

ATTITUDE OF PRESIDENT CRITICISED

Government Officials Probe Reports Quoting English Premier as Saying Policy of U. S. Inconsistent.

MAY TAKE STEPS TO REFUTE STATEMENTS

Recent Developments in Russian Struggle Tend to Prove Stand of America is Correct, Leaders Declare.

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Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Aug. 24.—President Wilson's attention was called today to the report from Lucerne quoting Premier Lloyd George of England as describing the present policy of the United States toward Russia as inconsistent with the president's declaration with regard to the Prinkipo conference.

The president was reported to be very much interested in the alleged interview with the British premier, so much so, in fact, that the State department is endeavoring to confirm the statement. If Lloyd George said it, it is believed that the president will take steps to make it clear to the world that the American policy toward Russia now is not inconsistent with its policy at the time of the Prinkipo conference.

State department officials would not discuss the published interview with Lloyd George for several reasons. One was that they were not aware of its authenticity and a second was that they did not wish to engage in any controversy in the press with the British premier.

Will Refute Utterance. The president's attention was directed to the interview by Secretary Tumulty, who sent it to the White House from the executive office early in the day. Mr. Tumulty made no comment, but it was apparent both at the White House and State department that the utterance, if authenticated, would be refuted.

The State department feels that the attitude of this government toward Russia has been entirely consistent. It was pointed out in an official quarter that the Prinkipo conference referred to in the published interview with Lloyd George and in which the United States agreed to participate, was designed to bring together the warring factions in Russia. It was an effort to settle a family quarrel. But the recently proposed conference at London, in which the United States did not agree to participate, was a proposal of an entirely different character, designed as a general peace conference with soviet Russia.

Administration officials believe that developments to date in the Russian-Polish war have clearly demonstrated that the Russian menace is not strong enough to crush the potential resistance of the European states. This makes clear, they contend, that the American policy of opposition to the soviet government and in support of the integrity of Russia pending restoration of a national government, is correct and wise.

Defeat For Poles.

The Polish government, it is stated, entered upon an aggressive war against soviet Russia, even though, as is claimed by Poland, its action was in anticipation of attack by Moscow, for objects in the attainment of which the Polish people had the enthusiasm of their leaders. As long as slight resistance was encountered, it is pointed out, the Polish offensive was successful. The Polish advance, however, aroused the national consciousness of Russia, united contending elements of the Russian turmoil in support of the red army and resulted in a crushing defeat to the Poles.

At this point, it is affirmed, the bolshevik leaders sought to avail themselves of the nationalist support inspired by the Polish attack to gain their own aggressive ends in contradiction to the interests of Russia. With the victory of the red army they sought to invade Poland and crush her as a nation in a first step toward carrying out the general plan of hostility and menace to European governments.

It is declared that the sequence of events makes it undeniably clear that the chief desire of the peoples of Europe is to settle down to normal life, this being equally true of

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Lord Mayor of Cork, On Hunger Strike, Said To Be Very Sick Today

London, Aug. 24.—Lord Mayor Terence MacSwiney of Cork, who has refused food since he was arrested in Cork on a charge of sedition 13 days ago, was reported in an extremely critical state this morning, although conscious, in Brixton jail here.

At the home office it was said the decision of the government had not been altered and MacSwiney would not be released.

Protest Filed on Soldiers In Denver on Cars

Denver, Colo., Aug. 24.—James C. Biggers, president of the Colorado Federation of Labor, today telegraphed to Secretary of War Baker protesting against United States soldiers riding on Denver street cars and "assisting and protecting strike-breakers in the operation of cars."

"This action is likely to excite and not allay the public," said Bulger's message.

Pampered Daughter Of Millionaire Makes Good as Factory Hand

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Aug. 24.—Mildred Afleck, 17, wanted to chew gum. She wanted to eat luncheons of dill pickles, tomato salad and charlotte russe. She wanted to wear her hair in bales over her ears. And she wanted a lot of other things.

But she couldn't have them because she was the pampered daughter, the only child of a millionaire, B. F. Afleck, president of the Universal Portland Cement company.

Two weeks ago Mildred ordered the family limousine and was driven to within a block of one of the big mail order plants. There she dismissed the driver and stepped into the office as "Margaret Austin." As Margaret Austin, she got a job as a packer and she made good as Margaret Austin.

Today she says she likes the work. She says it was "oh,—such fun" and "um,—the pumpernickle bread was good."

REDS DESPERATE, ATTEMPT TO STOP POLISH FORCES

Bolsheviks In Region of Lomza, Engage In Battle to Resist Onrushing Hordes.

London, Aug. 24.—Russian bolshevik forces in the regions of Lomza, about 75 miles northeast of Warsaw, and Bialystok, about 65 miles northwest of Brest-Litovsk, are engaged in heavy fighting against advancing Polish legions, according to an official statement issued yesterday in Moscow and received here today.

In the Brest-Litovsk region there is no change in the situation, the statement says, while further south in the neighborhood of Vladimir, Volhynsk and near Lemberg the battle continues.

Polish forces that tried to seize the town hall of Koenigschutte, 54 miles southeast of Oppeln, upper Silesia, on Monday, were beaten off by security police armed with machine guns and hand grenades, according to a Berlin dispatch to the London Times. The Poles lost five killed and wounded, it is said.

Poland Will Not Pursue Drive Beyond Frontiers

Washington, Aug. 24.—Complete assurance will be given the United States, it was stated today in Polish official circles, that Poland's victorious armies will not pursue their advance beyond the natural frontiers of the reconstructed republic. An early communication from Warsaw to this effect was expected by these officials. Representations setting forth the views of this government have been made through the legation at Warsaw, the State department announced today, the communication reiterating the stand taken by Secretary Colby in his note to the Italian ambassador.

The position of the American government, as outlined, was that the allied and associated powers should unite in a declaration favoring the integrity of Russia, such a declaration to be accompanied "by the announcement that no transgression by Poland will be permitted."

The Polish reply, officials said, would set at rest any suspicions that Poland was contemplating the prolongation of hostilities into an offensive war against Russia. Assurances of this nature, it was added, already had been given the soviet government envoys at Minsk.

Boy Seriously Hurt When Bound to Cow by Playmates

Freeport, Ill., Aug. 24.—Richard Snyder, aged 9, of Savanna, Ill., is in a critical condition as a result of being bound and tied to a cow by two playmates. The boy was dragged for half a mile before the cow was stopped.

The New Constitution

(The Bee continues today its explanation of the various amendments to the proposed constitution of the state constitutional convention and submitted to a special session of the legislature to be held September 21. This election is in many respects the most important held in Nebraska in a generation. An intelligent ballot can be cast only after a clear understanding of the various proposals submitted. There are 41 proposals, and each is submitted for separate vote.)

PROPOSITION NO. 3.

This is a new proposition. It declares the English language to be the official language of the state and provides that all official records and business should be in said language. It provides further that the common school branches shall be taught in said language in public, private, denominational and parochial schools.

PROPOSITION NO. 4.

An amendment to sections 1-a, 1-b, 1-c of Article III. This changes the present constitution provisions for the initiative and referendum. It reduces the number of petitioners required to initiate a law from 10 to 7 per cent of the total vote cast at the preceding election; that required to initiate a constitutional amendment from 15 to 10 per cent; and that required for a referendum from 10 to 5 per cent. The reduction in percentage was deemed advisable on account of the increased number of voters due to women suffrage. It is further provided that a law passed by the legislature will be suspended from operation until a vote by the people only in case the referendum petitions are signed by 10 per cent of the voters; at present all referendum laws are suspended. It is further provided that only the title and not the body of a law be recited in the referendum petition.

DAY FILLED WITH JAZZ FOR HARDING

Group of Theatrical People From New York Bring Touch Of Broadway Into Front Porch Campaign.

HUGHES PREDICTS REPUBLICAN VICTORY

Declares Citizens Do Not Want "Trickster, Or a Shrewd Politician" as Occupant Of White House.

Marion, O., Aug. 24.—A group of theatrical folk brought a touch of Broadway to Senator Harding's front porch today and in a day filled with jazz pledged their support of the republican nominee.

About 20 actors and actresses were in the delegation and they presented their regards to Marion and the Hardings in a succession of characteristic fetes. In a short front porch speech, the senator expressed his appreciation and suggested that in the drama of American politics the country wanted a change of bill to do away with "one-lead activities" and to let every citizen play his fair part.

Charles Evans Hughes was another guest at the Harding home today and he made a brief talk at the front porch session, predicting Senator Harding's election. In a conference of several hours with the nominee and Col. George Harvey of New York, Mr. Hughes talked over many aspects of the campaign. He declined afterward to make any statement.

Bring Own Music.

The theatrical delegation came here under the auspices of the Harding and Coolidge theatrical league. They brought their own jazz orchestra and a band of 100 pieces besides, and began their day with a parade through the downtown section. Shortly before noon they arrived at the Harding home and were cheered along to the front porch through the biggest crowd that had gathered on the lawn since notification day.

At Johnson, president of the theatrical league, did the honors as "permanent chairman" of the gathering. He sang a Harding campaign song, introduced nine or 10 others who put on character stunts, and then turning to the nominee said: "And now, Mr. President-to-be, what have you to say for yourself?"

Senator Harding's reply was devoted to a serious discussion of the influence of the stage. He pleaded for a paragraph standard for the American theater and in addition to suggesting the elimination of one-lead politics, he declared against the tendency to forget American citizenship and to go to become "citizens of the world."

No Tricksters Wanted.

Mr. Hughes said the American people did not want for president a "trickster or a shrewd politician," nor one who would be isolated from the currents of popular thought, but "a man of courage, possessed of sound common sense and who has an appreciation of American institutions."

"There is no hope for the world," said Mr. Hughes, "unless America can protect and maintain its own institutions. The world cannot survive unless America survives."

The entertainment program kept the crowd cheering and the nominee bowing for an hour. There were stunts or speeches by Henry Davey, Blanche Ring, Len Carillo, Zena Keefe, Eugene O'Brien, Helen Moyer, Texas Guinan, Lew Cody and Margaret Namara, with many impromptu capers by Al Jolson and others.

Afterward the entire party enjoyed a chicken dinner and lawn party at the farm of Dr. C. E. Sawyer near Marion.

Fremont Man Dies After Auto Accident On Lincoln Highway

Fremont, Neb., Aug. 24.—(Special Telegram)—James J. Diehl died Tuesday afternoon of internal injuries received in an automobile accident near Valley Tuesday morning.

County Attorney Cook has begun an investigation and expects to order a coroner's inquest. Monroe, who was 52 years old, is survived by his widow and four sons.

The accident occurred one mile east of Valley when the automobile in which Monroe and Frank Middaugh were riding to Omaha on the Lincoln highway collided with another car, believed to have been driven by Peter G. Catron of this city, who went on to Omaha and has not yet returned.

Monroe suffered two broken ribs and a broken collar bone. Middaugh, who was driving, received deep cuts in his arms and legs. According to Middaugh, he made repeated attempts to pass the other car, the driver refusing to give the road. Finally, Middaugh says, he drove into the ditch on the left to get by and as he swung back to the road the other car plunged into his.

12 Arrested and Liquor Worth \$500,000 Seized

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Twelve men were arrested and whiskey valued at \$500,000 seized by prohibition agents under Maj. A. V. Dalrymple today. The men were preparing to unload two carloads of whiskey when the government agents, who had been in hiding in the railroad yards, surrounded them.

Young Couple Weds In Public During Fall Market Week

Before assembled visiting merchants in Omaha during the Merchants' Market Week, Miss Agnes Nesterost and John D. Pavalik of Verdigris, Neb., were married in the cafeteria of the M. E. Smith company at noon yesterday.

The K. John F. Poucher, pastor of the First Methodist church of San Francisco, performed the ceremony.

MOVIE MACHINE OPERATORS PLAN TO GO ON STRIKE

Union Demands Increase to \$1.25 an Hour, While Managers Say Raise Will Not Be Granted.

Omaha motion picture machine operators threaten to strike with the musicians September 1.

Demands of the operators for a 25 per cent increase in wages have been rejected by the Theater Managers' association.

A committee of three executives of the operators' union, visited theater managers individually Monday night and presented their demands in contract form to be signed by them.

Managers Threaten Lockout. A lockout of operators will take place, theater managers declare, unless the union mitigates its demands.

Operators seek \$1.25 an hour, overtime \$1.50. Their pay during the past year has been on the scale of \$1 an hour.

Organization of the union operators in Omaha is said to be 100 per cent strong.

Managers Are Licensed.

Under agreement with the union managers of Omaha theaters are licensed to operate their own projecting machines, and in case of a walkout this procedure probably will be followed.

This latest demand by the movie operators comes at a crucial time in the motion picture industry in Omaha, since the musicians' union, which controls the orchestras in all the downtown theaters, has already called a strike of their men for the first of the month.

Shows Without Music.

This union is yet undecided whether it will even allow the theaters to employ pipe organists.

Managers had planned to keep music in their theaters for feature films by operating the pipe organs without orchestras, but the outlook now is that movies in Omaha will be shown to "cold" houses after September 1.

Managers of theaters say increases in admissions would be necessary in order to give the musicians and operators the wage boost they are seeking.

The Theater Managers' association, comprising the following members: John Loveridge, Harry Watts, Harry Goldberg, R. S. Ballantyne, J. E. Kirk, E. A. Harms and A. R. Pramer, will fight the demands of the union they declare.

Quick Work on Part Of Firemen Prevents Large Loss of Life

New York, Aug. 24.—Eight persons were injured in a fire which trapped more than a score of families in a five-story East Side tenement house early today. Only quick work by firemen and police prevented a heavy loss of life, as the flames swept through the building like a whirlwind.

Two men were seriously injured when the flames forced them to leap from a third floor window. The heat was so intense that firemen played streams of water on men, women and children as they crowded the fire escapes while awaiting rescue.

Stowaway Mike Becomes Protege of New York Banker

New York, Aug. 24.—"Mike" Gilhooley, the persistent stowaway, adopted by Mrs. Marion G. Curry, a writer, when the Ellis Island authorities were about to ship him Europeanward for the fifth time, is to have a new benefactor in a prominent New York banker.

Mrs. Curry today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, disclosing liabilities of \$111,310 and assets of \$700.

F. D. Roosevelt Speaks In Rain at Fresno, Cal.

Fresno, Cal., Aug. 24.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic nominee for vice president, spoke bareheaded in the rain for 30 minutes here today. He said that in a good many ways Governor Cox is the Hiram Johnson of the east and that "Governor Cox has put progressive statutes on the books of Ohio and has carried them out."

Young Englishmen Plan Return to Side Whiskers

London, Aug. 24.—The ultra-smart young men of England are plotting a return to side whiskers such as their stung forebears and Victorian era wore with pride.

The young women are dead set against the new "face fungus." "No wedding bells for the whiskered," was the pointed comment of one.

Calling the Bluff

WIFE RE-ENACTS MURDER OF HER RICH HUSBAND

Betrays No Sign of Emotion As She Repeats Words And Actions of Quarrel.

Paris, Aug. 24.—Betraying not a bit of repugnance nor emotion, Madame Bessarabo, the postess-slayer, has re-enacted for the police the scene of the murder of her husband, after which she showed where she put the body in the trunk in which it was dispatched to Nancy.

The drama took place in the same room in the Bessarabo apartment where the crime took place. A life-like dummy was used to represent the slain husband, even his mustache being reproduced. The original trunk was beside the bed.

With extraordinary calm Madame Bessarabo took a pistol—loaded with blanks—and repeated from memory the words of the quarrel which led up to the tragedy, imitating every shade and inflexion of her husband's tones.

Working herself up into homicidal fury, she screamed, seized the dummy by the throat in such a way that it seemed to be about to strike her, and then fired point blank at the dummy's head.

Then, after bundling the dummy corpse into the trunk and shutting the lid, the literary murderess turned to the police officers with a smile, bowed and said:

"That was how I did it!"

Taken back to Lazare prison, the murderess and her daughter passed Landru, charged with being a modern "Bluebeard," in a corridor. Landru is said to have slain 13 fiancées.

Turning to the daughter, Madame Bessarabo, Landru removed his hat and bowed suavely.

"Delighted to have the pleasure," he said.

Asked later why he did not shake hands also with Madame Bessarabo, Landru shrugged and said:

"How fortunate I was not to have met her before."

Four Planes Arrive At Nome, Completing First Half of Flight

Nome, Alaska, Aug. 24.—The four United States airplanes flying from Mineola, N. Y., to Nome arrived here from Ruby, Alaska, at 5:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The actual flying time from New York was 55 hours, Capt. St. Clair Street, head of the expedition, announced. The hop-off on the return trip to New York will be made in a few days.

Strikes Cause Dance Artist to Hate Italy

New York, Aug. 24.—"Strikes everywhere" have so turned Rosina Galli, premier danseuse of the Metropolitan Opera company, against her native land of Italy, that she says she does not care whether she ever goes back again.

Mlle Galli, returning to New York today aboard the steamer Dante Alighieri, kissed her hand to the Statue of Liberty and murmured, "to Italy—never again."

Other passengers likewise reported labor troubles in Italy as making life almost unbearable.

PONZI OFFERED \$200,000 TO ACT IN MOVIE PICTURE

Financial Wizard May Look Upon Millions of Fans From Screen.

Boston, Aug. 24.—Charles Ponzi's twinkling eyes which twinkled brighter still when \$8,000,000 came into his strong box, may yet flicker down on millions of persons from the moving picture screen.

For that reason the interest was only usual today when he was in receipt of an offer of \$200,000 for a single picture, title unannounced, booking agency unknown.

The man who made the offer is one whose identity with Russian activities earned him a discharge from his job here and coincidentally a rather strict surveillance from the Department of Justice operatives.

The background for any pictures in which the "wizard" can appear in the near future would be a mighty little creation of the scenic artist's art featuring iron bars, stone walls, uniformed turnkeys, heavy locks and an occasional pair of handcuffs or leg iron variety. Scenic titles:

"Enroute From Jail to Jail."

"Enroute From Court to Court."

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IRISH ACCEPT CHALLENGE OF LLOYD GEORGE

Meet Today to Discuss Plans To Break Deadlock—Both Sides Work Out Reprisals.

Dublin, Aug. 24.—Mr. Lloyd George's challenge to responsible elements in Ireland will be taken up today when the Irish peace conference assembles in the ancient assembly rooms in Dublin to find a way out of the present conditions and the consequent political deadlock.

The prime minister has promised to consider any proposal short of separation of Ireland from the empire that may be put forward by any one in Ireland who is able to deliver the goods.

Business men of south and west Ireland, political leaders, former unionist supporters and even some representatives of Ulster are coming together in the hope of working out a formula which will be acceptable to all factions in Ireland and at the same time can be granted by England.

Not Elected Delegates. It will not be a convention of elected delegates, but will be a gathering of representative men from all parts of the country. Among those who promised to participate are Lord Shaftesbury, who owns most of the land on which the city of Belfast is built; the protestant bishop, Meath; a dozen Catholic parish priests; chairmen of chambers of commerce, great land owners and business men—in all about 500.

In the last six weeks 19 co-operative creameries have been wrecked by police and soldiers as murder reprisals and no one has been punished. Many Irishmen frankly are despairing of the situation.

Capt. Henry Harrison declares he believes the policy of the British government is to give Ireland "a thorough cool" during the parliamentary recess by coercion, arson and assassinations.

This policy, he says, may last six months, but won't break the spirit of the Irish, and, at its end, Great Britain, he believes, will have to come to some solution of the Irish problem.

Find Skeleton of Young Girl Hidden in Barn Loft

Onawa, Ia., Aug. 24.—The skeleton of a girl probably 16 or 18 years of age, has been found here in a barn loft. Indications are she was lured to the loft and murdered.

The victim's bones were covered with quicklime and rested on a Sioux City newspaper bearing the date of September 7, 1917. Police records are being scanned to ascertain if a girl disappearing about that date.

The Weather

Forecast. Fair and warmer Wednesday.

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