

Many Tacomans have been struck in the last few months by an undeniable fact that they have found it hard to explain yet impossible to dodge—profanity has all of a sudden become ten-fold more common than ever before.

You hear "cuss words" fall from the mouths of public speakers everywhere—women, included.

They figure in nearly every dramatic climax on the stage. Vaudeville bills are sprinkled thick with them.

Men and women who two years ago would have felt they

were selling their lips to utter an expletive now damn and consign to purgatory various and sundry Huns with never a qualm.

Audiences Like It

And from far and near comes the same report. The United States has taken to cussing.

"To hell with the Hohenzollern!" This is the crisp anathema, with which Prof. Charles Mills Gayley, head of the University of California's English department, dean of the faculties and ex-officio head of the univer-

sity's special war board, is regularly closing his patriotic addresses—just to cite one example.

Audiences, which, a few years ago, would have been shocked to hear a college dean resort to profanity, take it not complacently but with enthusiastic cheering. They are thinking just about the same thing as the professor. And so is the army.

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