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If You Believe in Retribution Here on Earth You Should Remember that You Must Pay for the Fool Things You Do as Well as Your Sins

NEW STRIKE IS ORDERED TO AID TELEGRAPHERS

Electrical Workers Instructed to Quit Monday

TO TIE UP TELEPHONES

Federation of Labor Indorses the Action—Up to Burlington to Prevent the Strike

Atlantic City, June 1.—A strike designed to cripple the telephone systems of the country will begin on Monday with the full moral support of the American Federation of Labor unless a satisfactory working agreement is reached before that time between Postmaster General Burleson and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, which numbers among its members the bulk of the union telephone operators in the United States.

By unanimous vote the reconstruction convention of the federation adopted a resolution today giving it support to the strike and providing that Samuel Gompers, president, should appoint a committee from the convention to co-operate with a committee of electrical workers, the joint committee to take up grievances with the postoffice authorities at Washington in the hope of averting the strike.

New York, June 13.—The second day of the national telegraph strike found the Western Union Company and the Postal Telegraph Company still giving full and undelayed service. In consequence the officials of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union took steps which they hope will swell the ranks of the strikers.

A strike of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, called yesterday to be effective nationally on Monday morning, union leaders in this city said yesterday would reach into every industry. They asserted that the brotherhood had a membership of 65,000 skilled workers, and that the organization's treasury had close to \$1,000,000 available for the fight. Members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union regard the strike as an aid to them in their fight with the telegraph companies. They have been anxiously awaiting the action of the electrical workers. The electrical workers said, in a statement, that the strike was a part of a general anti-foreign movement. Several warships of the Japanese "China squadron" have been hurried to Suanghai.

Shipping at Chinese ports has virtually ceased, owing to a boycott, resulting in great monetary losses to steamship companies and exporters.

NEW HEAD FOR FARM LOANS.

E. H. Thomson to Succeed L. G. Robinson as Bank President.

Springfield, June 11.—Leonard G. Robinson tendered his resignation as president of the Federal Farm Loan Bank at a meeting of the board of directors yesterday afternoon. It will take effect June 30. Mr. Robinson said that his resignation was prompted by a desire to return to New York to resume a more lucrative banking position.

E. H. Thompson, Delhi, N. Y., who has been connected with the United States department of agriculture, was elected to succeed him.

KNOX RESOLUTION TO AMEND LEAGUE TO BE REPORTED

It Would Allow Any Nation to Postpone Joining League

COMMITTEE FAVORS PLAN

Senate Will Take Up Debate On It Next Tuesday—Adoption Is Doubtful

Washington, June 12.—After full resistance by Democratic members, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee today voted to report favorably the Knox resolution calling on the Peace Conference at Paris to amend the League of Nations covenant, so as to allow any nation to postpone joining the League.

The committee struck out the fifth section, which provided that, in the event of any essentially threatening peace of the world, the United States would "consult with other powers affected, with the view to devising means for the removal of such menace," the United States entering the conflict as it did in the world war.

Later, in the Senate, Mr. Knox obtained unanimous consent to have the resolution received from the committee. This put the resolution before the Senate, which will take it up in debate next Tuesday.

Republican leaders admitted tonight that it would be extremely difficult to muster enough votes to adopt the resolution. Senator Hitchcock, Democrat of Nebraska, ranking member of the Foreign Relations Committee, predicted that the Senate would reject the resolution. The Democratic program, as understood tonight, is to filibuster, so as to block a vote before Germany signs the treaty. The Republicans admit that, if the Democrats attempt to filibuster, the resolution may be held up until too late to accomplish its object.

F. H. BABBITT IS CHIEF OF MASONIC VETERANS

M. C. Houghton Heads Knights Templar—Grand Council Elects Officers—127th Annual Convention

Burlington, June 11.—The Masonic Veterans' association held its annual meeting in the Masonic temple tonight. Fred H. Babbitt of Bellows Falls presided in the absence of the venerable chief, W. W. Jones of Windsor.

The following officers were elected: Venerable Chief, Fred H. Babbitt; first assistant venerable chief, H. H. Ross of Rutland; second assistant venerable chief, J. C. Pollard of Proctorville; treasurer, E. L. Wells of Lyndonville; secretary, J. R. Roberts of Burlington.

THE PEACE TREATY TO BE REWRITTEN AND REPRINTED

A Virtually New Document to be Presented to Germans

TO BE MADE PUBLIC SOON

British Have Made Eleventh Hour Attempt to Reopen Question of Reparations

Paris, June 13.—The peace treaty with Germany will be entirely rewritten and reprinted for incorporation into the text of the treaty. The text of the treaty as it stands is a virtually new document will be presented to the Germans.

It is understood that the new treaty will be made public on the day of its delivery or the day after. The council of four, it develops, decided that simply to attach a reply to the original document was impracticable, as important clauses would be left obscure and imperfect. Hence the decision to rewrite the document.

It was commented in peace conference circles today that this action renders obsolete the text published in the United States.

Paris, June 13.—The British have made an eleventh hour attempt to reopen the question of reparations. They have submitted proposals introducing into functions of prominent reparations commission the principal of control of raw materials, etc., furnished Germany, enabling the commission to control Germany's economic development during the period it operates.

The effort has not met with sympathetic reception by the commission to which it was referred.

HAGEN GOLF CHAMPION

Plays Off Tie With M. J. Brady at Newton, Mass.

Newton, Mass., June 12.—Walter Hagen of Oakland Hills today won the national open golf championship. Playing off a tie with M. J. Brady of Oakley, Hagen led by one stroke in 18 holes. He was around in 77; Brady in 78.

FLIERS TO "HOP OFF" TODAY

Vickers-Vimy and Handley-Page Plane Flies Both to Start

St. Johns, June 13.—Officers of the Vickers-Vimy transatlantic flight expedition announced their expectation of getting away this afternoon for Ireland. The Handley-Page transatlantic flier also expected to start at 3 p. m.

FLAG DAY EXERCISES

Local Order of Elks Will Hold Annual Exercises Sunday.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the Bennington Lodge B. P. O. E. will observe Flag Day at their rooms with appropriate exercises. The public is invited to the program which is as follows:

Music, "Star Spangled Banner" Orchestra

Introductory Exercises

Exalted Ruler and Officers

Prayer

Chafin

History of the Flag Bro. F. E. Howe

Songs

"O Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" Bro. Paro

Altar Service

Esquire and Officers

Song "Auld Lang Syne" Lodge

Elks' Tribute to the Flag

Bro. J. P. Mulligan

Music

Orchestra

Patriotic Address Bro. E. C. Bennett

Song, "America" Lodge

MUST RETURN UNIFORMS

Otherwise Company A Members Will Get No Discharge.

Adjutant General H. T. Johnson has instructed all company commanders of the Vermont Volunteer Militia to immediately demobilize their companies as the purpose for which this organization was established has been completed and new National Guard units will be organized under federal direction.

The instructions are that honorable discharges be given to every member as soon as the equipment for which they have received and are personally responsible for to the State has been returned to the supply sergeant and a receipt taken.

All members of Company A should arrange to bring the entire equipment to Liberty hall on Wednesday night, next, at which time this material will be checked in and receipts given.

TO HUNT ANARCHISTS

Attorney General Palmer Asks Congress for Half Million Dollars.

Washington, D. C., June 12.—Attorney General Palmer today asked Congress for \$500,000 to carry on the hunt for anarchists, bomb throwers and enemies of law and order.

REPLY PUBLIC ON MONDAY

Text of Counter-Proposals to be Published Shortly

Paris, June 13.—It is expected now that the allied reply to the German counter proposals will be made public Monday. It is also expected that the text of counter-proposals, which never has been given out, will be published shortly.

SECRET SESSION IN BERLIN

Citizens Council Favors Citizens Strike

Berlin, June 12.—A secret session of the citizens council of greater Berlin, Wednesday, declared in favor of a citizens' strike, says the Independent Socialist newspaper Die Freiheit. The attendees included a number of leading manufacturers, merchants, professional men and Prussian Minister of War Reinhardt. The chairman is quoted as declaring a strike necessary because the present government is incapable of redeeming Germany from chaos.

VERMONT SOLDIER A SUICIDE

Private Bert M. Allen of Wallingford Killed Himself at Camp Deven

Camp Deven, June 12.—Private Bert M. Allen of Wallingford, Vt., a member of a company, 58th regiment committed suicide Tuesday afternoon his body being found in a dugout near the base hospital. Private Allen had been in camp for about two months and was seeking a transfer from the infantry to the medical corps, and lack of success in this desire is thought to have been the cause of his act.

RAID ON BOLSHEVIKI HEADQUARTERS IN U. S.

Documents Were Seized and Witnesses Detained Under Guard to City Hall.

New York, June 13.—A raid on the headquarters of the so-called Russian Soviet Mission to the United States, in the World's Tower Building at 110 West Fortieth Street, yesterday afternoon by members of the State constabulary and private detectives, was the starting preliminary to the public hearing begun yesterday by the legislative joint committee created to investigate the extent and tendency of Bolshevism and other revolutionary movements in this State and to formulate preventive measures.

The State troopers were armed with a search warrant issued by City Magistrate Alexander Brough, under which they removed all letters and other documents in the files of the Soviet Mission. The prospective witnesses were conducted under a heavy guard to the City Hall, where at the moment of the raid the committee was in executive session in the room of the Board of Estimate.

BENNINGTON CO. LED STATE WITH PER CENT OF 191

Final Record in Sale of Fifth Liberty Loan

RECORD OF COUNTY TOWNS

State Chairman E. R. Morse Makes Final Report to Town Chairman Mulligan

First place in the Fifth Liberty Loan sale is awarded Bennington County in the final report of State Chairman E. R. Morse of Proctor. A copy of this report was received today by Town Chairman John P. Mulligan.

This County almost doubled its quota with subscriptions amounting to 191 per cent. Rutland county was second with 181 per cent. The order of the 14 counties in rank is as follows: Bennington, Rutland, Windham, Essex, Orange, Caledonia, Windsor, Grand Isle, Addison, Orleans, Chittenden, Washington, Lamoille, Franklin.

County	Quota	Raised
Addison	\$ 281,900	\$ 442,100
Bennington	482,100	921,450
Caledonia	723,400	956,500
Chittenden	1,600,600	1,805,100
Essex	93,500	130,850
Franklin	593,100	628,850
Grand Isle	39,700	49,950
Lamoille	282,700	302,900
Orange (west side)	178,300	228,050
Orange (east side)	186,900	241,900
Orleans	484,900	559,900
Rutland	1,409,100	2,551,750
Washington	1,148,800	1,261,700
Windham	873,400	1,023,900
Windsor	1,044,100	1,320,050
Total	\$9,515,900	\$12,634,150

ACADEMY GRADUATION

Sixteen Students Receive Diplomas at St. Francis de Sales

The graduating exercises of the St. Francis de Sales Academy will take place Sunday morning in the St. Francis de Sales church at 10 o'clock.

The class number 16 students whose names are as follows:

*Cecilia Helena Liberty, *Katherine Frances Graham, *Margaret Gladys Enright, *Mary Helen Rafferty, Charles Ineson, James Joseph Griffin, Oscar Joseph Teller, Mary Frances Lee, Kathleen Frances Murray, Alice Patricia Kearns, Irene Priscilla Pellerin, Earl Charles Harvey, Bernard Francis Ryan, Helena Rita Roy, Thomas Francis Shea, William John Casey. *Highest Honor, *High Honor.

WILL ASK FOR TROOPS

At the First Sign of Disorder in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, June 1.—Mayor Gray has served notice that at the next sign of disorder from the strikers he will ask for regular troops to quell the disturbance.

Donald MacPherson has been deposited as chief of police and the force has been reorganized with C. H. Newton as chief.

From Vancouver word came that employees of near beer factories deserted the strikers and returned to work. A cargo of mutton from Australia remains unloaded there because the longshoremen are on strike.

RACE RIOTS IN ENGLAND

One White Man Killed in Night-Long Fight

London, June 1.—Serious race riots caused by the presence of negroes brought from Africa and other parts of the world during the war as labor battalions, have occurred at several points in England and Wales recently.

The culminated in a night-long fight last night between negroes and white men at Cardiff and Barry docks. One white man was killed and numerous whites were wounded. Boarding houses in the negro quarter were stormed and one of them set on fire and others looted.

Today, negroes armed with revolvers, fired on the police in Liverpool.

CROIX DE GUERRE IS RECEIVED BY MRS. OSTERLE

Awarded Son, George J. Osterle, Killed in France

BENNINGTON VOLUNTEER PAGEANT MAIN FEATURE

Program Includes Good Baseball Game and Tournament of Athletic Sports in Afternoon

At least one Croix de Guerre has come to Bennington. It has been received by Mrs. Christine Osterle and was in recognition of the gallantry displayed by her son, First Class Private George Osterle who was killed during a raid by German soldiers on a village in France June 15, 1918.

George Osterle was among the first of the Bennington boys to enlist for the war and he was among the first, if not the first soldier to be killed in action.

Both his father, who died 15 years ago, and his mother were born in Germany, but from the very first the son had been extremely patriotic. He was the only son old enough to help to support his widowed mother and there was excess enough for him to ask for exemption. Instead, however, he declared that this was his country, that it was his duty to fight for it and he enlisted with the company I of the first Vermont. At the time of his death he was with the 1034 infantry.

Letters received from soldiers who knew George Osterle and stories told by Vermont boys who have returned from France combine to make a disconnected account of his death. The letters and the stories vary in detail and are probably not authentic in all particulars but combined with the citation from Marshal Pétain are sufficient to prove that the Bennington boy proved himself a hero on the field of battle.

The citation states that he helped to check a German raid on the village brought back from France tell how, with two companions he held a building against superior numbers, how he had alone taken several German prisoners and how he was heroically shot by a Hun officer who had surrendered at the point of the American bayonet and was being taken to the camp behind the lines. However much the personal accounts of the young soldier's death may vary the wording of the citation is explicit enough. It is as follows:

General Headquarters of the French Armies of the East Staff Personal Bureau (Decorations) Order No. 13,793 "D" (Extract)

With the approbation of the Commander in Chief of the American Expeditionary forces in France, the Marshal of France commander of the French armies of the East cities in the order of the army corps.

First class Private George Osterle, Co. 1, 103 Reg. Inf.

"Displayed unusual gallantry during an enemy raid on Xivray-Marvoisin, June 16, 1918. He defended an advance post with admirable courage and tenacity until he was killed. By his resistance he greatly contributed to breaking the enemy advance east of the village."

At General Headquarters, Feb. 24, 1912.

The Marshal, Commander in chief of the French Armies of the East For Original Extract The Lieutenant Colonel, Pétain Chief of the Personal Bureau.

The Croix de Guerre is an exceptionally artistic decoration. The cross itself made of bronze is the Maltese form backed with two straight heavy green silk ribbons with narrow stripes of red. In the center of the ribbon is a small gold star.

Private Osterle, who would have been 25 years old had he lived until last Monday, enlisted June 17, 1917, and was in the service a year when he was killed. Circumstances attend his death were particularly sad, as he was the nominal head of a family consisting of his mother, two grown-up daughters, a young daughter and a young son. At the time of his enlistment he was employed as a weaver at the Black Cat underwear factory. He was a quiet, industrious young man and respected both by his fellow workmen and his employers.

The soldier's parents came directly from Germany to Bennington. They were married here and for a time lived on River street. Later they purchased a small farm in Woodford Hollow which was sold after the death of the husband and father 15 years ago. The death of her son was a crushing blow to Mrs. Osterle from the effects of which she has not yet recovered. Although she understands and appreciates the great honor that has come to her she still deeply mourns his loss. She is also depressed because of recent illness among her children which has resulted in one operation and prospects of another.

FOURTH OF JULY TO BE OBSERVED IN BENNINGTON

Celebration Planned on Original Lines

PAGEANT MAIN FEATURE

Program Includes Good Baseball Game and Tournament of Athletic Sports in Afternoon

The Fourth of July will be observed in Bennington this year. The unusual circumstances, the ending of a great war in which America played such a prominent part, the presence in the village of many young men who had a part in the fighting and the revival of 1919 a year of years for the observance of the anniversary of the day that made us a nation.

In addition to the usual parade and the tournament of athletic sports there will be some special features of particular significance at this time.

A special meeting of the directors of the Welfare Association was held Thursday evening to make plans for the biggest and best fourth celebration that Bennington has ever put on.

Recognizing the fact that many of the towns in this vicinity were going to observe the day with some form of demonstration, it was the unanimous sentiment of the meeting that Bennington's celebration should be made of such a character and so interesting and attractive in every feature that we would not only lose none of the usual attendance, but would attract visitors from those other towns, who would be sure to come where the prospects of an entertaining spectacle and a good time were the best.

To this end, plans were made for many special features for the forenoon parade; and in the afternoon, a patriotic pageant will be the paramount attraction at the picnic in Hunt's upper grove. Miss Jacobson, supervisor of recreation, will have charge of this pageant, a line of work in which she has had extensive experience through her connection with a Chautauqua circuit in the middle west.

The theme of the pageant, "America Yesterday and Today," is appropriate to the day and the times, the costumes and dances are fetching and pretty, and with the beautiful outdoor setting, it will make a most pleasing spectacle and prove a great addition to the usual field day program.

Another drawing card will be a first class ball game. This with athletic contests and special exhibition stunts will make up an afternoon program of exceptionally fine entertainment for everybody.

RALPH BORTEL ACQUITTED

Jury Brings in Verdict of Not Guilty of Selling to Minors.

In county court at Manchester Ralph Bortel, one of the three Bennington bartenders indicted for selling liquor to minors, was acquitted yesterday. The jury was out some time and had some difficulty in reaching an agreement but in the evening brought in a verdict of not guilty.

It is understood that the trial of Thomas Meredith, the last of the three indicted bartenders is being held today.

WORCESTER WITHOUT GAS

20,000 Families Wondering How to Cook Meals.

Worcester, Mass., June 12.—Worcester is without gas for heating or lighting processes today as a result of the strike by the gas company employees on Tuesday. The supply of gas in the storage tank was exhausted at 10 o'clock today and the company officials shut off the valves that permit the supply to flow into the mains that supply the city.

Practically every industry that depends on gas for fuel has been forced to suspend operations. Nearly all the hotels and restaurants are without means of cooking and about 20,000 families that use gas ranges are also without means of cooking.

The gas company officials say they have a gang of men coming to make water gas, but it will be at least 48 hours before they will be ready to supply the city.

SCHLESWIG SEEKS LIBERTY

German-Danish Provinces Aim to Independent Republic

Copenhagen, June 11.—A movement has started in Schleswig-Holstein aiming at the creation of an independent republic. Berlin newspapers say.

The republic would be separate from Russia and would cede no territory to Denmark. P. IC "smat-w"

CROIX DE GUERRE FOR PARIS

Bestowal Will Be Attended With Much Ceremony

Paris, June 11.—Premier Clemenceau has informed the president of the City Council that he has decided to confer the Croix de Guerre with palm on the city of Paris. The bestowal of the decoration will be the occasion of a solemn ceremony.

The city of Paris already carries the Legion of Honor on its coat of arms. The addition of the Croix de Guerre will involve a slight alteration in the shields on public buildings.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

TO RENT—Two nice furnished rooms for light housekeeping, gas, electric lights, bath and all modern conveniences at 112 Pleasant street. Inquire at the Cut Price Market, North St. tel. 432-M. 251-6

TO RENT—Furnished rooms with modern conveniences in the Cutler Block. For men only. Inquire at 516 Main St. 251-6

LOST OR STRAYED—Gray and white cat from Pike's Crossing. Finder please return to James A. Fox, Pike's Crossing, or Mrs. Dix, 308 Grove St. Suitable reward for information, or return. 251-6

WANTED—Housework and housecleaning by the day. No washing. Mrs. Julie Stratton, Branch street, E. 251-6