

# TROTSKY FOILS AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT

## Arrest of Red Cross Agent and Accusation Against Ambassador Denounced as "Entirely Unwarranted."

Washington, Dec. 24.—State department officials declared today that the statements of Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, that the American Cross mission in Russia was giving aid to the opponents of the Bolshevik government, could be attributed only to his ignorance of the facts. A report from Ambassador Francis on the arrest of Colonel Kolpashnikoff, an attaché of the Red Cross mission, while in charge of a relief train, had not reached the State department.

**To Send Ambulances.**  
The State department does not believe Trotsky will persist in his attitude, however, when he realizes the true state of affairs. Arrangements were made in this country some time ago for strengthening the ambulance corps of Russia with 78 ambulances and other supplies much needed in certain districts. It was deemed advisable to send them via the Roumanian frontier. This was done with the approval of the Russian Red Cross.

The incident of money which it was alleged Ambassador Francis had offered and the insinuation that it was intended as a bribe to the enemies of the Bolsheviks, had no other significance, it was announced, than humanitarian. It was merely the ordinary transfer of money through the embassy sent by the Red Cross and intended for relief work.

**Trotsky Accuses Ambassador.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 24.—Leon Trotsky, the Bolshevik foreign minister, at a meeting of the revolutionary organization assembled in congress, read documents which he declared contained evidence that America was helping General Kaledines, leader of the Don Cossacks.

"Last night," said Trotsky, "we found that American agents in Russia were participating in the Kaledines movement. We arrested Colonel Kolpashnikoff, attached to the American mission to Roumania, who was trying to get a train load of automobiles, clothing and supplies to Rostov."

Among the documents was a letter from David J. Francis (American ambassador to Russia) requesting that the train be given free passage, as it was bound for the mission at Jassy. "One letter from Colonel Anderson (head of the American Red Cross mission to Roumania) to Kolpashnikoff said that if money were needed, Ambassador Francis was ready to advance 100,000 rubles on the account of the Red Cross. We think that the American ambassador must break his silence now."

The audience cheered these utterances wildly.

"Since the revolution, he has been

# CITY ELECTION NEXT SPRING LOOKS LIKE CROWDED CONTEST

Have you been mentioned yet in connection with the spring city campaign?

Along about the first of May the city will have seven remunerative positions to fill. During April a primary election will be held to select nominees for the election in May. It is rumored now that there will be enough entrants for the primaries to insure the selection of 14. In fact, it is confidentially understood that many patriots will be willing to "sacrifice their personal interests" for this public service.

Six of the jobs are worth \$4,500 a year and the other, that of mayor, has an additional \$500 tacked on.

**Consul. the Directory.**  
If the "available timber" continues to increase, the simplest method to be observed at the April primary would be to refer each voter to the city directory with instructions to vote for 14, eliminating of course the names of those who have died since the directory was issued.

It seems to be one of the popular indoor sports just now to speculate on the probable personnel of the spring primary ballot. Many have been chosen by their loving friends. Conscription, it is said, will not be necessary in this instance.

Nothing definite is available on the subject, except that the present incumbents, known as the "square seven," during the last city campaign, will all strive to succeed themselves, and "Nothing succeeds like success," remarked one of the present city rulers.

**Take Your Pick.**  
During the last few weeks the following names have been mentioned with more or less seriousness in connection with the city primaries:

Robert Cowell, Dr. C. C. Allison, L. J. Quinby, George T. Morton, Ed

the most silent diplomat in Petrograd. Evidently he belongs to the Bismarck school, in which it was taught that silence is golden. He must explain his connection with this conspiracy.

**Reds Will Get U. S.**  
"We will tell all the ambassadors if you think you can with the help of American gold, under the guise of the holy mission of the Red Cross, support and bribe Kaledines, you are mistaken. If you think that you are no longer the representatives of America, but private adventurers, the heavy hand of the revolution will reach out after you."

"I desire to let the representatives of all the foreign powers know that we are not so blind as to allow our feet to be trampled on. In the affair of Tchitcherin and Petroff we have already had occasion to show the British ambassador that the revolutionary government is not lacking in dignity and pride, and that we are not acting under the influence of the Anglo-American bourgeoisie, but have a pure principle for which we will conquer or perish."

Raymond Robins, head of the permanent American Red Cross mission to Russia, on learning of the arrest of Kolpashnikoff prior to Trotsky's speech, offered to explain the matter to the Bolshevik leader, but Trotsky refused to hear him unless he came as the representative of the embassy.

Ambassador Francis, in a statement to the Russian press, declares that the embassy and the Red Cross are in no way involved in the counter-revolution. He says that Kolpashnikoff received no funds from the embassy.

P. Smith, Elmer J. Neville, Bert Tracy, Thomas A. Fry, W. G. Ure, R. J. Sutton, A. L. Sutton, Harley G. Moorhead, C. L. Saunders, C. E. Black, A. A. Lamereaux, L. B. Johnson, E. E. Howell, C. E. Foster, T. P. Reynolds, Henry Rohlf, Thomas Falconer, Tom Cisey, Jerry Howard, Frank P. Goodall, F. S. Tucker and Ed McArdle, will, the following formidable roster of South Side aspirants: J. J. Hinchey, Pat Laelle, Thomas Hootor, Pat Martin, John Kavanagh, John Haupman, P. J. Barrett, J. M. Tanner, W. E. Reed, Joe Walker, Perry Wheeler, Frank Koutsky and Henry Murphy.

**All Have the \$10.**  
An interesting diversion for a dull day is to have a little tete-a-tete with some of these prospective municipal legislators. Few will commit themselves further than to declare that if conditions are propitious they may pay \$10 filing fee and throw their hat into the circle.

Gossip in the city hall on Saturday was that Ed P. Smith would run provided that he would get the ticket under designation for mayoralty honors and would have a satisfactory group of running-mates and a stable organization behind the group.

Commissioner Kugel has been advised by some of his friends not to attempt re-election this time, but he declares he can point with pride, and will be at the counter with \$10 on filing day. Another morsel of political gossip is that Mayor Dahlan and Commissioners Hummel, Withnell, Jardine and Parks will fit in with two others than Kugel and Butler, in the event that all shall have been nominated.

# KAISER BOASTS VICTORIES WON BY GERMAN ARMS

Amsterdam, Dec. 24.—Emperor William visited the front north of Verdun Friday, according to a Berlin dispatch, and in an address to the troops thanked them warmly for their efforts.

"But for the calm and heroic warriors on the western front," he said, "the enormous deployment of German forces in the east and in Italy never would have been possible."

"The fighter in the west has exposed heroically his body so that his brothers on the Dvina and the Isonzo might storm from victory to victory. The fearful battles on the bloody hills around Verdun were not in vain; they created new foundations for the conduct of the war."

# Burglars Rob Webster City Passenger Depot of \$200

Webster City, Ia., Dec. 24.—(Special Telegram.)—The Illinois Central depot in this city was robbed of \$200 in cash this morning. While the agent was in the basement some one entered the office and made away with all the cash on hand. Several suspects are being held.

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# NEWSIES GUESTS AT ANNUAL XMAS DINNER AT ROME

## Hustling Street Merchants Will Be Regaled Christmas Night; A. W. Jefferis to Speak.

War or no war, Hoover or no Hoover, Omaha's hustling little street merchants, the newsies, shall not be denied their annual Christmas feed and jollification.

The big Christmas event at which the street urchins are given the word to gorge themselves to their hearts' content will be given at the Hotel Rome Christmas day at 5 o'clock. Mike Barto, city circulator of The Bee, and Tony Costanzo of the World Herald are giving the 250 newsies their Christmas treat this year.

Rome Miller has arranged to give the newsies the use of the huge banquet hall at the Hotel Rome for their banquet. A menu of chicken, squab, mashed potatoes, pie, fruit, soup, nuts, cranberry sauce and all the trimmings has been arranged.

A. W. Jefferis will make a short talk to the boys. Gus Miller and Doc Carver, juvenile authorities, will assist Barto and Costanzo at the big spread.

# Pope Benedict's Christmas Message to American People

Rome, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict has given to the Associated Press this Christmas message for the American people:

"The holy father sends to the people of America his cordial greetings and prays that they may take to heart, in this time of strife and suffering, the true lesson of Christmastide—the lesson of God's unceasing love for mankind; the lesson of unflinching courage and sacrifice of self."

"More especially he calls upon the little children, to whom this day belongs, to pray with all their hearts to the Babe of Bethlehem that He may protect their loved ones and give back to the world that peace which He came to bring upon earth."

# CANTEEN AT FORT OMAHA IS CLOSED DOWN; MEASLES

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"It left us with only one of the employed help," said Mrs. Kountze.

The canteen will be closed one week, during which time the interior will be gone over and a new coat of paint applied, Mrs. Kountze said.

"The boys are disappointed but we will be back at our post after the week is over and continue our work as before," she said.

# Former Creighton Student Writes of Experiences

Arthur A. Dailey, who went to Creighton college a few years ago, has an article in the American Boy for January on his experiences on the battle front in France, where he spent five months as a member of the Illinois ambulance unit. He is 23 years old and a senior in the University of Illinois. He was one of 22 men selected from the university to go with the ambulance unit last spring.

The unit worked among the Senegalese troops of the French army, some of the most picturesque and efficient fighters. They are negroes from west Africa. Dailey was awarded the French war cross.

# Dread Meningitis Endangers Camp Funston—Reavis

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he is at Funston. It is of such boys I am thinking when I speak as I do. "Let me remind you, too, that I never said anything about the food furnished the boys. I do not question that they get good food and plenty of it. I have not talked about food at all, but about other things."

"As to the gentleman who accused me of making the boys 'sissies' I would recommend him to the officers in charge of Company A, Three Hundred and Forty-first machine gun battalion, and inquire if my son, Harold, or any others there are anything but real United States soldiers. But that does not mean that the boys should be made to suffer while yet in their country where the willing

mothers can help them. They will have enough suffering when they get on the battlefield.

"The 'Soldier Boy' from Fort Omaha is a real soldier. He declared that all was well down there. In my first report I said that the spirit which he demonstrates is prevalent among all the boys. This brave soldier boy forgets, though, that all the other boys are not as lucky as he is. They don't all have a well-to-do family who can send them underwear and anything they need. I would like to meet this young man at my home.

"I did make one statement which should be corrected. The reporter misunderstood me about the 'one blanket and 10 men.' It should have been 'one blanket for each of the 10 men.'

"Again I want to appeal to the Omaha mothers to co-operate with us and send more clothing to our boys. I will be glad to work with any mother in the city."

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