

GERMAN ARMY READY TO ENTER RUSSIA AND PLAY GRAB GAME

Pershing Deaf to Army Probers Now in France

HEAD OF A. E. F. BALKS AT BARING SECRETS OF WAR

General's Action Branded as Contempt; Power of Congress to Compel Answer Dubious.

Sub-Committee Desired Facts of Brutal Punishment of Yanks Arrested in France.

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Army Instructor and Militia Private From Encampment Shot in Machine Gun Fire; Clash Aroused by Woman's Murder.

Knoxville, Aug. 31.—After the storming of the Knox county jail Saturday night by a mob bent on reaching Maurice Mayes, a negro arrested early in the day in connection with the murder of Mrs. Bertie Lindsey, a race riot early this morning resulted in the killing of Lieutenant James W. Payne of Providence, Ky., a regular army instructor, and Private Henderson, as a machine gun company turned its fire upon a mob of negroes.

Soldiers of the Fourth Tennessee national guard turned the machine gun on the negroes after a battle between whites and negroes in which two of the latter were killed. Four negroes fell under the machine gun fire.

Firing was continuing at 1:30 and it was impossible to tell how many had been killed or wounded. Seven men, all white, are in local hospitals, wounded, as the result of the trouble at the jail and subsequent rioting.

The guardsmen are said to have been killed by their own gun fire in mistake. All hardware stores and pawn shops have been looted to obtain arms.

Earlier Battle at Jail. Despite assurances that the prisoner had been removed to Chattanooga and inspection of the jail by three separate committees of citizens, the mob earlier in the night stormed the Knox county jail in search of Mayes, who had been spirited to Chattanooga.

In a series of fights between deputy sheriffs, police officers and militiamen and members of the mob in the jail corridors and outside the building, several men were wounded. Several national guardsmen were beaten. One man was carried away by friends unconscious and suffering from what appeared to be a serious wound on the head.

Most of the window glass in the jail was shot out; one front window and the main door were battered in, and all other exposed windows broken during the disorder.

Early in the evening, it became apparent that the deputies and policemen on duty at the jail would be unable to cope with the situation and a call was sent for troops from the Fourth Tennessee National Guard, which is holding its encampment here. Two squads rushed to the jail in a motor truck.

The disorder reached its height with their arrival, and missiles of all kinds were hurled, while fist fights were numerous and promiscuous shooting outside the jail began. The guardsmen were soon strengthened by the arrival of a full company, and it became possible then to clear the jail corridors and the yard.

Mrs. Lindsey was shot to death in her home as she was preparing to leap from a window. Her niece, who was sleeping with her, was threatened by the negro.

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SUPER-EMPIRE TO GRIND ERIN SEEN IN LEAGUE

Will Have Half World in Rebellion, Says Frank P. Walsh.

OBJECTORS CHOKED OFF IN ADOPTION, HE ASSERTS

Washington, Aug. 30.—Impassioned protests against the league of nations and demands for the rejection of the peace treaty were presented on behalf of American Irishmen, today, at a hearing before the senate foreign relations committee.

In a series of dramatic appeals which repeatedly drew cheers from the crowd jamming the committee room, the spokesmen declared the covenant sought to pronounce a death sentence on the aspirations of the Irish people and to fasten forever upon Ireland what they characterized as a yoke of British oppression, though the creating of a super government.

Among the speakers, who said they voiced the sentiments of more than 20,000,000 of Americans of Irish origin, were Frank P. Walsh of Kansas City; Michael J. Ryan, of Philadelphia; and Edward J. Duane, former governor of Illinois, members of the American commission which sought to get a hearing for Ireland at Versailles. An opening statement was made by Daniel F. Cohalan, justice of the New York supreme court, and the legal aspect of the covenant as they affect Ireland were summed up by Bourke Cockran, also of New York.

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APPOINTED COUNSEL FOR U. S. RAILWAYS



E. Marvin Underwood has been appointed general counsel for the U. S. railroad administration by Director General Hines. Underwood, who succeeds John Barton Payne, was formerly assistant attorney general. Payne became chairman of the U. S. shipping board.

MAN WHO KILLED CARMACK FOUND SLAIN IN CREEK

Murder Mystery Sequel to Shooting Former Senator in 1908.

Nashville, Aug. 30.—Robin J. Cooper, a Nashville attorney, whose trial for the killing of former United States Senator Edward W. Carmack during the celebrated pistol duel between his father, Colonel D. B. Cooper and Carmack, in 1908, attracted country-wide attention, has been murdered here under mysterious circumstances.

Cooper's body was taken from Richland creek, today, soon after his blood-stained automobile had been found on a bridge near his home in the fashionable Belle Meade park section. The skull had been crushed, but there were evidences that a violent struggle had taken place before the fatal blow was struck.

Had Just Drawn \$10,000. The coroner's inquest, late today, developed no clues to the murderer or murderers, but the police are proceeding on the theory that Cooper was lured from his home by persons determined to rob him. This theory is based upon evidence that Cooper drew \$10,000 from a bank a short time before he disappeared Thursday night.

The authorities assume that the young lawyer was lured from his home to the secluded bridge over the creek and there killed. The condition of his clothing indicated he had been dragged some distance before he was thrown into the water. Physicians said the small amount of water found in the lungs was evidence that Cooper was dead when dropped into the creek.

Pocketbook Found Empty. Mrs. Cooper, who is a daughter of Milton H. Smith, president of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, has been missing since she left Nashville, and her absence accounts for the fact that the disappearance of her husband did not become known until today.

There was no evidence that the Cooper home had been robbed after the murder, and some doubt has been expressed that the murderers could have expected that the lawyer would have any great sum on his person. His empty pocketbook was found in the bottom of the automobile.

Governor Roberts has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of the lawyer. This later was supplemented by offer of a similar amount by the family.

SPLIT IN SOCIALISTS; LID UPON DEBS BOOM DURING PARDON PLEA

Revolutionary "Lefts" Accused of Trying to Pack National Gathering and Shut Out of Hall by Police; John Reed to Organize Barred Faction Who May Merge With New Communist Party.

Chicago, Aug. 30.—A candidate for president will not be named at the national socialist convention, which opened today. Resolutions to that effect were adopted after J. Louis Engdahl, of Chicago, had proposed Eugene V. Debs, now serving a prison sentence for violation of the espionage law, for the nomination.

Seymour Stedman, temporary chairman, declared that nomination would injure Debs' chances for a pardon.

Ejection of John Reed, unrecognized bolshevik ambassador to the United States, and eighty-three other members of the left wing of the party by members of the police anarchist squad on guard duty at the convention, enlivened the credentials fight in the morning, and presaged a split that will result, either in the formation of a radical socialist party, or amalgamation with the communist party to be organized here next week.

Don't Know Which to Join. Delegates of the so-called left wing of the party were forcibly put out of the hall by policemen because Secretary Gerner said they were trying to pack the convention by seating delegates who had no credentials.

A fist fight between two delegates was used throughout the three acts. Four stalwart negroes operated the steel curtain. The actors were ordered to report at the theater at 6 p. m. Fourteen private detectives armed with stink bomb neutralizers guarded the interior of the house. A force of 50 policemen was on duty outside.

The theater obtains its light from the electric plant of a nearby hotel, and had the union engineer been called out, arrangements had been made to instantly connect the hotel with the feed wires of the Commonwealth Edison company. Had these wires been cut, the house would have been lighted with a dozen large search lights, located in the gallery and furnished with current from a score of large storage batteries.

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ACTORS TO WIN OUT UNDER OFFER MADE BY THEATER HEADS

Can Have Arbitration Contract Recognizing Any Association, Heretofore Denied.

New York, Aug. 30.—Settlement of the actors' strike within ten days, on terms which appeared on their face to be a victory for the Actors' Equity association, was predicted, tonight, by George M. Cohan.

Mr. Cohan announced the producing managers' protective association had offered a contract with an arbitration clause, providing that, in cases of dispute, the actors "may be represented before the board by any association."

The chief point of contention in the strike had been refusal of the managers to recognize the Actors' Equity.

FILM THEATER DEAL ACQUIRES 2 BUTTE MOVIE PLAYHOUSES

Strongest Amusement Co-Partnership West of Mississippi Announced at Tacoma.

Tacoma, Aug. 30.—What is said to be the largest motion picture deal consummated on the Pacific coast and declared to create the strongest amusement co-partnership west of the Mississippi river was announced here, today, by J. G. von Herberg and C. S. Jensen, of Seattle, and H. T. Moore and John S. Baker, of Tacoma.

The announcement gives out the purchase of four theaters in Tacoma; four in Seattle; seven in Portland, Oregon; one in Medford, Oregon; and two in Butte, Montana.

In addition to these 18 houses, all in active operation, the four men announced that plans are being drawn for theaters in Everett, Bremerton, and Yakima, Washington.

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RYAN DEFENDED ON SPRUCE ROAD BY ONE PROBER

Line Justified by Need and Rich Country, Says Minority Report.

Portland, Ore., Aug. 30.—In a minority report telegraphed from here, today, to Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, Representative Clarence F. Lea, democratic member of the congressional sub-committee investigating airplane production during the war, took issue with the majority report made Thursday by republican members of the committee, defended the actions of the spruce corporation in connection with the Lake Pleasant railroad and saw-mills in the state of Washington and declared that he believed criticism of John D. Ryan, former assistant secretary of war, was not justified.

"I see no reason," Representative Lea declared, "to question either the good judgment or the good motives of the government members of the committee, who acted for the men acting for the corporation in the salvaging of these properties. In my judgment, my colleagues have acted prematurely in passing judgment upon the propriety of selecting the Crescent route for the Pleasant Lake railroad."

Biased Witnesses Heard. Referring to the selection of the route for the Lake Pleasant road the report continued: "The testimony shows that General Dismé assumed responsibility for this selection and that he did so after consulting with various parties and after having the route investigated by Mr. Roberts as a disinterested engineer, connected with the Union Pacific railroad."

"The witnesses criticizing this route, have in almost, if not in every case, had financial interests, more or less adverse to the activities of the Spruce Products corporation and two or more of the severest critics of this railroad have been witnesses who had no personal information of the operations they decry, and (Continued on Page Two.)"

STRIKE CLOSES PEORIA PLANTS; CAUSES ICE AND MILK FAMINE; POLICE FOLLOW UP PARADERS

Peoria, Ill., Aug. 30.—The general strike called as a protest against a manufacturers' "blacklist" ended its second day, today, with nearly all the large factories of the city shut down, but with the teamsters and ice handlers the only local unions joining as crafts in the demonstration.

Street car service was resumed throughout the city, this morning. Patrolmen guarding car barns made 15 arrests, today, when strike pickets refused to disperse. This afternoon 2500 workmen marched through the residential district. Police accompanied the marchers.

The walkout of teamsters and ice handlers has caused a serious ice and milk shortage. Ice distributors are refusing to deliver ice and only applicants who own vehicles, hospitals and restaurants are suffering with the mass of residents.

LIMIT IGNORED BY STEEL TRUST; STRIKE DELAYS

Wilson Takes No Action, but Gompers Hopes; O.K. on 2 Walkouts.

Washington, Aug. 30.—Efforts to organize the workers in the steel industry still are being made with the hope that an amicable adjustment of their demands "may be reached before any outbreak or cessation of work shall be inaugurated." Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said, today, in a statement summarizing the work of the federation's executive council.

The council has been in session three days, considering the general labor situation over the country, but Mr. Gompers did not deal with the situation as a whole. Nor did he indicate upon what was based the hope that the controversy between the steel men and the United States Steel corporation would be adjusted without resort to a strike.

President Wilson was asked Friday to intervene, but as he has made no move, some officials believed he had declined to take a hand. Meantime the time limit set for Chairman Gary of the steel corporation to answer the men's request for a conference has expired without an answer being received.

Two Strikes Indorsed. Indorsement of two strikes—those of the cigarmakers and actors—by the federation's executive council was announced. The cigarmakers were pledged the full "moral and financial support" of the federation, which promised also to appeal to all labor and friends of labor to come to their financial and moral assistance.

As to the railroad brotherhood's plan for tripartite control of the railroads, generally known as the Plumb plan, Mr. Gompers said the council had considered this of such importance to labor, the people and the country that no action would be taken until a special committee had gathered and presented all the facts.

Regarding the Amsterdam conference of international trade unions which he attended as an American delegate, Mr. Gompers said it had voted overwhelmingly against any bolshevik principles or tendencies. The report of the American delegates he said, showed that the wave of bolshevism had receded.

No reference was made by Mr. Gompers to the president's decision not to grant general wage increase to railroad employes at this time.

3,000 FORM IN LINE AND BUY 10,000 POUNDS OF SUGAR. Minneapolis, Aug. 30.—A 10,000-pound stock of sugar held by a candy store was disposed of in one hour, this evening, to more than 3,000 persons, who formed lines several blocks long. Mayor Meyers' committee on food prices requested the sale.

Bank Burglars Get \$40,000 to \$50,000 in War Savings Samps

Clarissa, Minn., Aug. 30.—Burglars secured between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in war savings stamps and bonds from the safety deposit vault of the Clarissa State bank, last night, after cutting telephone wires, which prevented news of the robbery from becoming known outside of the town for many hours.

STINK BOMB GUARD PROTECTS THEATER AS IT BREAKS STRIKE

Chicago, Aug. 30.—String actors were successfully defied tonight by George C. Tyler, manager of "On the Hiring Line," and the management of the Blackstone theater, when the play went on before a well-filled house after a week's delay due to the ailment of stage hands, musicians and 10 posters in sympathy with the actors.

The beauty squad of choroidal pickets failed to appear outside a double-guarded playhouse. Several striking stars were there, however, and a score of labor papers, with heads proclaiming the theater unfair to organized labor. They made no attempt to do picket duty.

Extraordinary precautions have been made to give the performance without disturbance. The play was heard without music and one set of energy