

# PRICE BOOST BRINGS REVOLT; HOMES LOOTED

### Police Overpowered by Crowds — Government Promises Early Relief

**BY O. D. TOLISCHUB**  
Universal Service Correspondent  
Berlin, Nov. 5.—Food riots and mass plunderings of stores, homes, and even individuals on the streets, broke out anew in Berlin Monday to add to the excitement already raised to fever heat by rumors of revolution and civil war flying thick and fast.

Embittered by fantastic price increases in the wake of the transition from the paper mark to gold prices, the populace rose up in many quarters in Berlin and hit out in helpless rage. Large masses of people, among them many women with empty market baskets, marched through the streets crying, cursing and shouting. Bread and work were their demands. For the first time, also, the cry of "down with the Jews" was heard in such demonstrations in Berlin. Individual Jews whom the mobs happened to meet were attacked, beaten and robbed. Some were even robbed of all their clothing and left naked in the street.

**Police Overpowered.**  
Small troops of security police were easily overpowered and before the reserves could be mustered to cope with the situation, flying squads of the marching mobs invaded stores, especially bakeries and meat shops, which were cleaned out. The supplies were immediately snapped up by the voracious mobs and eaten on the spot. Jewish stores were the greatest sufferers. One vast crowd assembled in the clothing stores quarters of Berlin and began plundering the shops, dividing the clothes among the crowd. The mob soon grew to nearly 10,000. Some invaded private homes, robbing and plundering them. The inhabitants ran crying into the streets only to fall into the hands of a bigger mob and were beaten and robbed again.

The police, after great efforts, surrounded the whole block and scattered the mob.

Another mob began a march toward the stock exchange. The doors were immediately locked and bolted, and the crowd halted before it.

**Price Increase Causes Trouble**  
The principal cause of the rioting was the sudden raise in the price of bread to 140 billion marks a loaf, 500 per cent. increase in 24 hours. This price was approved by the government. The price investigation office justified it by the high price of flour in the open market after the government stopped selling at a reduced rate.

The food ministry says the price is too high and promises a reduction. The government at once announced that it will confiscate all flour in the hands of wholesalers in Berlin and sell at a reasonable price. The wholesalers are charged with demanding double price because of the danger of a further drop in the market.

The riots for a time overshadowed even the danger of a political upheaval.

It is now frequently charged that nationalist agitators are at work inciting mobs to further their plans for the overthrow of the government, just as formerly the communists were charged with the same offense.

## Witness Tells of "Listening in" on 'Badger Frameup'

**Universal Service**  
Boston, Nov. 5.—Mrs. Mary Louise Lyons, star witness for the state in the trial of the eight alleged members of the Boston blackmail ring that for years preyed on wealthy men by the "badger game," was forced to admit Monday that she was the Mary Louise Crocker who listened in daily on a dictaphone plant in the law office of Joseph C. Pelletier before district attorney had been removed from office.

Mrs. Lyons later was employed as a stenographer in the office of the General Drug Company, of which William J. Corcoran, one of the defendants, was president. She testified that she overheard Corcoran boasting of the success of a "frame-up" of a victim who was to be "shaken down" for a lot of money.

Mrs. Lyons denied, however, that she had been planted in Corcoran's office by Godfrey Cabot, millionaire reformer.

## Libel Suit Against Klan Wizard Is Withdrawn

**Universal Service**  
Houston, Tex., Nov. 5.—At the plaintiff's costs, the \$100,000 libel suit against H. W. Evans, Imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, was withdrawn Monday from federal court by George B. Kimbro, Jr., former grand juror.

A libel suit is on file in the state civil court.

## President Lauds Work Done by Salvation Army

**Universal Service**  
Washington, Nov. 5.—President Coolidge, in greeting delegates to the annual anniversary congress of the Salvation Army from the south part of the White House said Monday that the folly of the belief by many that men are all wrong, had been demonstrated by the success of the army.

He told delegates that they were working a great hope which was making the world to better things.

# U. S. REFUSES DEMANDS TO DISCUSS DEBT

### Hughes-Curzon Plan for American Participation Practically Dead

**BY GEORGE W. HINMAN, JR.**  
Universal Service Correspondent  
Washington, Nov. 5.—The Hughes-Curzon scheme for American participation in the reparations controversy is practically dead.

Only an international miracle can save it from the grave.

Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Jusserand, mouthpiece of Premier Poincare of France, met Monday at the state department.

Mr. Hughes told M. Jusserand that the American plan called for a "broad and inclusive" inquiry into Germany's capacity to pay.

The French ambassador replied that France could not accept this proposal unless simultaneous consideration were given international debts.

Mr. Hughes said the American government could not see how German capacity to pay was affected by what France owes the United States.

Immediately after his conference with M. Jusserand, Secretary Hughes went to the White House and laid the entire case before President Coolidge.

M. Jusserand departed to cable the result of his conference to Premier Poincare in Paris.

**Stand of France**  
With Great Britain, Italy and Belgium all backing the Hughes-Curzon scheme, only the French premier stands between the United States and American entanglement in the European controversy.

The official French stand, as revealed to Mr. Hughes by M. Jusserand, may be summarized as follows:

First, France will consent to an inquiry into Germany's ultimate capacity to pay only in case the United States will accept discussion of international debts.

Second, France will not consider cancellation of any of the 50,000,000,000 gold marks in A & B reparations bonds.

Third, France will consider cancellation of the C bonds, totaling 82,000,000,000 gold marks, only in proportion as international debts are adjusted.

Fourth, France will not discuss terminating occupation of any German territory.

From the Coolidge-Hughes viewpoint, M. Jusserand's exposition of the French stand was wholly beside the point. The Washington administration holds that a commission of financial experts should be empowered to make inquiry into Germany's capacity to pay reparations.

France, in the opinion of the Washington administration, would hold full authority to reject or accept the findings of the experts as she might see fit.

With reference to French occupation of additional German territory, the American view is that, whatever be the merits of the Paris argument seeking to justify independent military action, the real problem is one of putting Germany on her feet economically.

Both the president and Mr. Hughes believe that nothing is gained by assaults upon the economic structure of Germany similar to those which followed M. Poincare's military seizure of the Ruhr basin. Such assaults are regarded as having a very vital influence upon Germany's capacity to pay.

Monday's conference between Mr. Hughes and Mr. Jusserand lasted nearly two hours. The ambassador characterized the discussion as very friendly and interesting. Mr. Hughes declined to comment.

With the termination of the Hughes-Jusserand conference here, the center of interest in the reparations controversy again shifted to Paris. There political and diplomatic pressure is being concentrated to persuade M. Poincare to abandon his uncompromising stand.

## Internal Revenue Agents Attend Instruction School

**Universal Service**  
Division Chief R. S. Gadois of the internal revenue department here, with his zone deputies are attending a school of instruction this week at Dubuque, Ia. They will receive instruction on income and other taxes from William M. Vastiane of Washington, D. C.

The latter part of the week instruction will be given regarding rules and regulations and field procedure. This instruction will be under the direction of Donald M. Huston of the Chicago district.

The school of instruction will continue throughout the week.

## Shriners to Assemble in Kansas City in 1924

**Universal Service**  
Kansas City, Nov. 5.—It was officially announced here Monday that the national convention of the National Shriners will be held in this city June 3, 4, and 5, in 1924.

## Hold Body of Gas Victim Pending Funeral Plans

The body of Charlotte French, 15 years old, daughter of Mrs. May French, 610 Seventh street, who died Monday from inhaling gas fumes, is being held at Kidd's undertaking parlors, pending funeral arrangements.

The girl was found in the apartment of Mrs. T. D. Leitner, where she had gone to visit Saturday. Despondency over having to give up work and return to school, caused her to commit suicide, friends believe.

## Kansas Bank Turned Over to Federal Authorities

**Universal Service**  
Beloit, Kan., Nov. 5.—(U. P.)—The Union National bank here, a million dollar institution, closed its doors Monday when directors voted to liquidate debts and turned the bank over to federal authorities.

Outstanding notes to L. A. Mergen and C. E. Mergen of Albuquerque, N. Mex., sons of Frank Mergen, president of the bank, were said to have contributed to the bank's failure.

Deposits are approximately \$1,000,000.

## Santa Fe Road to Fight Freight Rate Reduction

**Universal Service**  
Topeka, Kan., Nov. 5.—Freight rates on grain will not be cut by the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe railroad until the cost of transportation becomes lower, R. G. Merrick, general freight agent for the road declared Monday.

Mr. Merrick hinted that the railroad would attempt to show in their case before the interstate commerce commission at Kansas City November 14 that the history of cuts made in freight rates does not show that the farmer was ever benefitted.

# KLAN LEADER IS KILLED BY TEXAS ENEMY

### Counsel for Simmons Shot By Editor of Imperial Knight Hawk

**Universal Service**  
Atlanta, Georgia, Nov. 5.—William S. Coburn, widely known attorney, chief counsel for the Simmons faction of the Ku Klux Klan, was shot and killed in his office on the ninth floor of the Atlantic Trust building late Monday by Philip Fox, editor of the Imperial Knight Hawk, official organ of the Texas division of the klan.

Fox fired four times and fled being overtaken and captured on the floor below by Thompson Rogers, private secretary to William Joseph Simmons, emperor of the klan, who had been waiting in Coburn's office for a conference with the attorney. The police arriving shortly afterward, placed Fox under arrest and in jail.

**Women See Shooting**  
Mrs. Holbrook, stenographer to Coburn, and another woman who was waiting to see Coburn, saw the fatal shooting. Mrs. Holbrook declared to the police that Coburn and Fox did not speak a word before the shooting. Three of the shots took effect in Coburn's head and the fourth pierced his stomach.

According to Henry Norton, Atlanta klan official, Fox Sunday night at the Imperial palace, threatened to shoot Dr. Fred Johnson, a friend of Coburn's, but was prevented by Morris Moore, a Texas ranger visiting the place.

It was said at Coburn's office that Fox had made an attempt to see the attorney an hour earlier, but was informed Coburn was busy and was told to return in an hour.

**Fires From Threshold**  
When Fox returned he was shown into Coburn's private office where the latter was in conference with a client. Coburn is said to have informed Fox that he would see him in a few minutes.

Almost instantly Fox opened the door to the inner office and from the threshold fired the fatal shots. He then threw the pistol at Coburn, the police were told.

It is reported that Fox, on the way to the police station in custody of officers, said: "Well, I'm glad I finished that job."

At the police station Fox refused to make any statement, saying he would give his entire story of the shooting later.

## Elkhart Sues Farm Bureau

**Former Official of U. S. Grain Growers Asking \$70,000 Damages**  
Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 5.—(Special.)—Events leading to the organization of the United States Grain Growers were related in detail Monday afternoon by W. G. Eckhardt, first treasurer of that corporation, when he took the witness stand as the first witness in the trial of his \$70,000 libel suit against the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, and Prof. I. L. Clyde Filley of the State Agricultural college. Mr. Eckhardt contends that he was injured by the bureau publication in its organ.

Former Governor John Burke, of North Dakota, made the opening statement in behalf of the plaintiff, detailing his activities in behalf of the farmer, Harry L. Keefe of Waltham, Neb., leading counsel for Professor Filley, said Eckhardt was a man of great vision, but was wrongly directed, in that he went to unwarranted expenditures in an attempt to carry out his mind picture of not alone grain marketing machinery, but the purchase of great terminal elevators, coal mines, the erection of huge mills and the building of ships to export grain. Because of this misdirected vision, Mr. Keefe said, the grain growers split into two factions, with unfortunate results.

Eckhardt was the only witness called Monday.

## Bergdoll Has Hankering to Become Citizen of Mexico

**Universal Service**  
Mexico City, Nov. 5.—The name of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, notorious draft dodger now in Germany, has cropped up in private correspondence in this city. Bergdoll has written German friends here asking information as to the mode of procedure necessary to become a citizen of Mexico.

According to well informed persons here, the correspondence has been going on for some time. It is expected that Bergdoll will enter the republic at the port of Vera Cruz in the near future and will take up his residence on a ranch, the holdings of which are said to have been acquired for him through agents in the state of Chiapas.

## Set World's Record in Bible Class Attendance

**Universal Service**  
Kansas City, Nov. 5.—(U. P.)—A world's record for bible class attendance was set here Sunday by the men's class of the First Baptist church when 17,833 jammed in the convention hall. The Baptist church here is in a contest with a business men's class in Long Beach. The Long Beach class, according to messages received here, had 1,750 Sunday.

## Reclamation Service to Remain at Capitol

**Universal Service**  
Denver, Nov. 5.—Secretary Work revealed to Denver Monday that the executive offices of the national reclamation service will remain in Washington permanently, rather than be moved west as has been suggested by Secretary Albert B. Fall of the interior department.

New plans put into operation, Secretary Work said, will reduce the annual operating expenses of the department.

## Uruguay and Rio Grande Forces Renew Warfare

**Universal Service**  
Montivideo, Uruguay, Nov. 5.—Dispatches received here Monday stated that the armistice recently signed by the state of Rio Grande, Brazil, and the revolutionary forces, had been broken, and that fighting has been renewed.

## Russian Territorials Called to Take Up Arms

**Universal Service**  
Moscow, Nov. 4.—Nonlaboring classes in Russia are still barred from holding arms, although six classes of territorials were called to take up training Saturday.

General Muralo, commander of the Moscow garrison, gave out the foregoing announcement from his headquarters.

# PREDICTIONS FAVOR DEMOS

### Sweeping Victories Expected in Number of State Contests Tuesday

**Universal Service**  
Washington, Nov. 5.—Election eve reports reaching Washington Monday night strengthen the belief that the democrats will carry off the honors in most of Tuesday's senatorial, congressional and gubernatorial elections.

In Kentucky, where the greatest interest is centered, William J. Fields, democrat, is given a decided lead over Charles I. Dawson, republican, in the gubernatorial race. If the weather is bad, which would effect the vote in the mountains where the roads are poor and the people have to travel long distances to the polling places, the republicans virtually concede defeat. Their strongest districts are in the mountain section of the state.

Gov. Albert C. Ritchie, democrat, also is expected to triumph decisively over Alexander Armstrong in the Maryland gubernatorial contest.

Former Representative Porter H. Dale, republican, should win in the senatorial election in Vermont, although the democrats are making some claims that Park H. Pollard, their nominee and a cousin of President Coolidge, has a good chance.

**Republican Strong**  
In the second congressional district of Vermont where the vacancy was created by Dale's resignation to run for the senate, Ernest W. Gibson, republican, will poll the usual republican majority over Burton E. Bailey, democrat.

In the four New York congressional contests the democrats are conceded two, the republicans one, and one doubtful. The districts regarded as safely democratic are the 11, where Anning S. Prall is running against Guy O. Walsler, republican, and the 16th, where John J. O'Connor, democrat, is opposed by John C. O'Connor, republican. Former Speaker of the Assembly Thaddeus C. Sweet, republican, is believed sure to win over Daniel C. Burke, in the 32d district.

Both democrats and republicans are claiming the 24th New York district. Former Representative Benjamin Fairchild, republican who was defeated last November, is again seeking election over Edward R. Koch, democrat.

**Doyle Has No Opposition**  
In the fourth Illinois congressional district Thomas J. Doyle, the democratic candidate, has no opposition. The republican nominee withdrew.

In the sixth Arkansas district the democratic candidate, J. A. Reir, likewise is unopposed.

All of these congressional vacancies, except Vermont, were caused by deaths.

Political leaders on both sides are watching more closely than any other state, the outcome in Kentucky. Kentucky is a border state, with a present republican governor and one republican senator elected in 1920, although the state went for Cox for president. The result Tuesday may indicate the drift to be encountered in the presidential campaign next year.

## Two Convicts Make Break From Prison; Third Man Is Shot

**Universal Service**  
Philadelphia, Nov. 5.—Two convicts escaped, a third was shot and a fourth was knocked down during a jail break at the eastern penitentiary at 10:25 o'clock Monday.

The criminals, all of them long timers, made a break through the front gate of the prison leading into Fairmount avenue.

The dash for freedom was discovered by one of the guards. A number of the guards opened fire. One of the men dropped wounded. Another was clubbed by a guard into unconsciousness. The other two escaped.

Armed guards rushed into the street and began searching the neighborhood. The men had vanished from sight, and it is believed that an automobile was waiting outside the prison for the men.

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# WOMEN WANT EQUAL RIGHTS

### Mrs. Oliver Belmont to Take Personal Charge of Campaign

**WILLIAM P. FLYTHE**  
Universal Service Correspondent  
Washington, Nov. 5.—Mrs. H. P. Belmont, president of the National Women's party, came here Monday to personally direct a campaign for equal rights for women.

It is her aim to raise women from what she says is a "type of slavery" to the level of men in every walk of life.

"There is a belief that when woman was given the vote she secured with it every right which men now enjoy," she said, adding:

"Such is not the case. In marriage man becomes the head of the family. There is no partnership. The man enjoys property rights which the woman does not. He secures the custody of the children. Divorce laws all favor the men.

"We propose a constitutional amendment. It will provide that woman shall no longer be, in any form, subject to man in law or custom, but shall in every way be on equal plane in rights, as she has always been and will continue to be responsibilities and obligations."

The task ahead is not an easy one, Mrs. Belmont said, and is beset with opposition in many quarters, even among women themselves. But she believes firmly that when the case is fairly presented as her party has found it to exist, there will be an immediate change in sentiment.

"The real difficulty is that the average American man is such a fair and considerate individual that his wife finds little cause for complaint," she said.

## ARREST MADE IN BRIBE CASE

### Deputy Highway Commissioner of Oklahoma Is Taken Into Custody

**Universal Service**  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Nov. 5.—H. C. Schilling, an employe for several years of Gov. J. C. Walton, confessed Monday a toy pistol delivered to the deposed governor while he was attending the senate impeachment hearing at Friday had been "layin around" in Walton's office for several days. Senate investigators charged the pistol had been handed to Walton at the psychological moment to win public sympathy.

A. B. Snodgrass, deputy highway commissioner, charged by Val Gardner with having received \$6,000 alleged to have been given by Tonkwa citizens to be paid to Walton for withholding his veto of the state school appropriation, was arrested late Monday after he had been taken before the grand jury.

The house probe committee completed its report Monday night on the state banking department. Conditions were described as "deplorable." A liquidating agent of a defunct bank was alleged to have collected \$58,000 and received \$32,000 of this amount in fees.

Acting Governor Trapp has slashed state salary expenses \$1,500 a day since assuming charge and has touched only two departments. He indicated the state's annual payroll would be reduced \$2,000,000 before the economies the legislature plans to adopt are put into effect.

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# SALVAGE FIRM GETS VETERAN BUREAU GOODS

### Large Stocks Disposed of at Loss of 80 Per Cent., Witness Says

**BY COLE E. MORGAN**  
Universal Service Correspondent  
Washington, Nov. 5.—Three million dollars worth of hospital and other supplies were sold and delivered at Perryville, Md., the past fall and winter, to a Boston salvage concern for \$600,000. It was testified Monday before the senate investigation of the Veterans' bureau.

At the same time and since the bureau was in the market buying the same supplies to meet current needs and within the next year will have to make additional purchases, the testimony revealed.

Some of the newly purchased merchandise was delivered to the salvage company, virtually going in one door and out the other, the government actually losing 80 per cent. of the purchase price.

Among the articles disposed of were 98,995 sets of winter pajamas, made in Red Cross workroom by mothers, wives, sisters and sweethearts of soldiers during the war and donated to the government by the Red Cross. They have never been used and were still in the original package cases in which they came from the Red Cross headquarters. They went to the salvage concern at 30 cents a suit.

**Must Buy New Goods**  
Before the present winter is over, it was testified, the bureau must go into the market and buy pajamas to supply patients in veterans' bureau hospitals.

There were 119,000 towels for which the government paid 18 cents each and which went for less than 4 cents a towel, all new and in the original cases.

Shipments of bed sheets to the salvage concern totalled \$4,320 at a price averaging around 20 cents each, when the bureau was receiving new sheets of not as good grade as some of those sold for which it was paying \$1.03 each.

**Hospital Supplies Sold.**  
Other articles included in the wholesale salvaging were 134,820 packages of surgical gauze, and 2,729,559 yards of other gauze, all at 20 cents on the dollar. It was testified that the bureau's gauze stock is now very much depleted and that there has been need for some of the grades sold for months past and other grades will be needed shortly.

The salvage company received 31,321 yards of flannel outing and 31,320 yards of flannelette, 275,000 yards of duck and canvas, 21,647 yards of moleskin cloth, 25,300 blankets, 250,000 yards of webbing, 30 lots of bread of approximately 15,000 pounds each, 5,387 pounds of paraffine paper, and numerous other classes of supplies.

The government, the testimony showed, was even billed for \$1,164 demurrage on cars that were not moved promptly after being loaded.

**Storekeeper Testifies**  
Details of these shipments were testified to by Nevins B. Hendrix, general storekeeper at the Perryville supply depot since March 15, 1921. The shipments were made during November and December, 1921 and January, 1922, to the Thompson & Kelly Company, Hendrix checking out and loading the shipments on orders from headquarters in Washington. The total shipments numbered 150 carloads.

Through Lieut. Com. Charles R. O'Leary, detailed by the navy department to the Veterans' bureau, and head of the supply division from October 9, 1922 to January 26, 1923, it was developed that the planning committee of the bureau declared the Perryville supplies surplus property on November 10, 1922, and received a written offer at 20 per cent. of invoice valuation from Thompson & Kelly Company, on November 11. Director Charles R. Forbes secured approval of the chief co-ordinator of the budget bureau for the sale on November 14; a contract with Thompson & Kelly Company was signed November 15 and the loading on the cars at Perryville started November 16.

Included in the planning committee that declared the property surplus were Charles F. Cramer, general counsel; Dr. L. B. Rogers, medical director; George E. Ljams, assistant to the director; W. C. Black, chief clerk, O'Leary and other division heads in the bureau.

Through the insistence of Dr. T. Hugh Scott, executive officer, 29 per cent. of stocks were ordered reserved as a year's supply for the bureau and the public health service.

## Uruguay and Rio Grande Forces Renew Warfare

**Universal Service**  
Montivideo, Uruguay, Nov. 5.—Dispatches received here Monday stated that the armistice recently signed by the state of Rio Grande, Brazil, and the revolutionary forces, had been broken, and that fighting has been renewed.

## Russian Territorials Called to Take Up Arms