

VAGUE HINTS OF GERMAN STRIKE NOT BELIEVED

Allied Officials Believe German Workers Have Definitely Abandoned the Soviet Idea.

Duisburg, March 10.—Vague hints that the workers throughout the Ruhr district of Germany would cease work in the next few days as an immediate result of the allied occupation of Duesseldorf...

The people do not intend to strike. The communist are pointing toward Russia as Germany's only salvation but the workmen already have repudiated that idea...

GARMENT TRADES ARE DISRUPTED

Boston Mass., March 10.—The garment trades of this city are disrupted by changes in the conditions of labor employment.

If statements by the manufacturers are carried out and their shops transferred as predicted there will be little left of an industry which under normal conditions employs upwards of 12,000 persons.

The United Garment Workers, an American Federation of Labor organization, has its 1,000 members at work and is not involved in the controversy, according to its leaders.

Local unions represented on the Joint Board of Cloak and Skirt Makers' Unions and affiliated with the International Ladies' Garment Workers and the American Federation of Labor declared a strike of their 2,000 members the latter part of January after the manufacturers announced that they intended to sign contracts with individual workers and not with unions.

Since this strike was called union leaders say the owners of 42 shops have signed agreements with the union and about 500 workers have returned to their machines. Strike benefits are being paid to 1,500 strikers.

Early in February some 800 members of the Journeymen Tailors' Union walked out on strike when the Custom Tailors Association refused to pay them a piece basis instead of under the weekly wage system.

N. Y. CENTRAL TO REVISE WAGE SCALE

New York, March 10.—The New York Central Railroad today announced that beginning April 15th the wages of approximately 43,000 employees in virtually all departments will be held later to agree on a new scale.

Camphor is now made from turpentine by a synthetic process.

GERMAN OCCUPATION IS VIRTUALLY COMPLETED BY THE ALLIED FORCES

Allied Military Headquarters, Nueces, March 10.—Allied forces virtually completed their occupation of the Rhine ports of the Ruhr region, all that remains to be done is the seizure of a few important villages and important cross roads. As yet the commanders of the allied forces have not arranged for a division of the occupied zone between the British, Belgian and French units gathered along the east side of the Rhine.

AMERICAN TROOPS ARE STANDING PAT

No Additional Instructions Have Been Sent to General Allen, Their Commander.

Washington, March 10.—American troops on the Rhine are "standing pat." Secretary of War Weeks said today and a similar attitude as regards the situation growing out of the occupation of additional German cities by the allies was expressed at the state department.

No additional instruction have been sent to Maj. Gen. Allen, commander of the American forces, it was said at the state department, and no inquiries had been made of the allied governments regarding the sanctions to be imposed upon Germany, which include collection of customs duties at the new line established on the Rhine and payments to the reparations commission.

IMMENSE OIL FIRE AT BROOKLYN, N. Y.

New York, March 10.—Fire broke out in the Standard Oil Company's plant in the Green point section of Brooklyn, which more than a year ago was the scene of one of the biggest oil fires in the history of the city. Four tanks are reported to have exploded, endangering others. Two alarms had been sounded by noon and ambulances were summoned. The police reserves were called from five stations. The plant is known as the Sone & Fleming works and covers a large territory. An effort to draw oil from other tanks was made when the wind seemed to be blowing toward them.

Thousands of people flocked to the scene, attracted by a heavy smoke screen which rolled down on the city.

PANAMA REFUSES WHITE AWARD

Washington, March 10.—Panama refuses to accept the White award as a basis for peace with Costa Rica, it informs the American government in a note made public by the state department today.

The note is in reply to that sent to Panama and Costa Rica Saturday by the state department demanding immediate cessation of hostilities and was made public without comment.

FIGHT LAX CENSOR.

Kansas City Women Are Opening War on Censor.

Kansas City, Mo., March 10.—Club women of Kansas City have begun a fight on lax censorship of motion pictures, which some officials of women's organizations declare is responsible for an increase in juvenile crimes and immorality.

The Chinese and Japanese in their fables regard the milky way as a stream of silvery fishes.

LEAGUE SUBJECT BEFORE U. S. PARIS OFFICIALS STATE

State Department is Silent on Paris Dispatch Saying Negotiations Are Underway.

Paris, March 10.—It was stated at the foreign office today that the negotiations were underway between the French embassy at Washington and the state department in an effort to induce President Harding to favor acceptance of a modified league of nations.

Washington, March 10.—Administrations officials today withheld comment on the matter made at the French foreign office that negotiations were underway between the French embassy here and the state department with regard to the acceptance by the United States of a modified league of nations.

This is diplomatic day at the state department and Secretary Hughes will deny himself to all callers except foreign envoys. It became known, however, that on last Tuesday he had half an hour's talk with Ambassador Jusserand just before the presentation of the diplomatic corps. Mr. Jusserand, it was understood that the visit had to do largely with the reception of the envoys.

President Harding has indicated all along that the first step in foreign affairs would come after the formation of a definite domestic reconstruction program and that nothing formal would be done until the attitude of foreign governments had been felt out through unofficial channels.

CURRITUCK MURDER CASE IN PROGRESS

Currituck, N. C., March 10.—The case of St. Clair Leward and John Wipker, two guards at a private game preserve in this county owned by Northern sportsmen, charged with murder growing out of the killing of Derwood Gallop Thanksgiving Day when Gallop and a friend were out hunting, scheduled to begin yesterday was not called for trial until today.

DR. SAWYER NOW BRIGADIER-GEN'L

Washington, March 10.—The nomination of Dr. C. E. Sawyer, of Marion, O., the President's personal physician, to be a brigadier general in the medical reserve corps of the army was confirmed by the senate today.

TARGETS FOR JACKIES

Norfolk, Va., March 9.—A ship load of targets, big, little and medium sized and made to float on the sea, has been forwarded to Guantanamo for destruction by the Jackies of the Atlantic fleet during the Spring gun practice.

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EAST SPENCER SELL SBNDTS TO ERECT SCHOOL

Town to Build a \$40,000 Building for Schools—Spencer Happenings of Interest.

Spencer, March 10.—The town of East Spencer has sold a block of \$40,000 of 20-year 5% municipal bonds to E. C. Abbott & Co., of Charlottesville, Va., a large contracting firm which recently erected a brick building here for the Peoples Bank of East Spencer.

The Rowan county road building force under Mr. Crawford Kennerly is rebuilding a culvert under Salisbury avenue near the Southern railway stock yards in Spencer and is repairing some big breaks washed in the highway some weeks ago.

Mr. Preston Leonard, a well known employe of the Spencer shops, underwent a serious operation on his head at Johns Hopkins hospital Tuesday.

The Yadin river passing Spencer is reported as being unusually low and almost clear, and local fishermen are having the best luck with the hook and line for years past.

Eugene J. Allman, the one-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Allman, residing in the A. E. Josey home near the Spencer Y. M. C. A., died Saturday following a short but severe illness.

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In Civil War at Ten Pontiac, Mich., March 10.—Relatives of H. D. Davenport are claiming for him the honor of being the youngest drummer boy in the Civil War. He entered the service of Co. H, 6th Vermont, commanded by his father, Aug. 14, 1861. He was then ten.

WILL HE LOSE HIS JOB?



Lenin leader of the soviet government is in danger of losing his job as boss of Russia, it reports from Russia are reliable.

CLARA HAMON JURY R. R. FREIGHT IS ABOUT READY NEARLY NORMAL

Both Sides Think the Jury Will Be Completed This Afternoon—Recess is Taken.

Ardmore, Okla., March 10.—When 12 men who did not disqualify themselves on the examination were seated in the jury box the defense in the trial of Clara Smith Hamon, alleged murderer of Jake L. Hamon, waived peremptory challenge.

The court room which had virtually been empty until a few minutes before the trial opened was filled with a rush before court convened and when the trial started every seat was taken and Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, accompanied by her mother and sister, entered the court room at 9 o'clock and all three took seats just behind those reserved for her counsel.

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COLOMBIAN TREATY MATTER GOES OVER

Washington, March 10.—An agreement to defer action on the Colombian treaty until the April session of congress and to vote on the treaty eight days after congress convened was reached today by the senate.

PRETROGRAD IS UNDER FIRE FROM SEVERAL POINTS

Fate of the Russian City Hanging in Balance—Whole of Russia in a State of Ferment.

London, March 10.—Reports from Russia regarding the revolution against the soviet regime continue to be obscure and conflicting. A Reuters dispatch from Helsingfors filed yesterday states that the Russian agency there has issued a statement that the fate of Petrograd was still in the balance and denies that the revolutionary troops now occupy three quarters of the city.

The dispatch says the insurgents have taken possession of part of the city which is under fire from Kronstadt and that it is also being shelled by Bolshevik batteries located at Houlkovo. Another Helsingfors dispatch states there is artillery duel fighting between the fortress of Kransoye Gorka and several armored trains and that foreign couriers have been unable to leave Petrograd.

A message to the London Times from Abo, Finland, states that the batteries of Kronstadt, the Russian naval base where the revolution began, opened fire yesterday against seven Bolshevik divisions which attacked the revolutionary forces near Oranienbaum on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Finland.

DETROIT LABOR REPRIMANDED BY

Detroit, March 10.—A reprimand by Samuel Gompers, president of the American federation of labor for what he termed "support of the Russian soviet government" by the Detroit federation of labor was followed by a vote that a representative of the local federation be sent to Moscow to attend a labor congress.

In his letter to the Detroit federation Mr. Gompers charged the matter with being "servants of the soviet government" and recommended that they occupy themselves with organizing unorganized workers instead of spreading the "doctrines of Lenin and Trotsky."

BROWN AND WIFE GO TO STATE PRISON

Deputy Sheriff Rankin and Chief of Police Kessler left this morning shortly after 6 o'clock on No. 44 for Raleigh with E. J. Brown and wife, Jessie Brown, where they are by this time beginning their sentences of 10 and four years respectively in the state penitentiary, having been sent up in the sensational diamond robbery case, which was tried at the recent term of Rowan Superior court.

It will be remembered that Brown was convicted of the larceny of about \$2,000 worth of diamonds, four rings and a wrist-watch, from Annie Farris, a young Charlotte woman, when he attacked her on the Spencer school grounds after luring her to that spot. Mrs. Brown was convicted of having received stolen goods, knowing them to have been stolen. It being alleged that she had come into possession of the diamonds.

FRIEND OF HARDING SUCCEEDS WILLIAMS

Washington, March 10.—J. R. Crissinger of Marion, Ohio, was nominated today by President Harding to be controller of the currency to succeed John S. Williams, who resigned two days before the Harding administration began. He is a lawyer and banker and life long friend of the president.