

GRAND JURY FINDS 160 INDICTMENTS AGAINST I. W. W.

Federal Authorities in Chicago Lay Bare Work of Plotters

MORE THAN TON OF EVIDENCE PRESENTED

Conspiracies to Hamper the Government in War Preparations Had German Connections—Reached Almost Every State of Union.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 28.—More than 160 leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World, engaged in the alleged conspiracy to hamper the government in carrying on the war, have been indicted by the Federal grand jury at Chicago. Indictments will be handed in to the court probably late today.

Seditious conspiracy—the crime nearest to treason within the definition of the criminal code—is charged. This offense is punishable by six years' imprisonment or \$5,000 fine, or both.

Indictments are understood to be based upon revelations brought to light in the recent country-wide seizure by Federal authorities of documents and correspondence of the Industrial Workers of the World in practically fifty towns and cities.

These documents are understood to have revealed the existence of a conspiracy, the most far-reaching in its scope of any yet unearthed, to embarrass the government in the prosecution of the war by resistance to the draft law, by fomenting labor disturbances, by burning crops and forests and in numerous other ways.

A comparatively small coterie of men is understood to have directed the entire movement.

Officials here feel that in many instances the alleged ring leaders of these anti-war activities are virtually guilty of treason, but because of the narrowed definition of treason in the criminal code and in numerous court decisions, it was thought best to ask the grand jury to find indictments on the broader charge of seditious conspiracy.

The evidence upon which the jury has acted is said to show conspiracies and plots to hamper the government in its war activities and to show connection with German sources.

The evidence laid before the grand jury, which was of such volume as actually to weigh a ton or more, is said to show a nation-wide conspiracy to hamper the government in almost every conceivable way, with ramifications into practically every State.

It concerned anti-draft demonstrations, burning of wheat fields, crippling of war industries by so-called strikes, burning of timber which the government was planning to use for airplane construction and a continuous anti-war and anti-war propaganda. Indications pointed to a group of men as prime movers in the great conspiracy with a large number of agents acting under their orders. The nation-wide raid conducted upon local Industrial Workers of the World in many cities by agents of the Department of Justice on September 5 disclosed the evidence upon which the government proceeded to act.

One feature which the investigation brought out sharply was the large—almost predominating membership of Austrians in the ranks of the Industrial Workers of the World local organizations, and also the large membership of the various races which comprise Austria-Hungary. Thousands of these men, unrestrained because the United States is not at war with Austria, Federal investigators have found, have been free to carry on whatever activities were planned.

SECRET SERVICE TO CHECK UP FOODSTUFF

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Sept. 28.—Wesley H. Westbrook, first deputy superintendent of police, is considering today an offer made him by Herbert C. Hoover, Federal food administrator, to head a secret service bureau to check up on the hoarding and wasting of food. Westbrook returned last night from Washington, where he was in conference for three days with members of Mr. Hoover's staff.

Westbrook is serving in his present capacity through a temporary appointment made by Chief of Police H. F. Schuettler.

M'ADOO ADDRESSES AMERICAN BANKERS

Urges the Importance of Keeping Every Possible Dollar For Duty.

(By Associated Press.) Atlantic City, N. J., Sept. 28.—Impressing upon the bankers the necessity for maintaining an ample gold reserve for the government's uses, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo frequently digressed from the address he read to the American Bankers' Association here today to reiterate the importance of keeping every possible dollar ready for patriotic duty.

The secretary laid particular stress on the need of Federal insurance for the soldiers.

The bankers were pleased with the news Mr. McAdoo brought from the Secretary of Agriculture that the 1917 crop will reach seventeen billions of dollars, a gain of two billions over 1916.

These figures, Mr. McAdoo said, had been estimated a few days ago by that department.

Secretary McAdoo made the recommendation that the association appoint a committee to supervise and suggest regulations as a guide to the members as to what constitutes necessary investments during the period of the war in order to conserve every available dollar for war purposes.

Vast over-subscription of the three billion dollar second Liberty loan was confidently predicted by the Secretary, calling upon the bankers to give the same patriotic support to the new bond issue that they gave to the first.

"It has been urged upon me," he said, "that many men of wealth will refuse to buy the 4 per cent. bond with liability to superincome taxation. I should be loath to believe this; but if it is true, the position of the government must always be equitable to all alike and which will make the widest possible appeal to all the people without regard to the fact that a man may be rich or poor."

RUSSIAN DESTROYER SUNK BY A MINE

(By Associated Press.) Petrograd, Sept. 28.—The Russian destroyer Ochootnik was sunk by a mine in the Baltic on Wednesday.

The Ochootnik, 246 feet long, of 615 tons displacement, was built in 1905. She was armed with two 4.7 inch guns and six 6-pounders. Her normal complement was 98 men.

WAR TAX BILL IS NEARING COMPLETION

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 28.—The War Tax bill, increased to levy about \$2,700,000,000 was today in the last stages of completion. Final drafting and printing of the conferees agreement was in progress with formal approval planned at a late afternoon meeting. At the conclusion of the final conference, Senator Simmons and Representative Kitchin, heading the respective conferees, planned to make public the results of the two weeks conference.

START ROUND UP OF DRAFTED MEN

Reward of \$50 Offered For Those Who Failed to Report to Board.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 28.—With a reward of \$50 for the delivery of each deserter, the provost marshal general's office today began a drive to round up at once all drafted men who have not reported to their local boards as directed and all who have not reported to the adjutant general's office of their respective States, when ordered.

All such are considered deserters. Where delinquency is shown to be not willful they will be delivered to the proper camps. Willful deserters will be taken before courts martial.

NEW OFFICE OF VICE CHANCELLOR IS PROVIDED FOR

Reichstag is Not Inclined to Vote a Salary For Helfferich

PEACE RESOLUTION SUBJECT OF DEBATE

An Attempt to Adopt the Hindenburg Plan—Newspapers Suppressed or Placed Under a Strict Censorship

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Sept. 28.—The main committee of the Reichstag, a dispatch from Berlin says, yesterday passed on first reading the bill creating the post of imperial vice chancellor. Considerable discussion preceded the favorable action.

A Heated Debate. Copenhagen, Sept. 28.—The Centrist and Socialist representatives at the meeting Wednesday, of the inter-party caucus of the Centrist, National-Liberal, Radical and Socialist parties, manifested a desire to refuse to vote favorably on the salary of Vice Chancellor Helfferich, who is unpopular in Reichstag circles. The establishment of the chancellorship, as a separate ministry, including a vice chancellor, necessitates a new vote of credit. The Radicals and National-Liberals opposed consideration of the matter at the caucus and the question was sent to the main committee of the Reichstag.

Charges that certain government authorities are supporting the pan-German and Conservative forces in the agitation to reverse the Reichstag majority peace resolution, and commit Germany to the so-called Hindenburg peace, may be made the subject of an interpellation at the present session of the Reichstag. Berlin newspapers which arrived tonight, after a three day interruption, indicate that the interpellation was discussed at a meeting of the steering committee of the Reichstag on Wednesday.

It was decided to postpone action in order to give Chancellor Michaelis and his aides an opportunity to make certain explanations. This, Philipp Scheidemann, the Socialist leader, explained, would allow the committee to determine the form which the interpellation should take, but it will not head off a big debate on the subject. Georg Ledebour, the Radical Socialist, made a vain attempt to set the debate for today.

Under orders of the military authorities, the Pan-German newspaper Deutsche Zeitung, has been suppressed and the Socialist Volkswacht, of Danzig, has been placed under preventive censorship. In connection with this and other recent suppressions of newspapers in Germany, it is interesting to recall the ultimatum issued by the main committee of the Reichstag at its session in August. The committee gave the government four weeks to reform the censorship restricting it to its proper place in the control of publication of military news. Censorship of political newspapers by the military has never been more active than at present.

GIRL'S ASSAILANT GIVES HIMSELF UP

(Special to The Dispatch.)

Durham, N. C., Sept. 28.—Half starved and rain-soaked John Long, a resident of Mangum township, who has been sought for the past week by posse wanting him on the charge of shooting and seriously wounding Miss Nellie Ball, walked up to Deputy Sheriff Joe Pleasant in front of the court house here this morning and surrendered.

Long is alleged to have fired a bullet from a .44 Winchester rifle into the girl's body late last Saturday afternoon as she was stooping over a spring near the home of her father, Mr. David S. Ball, of the Bahama community. Since then the surrounding country has been scoured for the assailant, but without avail; in fact, no definite trace of him was had until he appeared at the court house this morning.

Long gives no reason for shooting the young girl. The motive generally assigned by neighbors is that he was seeking to get revenge upon the girl's father because of some fancied wrong.

MICHAELIS DISLIKES PRESIDENT'S REPLY

(By Associated Press.) Amsterdam, Sept. 28.—Dr. Michaelis, the German imperial chancellor, in a speech to the main committee of the Reichstag, said that Pope Benedict's peace proposals were inspired by moral seriousness, pure justice and neutrality, which things were lacking in the reply made by President Wilson to the Pope.

AUSTRIAN FRONTIER CLOSED TO TRAVELERS

(By Associated Press.) Geneva, Thursday, Sept. 27.—The Austrian frontier was closed yesterday. No telegrams or travelers or newspapers arrived in Switzerland today from Austria. Abbas Hill, former Khedive of Egypt, however, received a special pass for Vienna. The ex-Khedive, who has been living in Switzerland for several months, has decided to take up permanent residence in that city.

GERMANS TRY TO REGAIN TRENCHES LOST TO BRITISH

Counter Attacks Were Broken Up By The British Gunfire.

RUSSIANS BECOMING MORE AGGRESSIVE

Kurds are Driven Back and Lose a Town—Russian Destroyer Sunk by Mine. Little Other Activity

Efforts to break into the new ground won by the British in the reversal of the Flanders offensive on Wednesday are being continued by the Germans. Failing to shake the British line anywhere, they tried it out last night at Zonnebeke, where the British have pushed far along the road to Roulers. The British artillery, machine gun and rifle fire was too much for them, however, and the attack was broken up.

Zonnebeke is an important point for the British and their previous efforts to reach and maintain a hold on it, had been desperately resisted by the Germans. Their present position, in the village places within a half dozen miles of the important north and south railway line, connecting Lille with Ostend, on the coast, the cutting of which or its domination at even medium range artillery fire, would seriously handicap the Germans in their Flanders operation.

In the Tower Hamlets and Polygon wood regions, toward the British right flank, the clearing up process which followed Wednesday's battle, was carried out further last night and the Germans were driven from isolated positions to which strong parties of them were clinging.

There has been little other military activity of a nature to call for mention in the official statement except in the Argonne region on the French front. The Germans of the Crown Prince's forces, made an attempt last night to break into the French lines in this sector, attacking three times. These assaults were all repulsed, the Germans sustaining heavy losses, says today's Paris war office report.

On the Caucasus front, the Russians are showing renewed aggressiveness. In engagements with the Kurds, detachments of these hostile forces have been driven back in the Rura region, where the Russians today report the capture of the town of Oromaru, 24 miles west of Meri.

The Russian admiralty reports the loss in the Baltic of the Russian destroyer Ochootnik, which struck a mine.

A Russian Democratic Congress has begun its sessions in Petrograd with 1,200 delegates in attendance. Premier Kerensky met with a mixed

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SECOND ISSUE OF LIBERTY BONDS IS \$3,000,000,000

To Bear 4 Per Cent. Interest and Mature in 25 Years.

WILL BE OPENED TO PUBLIC OCTOBER 1

Loan Will Not Exceed Three Billion by More Than Half of Over-Subscription—Details Announced

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 28.—Secretary McAdoo last night announced the details of the second Liberty Loan, which will be offered to the public October 1. The chief features are: Amount: \$3,000,000,000 or more, the excess not to exceed one-half of the amount of over-subscription.

Terms of bonds: Maturity, 25 years; redeemable at the option of the Secretary of the Treasury in 10 years. Denominations of bonds: \$50 and multiples of \$50. Interest rate: Four per cent, payable semi-annually on November 15 and May 15.

Terms of payment: Two per cent, upon application, 18 per cent November 15; 40 per cent December 14, and 40 per cent January 15, 1918.

The privilege of converting bonds of this issue into bonds of any succeeding issue bearing a higher interest rate than 4 per cent, during the period of the war is extended, and through an arrangement under which bonds will be printed with only four coupons instead of fifty, to be exchanged at the end of two years for the bonds containing the full number of coupons.

Deliveries will be prompt. In this manner the issue of interim certificates will be avoided. Any person who subscribed to the first issue of bonds, bearing interest at 3 1/2 per cent, may convert his holdings into the new 4 per cent securities at his option, but the new 4 per cent bonds are taxable under the surtaxes of the new income tax rates while the 3 1/2 per cent issue is exempt. The effect of this will be that holders of large amounts undoubtedly will keep their tax exempt bonds, although they bear a lower rate, while the smaller holders, who have not enough to come under the new surtaxes, will convert their bonds to the higher rate.

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Davidson Plays Navy. (By Associated Press.) Davidson, N. C., Sept. 28.—The Davidson College football team this morning closed a contract to play the Navy at Annapolis tomorrow, in both teams' first game of the season. The Davidson team, consisting of 18 men and headed by Coach Fetzer and Klutz, leaves tonight.

CANDIDATES CAN AMASS BIG RESERVE VOTE NOW

Each Fifteen Dollar Club Completed by Close of The First Period—October 6—Will Give 150,000 Extra Votes—All Coupons Dated September 29 Must Be Sent to Contest Department by Saturday.

- THE PRIZES. \$775 Briscoe Automobile. Ford Touring Car. \$200 in gold. \$100 in gold. \$93 furniture suite. \$75 Columbia Grafonia. \$50 merchandise order at J. W. H. Fuchs' Department Store. \$25 wrist watch. Two \$80 diamond rings. Ten per cent commission to all non-winners, who remain active, on money for new subscriptions.

by a square deal, and that is just what will be done. The Contest Manager is a stranger to every contestant. He has no friends to reward or foes to punish and will cheerfully give any assistance in his power, impartially to any candidate who desires to win one of the splendid prizes and will request his aid. The time to put forth every effort is right now. There is an extra advantage to be gained as each \$15.00 worth of subscriptions for 3 months active, turned in before October 6, entitles the candidate to 150,000 extra votes. On the other hand, the number of votes given for each \$15.00 club will be decreased after that date. Delays are dangerous. The opportunity is now knocking at your door, and you should embrace it before it is too late. This is the tide of fortune which the immortal Shakespeare wrote about, and if you take it at its flood you will certainly prove that the Great Bard of Avon was a true prophet, for its swell will certainly waft you into the front ranks of the winners and place in your possession the prize for which you have striven. Let your friends know that you appreciate the hundreds of coupon; they are clipping. Ask them to consider paying a subscription. Either old or new subscriptions count, but new subscriptions give more votes. If you are actually in earnest and so desire, you will be the possessor of the \$775 Briscoe Automobile, or one of the other prizes on November 12. If the name of the one for whom you would like to vote is not included, send in her nomination—No cost to enter—No cost to vote—No cost to win. (Continued on Page Seven.)

HURRICANE SHIFTS COURSE AFTER REACHING INLAND

CONGRESSMEN IN PERSONAL COMBAT

Heflin and Norton Engage in Rough and Tumble Affair.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 28.—A fight broke out on the floor of the House this afternoon between Representative Heflin, of Alabama, and Representative Norton, of North Dakota. Friends soon separated them.

The climax came at the end of a spate session of the House which did not approve the action of the Rules committee in refusing to begin investigation of Heflin's charges that certain Congressman acted suspiciously about the time Count von Bernstorff was asking his government to authorize the expenditure of \$50,000 to influence Congress.

Norton, who had led the attack on Heflin for his charges, had gone over to the Democratic side to talk to Heflin. The row broke out at once, the two men clinching, and fell over a row of seats, while friends from both sides of the hall piled around and separated them before blows were struck.

"Did you ever say that I was disloyal?" Norton says he asked Heflin.

"No," Heflin replied. Norton then made some remark about his being as loyal as any one in the House, and Heflin told him to go away.

"You get on out of here," Heflin is reported to have said, starting to rise in his seat.

Norton stood still, while Heflin sprang up and grasped Norton by the coat lapels. The two men grappled for a moment and then fell over with Norton on top.

Immediately the House was in an uproar. Speaker Clark banged for order while members leaped over seats and down aisles to reach the struggling men. The sergeant-at-arms, hurriedly grasping the mace, his badge of authority, ran toward the combatants. Disorder reigned in the galleries where people rose from their seats and rushed to the rail to see into the pit of the House.

Friends separated the men without difficulty and led them to the cloak rooms. The only marks of combat showed on Norton's white collar and Heflin's usually immaculate white shirt front.

Order was restored as quickly as it had been disturbed.

NO PEACE EXCEPT BY REPENTANCE

Viscount Milner Discusses Peace Subject Talk at American Club.

(By Associated Press.) London, Sept. 28.—Viscount Milner, minister without portfolio in the British war council, speaking today at the American Luncheon club, declared against any peace with the "unrepentant German rulers."

Touching on the entry of the United States into the war and its moral significance, Lord Milner evoked a tremendous outburst from those at the luncheon when he said: "I feel that your country and mine are now united by something far stronger than any written pact or alliance, namely, by an absolute unity of motive and aim."

Viscount Milner's speech obviously was an answer to the peace talk which has been filtering from Germany in past weeks. He declared that it was the intention of the Entente allies to pursue "unflinchingly and resolutely to the end" their crusade, so that the world shall be a better place to live in than before—a world dominated by other law than the law of the jungle.

WARSHIP AGROUND IN HOME WATERS

A Battleship of United States Fleet is Aground, But Resting Easy.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Sept. 28.—The Navy department at noon today authorized an announcement that a battleship of the fleet is aground in home waters, but resting easily and probably will be floated soon. The Navy Department issued this statement:

"The Navy Department has received an official report stating that a battleship of the United States navy is aground in home waters. The ship is resting easily and it is expected that she will be floated without difficulty. The newspapers are urgently requested not to print any information which might lead to the establishment of the identity or location of the stranded vessel."

Gulf Coast Points Threatened by Severe Tropical Storm.

CITIES ARE PREPARING FOR A HEAVY GALE

Schools of New Orleans and Other Places Closed—Barometer Falling Rapidly and 90 Mile Wind is Reported.

***** STORM HITS MOBILE. (By Associated Press.) Mobile, Ala., Sept. 28.—The hurricane now visiting Mobile is raging with a wind at 90 miles an hour. Weather Forecaster Ashenberger stated at 2 o'clock that he expected the velocity to increase when the wind shifted to a southerly position.

Chief of Police Van Lew has ordered street car traffic stopped and that the light and power companies turn off the current. Mobile will be in partial darkness tonight, the lights to be kept on only in the business district. The telegraph companies here report Pensacola cut off from all communication.

The hurricane is tearing away wooden galleries and slate roofs from buildings in the business section of the city. ***** New Orleans, Sept. 28.—The center of the tropical hurricane sweeping in from the Gulf of Mexico early today near the mouth of the Mississippi river, probably will continue its inland course in a northeasterly direction from Pilot Town, La., and strike the lower Mississippi and Alabama coast late today or tonight, according to reports available at the Weather Bureau here this afternoon. New Orleans probably will escape hurricane gales, but may experience strong winds late today, according to indications.

Late reports from Biloxi and Gulfport, Miss., indicated the storm was approaching the Mississippi coast. Gulfport reported a falling barometer of 29.55 and a 60 to 65 mile wind at 11:30 a. m., and Biloxi reported a rising wind of 30 to 40 miles and a barometer of 29.52.

Wireless reports from Pilot Town, where the hurricane apparently struck with full force early today, indicated the center was passing that place. The wind there had decreased from more than 75 miles an hour to about 70 miles and the barometer had risen from 29.06 to 29.24 at 11 a. m.

The Louisville and Nashville railroad, announced all trains had been annulled between New Orleans and Mobile for today owing to washout between Chief Menteur and Lake Catherine, about 20 miles from here.

No report of property damage or casualties in the path of the storm had been received here.

Hurricane warnings were displayed from Louisiana coast to Pensacola, and storm warnings at St. Andrews and Apalachicola, Fla.

The tropical hurricane which passed inland from the Gulf of Mexico about 1 o'clock this morning, was believed to be central early today, about 75 miles south of New Orleans and moving in a northerly direction, according to reports received by the local Weather Bureau. Reports from Pilot Town, near the mouth of the Mississippi river, at 5:30 a. m., stated the wind's velocity there was more than 75 miles an hour, and the barometer had fallen to 29.18.

Weather Bureau officials here were inclined to the opinion that the full force probably would pass a little east or west of New Orleans.

The barometer in New Orleans at 7 a. m., registered 29.63, where it had been almost stationary for four hours. A northeast wind was blowing here at between 26 and 30 miles an hour since 2 a. m.

New Orleans has not yet received the worst of the storm. Weather Bureau officials stated, "and the intensity probably will increase here up to noon."

The sky was cloudy with an occasional clear spot early today.

The center of the storm apparently passed inland from the Gulf near Pilot Town, the hurricane winds being accompanied by rain. Pilot Town is approximately 30 miles southeast of this city, and has a population of about 100. Since 1:30 a. m., a gale of more than 75 miles an hour has been blowing there. No reports had been received here early today, as to damage done by the storm, or any casualties at Pilot Town.

Telephone communication with that point had been interrupted for several hours, and the reports from there were being received by wireless.

Heading the Weather Bureau's warning of the probable approach of the storm, hundreds of New Orleans residents deserted their homes in the outskirts, and spent last night in hotels, public and office buildings downtown. More than 300 sought refuge in the postoffice building, the custom house, and the new court house, and the hotels were crowded.

A dispatch from Gulfport, Miss., stated the barometer there at 7 this morning, registered 29.65 with an easterly wind blowing about 40 miles an hour and squalls of rain. The tide there was reported two and a half feet above normal. As a precautionary measure, Dr. (Continued on Page Eight.)