

REPORT CIVIL WAR IN PARTS OF GERMANY

Saxony and Thuringia in Sad State of Internal Strife—Government Authorities Censoring Newspaper Reports.

OTHER CENTERS SET UP COMMUNIST REGIMES

Fear of Attack on Berlin Causes Great Tension Among Police and Military—Ebert's Arrival Eagerly Awaited.

Paris, March 20.—Ten thousand armed workmen are concentrated at Halle-On-Saale (20 miles northwest of Leipzig) and the reichwehr staff is negotiating with them, says a Havas dispatch from Stuttgart. Bolshevik elements among the workmen, however, are making a settlement difficult.

Stuttgart, March 20.—Private dispatches report a virtual state of civil war in Saxony and Thuringia. The government authorities are censoring the newspaper reports to prevent the spread of alarm.

Uprising in Bavaria, Wurttemberg, Baden and the north are feared here. Loyal government troops are now reported proceeding to the central part of Germany.

Normal in Berlin.

Berlin, March 20.—Something of its normal aspect returned to Berlin late today and the only reports of a disturbing nature came from cities and towns outside the capital, principally those in the Rhine industrial centers, where local soviet governments and communist regimes are declared to have been set up. To what extent the reds are in control is not definitely known, but that there are serious disorders of all kinds among the laboring elements in these places is generally accepted.

Fear of an attack by the communists, who yesterday were reported to be marching on Ebert, has caused great tension among the police and military, who have taken all precautions. A double row of barbed wire entanglements at all the cross streets run from the northwestern part of the city at Moabit in a semi-circle round the inner city as far as Schoszenberg. This is reinforced with machine guns and manned by strong bodies of troops.

Proclaims State of Siege.

A decree by President Ebert proclaiming an intensified state of siege in Berlin may have been responsible to a considerable extent in bringing about a decrease in disorder, but it is generally believed the settling of the strike in Berlin, which throughout the short lived regime of Dr. Kaapp resulted in much disorder, was the chief element in the restoration of at least partially normal conditions.

It is expected the workmen will be given extensive concessions, although these have not yet been announced. Early in the day the strike was rigorously enforced, socialist and spartan pickets patrolling the city.

Predict Government Changes.

Chancellor Bauer, Foreign Minister Muller and Herr Gieseler, minister of posts and telegraphs, are in Berlin, having arrived from Stuttgart this morning. These ministers participated in the negotiations which culminated in the settlement of labor difficulties.

No momentous decision relative to the future conduct of affairs in Germany is looked for before the arrival here of President Ebert and the other members of the ministry. Various quarters predict changes in the makeup of the government. Word comes from Stuttgart that the national assembly meeting called for Tuesday in Berlin has been postponed to Thursday.

Occupants of Death Auto Curse Victim For Getting in Way

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 20.—Safe blowers, riding at top speed in a "vampire car," struck and killed Mrs. Lottie Strane, who was crossing the street. Her body was thrown high in the air. The death car sped on, its occupants cursing the woman for getting in the way.

Announce Exchange Rates For Half of March

Washington, March 20.—Rates of foreign exchanges fixed by the Treasury department for army accounting purposes during March 16 to 31 period, were announced as follows: Sterling, \$3.75 to the pound; French francs, 13.50 to the dollar; Belgian francs, 13.00 and lire, 18.00.

Boys and Girls!

THE TWIN STORIES are here. The boys and girls are here. They are twins in every country, who travel and play and talk in languages that American boys and girls can understand. Night now, the Dutch Twins are in their home country, Holland. Beginning Monday their story will appear daily in The Omaha Bee, in the Boys and Girls corner.

Cognac Shipment Seized.

Miami, Fla., March 20.—Five hundred cases of cognac, valued at \$30,000, was seized by revenue officers as it was being unloaded from a schooner from a Cuban port at Coconut Grove, south of here.

Anti-Saloon League After Senator Hitchcock's Scalp In Beer-Wine Controversy

General Counsel for League Asserts Nebraskan's Attitude Will Array Against Him the Prohibition Sentiment of the Nation—"Ought to Defeat Him As Candidate at Democratic Convention and for Leadership in Senate," Wheeler Says.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 20.—The Anti-Saloon League is now after the scalp of Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, for his recent declaration in favor of "light wines and beer."

"This attitude," said Wayne R. Wheeler, general counsel for the league, "will, of course, array against Senator Hitchcock the prohibition sentiment of the nation."

"It ought to defeat him not only as a candidate at the democratic convention but for leadership in the senate. He had given many people to understand that he had changed his position on this question, and would stand for an enforcement of the national prohibition code."

In Opposition to Laws. "Practically all of the prohibition laws in the states have as strong or stronger a standard as that in the Volstead act. The candidates who advocate beer and wine amendments will be in opposition to the laws of most of the states and the experience in the states that the standard in the Volstead act is essential if we are not to have law enforcement. Beer and wine amendments have been repeatedly defeated in congress, in state legislatures and by the overwhelming majority of the people in Michigan, Colorado, Washington and many other states."

Hitchcock Makes Answer. Senator Hitchcock, responding to Mr. Wheeler's attack, said: "I have noticed the criticism made by Mr. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon league, upon my position on the liquor question. The best comment I can make upon this criticism is to reiterate my position which he evidently does not fully understand."

MURDER OF LORD MAYOR OF CORK STILL MYSTERY

Threatening Letter Received Two Days Before Death Regarded as Joke.

Cork Ireland, March 20.—The sensational murder of Lord Mayor MacCurrtain has not yet been solved but it has become known that two days ago he received a threatening letter which he regarded as a joke. The letter directed the lord mayor to prepare for death, as he had been doomed.

Two hours before the lord mayor was murdered Constable Murtagh of the Royal Irish Constabulary was shot dead in the street. His body was riddled with bullets.

Body Lying in State.

The lord mayor's body, draped in the Sinn Fein volunteer uniform, lies in his residence, which is guarded by volunteers. The body will lie in state in the city hall until Monday when a public funeral will be held.

It is held that the crime could not have been committed by Sinn Feiners against one of their own members and many residents of Cork are expressing fear of reprisals which may affect all Ireland.

The murder of MacCurrtain followed an attempt Thursday night against the life of Professor Stockwell, who was an alderman in the Cork corporation in the Sinn Fein interests.

Talk of Reprisals.

London, March 21.—Not since the attempted assassination of Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland, has any Irish outrage caused such a sensation throughout the United Kingdom as the murder of Lord Mayor MacCurrtain of Cork.

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NEWBERRY AND 16 MORE FOUND GUILTY

Michigan Senator Sentenced To Two Years in Leavenworth on Conspiracy Charge And Must Pay \$10,000 Fine.

69 CODEFENDANTS ARE DISCHARGED BY JUDGE

Man Who Defeated Ford Says He Will "Continue to Represent in the U. S. Senate the People Who Elected Me."

Grand Rapids, March 20.—Truman H. Newberry, junior United States senator from Michigan, today was convicted by a jury of having conspired criminally in 1918 to violate the election laws. He was sentenced by Judge Clarence W. Sessions to two years' imprisonment and fined \$10,000, released on bond pending an appeal, and at once issued a statement declaring his intention to retain his seat in the senate unless that body decides otherwise, or the supreme court upholds his conviction.

Sharing the fate of the senator were his brother, John S. Newberry, and 15 campaign managers, including Frederick Cody, New York, and Paul H. King, Detroit. Both these men received the limit sentence with their chief.

Charles A. Floyd, Detroit, was also sentenced to two years in the penitentiary, but he was fined only half as much as Newberry. The brother was fined \$10,000 and was one of four who were not sentenced to Leavenworth. The lightest sentence went to George S. Ladd of Sturbridge, Mass., and he was fined \$1,000.

Other sentences were: William J. Mickel, two years. Allan A. Templeton, one year and six months. Roger M. Andrews, one year and six months. Milton Oakman, one year and six months. Richard H. Fletcher, one year and three months. James P. McGregor, one year and three months. Fred Henry, one year and three months. Hannibal Hopkins, one year and one day. E. V. Chilson, one year and one day. Harry O. Turner, fined \$2,000. B. Frank Emery, fined \$2,000. Judge Sessions overruled motion for a new trial pending an appeal.

All other defendants were acquitted on the first charge and none found guilty on the sixth count.

Jury Soon Agrees.

The trial passed into history with great velocity. The jury was ready with its verdict at 11:12 a. m. Less than half an hour later they had been discharged by the court, after freeing 68 of the 85 defendants. There was a brief respite for (Continued On Page Four, Column One.)

To Make Spectacular But Dignified Effort To Free Eugene Debs

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 20.—Now that Eugene Debs has announced his candidacy for president of the United States, said an announcement coming from the cell in occupying in a federal penitentiary at Atlanta, his fellow socialists consider it would be awkward if he were elected and found himself unable to appear for inauguration because of being unavoidably detained in prison.

Announcement was made that (Spectacular, but dignified) effort will be made to secure his pardon. The national socialist headquarters has the matter in charge, and the demonstration will be staged in Washington. The parade will include a stop at the White House for a prearranged conference with Mr. Wilson. General amnesty will be asked for all socialists and radicals now in prison and under sentence.

Dispatches from Washington this week announced that the Department of Labor had turned loose a large number of radicals held for deportation, among them some of the most rabid and dangerous in the country. So Mr. Debs and his friends hope they may secure his freedom and also get all his followers out of jail in time to enter into the campaign.

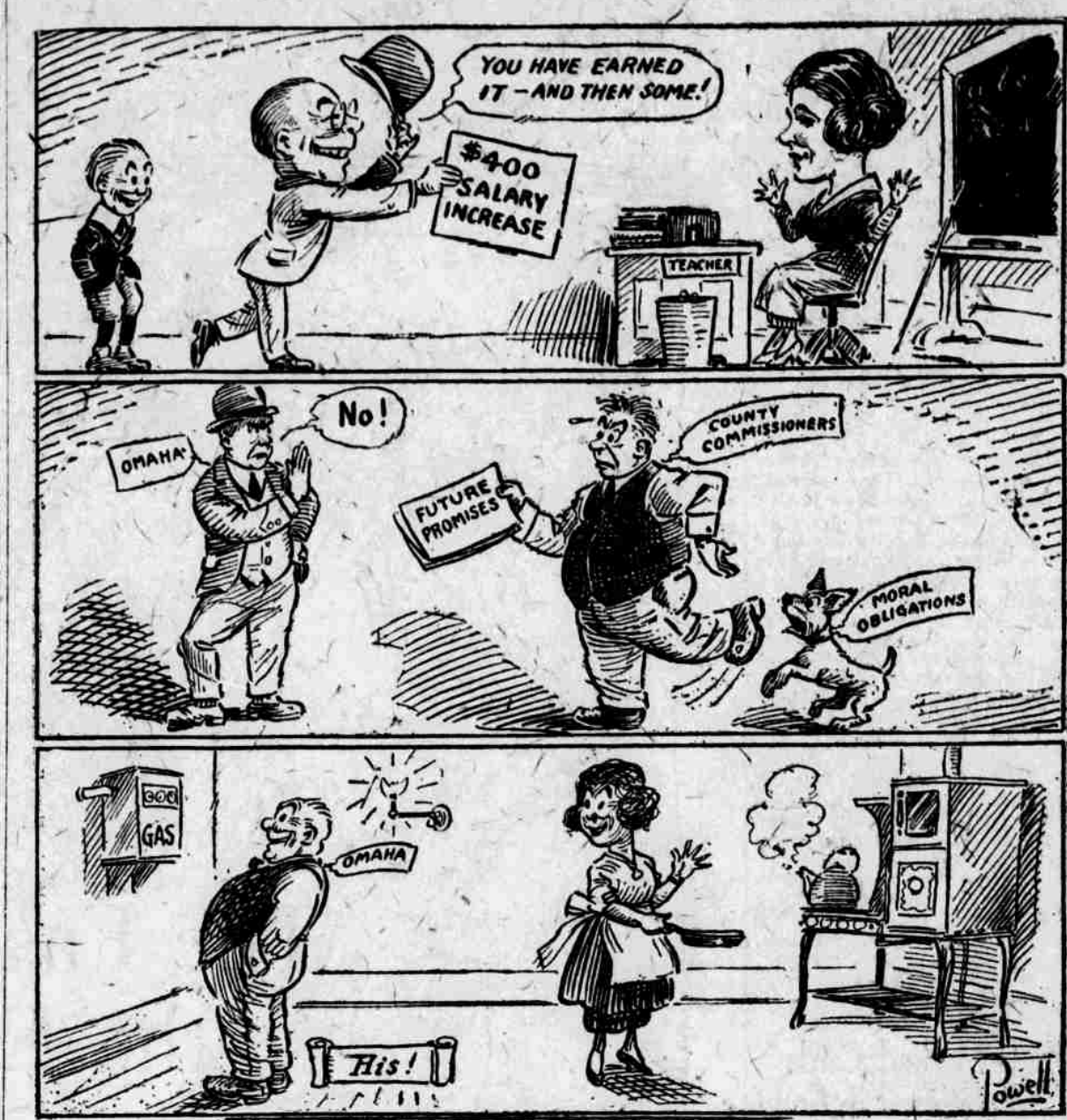
Clerk Loses Life Warning Guests in Burning Hotel

Mason City, Ia., March 20.—Maurice Aplin, head clerk of the Cecil hotel here, lost his life in a fire in the hotel when running from room to room to arouse guests. Aplin fell in a smoke-filled corridor on the third floor and was dead when carried out. There were more than 100 persons in the hotel and all escaped, many with little clothing on. Aplin undertook the task of calling the guests when it was found the fire had damaged the telephone system. The hotel was in a four-story building. The damage was estimated at about \$75,000. No one was injured or killed except Aplin.

Italy Honors U. S. Admiral.

Rome, March 20.—King Victor Emmanuel has conferred upon Rear Admiral Andrews, commander of the American warships in the Adriatic, the decoration of grand officer of the crown of Italy. The king bestowed lesser decorations on other American officers.

Passing Show of 1920



WOOD PRAISED PERSHING IN LETTER IN 1898

Interesting Sidelight on Situation Between Candidates Found In Old Message to Adjutant General.

Washington, March 21.—An interesting sidelight on the presidential situation in Nebraska, where Gen. Leonard Wood has entered Gen. John J. Pershing's home state in an effort to secure its delegation to the Chicago convention, is shed by a letter to the adjutant general of the United States army written in 1898 by Brigadier General Wood with reference to Pershing.

In the letter, Wood points out that Pershing, then a lieutenant, had performed his duties in Cuba with marked gallantry and efficiency, and adds: "From what I know of his ability, any position to which he may be advanced will be filled with ability."

Leonard Wood's Letter. The complete letter follows: "Santiago de Cuba, July 30, 1898. To the Adjutant General, United States Army, Washington, D. C.:

"I have the honor to invite your favorable attention to the request of Lieut. John J. Pershing, 10th United States cavalry, for appointment in the staff corps during the war. Lieutenant Pershing has been on duty with his regiment during the Santiago campaign, and has performed his duties with marked gallantry and efficiency. Any consideration that you may be able to show him will be well deserved, and from what I know of his ability, any position to which he may be advanced will be filled with ability." (Continued On Page Four, Column Five.)

Volstead Denies Responsibility for Making U. S. Dry

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 20.—An irate citizen from somewhere or other rushed into the office of Representative Volstead of Minnesota, author of the prohibition enforcement act, a few days ago, angrily displaying a bottle of brown liquid for which he had paid dearly only to discover it was tea instead of liquor.

"I paid \$22 a quart for that stuff," he said, "and it's all your fault; you wrote the dry law."

Representative Volstead replied: "Don't blame me. I'm not a dry and never was. Somebody had to write the law, and as chairman of the committee it fell to me. It might have been worse. Now I am cussed from one end of the country to the other."

Later Mr. Volstead explained that he did not mean he was opposed to prohibition, but that he was not a prohibitionist in the strict party sense of the term.

Tourists to London Advised To Reserve Hotel Rooms

Washington, March 20.—Americans planning to visit England are advised to make arrangements for hotel accommodations in London and also ascertain hotel rates in advance in a consular report received by the State department. English newspapers have spread rumors that 100,000 rich Americans are anxious to invade London, the message said.

Fair Weather and Normal Temperature Is Promised

Washington, March 20.—Weather predictions for the week, beginning Monday, are: Upper Mississippi and lower Missouri valleys: Rain probable Tuesday or Wednesday; generally fair thereafter; nearly normal temperatures, probably slightly above normal early days.

ANOTHER TIEUP OF COAL MINES IS LIKELY SOON

Laid to Government's Prosecution of Operators and Miners For Alleged Law Violation.

Indianapolis, March 20.—Possibility of another tieup of the nation's bituminous coal industry, beginning April 1, was declared to exist as a result of the government's prosecution of operators and miners for alleged violation of the Lever fuel control act, in a statement issued tonight by E. D. Logsdon of Indianapolis. Mr. Logsdon is one of the five coal operators arrested today by federal officials and one of 125 men, operators and miners indicted by a federal grand jury here for alleged conspiracy to enhance the price of coal.

Mr. Logsdon's statement declared that according to information received by the operators, the government is proceeding on the hypothesis that joint wage conferences are and have been illegal and that this theory forms the basis for a part, at least, of the charges against the coal men. If this is true, he said, it is probable that conferences to establish a new wage scale, effective April 1, will be postponed until after that date and possibly indefinitely, and that miners will refuse to work after April 1, when the present contract expires, unless a new scale is agreed upon.

Continuing the statement asserts that the government's action is inconsistent with a statement given out by President Wilson yesterday when he urged operators and miners to get together under the majority report of the commission which investigated the coal situation. The president in this statement, in effect gave sanction to the idea of collective bargaining in the coal industry.

Federal officials tonight asserted that they had authorized no statement as to the theory on which the government is proceeding in its prosecution of the miners and operators and declared they would not divulge the charges against those indicted until all of them have been arrested.

Cook Killing Rats In Hotel Shoots His Buddy, Asleep in Bed

Preparations of Jesse Hue, Chinese cook, for a Sunday stew were rudely interrupted when a bullet from a high-powered rifle he was using to kill rats in the kitchen of the Midland hotel, 317 North Sixteenth street, passed through a partition and lodged in the back of O. E. Wilson, cook at the hotel, who was asleep in his room back of the kitchen.

Police surgeons who attended Wilson say his wounds are not serious. Police assert the shooting was accidental, but are holding Hue for investigation.

Patrolman Promoted.

Patrolman Martin L. Jensen was made police court officer yesterday by Inspector Andrew Patullo. He will act as assistant to Court Sergeant J. J. Holden.

The Weather

Forecast. Nebraska—Fair Sunday; warmer in east; Monday increasing cloudiness, followed by unsettled. Iowa—Fair Sunday and probably Monday; warmer Sunday.

Hourly Temperatures table with columns for time and temperature.

10,000 VOTERS WANT M'CLOUD'S NAME ON BALLOT

Petitions for York Man as Republican National Committeeman Filed With Secretary of State.

Lincoln, Neb., March 20.—(Special.)—A voters' petition signed by over 10,000 Nebraskans representing 70 counties was filed with the secretary of state here Saturday asking that the name of Charles A. McCloud of York be placed on the primary ballots April 20 as a candidate for republican national committee.

Mr. McCloud has been a resident of Nebraska for over 40 years, coming to York county at the age of 16. He has been identified with the farming and business interests of the middle western part of the state during all of this time and is actively interested in agriculture and banking.

During the war he was a member of the State Council of Defense and chairman of the Tenth district during the five Liberty loan drives.

Although he is a business man rather than a politician, Mr. McCloud has been chairman of the county committee of York county for many years and 10 years ago was chairman of the Fourth district congressional committee. In 1888 he was a delegate from Nebraska to the republican national convention.

Mr. McCloud has a wide circle of friends throughout the state and is a man of unusual force and energy. His friends point out that his personal qualifications, together with the fact that he resides outside the metropolis, and represents the farming interests as well as the business interests, make for him a combination that advances his candidacy on the outset far on the way to success.

Seven-Year-Old Lad Struck by Auto Truck May Die of Injuries

John McWilliams, 7 years old, 2115 Miami street, may die as a result of being struck by an automobile truck in front of his home at 2:30 yesterday afternoon. The truck was driven by Louis Shiporian, 2218 Grand street, who was arrested for reckless driving.

The injured boy suffered a concussion of the skull. According to witnesses, the accident was unavoidable. Young McWilliams was said to have run into the path of the truck while playing in the street. The driver of the truck told police another automobile standing in the street obstructed his view of the boys playing on the pavement. The injured lad was taken to a hospital.

Big Roundup of Sinn Fein Members Made in Dublin

Dublin, March 20.—There was a roundup of prominent Sinn Feiners throughout Kerry early Saturday morning. A number of them were put aboard a destroyer by military authorities, their destination presumably being an English prison.

The conditions under which Justice Moore and Justice Gordon are holding court at Roscommon is considered indicative of the precautions being made to protect some of the public men. Six armed policemen guard their lodgings at night; others follow their carriage when they drive to the court and while they are presiding at sessions the court room is guarded by plain clothes men.

WILSON GETS TREATY BACK FROM SENATE

Not Known What He'll Do With It, Though Generally Believed That Issue Will Be Left to Decision at Polls.

DEMOCRATIC OUTLOOK FOR FUTURE IS DARK

Expect Little Prospect of Harmony Over Treaty Fight at San Francisco Convention—Republicans United.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, March 20.—President Wilson now has possession of the Versailles treaty of peace and league of nations covenant which the senate of the United States yesterday refused to ratify for the second time.

What the president proposes to do with the treaty now no one knows. Administration senators do not believe that he will send it back to the senate for some time, at least, leaving the issue to the country at the polls, but if it should by any chance get back to the senate, the treaty opponents are prepared for it.

Senator Lodge declared today that if the president resubmits the treaty at any time, the foreign relations committee will reopen its investigation into the formulation of the pact and will insist upon production of the minutes of the peace conference at which the treaty was to be in existence. They were demanded before, but President Wilson said that they could not be produced.

Three Courses Open.

Three courses, it is declared, are open to the president now that the senate has rejected the treaty and is preparing to adopt a peace resolution at the defining of which he will be undertaking next week with every prospect of success. A resolution similar to the Knox peace resolution also was introduced in the house today by Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts.

The president can send the treaty back to the senate; he can stand by and do nothing or he can negotiate a separate peace with Germany, the opinion is expressed here that it would be essential to establish also a modus vivendi of the United States with respect to the peace of Versailles existing between them and the German government, and co-ordinating conflict.

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Two Women and Man Given 242 Years for Blackhand Endeavors

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, March 20.—The merry blackhand enterprise of collecting money by means of threatening letters, bombs and sawed-off shotguns, peculiar to the Italian colony, receives a hard setback with a jury sentence today of two women and one man to serve a total of 242 years. Those convicted are:

Mrs. Lucy Natoniello, mother of 12 children, said to have been the "lure" or "tip-off" of the gang. Mrs. Philippa Martello, "collector" for the gang. Vito Petruzzi, general handy man.

These three were convicted on 48 counts and the maximum sentence calls for 242 years imprisonment and a fine of \$58,000 each. The jury disagreed on Frank Russo, suspected of being the leader of the gang, and Nick Salerno, also handy man. Eugene Martello was dismissed.

The gang had its rendezvous in the rear of an Italian saloon. Here the letters were written after members of the gang had ascertained which of their victims had money. These letters warned the recipients that unless they came across the blackhand would "wash its hands in the blood" of the victim. The collector would then call upon the victim, saying she represented St. Francis Italian church, but the recipients of the letters were given to understand the connection between the collector and the threats by the blackhand.

State Legion Plans Whirlwind Drive for 30,000 New Members

Nebraska American Legion officials have announced plans for a state-wide membership drive, starting April 1, to enroll 30,000 members for 1920.

The campaign, according to announcement from state headquarters, will end July 4 with a real old-fashioned unsafe and insane celebration throughout the state.

Posters, movies and personal solicitation through distribution of "Enroll a Buddy" blanks will be used as membership boosters. Prizes will be awarded the four legion men enrolling the most new members during the drive.