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## PLOT TO DESTROY U. S. GOVERNMENT

**ANARCHISTS, TOGETHER WITH I. W. W.'S AND OTHERS, FORM AN AMALGAMATION.**

### OBJECT, BLOODY REVOLUTION

Radical Elements of Country Think They Have Found a Common Cause Upon Which to Unite.

Washington.—Mail matter seized since the signing of the armistice has disclosed that the I. W. W., anarchists, radical socialists, and others are "perfecting an amalgamation" which has for its object the overthrow of the American government through a "bloody revolution" and the establishment of a bolshevik republic, according to a memorandum sent to the senate propaganda committee by Solicitor Lamar, of the postoffice department. The memorandum was made public by the committee.

Declaring that in bolshevism the radical elements of the country had for the first time "found common cause upon which they can unite," Mr. Lamar said his information showed propaganda against the government was being conducted with great regularity and its magnitude could be measured by the "bold and outspoken statements" found in the literature. Accompanying his memorandum were several hundred excerpts from mail matter showing the trend of the propaganda. These will be made public later.

Particular reference was made by the solicitor to the activity of the disaffected foreign element in the country, but he said perhaps the I. W. W. was the most active in the dissemination of the propaganda because, it "has at its command a large field force known as recruiting agents, subscription agents, etc., who work unceasingly in the furtherance of the cause."

"This organization publishes at least five newspapers in the English language and nine in foreign languages. This list comprises only official papers and does not take into account the large number of free lance papers published in the interest of the above organization."

### SENTENCE OF DEBS TO TEN YEARS IN PRISON UPHELD

Washington.—Convictions under the espionage act of Eugene Debs, socialist leader, and Jacob Frohwerk, a newspaper editor of Kansas City, were sustained by the supreme court in unanimous opinions delivered by Justice Holmes. Both men were sentenced by the lower courts to 10 years' imprisonment.

While not passing directly upon the constitutionality of the act, the court in effect did declare valid the so-called enlistment section and reaffirmed its opinion that the espionage law is not an interference with the constitutional right of free speech.

Debs was convicted on three counts, but the court passed directly on only one of these, that charging him with obstructing recruiting and enlistment through statements made in a speech at Canton, Ohio, last June. The other two counts charged him with attempting to incite insubordination and disloyalty, and also with uttering language intended to provoke and encourage resistance to the United States government.

### WORK ON NEW BATTLESHIPS HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED

Washington.—Possibility that the battle cruiser program of the navy, involving an expenditure of nearly half a billion dollars, will be abandoned in favor of a new type of cruiser battleship was indicated by an announcement that Secretary Daniels had ordered suspension of work on the six 35-knot cruiser already authorized until decision as to the future type of capital ship could be reached.

### INSURGENT DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING FIGHT ON CLARK

Washington.—A fight is being made on Speaker Clark by insurgent Democrats who claim that he should not be the minority leader of the house under the Republican regime soon to be ushered in. Indirectly Representative Kitchin, of North Carolina, and Representative Dent, of Alabama, are involved. It was asserted that 70 Democrats had been pledged to over-throw Mr. Clark.

## HUN HUNGER BAR TO SPEEDY PEACE

**URGENT NEED OF SUPPLYING GERMANY WITH FOOD FULLY RECOGNIZED.**

### ITALIAN BOUNDARY QUESTION

Lloyd George's Plan Involves Abandonment of Military Conception in All Conquered Territory.

Paris.—Stephen Pichon, the French foreign minister, in his talk with the correspondents, discussed the bearing of the food situation in Germany on the speedy conclusion of peace. He said that the urgent need of supplying Germany was recognized at Spa.

In signing the armistice last January, Germany agreed to hand over her commercial fleet, to be used in re-creating Europe generally, and Germany particularly. Yet, continued the minister, at a recent meeting at Spa the German delegates declared that the arrangement was unsatisfactory and that they would "absolutely refuse to part with their ships."

The allies were willing, Mr. Pichon went on, not only to supply food, but to accord credit to Germany, but Germany must first declare her willingness to live up to the conditions of the January armistice.

As soon as the terms of the German peace have been concluded, Mr. Pichon said, the council would take up the Austrian peace which would involve the future boundaries between Italy and former Austro-Hungarian territory. The subject has already been discussed recently.

The council has adopted Premier Lloyd George's plans for regulating the future military strength of Germany, according to the minister who confirmed the fact that this involves the abandonment of conscription in favor of a small professional army.

### TERRIBLE PICTURE IS DRAWN OF CONDITIONS IN RUSSIA

Washington.—David R. Francis, who went to Russia as American ambassador in 1916 before the overthrow of the monarchy and who remained there until after the bolsheviks had seized the government, in testifying before the senate committee investigating lawless propaganda, warned that should the bolsheviks be permitted to remain in power all Russia would be exploited by the Germans. Within 10 years under such conditions, he said, Germany would be the victor of the war in that the nation would be stronger in every way than it was in 1914.

He painted a vivid picture of the terror that reigns and told of one instance where the gutters from a courtyard in Petrograd actually ran with blood from the victims of the bolsheviks. Many were killed without even charges being made against them and on several occasions, the ambassador asserted, wholesale killings were indulged in. He said more than five hundred innocent hostages were killed at one time, and his observation of conditions and affairs in Russia led him to believe the bolsheviks in their every-day practices committed excesses far beyond even the wildest dreams of anarchists.

### AMERICAN SHIPS NOW CARRY PRODUCTS TO END OF EARTH

Washington.—For the first time since the days of the famous "Clippers" ships, American merchant craft now are plying the seven seas, carrying products of the United States to the farthest corners of the earth and bringing home both essentials and luxuries.

The shipping board announced that the American merchant marine fleet, built up under the spur of war's necessity, now represented nearly one-fifth of the entire sea-going tonnage of the world and comprised 46 per cent of all ships clearing from United States ports, as compared with 9.7 per cent before the great war.

### NO RADICAL CHANGES IN CONSTITUTION OF LEAGUE

On Board U. S. S. George Washington.—The impression gathered by those who have come into contact with President Wilson is that the opposition which has developed to the league of nations covenant has not caused him to decide that any radical changes are necessary. It is recognized changes in phraseology and minor particulars are possible, but President Wilson is not looking for any fundamental alteration.

### MARCUS KESTER BACK.

Another Kings Mountain boy has made good and returns to his native county to give her of his best. Rev. Marcus Kester, son of Mr. J. H. Kester of near Kings Mountain, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Shelby and has accepted. Mr. Kester attained an unusual education in his preparation for the gospel ministry. He studied extensively in this country and then went to England and Scotland and took special work. He has been serving the First Church at Wilson and has established a fine record as a pastor and pulpit orator. Old Cleveland would be glad to see all its real smart boys come back home.

### DR. CLARENCE DIXON COMING BACK.

A message from Dr. Clarence Dixon states that he has resigned his pastorate of Spurgeon Tabernacle in London, England, and will return to America. He plans to spend three months each year as instructor in a Bible Institute in Los Angeles, California, and the rest of his time in evangelistic work throughout the country. Dr. Dixon is a native of Cleveland county and all the home folks feel a just pride in this one of her noble sons. The doors of America stand wide open for the return of her worthies who have been called to distant lands and Cleveland county will extend Dr. Dixon an unusual welcome any time he desires to spend a while with us.

### HAMBRIGHT-BARBER.

The home of Mrs. M. A. Hambright, of the Dixon community, was the scene of a marriage of interest Wednesday night of last week when Mr. Carroll Barber was wedded to Miss Irene Hambright. These are both prominent young people of the Dixon community and have the well wishes of a host of friends.

They are making their home at present with Mr. Barber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Beatty Barber.

### LOCAL NOTES.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Beatty Barber of the Dixon community has broken his foot again. Hit it against another stump. Mr. Barber's friends remember that he went on crutches for nearly a year some two years ago as the result of striking his foot against a stump as it swung under a wagon on which he was riding. Last week he was riding in the self-same manner and struck the same old foot against a stump and hurt it all over again.

The Dillon Land Company had an ideal day for their sale of the Collins farm Friday and sold it at a satisfactory figure, as we understand. Mr. J. R. Champion bought 36 acres and Dr. Hord bought the rest of the 382 acres. It brought an average of \$45.30 an acre. The Dillon Land Company are very successful with their land sales.

The Plachbeck farm out Linwood way is to be sold at auction by the famous Penny Brothers early in April. Watch the Herald for announcement.

Spurgeon Benfield, Horace Benfield and Ernest Cash, all young white boys of East Kings Mountain, were bound over to superior court last week by Esquire Kendrick on a charge of breaking into the Cora Mill store last November 29th. Cash and one of the Benfield boys admitted guilt.

The fifth Sunday comes in March instead of April as was stated in last week's Herald in connection with the singing convention which meets at Patterson Grove on the date.

Cornelia Hutchison, Mrs. Charles Gates' servant girl, was sent to jail for thirty days last week by Recorder Falls for an assault upon Mrs. Gates with a big knife.

A very prominent citizen of East Kings Mountain was haled into court last week on a charge of retailing, but inasmuch as it looks like a cross-ferd or malicious proceeding we withhold the name for further developments. The man discharged a boy from a cotton mill and the warrant for retailing followed.

Mr. J. F. Long has bought an acre lot from Mr. Sam Parker in the edge of the grove nearly opposite the Pauline Mill and we are told will erect a nice residence.

Concord.—Rev. H. F. Beatty, of this city, has published a booklet on Latin Grammar entitled "An Epitome of Latin Grammar," which is receiving the endorsement of prominent educators in the state and will doubtless be recognized as a valuable aid in the study of that language in a short time.

### GENTLEMEN OF THE JURY FOR THE MARCH COURT

Judge Long Will Preside Over the First Cleveland County Court This Year.

Judge B. F. Long of Statesville will preside over the March term of Cleveland superior court which convenes here March 24th. The county commissioners drew the following jurors at their Monday meeting:

First week: No. 1, B. F. Allison; No. 2, G. M. Green, J. L. Jolly, J. B. Hamrick; No. 3, Arthur Adams, W. L. Harrill, O. V. Austell; No. 4, Flay Smith, P. Dilling, H. L. Bobbitt, C. P. Tidale, W. Frank Goforth, J. P. Weaver; No. 5, R. C. Beattie, G. M. Harmon; No. 6, L. A. Blanton, Jr., E. E. McBrayer, D. M. Cline, J. M. Tucker, T. M. Gladden, Thos. Wilkins, J. H. Anthony, J. L. Humphries; No. 7, Charlie A. Bridges, G. M. Holland, L. A. McSwain, A. H. Padgett; No. 8, Ben P. Jenkins, Roy P. Crowder, J. T. S. Mauney; No. 9, W. W. Richards, Jas. A. Blanton, J. D. S. Carpenter, J. R. Packard; No. 10, Jas. Sain; No. 11, W. Fred Mull.

Second week: No. 1, Geo. W. Elmore; No. 2, R. C. Beason; No. 3, L. R. Putnam; No. 4, W. F. Randall; B. F. Allen, E. F. Cline; No. 5, Boyd Harrelson; J. P. Kiser; No. 6, C. L. Allen, S. A. Washburn, L. U. Arrowood; No. 7, J. B. Beam, J. C. Green; No. 8, Will L. London, M. B. Mauney; No. 9, J. W. Lee; No. 10, Albert Sain; No. 11, Julius Pruett.—Cleveland Star.

### THREE PRISONERS ATTEMPT JAIL DELIVERY TUESDAY

Forest Walker, Otto Stockton and Coy Barnett Tried to Escape Jail by Sawing at Bars.

Three jail prisoners, Forest Walker, charged with rock fight; Otis Stockton, charged with stealing an automobile near Lattimore, and Coy Barnett, three white young men, and George Gordon, colored boy, attempted to break jail at about 3 o'clock Tuesday night. The trio, with a huge hack saw, said with Patrick Henry's speech at Richmond, "Give me Liberty or give me death." The saw was at work early Tuesday night, the noise and a phone message led to the detection, so the game of escape failed. They got out of their prison cell and invited George in a steel cell to join them. The four were captured and put back; also Robert Barnett was immediately put in jail on the charge of aiding prisoners with a saw to escape. His brother, Coy Barnett, was in jail on the charge of marrying a young white girl at Kings Mountain, under age, and thus a saw was given the three white prisoners. The sixth prisoner, Ben Nance, says he did not try to escape that night. The others sawed and broke two locks and made wider a hole in the outer brick wall, but were detected by the jailer Lackey.

The big hole in the ceiling of the jail invites escape and should be repaired.—Shelby News.

### KINGS MOUNTAIN LAWYER TELLS HIS EXPERIENCE IN THE NAVY.

(By J. R. Davis, Esq., U. S. N.)

To Herald Readers: Since the 32nd day of November, 1917, when I closed my office and started to Charleston, S. C., for duty in the U. S. Navy, I have experienced many interesting things. Upon my arrival at Charleston, I was fitted out with a full sea uniform, including dungarees and jumpers. The latter names are naval terms for overalls and overall jackets. After securing my working outfit I was ordered to the Naval Rifle Range, Mt. Pleasant, S. C. The duties there were not as pleasant as the name would indicate. Mt. Disagreeable would have been a better name. When I reported there the commanding officer wanted to know if I was a house carpenter. I replied that I wasn't, but having been reared on a farm thought I was qualified for one. My duties from then on until I received my commission were building barracks, digging ditches, building roads, etc. I remember very distinctly the way I celebrated Christmas Eve of that year on the above range. As a punishment I was ordered to report to the wood yard at 7:00 p. m. and saw wood until 9. However, I knew that I deserved the punishment and took my medicine. I took the examination for Ensign in January and thus ended my experiences as a dry land sailor at Mt. Disagreeable.

My first post when commissioned was Fernandina, Florida. My duties there were very pleasant. I had charge of that port for about three months, and was then ordered to the battleship, U. S. S. Kansas. My orders read, "Report to the U. S. S. Kansas wherever she might be." So I had considerable trouble finding her. I finally located her at Yorktown, Va.

Shortly after reporting aboard we put to sea and were gone ten or fifteen days before seeing land. Life on one of Uncle Sam's battleships is very enjoyable and pleasant. You will find there about all of the conveniences that you have in a city or town. However, there is plenty of watches to stand and work to do, especially during the days of submarines. I served on this ship for three months and was transferred to the U. S. S. Montgomery, a destroyer. While on the destroyer, we did convoying duty, operating out from New York harbor. A destroyer is the fastest ship on the water and the one that German-U-boats feared most.

My next and last post was in the West Indies. I was routing and communication officer for the military governor at Santo Domingo City, D. R. Santo Domingo has been under American military control since April, 1917. It is a very rich little country and a very interesting one. It is a Spanish speaking republic and its habits and customs are entirely different from ours.

I received a cable on the 30th of January to proceed home on the first available transportation. I left Santo Domingo the 4th of February, arrived in New York the 16th and in Kings Mountain the 18th. I have had a lot of good experiences and have enjoyed it, but do not care to go through it any more—one time is enough for me.

### BUTLER FALLS BATHES IN CAESAR'S FOUNTAIN

Hdq. Co. 322 Inf., A. P. O. 791.

February 3, 1919.

Dear Mother:

Hope you are still well. Am glad to say that I am still having good health. I know that everybody in America will never forget to rejoice that the war is over. Everybody on this side is filled with joy, even to the Germans. They have a reason to be as well as we. The night after the close of the war the sky over the Germans trenches was brightly illumined with red, white and blue sky rockets shot up into the air by the Germans from their front line trenches. They were only a short distance from our dugouts.

Well, I am trying to forget all those horrible times now. I say horrible, because a great number of our boys spilled their blood on the battlefield and are still lying there with a little wooden cross to mark their last resting place.

I know you will be surprised to learn that I am not with my division just now, but on a tour among the Alps. Have been here about six days and have about two days yet. There is no doubt it is the prettiest scenery in the world. Among the Alps Mountains is the most picturesque scenery in the world. Aix-les-Bains is the name of the city where we are. There are about sixty or seventy hotels at this place. It is a famous resort for tourists from all over the world. Am having the time of my life. I am visiting all the historical places possible. Went to the top of Mt. Revard a few days ago. We are having great sport on the snow capped mountains with the sleds and Ski. From this mountain can be seen Mt. Blanc, the highest peak in the Alps. At this place, Aix-les-Bains, is a very interesting fountain. The water is of strong sulphur and has a temperature of about 104 F. Think of coming in in the winter, shaking the snow from your clothes, and taking a bath in natural spring water! Another thing that makes it interesting is that Julius Caesar and his Roman soldiers bathed in this fountain when he was in this country conquering France, which was at this time known as Gaul.

Another place of interest is the Temple of Diana, an old Roman goddess. In this temple is now a museum which is a collection of thousands found perhaps in old Roman ruins. The collection itself in the museum is a good history of the manner and customs of the ancient Roman people. The museum contained a good collection of implements of the three pre-historic ages of the ancient Gauls: The stone age, the iron age, and the bronze age, respectively. The Gauls were the ancient inhabitants of France. There are many other places which I have visited and expect to visit yet. May go back on Mt. Revard again. The method of transportation to the top of the mountain is by a railroad with cog track.

Well we don't know yet when we are to start home but still hoping it will be soon. Have you had any snow yet? We are having plenty of snow here especially on the mountain tops.

I am sending a pillow cover souvenir of France. Hope it will reach you all right; also an extra package of post card views of the Alps.

I will close for this time expecting to hear from home soon.

Sincerely,

BUTLER FALLS.

Charlotte.—Telegrams were sent to North Carolina's representative in Congress by the Charlotte chamber of commerce asking that they vote for a continuance of the law calling for the daylight saving plan. Organized effort to repeal the law is being made, the chamber of commerce was informed.

## SERIOUS BREAK IN SPA NEGOTIATIONS

**SATISFACTION EXPRESSED BY HUN PAPERS IN COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.**

### A BLUFF FOR BETTER TERMS

Conditions in Central and Southern Germany in Respect to Food Are Not Bad if Correctly Reported.

Weimar.—The negotiations concerning shipping and food at Spa were ruptured with the support of the representatives of the German shipping interests, including Director Heineken of the North German Lloyd, who declared that if the Germans met the allied demands it would mean the ruin of German mercantile and sea trade interests.

In commenting on the news, the Deutschland expresses satisfaction with the attitude of the German representatives and says that the German people will endorse and support their attitude.

Geneva.—While Germany has broken off official relations with the allies at Spa over the question of food supplies, travelers arriving in Switzerland recently from across the Rhine report food conditions in central and southern Germany are not critical and do not demand immediate relief. The travelers say the statements of the German government are only a bluff in order to get better terms from the allies.

Travelers from Austria and Hungary declare the populations there are really starving and need immediate help. These reports are confirmed by British and American commissions in these countries.

### NEUTRALITY OF BELGIUM WILL BE ELIMINATED

Paris.—The report of the commission on Belgian affairs, charged with investigating the differences between Belgium and Holland, was submitted to the council of the five great powers. It advises the three treaties of 1839, establishing the status of Belgium and Holland, be revised by the council, as they are now "useless and disadvantageous to Belgium."

The proposed revision of the treaties will restore Belgium's complete sovereignty and eliminate her neutrality, which afforded no protection and is now distasteful.

### LAUDATION OF IRELAND BY REPRESENTATIVE STEDMAN.

Washington.—The Irish question has been bobbing up here now and then for several years. The house finally adopted this resolution, which was advocated eloquently by Representative Stedman:

"Resolved: That it is the earnest hope of the Congress of the United States of America that the peace conference, now sitting in Paris, in passing upon the rights of various peoples, will favorably consider the claims of Ireland to self determination."

"For many years," said Mr. Stedman, "I have been interested in the future of the people of Ireland."

I have been attracted to them by their love of liberty, by their attachment to their homes, by their appeals for justice to this republic, whose friends they have ever been and whose theory of government, whose traditions, and whose declarations forbid the exercise of sovereignty over a weaker nation against its will by armed force.

London.—Notice has been given in the house of commons of the intention of Ronald McNeill to ask the secretary of state for foreign affairs whether he has any official information of the report of the resolution having been adopted by the American house of representatives on the subject of Ireland, and if so, will he make a formal protest against the interference of a foreign legislature in the domestic affairs of the United Kingdom.

### AUTHORS OF GREAT WAR ARE TO BE SEVERELY PUNISHED

Paris.—While it is impossible to give any forecast of the terms of the report of the commission on responsibility for the war, which report is about completed, it may be said that those who have been urging that drastic action should be taken against the principal authors of Germany's war crimes will not be disappointed in the conclusions of the commission. The report will include a general historical survey of events.