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COMMUNISTS WANTED TO GET CONTROL OF LABOR UNIONS HERE

Planned To Use Organizations As Means Of Fomenting Revolution, Department Reports Show

DOCUMENTS TELLING OF EFFORTS OF RADICALS SEIZED IN THE RAIDS

Attorney General Palmer Appeals To Congress To Strengthen Hands Of Department Of Justice So As To Deal With So-called Parlor Bolsheviks; Statement Regarded With Unusual Interest By Members Of Both Houses; One Of Men Seized In Raids A American City Official; Agents Continue Work

Washington, Jan. 4.—Plans of the Communist and Communist Labor parties, against whom the great raids by government agents inaugurated Friday night, are directed, to gain control of all labor organizations as the means of fomenting revolution were revealed tonight in documents made public by the Department of Justice. Assistant Attorney General Garvan made public the documents which were seized in several cities, with the desire, he said, that the American people learn "the real purposes of these menacing groups and the nature of the poison they were spreading."

Department agents in many cities continued today the work of running down and interrogating members of the two organizations. Officials said it was distinctly surprising that each party numbered so many American citizens in its membership. The party rolls are said to carry the names of many persons well known in their respective communities as American citizens. Although there is no Federal law under which the American Communists can be dealt with, department agents were not overlooking these. Their cases will be turned over to State governments.

Two hundred and eighty persons arrested today in Detroit were added to the list of those taken into custody, which is fast approaching 4,500. Ninety-four additional arrests of aliens were reported to Mr. Garvan's office today, sending the total against whom the department believes it has "perfect cases," to 2,729. Included in the arrests reported today were: Jacksonville, 9; Grand Rapids, 16; Omaha, 11; Courtland, N. Y., 16; Woodlawn, Pa., 2; Des Moines, 15; Spokane, 10; Portland, Oregon, 9; and Toledo and Pittsburgh, 2 each, and Denver, 1.

Among those arrested in Portland was Victor Saulit, who attracted attention by his activities as a delegate to the August convention of the Communist Labor party in Chicago. In Spokane Federal agents took into custody Peter Fedorchuk, who, officials said, had been one of the most dangerous agitators with whom they had to deal in the Northwest.

ATTORNEY GENERAL APPEALS TO CONGRESS FOR A LAW TO PROSECUTE FOR A LAW TO PROSECUTE THE SO-CALLED PARLOR BOLSHEVISTS, long haired men and short-haired women, who encourage agitators and promote sedition as a pastime, Attorney General Palmer today issued an appeal to Congress for prompt action on the bill submitted by him several months ago which would strengthen the hands of Department of Justice in dealing with American citizens considered dangerous to the nation.

Coming on the heels of the most successful nation-wide raid ever made in this country on centers of radical propaganda, Mr. Palmer's statement was regarded with unusual interest by Representatives and Senators here for the re-convening of Congress tomorrow.

At least one of the men taken in the raids is a city official and numerous others are natives of this country or have taken out citizenship papers after long residence. It is those that Mr. Palmer desires to handle through the Federal courts, rather than to leave their punishment to State tribunals, and in the absence of a Federal law he is unable to do so.

Urges an Adequate Law. "In order that the Department of Jus-

SECOND RAID ON HOUSE OF MASSES IN DETROIT

Detroit, Jan. 4.—Two hundred and eighty alleged radicals were taken into custody this afternoon by Department of Justice agents and local police officers in a second raid on the "House of Masses," known as headquarters of radicals here. Today's raid brings to approximately 900 the number of alleged apostles of direct action rounded up here in the last 48 hours.

NEWSPRINT DATA WANTED BY PALMER

Attorney General Asks Trade Commission To Re-open Its Investigation Now

HIGH PRICES SOURCE OF GREAT MANY COMPLAINTS

Publishers Assert That Agreement In Settlement Of Anti-trust Suits Against Manufacturers' Association Has Not Been Complied With; Prices Fixed By Commission

Washington, Jan. 4.—The Federal Trade Commission has been asked by Attorney General Palmer to reopen its investigation of the Newspaper Manufacturers' Association members of which produce a large proportion of the paper used by American newspapers.

The Attorney General's formal request, filed yesterday and made public today, was said to have been set up by a group of complaints from newspaper publishers asserting that the agreement in settlement of the anti-trust suits against the manufacturers' association had not been complied with. This agreement primarily provided that the manufacturers observe prices fixed by the trade commission until three months after the war and that small publishers not be made victims of preferential treatment.

NOT YET "NEAR THROUGH" CHIEF FLYNN ANNOUNCES

New York, Jan. 4.—Announcement that the great nation-wide round-up of "Reds" is not "anywhere near through" was made tonight here by William J. Flynn, chief of the Department of Justice, in a brief address. "We are going to continue gathering in 'Reds,'" said Chief Flynn, "for we are not anywhere near through. We are just resting up so that we can renew our work with increased vigor."

Five hundred and fifty aliens arrested during the raids in this and neighboring cities on Friday night and Saturday were held on Ellis Island tonight for deportation proceedings. The few American citizens taken into custody and found implicated in seditious propaganda will be turned over to the State authorities for prosecution under the criminal anarchy statute.

WANTED FOR MURDER OF HIS WIFE, SURRENDERS TO SHERIFF

CONGRESS MEETS TODAY FOR LONG SESSION OF WORK

Innumerable Domestic And International Problems Await Its Attention

SENATE AGAIN TAKES UP GERMAN PEACE TREATY

Sedition Bill Comes Up In Senate Today And House Leaders Plan To Reject Re-election Certificate Of Victor Berger; Unusual Committee Activity Expected

Washington, Jan. 4.—Congress reconvenes at noon tomorrow after a fortnight's holiday with months of hard work in sight and adjournment expected by few leaders before the Presidential campaign next fall. The only recess looked for is a brief one in summer when the National party conventions are in session.

Innumerable domestic and international problems await the attention of Congress, with partisan politics of the coming Presidential election prominently to the fore. Political speeches of Presidential candidates and members of Congress up for re-election are expected to flood the congressional record.

The Senate will report tomorrow consideration of the re-election certificate of Senator Victor Berger, North Dakota, and later begin work on the House water power development measure. The Victor Berger election case is the principal feature of tomorrow's program in the House, when leaders plan to reject immediately the re-election certificate of the Milwaukee socialist, ousted in the last session and promptly re-elected.

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OFFERS DEMPSEY CHANCE TO MAKE CLEAR \$700,000

English Equestrian Man Prop. To Secure Championship Bout For London

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 4.—Charles Cochran, an English theatrical magnate who proposes to promote in London a world's championship fight between Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier, is pushing his plans. He was here on other business today and said he had sent a personal representative to Los Angeles to confer with Dempsey's manager.

Cochran has offered Dempsey a guarantee of \$200,000 to sign a contract, and says he will guarantee the championship ten weeks of theatrical engagements in England and France at \$5,000 a week.

He also said that he not only has the French champion's signature to a contract calling for \$105,000 but has advanced \$25,000 to Carpentier.

Conference on Baseball. Jacksonville, Fla., Jan. 4.—Colonel T. L. Huston, part owner of the New York American League club and Charles Comiskey of the Chicago team of the same League, held a conference here today on matters concerning the conduct of the league's affairs, the exact nature of which was not divulged. Mr. Comiskey is in Florida for a brief rest while Colonel Huston, with a party of friends, is spending a short time at Dover Hall, the Sportsman's Club of Brunswick, Ga.

NATIONAL CAPITAL RALLYING GROUND FOR PARTY

Democrat For Appointment Place

PRESIDENT TO SEND MESSAGE TO DINNERS

Leaders Of Various Magnitudes Already Arriving In Washington Although Meeting Of National Committee Doesn't Take Place Until Thursday; Five Cities Want Convention

Washington, Jan. 4.—The National Capital is to be the rallying ground during the coming week for national leaders of the Democratic party, who will choose the time and place for the 1920 national convention, talk over candidates and policies, and renew acquaintances at a Jackson Day love feast, which many of them believe will make party history of one kind or another.

Although only one day, Thursday, is set aside for the formal business of the week, leaders of various magnitudes already were arriving tonight prepared for a week of conferences and gossiping over the outlook for the presidential campaign.

Choice of the convention city and time is to be the only business directly taken up by the national committee at its meeting Thursday, but an effort probably will be made to have it reconvened at the convention nominate a President and Vice-President by majority vote in place of the two-thirds required in past years.

Five cities are in the race for the convention and talk among those members of the committee who had arrived tonight indicated that there would be no walk-away. The five are Chicago, already selected as the convention city of the Republicans, Kansas City, San Francisco, Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Cleveland. Discussion generally centers on late June or early July as the time of meeting.

Talk of changing the time-honored Democratic custom of requiring a two-thirds vote to nominate started some weeks ago at a meeting of the national committee in Atlantic City and the movement has been actively promoted in many quarters. Should the committee make such a recommendation it generally is conceded that the convention would adopt it. Only a majority is required to nominate by Republican conventions, and those advocating the change believe that such unnecessary convention work and worry could be eliminated if the Democrats made a like convention.

Speakers Not Yet Announced. The names of speakers for the Thursday night banquet had not been made public tonight but it was understood that several of those mentioned for the presidency would deliver addresses. Mr. Bryan, returning to the party councils for the first time in many months, is expected to be on the speakers' list, which will include, about a dozen names.

So great has been the demand for seats at the dinner that officials of the

SOUTHERN STATES ENJOY MUCH RAILROAD ACTIVITY

Washington, Jan. 4.—Southern states business conditions as reflected in the report of the Director General of Railroads shows marked activity with the railroads unable to meet all requirements for business and open-top cars, but with the situation improving.

Tide-water coal dumping showed a substantial decrease due to car shortage and the let-up of shipping incident to the holidays. On account of the export coal restrictions, consumption of coal West was very heavy, but arrangements have been made to issue permits for a limited tonnage of export coal.

Holiday travel, especially that of schools, was large, but military movement has now been reduced to normal. Principal lines report travel very good in the Southern region. Conditions summarized show: Continued improvement from the Birmingham district in the pig iron situation, both production and demand being heavy. Twenty-six furnaces were in blast and fifteen out.

Production and movement of phosphate rock from Florida is reported very active.

SCORES OF PEOPLE KILLED IN MEXICO IN AN EARTHQUAKE

Center Of Disturbances Believed To Have Been Near Volcano Of Orizaba

STATE OF VERA CRUZ SUFFERED MOST OF ALL

Seismic Disturbances Felt Throughout Entire Southern Republic, Causing Great Alarm In Larger Cities; Lack Of Communication Makes Estimate Of Casualties Impossible

Mexico City, Jan. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—Scores of persons have been killed in a violent earthquake which occurred in many parts of Mexico last night. The center of the disturbances is believed to have been near the volcano of Orizaba.

Incomplete press reports indicate that the state of Vera Cruz suffered more than any other section, although seismic disturbances were felt throughout the entire republic. Advice from Cordoba says that 30 dead have already been accounted for in the village of San Juan Coscomatepec, where many houses were destroyed. There are unconfirmed reports of a similar catastrophe in the village of Huasteca.

At Jalapa, further north, fifty victims of the earthquake have been counted, including numerous dead. Lack of communication with the other small towns and villages in the theatre of the disturbances makes even approximate estimates of the casualties impossible.

The earthquake caused great alarm in the large cities, marine disturbances have occurred off Vera Cruz City, and there were some casualties, too, although the number is not known, with considerable destruction of property.

From San Juan Coscomatepec it is reported that the shocks still continued Sunday.

Information received from the government observatory at Toluca shows that there were three distinct shocks, the strongest of which occurred at 9:58 o'clock Saturday evening lasted five minutes. The second, at 10:25 was very brief, but of terrific intensity and was accompanied by terrific subterranean rumblings. The third shock, at 11:01 o'clock was not discernible except by the seismograph.

The panic in the capital among the ignorant classes was indescribable. Many of the people fled from their homes and flocked to the churches. The families in the suburbs hurried to the shrines of the Virgin of Guadalupe.

From Toluca, Coscomatepec and Puebla come similar reports of panic. Slight damage was done to the poorly constructed houses of the poor people. Panic reigned in various cities and villages in the state of Vera Cruz where the people left their homes and spent the night in the streets.

DANVILLE FIRE DESTROYS HALF DOZEN BUILDINGS

Damage Of Approximately \$800,000 Caused By Conflagration In Va. City

Danville, Va., Jan. 4.—Fire which destroyed half a dozen buildings in the heart of the business section of this city and caused approximately \$800,000 damage, largely covered by insurance in the four hours it raged was subdued after a stubborn fight at 1 o'clock this morning.

Daylight revealed a vacant patch with only walls of the five story grey stone Masonic building standing and surrounding buildings scorched and windows shattered. The Dudley building, recently completed had a narrow escape with small damage. Workmen under the city engineer dynamited the tottering walls of the Masonic building today.

After the fire was brought under control a brisk north wind accompanied by snow set in and firemen were busy for some time with flying embers. The cause of the fire is a mystery. It was discovered shortly after 9 p. m. Saturday when suddenly a tongue of flame shot from the department store of the Z. V. Johnson Co. Before the flames had responded to the alarm the fire had spread with amazing rapidity to the Broadway Theatre, the Main Street Cafe, Goodie and Company's Shoe Store, Jacob's Drug Store and Parker Book Store along Main street. The building of the Danville Register and Danville Bee became endangered and employees working on the Sunday morning issue of the Register had to leave. The building, however, was only slightly damaged. So threatening were the flames that assistance of fire companies from nearby cities was asked.

In the buildings destroyed a number of professional men were housed and they were busy today looking for offices of which there is shortage in the city.

URGES RECOGNITION FOR TORPEDOED SHIP CREWS

EXPLAINS THEORY OF DISAGREEMENT

Secretary Of Navy Differentiated Between Officers On Sea And Those On Land

OFFICERS ON SHORE NOT SO DESERVING, HE SAYS

Followed Act Of Congress Authorizing Three Classes Of Medals For Men In Military Service; Reiterates Position As To Service Worthy Of Highest Rewards

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary Daniels replied today to attacks on his awards of navy decorations, in a letter to Chairman Page, of the Senate Naval committee, which with the House Naval committee probably will investigate the whole row precipitated by the refusal of Rear Admiral Sims and other officers to accept the decorations awarded to them.

The complaint of the officers was that in some instances Secretary Daniels had changed the recommendations of the official board which sat on the cases, bestowing higher decorations than the officers thought merited in some cases, and lower ones in others.

Behind reviewing the details of each case, and quoting from the findings of original boards of inquiry in the cases, Secretary Daniels explains at length the theory on which he disagreed with some of the awards as finally recommended to him. The secretary explains also how he differentiated between awards for officers who served at sea and those who served on land.

Principles of Awards. Mr. Daniels refers to his first communication to Chairman Page in which he set forth the principle that the highest distinction should be conferred upon officers and men who had come into contact with the enemy and had by courage and judgment under attack exemplified the highest traditions of the service and that the Distinguished Service Medal should be awarded only to those officers on shore duty who, in the language of the act of Congress, had distinguished themselves "by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility."

"In thus following the act of Congress authorizing three classes of medals," wrote the secretary, "honors less than the Distinguished Service Medal should be awarded to officers whose service was meritorious but not of great responsibility."

"I stated that by the service worthy of the highest distinction is that rendered in the presence of the enemy and that the distinguished service medal should be awarded to the captain of every ship struck by the mines or torpedoes of the enemy, if his conduct was meritorious in the hour that tests courage and leadership. I do not think the American people can be persuaded to accept the idea that the distinguished service medal should be given to the captain of a ship who bears himself courageously in the supreme hour for which all other hours are but preparatory, if he is lost by submarine or mine attack."

Ten commanding officers of ships torpedoes and sunk or put out of action were selected as worthy of receiving the distinguished service medal. These awards as I stated in my previous letter, were made, without exception, to every commanding officer whose ship felt the blow of the enemy except one who was court-martialed and who though fully acquitted had no recommendation from any superior officer for recognition of any character."

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"I am appending a brief statement of the cases where the distinguished service medal was awarded where ships were torpedoes or came in contact with mines and were either sunk or put out of action. A mere reading of the plain recital in each of these ten statements and the demeanor of the commanding officer will leave no room to doubt that if awards are to be given for coolness and judgment in danger, disregard of personal safety and splendid courage to any man who gave glory to the navy in the world war, they should go to these commanding officers and men under attack."

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In concluding his letter to Senator Page, Secretary Daniels said: "When we shall have forgotten the distinguished and honorable service of able and devoted officers ashore, who will worthily wear the distinguished service medal, the splendid courage of the men who met the shock of the submarine situation, and demonstrated initiative, valor and wisdom under such circumstances as landmen never know—these brave men and their deeds will remain as a living glory"

Secretary Daniels Writes Letter On Naval Awards To Chairman Of Senate Naval Affairs Committee

SERVICE IN PRESENCE OF ENEMY WORTHY OF HIGHEST DISTINCTION

Reviews Evidence By Which Meritorious Conduct Of Ten Commanding Officers Of Ships Torpedoed Was Established; Two North Carolinians Included In List Of Awards; Splendid Courage Will Remain As Living Glory To Future Naval Heroes, Navy Secretary Declares

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Washington, Jan. 4.—Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels yesterday mailed to Senator Carroll S. Page, chairman of the Senate Naval Affairs Committee, the following letter in further reply to the Senator's inquiry regarding the award of medals to men in the naval service during the war:

"In my letter of December 19, referring to distinguished service and other medals, stating the principles which should govern their award, I stated that the highest distinction should be conferred upon officers and men who had come in contact with the enemy and had by courage and judgment under attack exemplified the highest traditions of the service, and that the Distinguished Service Medal should also be awarded to officers on shore duty only to those who, in the language of the act of Congress, had distinguished themselves "by exceptionally meritorious service to the government in a duty of great responsibility."

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