

## "WALKOUT" AT SOCIALIST TRIAL BARELY AVERTED

Hearing of Five New York  
Assemblymen Marked by  
Clashes Over Methods  
Of Procedure.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 22.—There were tense moments today at the trial of the five suspended socialist assemblymen charged with disloyalty when it seemed that defendants and council would "walk out on" the assembly judiciary committee.

The first came when committee counsel proposed to call on witnesses to produce books, documents and papers to mark them for identification and to leave them with the committee for examination with the idea that they later might be introduced in evidence.

Morris Hillquit, chief defense counsel, objected. Louis M. Martin, committee chairman, denied the objection. Assemblymen Evans and Bloch, committee members, dissented from the ruling. Then Mr. Hillquit, turning to the witness on the stand, Mrs. Anna Stern, executive secretary of the socialist Bronx local, said:

"You are not bound to part with possession of your book unless it is offered in evidence."

Not Law to Itself.  
"The statement of prosecution counsel, so often made, that the committee is a law unto itself, that the assemblymen under charges are here by courtesy or favor—with that statement as a proposition of force, I am not finding any fault. But I want to have it understood that we do not wish to appear here on sufferance or courtesy or by favor. We are either here with all the rights

of counsel in any court of justice, or we do not propose to be here." The threatened "walk out" was averted when Judge Arthur E. Sutherland, speaking for the committee's counsel, yielded to the suggestion of Mr. Hillquit, that the documents be marked for identification, but returned to their owners. Another crisis came when Erza L. Kauffmann, a special policeman of Rochester, was called and produced a book in Hebrew, which, he said, he had obtained from "a Samuel Miller" of that city. Defense counsel objected when John B. Stanchfield, committee counsel, attempted to question the witness concerning a conversation he had with Miller.

"It isn't competent or direct evidence," snapped Seymour Stedman of Chicago, for the defense. "We don't know this man Miller. Who is going to dispute what he said?" In response to my eloquent and distinguished friend from the west, let me suggest that he must have overlooked the fact that there is an express charge that these five men here involved had been a party to a conspiracy to subvert our law and to overturn the government by force," said Mr. Stanchfield.

Expected Another Offense.  
"In reply to the distinguished gentlemen whose consciousness of himself is never absent, let me say this is a new thing that we are now on trial for, conspiracy," retorted Mr. Stedman. "I suppose we will have another offense by tomorrow morning."

After Mr. Hillquit had recalled that the committee had promised a fair trial, Assemblyman Bloch said he objected to that "continued reminder" and that he believed "the statement is only made to create an impression with the press that you are not getting a fair trial."

"If this testimony and testimony of any similar kind is permitted, we have not a fair trial; we have a travesty on justice," said Mr. Hillquit to Mr. Bloch. "I should be very reluctant to make myself a party to a farce of this kind. As far as I am concerned, and I think I speak for my associates, wherever testimony of this kind is called, we shall take absolutely no part in the proceedings. It is as if we were absent."

The chair overruled the objection. The socialist counsel did not withdraw, but the day on which the trial was expected to end abruptly when, despite objection by the socialist forces, committee counsel obtained adjournment until next Tuesday to review their evidence.

## January Promises New H. C. of L. Record U. S. Official Asserts

Newark, N. J., Jan. 22.—Prices of living commodities were higher in December, 1919, than in any previous month in history, but January, 1920, promises to set another record, Dr. Royal Meeker, commissioner of statistics of the Department of Labor, declared in an address here. Food in December cost almost twice as much as it did in the same month of 1913, he said.

The average increase in wages has not kept pace with the increased cost of living, Dr. Meeker said, declaring that "the average family today does not live as well as it did in 1913."

Renewed Disorders.  
Cairo, Jan. 22.—Renewed disorders occurred at Tanta, 55 miles from Cairo. Rioters attacked an Italian patrol company with revolvers and bricks, killing a corporal and wounding two privates. The troops killed one and wounded several of the rioters.

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## SHONTS WIDOW SUES FRIEND OF DEAD HUSBAND

Charges Alienation of Affections Prior to Making of Will by Rail Magnate—Asks \$1,000,000.

By Universal Service.  
New York, Jan. 22.—Mrs. Amanda C. Thomas, residuary legatee under the will of the late Theodore P. Shonts, was made defendant in a suit for \$1,000,000 filed with the county clerk yesterday by Mrs. Milla B. Shonts, widow of the former president of the Interborough Rapid Transit company. Mrs. Shonts charges Mrs. Thomas with alienation of the affections of her late husband.

In her complaint Mrs. Shonts says she and her husband lived happily from their marriage on December 28, 1881, in Centerville, Ia., until about 1910. During that time she enjoyed his affection, support, protection and comfort. He met Mrs. Thomas in 1906, and she avers that "thereafter and until September, 1919, when he died, the defendant willfully, wickedly and maliciously engaged in gaining the affections of Theodore P. Shonts from the plaintiff, and succeeded in inducing him to leave the plaintiff, and sought to and did persuade him to go with the defendant to other places in the United States and elsewhere and did prey ruthlessly upon the said Theodore P. Shonts and, by her artifice and wiles, enticed Theodore P. Shonts from the society of the plaintiff."

Several months after the death of Shonts his widow applied for temporary letters of administration for his estate, claiming that he had made a will, but that diligent search had failed to reveal it. The following day a will purporting to be the last one made by the decedent was filed. Then ensued a long legal battle marked by charges and counter charges by the attorneys for Mrs. Shonts and those retained by the estate.

In the will which was filed Mrs. Thomas, referred to by the former traction magnate as "my friend," was bequeathed furniture, valuable paintings and other works of art. Mrs. Shonts tried to obtain possession of these articles, alleging that undue influence had been brought to bear by Mrs. Thomas while Mr. Shonts was ill. Mrs. Thomas, however, declared that most of the furniture was her personal property. The matter is still pending in the courts.

## 400,000 Vaccinations Planned by Red Cross To Prevent Smallpox

Riga, Jan. 22.—The largest single vaccination task ever undertaken in Europe is being started by the American Red Cross in the neighborhood of Dvinsk.

More than 400,000 vaccinations are to be performed in an effort to prevent the spread of smallpox, which has broken out in bad form in the province of Latgale. Unless localized, it is feared the disease will spread northward throughout the Baltic states and southward to Poland.

Vaccine for 400,000 persons has been shipped from the American Red Cross headquarters in Paris and is being distributed.

## Navy Inquiry Board Meets.

Newark, R. I., Jan. 22.—The board of inquiry appointed by the Navy department to investigate conditions at the naval training station here convened with Rear Admiral Herbert Dunn, commander of the first naval district, presiding. The sessions, it was announced, will be secret.

## List of "Don'ts" for Housewives Prepared By Economy Leader

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 22.—(Special).—Nebraska housewives who are back of the economy drive and the fight against the high cost of living are asked by Mrs. Charles G. Ryan, campaign director, to adopt the following slogan of "don'ts":  
Don't order by telephone.  
Don't buy a "quarter's worth."  
Don't "charge it."  
Don't let the clerk decide.  
Don't ask unnecessary service.  
Don't decide what to buy until you know the price.  
Don't buy luxuries now.  
Don't be afraid to say, "I won't pay the price."  
Don't be afraid of being called a "cheap skate."

## PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE AGREEMENT IS MADE IN SENATE

Spokesmen for Both Factions  
Express Hopes of an Ultimate Settlement.

Washington, Jan. 22.—(By The Associated Press).—Progress toward complete agreement on compromise reservations to the peace treaty, timed today by the bipartisan committee of senate leaders.

The Lodge reservation to article 10 of the league of nations covenant, the pivotal reservation of the whole controversy, was considered almost exclusively at the session of the four republican and five democratic leaders and tonight spokesmen for both factions joined in expressions hopeful of ultimate settlement. One of the democratic leaders said he looked for decisive action tomorrow on the converted reservation, but that conferences on other reservations probably would continue into next week.

Will Not Interfere.  
In view of the optimistic reports from both sides, the "mild reservation" republicans and other senators who have been restless over the situation, stated that nothing would be done to interfere with the leaders' negotiations until some definite outcome was evident.

Many propositions for change in the Lodge reservation on article 10 of the league of nations text were considered by the bipartisan committee.

"I wish to state," said Senator Frelinghuysen, "that I will not be bound by any agreement, tentative or otherwise, which in any way materially changes in substance the reservations adopted by a majority vote of the senate."

Hope to Get Needed Votes.  
Leaders taking cognizance of the New Jersey senator's statement expressed confidence that "if the members of the bipartisan committee succeeded in agreeing there was little chance but that their compromise would finally receive the necessary 64 votes in the senate."

In the negotiations as to reservation affecting article 10 it is reported that the republican committee is making material concessions regarding the form and language of the reservation, but is remaining adamant against change in the fundamental principles of the Lodge reservation.

## FLU CASES IN CHICAGO REACH NEW HIGH MARK

Deaths in Windy City Total 79  
In 24 Hours—6,000  
Cases in Havana.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Influenza and pneumonia claimed 79 deaths in Chicago within the 24-hour period ending 9 a. m. Thursday, according to reports to the health department. The number of new influenza cases mounted to 2,226, a new high mark. Pneumonia cases also increased, 237 being reported.

Two Bible student conferences to have been held at Moody Bible institute February 2 to 6 have been postponed indefinitely because of the influenza epidemic.

6,000 Cases in Havana.  
Washington, Jan. 22.—Six thousand cases of influenza have been reported in Havana, Cuba, the public health service is advised. The service announced that all possible precautions to prevent an influx of the disease into the United States is being taken both in Havana and at American ports.

Further spread of the malady in this country was reported to the service, 93 new cases being listed in Kansas and 2,430 in 16 counties of northern Illinois.

100 Cases in Naval Yard.  
Philadelphia, Jan. 22.—Within the last 48 hours 100 cases of influenza have developed at the Philadelphia navy yard. In each instance the disease is in a mild form, having none of the malignant symptoms of the 1918 epidemic. All social centers and other meeting places for the men at the yard have been closed.

## New French Delegates to Peace Conference Named

Paris, Jan. 22.—Premier Millerand, M. Francois-Marsal, minister of finance; M. Isaac, minister of commerce; and Maurice Paleologue, former ambassador to Russia, have been appointed French plenipotentiaries to the peace conference. The cabinet approved and President Poincaré signed a decree to this effect today. The new appointees replace Mm. Clemenceau, Pichon, Klotz and Tardieu, who resigned with their retirement from the ministry.

## TIDE TURNING IN SOUTH RUSSIA AGAINST REDS

Denikine Improves Position  
And Letts Winning Back  
Territory From  
Bolsheviks.

London, Jan. 22.—(By The Associated Press).—The position of General Denikine, anti-bolshevik leader in southern Russia, to all appearances is somewhat better, according to the war office summary of the situation. The inevitable pause which must follow any long and rapid offensive such as has been conducted by the bolsheviks in southern Russia has occurred.

Much depends upon the support afforded Denikine by the population at his rear. Latest reports seem to indicate that he still commands their full confidence and loyalty. However, his losses of materials in the recent retreat are bound to have a grave effect on future operations.

The imminent danger to their country has caused both the Don and Kuban Cossacks to rally wholeheartedly around the government and afford full support to Denikine. The bolshevik advance in Siberia appears to have slowed down. The allied high commissioner has received a message from Admiral Kolchak at Nijni-Udinsk stating that he is remaining there with the ministers of his suite, whose fate he intends to share.

Letts Retake Territory.  
In west Russia the Letts, since the opening of their offensive on January 4, have retaken a stretch of their own country about 40 miles in depth and captured 13,000 prisoners and considerable material. Sixty miles of Lettish territory still remains in bolshevik hands.

The bolsheviks have concentrated strong forces of troops for the defense of the important junction of Rishitsa and are also counter attacking the Letts left along the Pakov railway, where they have been repulsed with heavy losses. The Letts have not succeeded in checking the Lettish advance in the center.

In the Caucasus the bolshevik advance down the western shore of the Caspian appears to threaten Petrovsk, the base of the volunteer fleet. In Transcaucasia the bolsheviks have not yet captured Kransnovodsk as reported. They have penetrated as far as Yagman, but are held up by volunteers, who occupy strong positions, while the bolshevik flanks are exposed to fire from the sea.

Red Mission in Kabul.  
A bolshevik mission is reported to have arrived at Kabul, Afghanistan, and to have been received with ceremony. Two emissaries from Constantinople are also said to be at Kabul.

Ramadan Shalash, the Mesopotamian leader, has adopted an attitude of defiance towards both the British and Arab governments. He is calling in loans advanced by the Mesopotamian administration to the people and sending agents far within the frontier to stir up trouble. A band of tribesmen attacked Al-Bukamal on January 11, but was

beaten off by the British. British airplanes caused heavy casualties. One plane picked up a wounded British officer and carried him 200 miles to a hospital.

The London Metropolitan railroad is experimenting with a system for announcing stations which automatically illuminates in turn ceiling panels in each compartment bearing their names.

## Eliminate Provisions in Bill Making Pershing Chief of Army Staff

Washington, Jan. 22.—Provisions in the army reorganization bill, as drafted by the senate military subcommittee, which would have the effect of making General Pershing chief of staff in place of General March, the present occupant, were tentatively eliminated by the full military committee, which sustained recommendations by Secretary Baker, who said he did not believe General Pershing desired the place. Chairman Wadsworth said he expected to have the bill ready to report to the senate by Monday.

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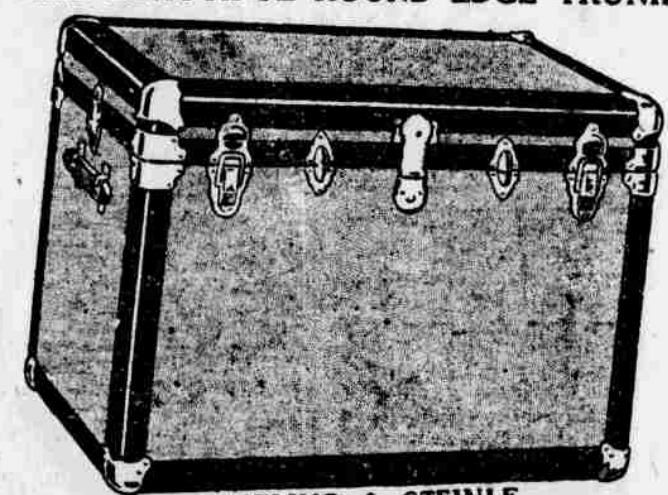


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