

Reds Must Release All Americans

100 Americans Still in Soviet Country—Six Freed in Fair Condition Following Confinement.

Guarantee Is Offered

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—A guarantee that all Americans remaining in Russia will be given an opportunity to leave that country if they desired was offered today by Maxim Litvinoff, soviet representative, at a conference held this afternoon with Walter L. Brown, European director of the American Relief organization, over the question of American relief for famine-stricken Russia.

Six Americans Released.

Riga, Latvia, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Soviet Russia has released six of the American prisoners who have arrived at Narva, Estonia, but the fact that only this half dozen of Americans were sent out of the country was said here today to threaten a long delay in and perhaps the abandonment of the negotiations for American famine relief for Russia. The six were Capt. Emmet Kilpatrick, Dr. Weston B. Estes, 298 West Twelfth street, San Jose, Cal.; John Flick, X. B. Kalmatiano, Dr. Henry J. La Marc, 241 Market street, San Francisco, and Russell Pattinger, 686 West Twelfth street, San Francisco.

The prisoners, released under the promise made by the soviet authorities at the time help was accepted from American relief organizations for famine-stricken Russia, reached Narva last night in fair condition.

Movie Photographers.

Of the released men Captain Kilpatrick of Uniontown, Ala., was captured while on duty as General Wrangle's forces in south Russia.

Dr. Estes and Flick of New York are moving picture photographers who went into Russia and were imprisoned last year.

X. B. Kalmatiano of Racine, Wis., has been in Russian prisons for nearly three years.

Walter L. Brown, European director of the American relief administration, Herbert Hoover's organization, through which it has been planned chiefly to administer the proposed famine relief, arrived in Riga while the six Americans set free were on the way to Riga. Maxim Litvinoff, the soviet envoy, reached here about the same time.

100 Still in Russia.

Director Brown, it is understood, will insist that every bona fide American in Russia, whether in or out of prison, must be given an opportunity to leave Russia before the negotiations can begin. The State department has provided him with a list of more than 100 Americans still in Russia.

On the Russian side, the negotiations are ready to be inaugurated. A staff of experts arrived with the Russian envoy. Another member of his party was Theodore Chalapine, the noted Russian operatic basso, who plans to go to England to sing on behalf of starving Russians.

All six of the Americans were in fairly good health and appeared to be delighted with their freedom. Most of them said they were going to Riga, whence they expected to sail for America as soon as possible. None of them knew the exact whereabouts of Royal C. Kelsey, an American engineer, other than that he was running a factory somewhere for the bolsheviks.

Arrive at Riga.

Riga, Estonia, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—A special bolshevik automobile, carrying the six Americans who had been released from Russian prisons, arrived here at 6 o'clock this morning, where the American Red Cross will supply them with comfortable clothing to replace their discarded coats, socks and other queer habiliments.

Bay State Constitution of 1780 Held to Be Law

Boston, Aug. 10.—The original state constitution of 1780 is the supreme law of the commonwealth and not the rearranged constitution adopted by the voters, November 4, 1919, according to a majority decision of the supreme court handed down today.

The court in a previous decision also held the constitution of 1780 was still in force and that articles adopted by the constitutional convention two years ago should follow as amendments and not be incorporated into the rearrangement document.

American Professor Killed in Fall on Excursion in Japan

Karuzawa, Japan, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—William Hyde Price, professor of political economy at the Japanese imperial university and a prominent figure in the American colony at Tokyo, was killed accidentally yesterday in a fall down a gorge near here while on an excursion trip. He was born in Titusville, Pa., in 1880.

Favor Movie Censorship.

Lincoln, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Resolutions favoring state censorship of moving pictures were passed today at a business meeting of the Keworth league held in Lincoln.

Ask Supreme Court To Prohibit Dances In School Building

Lincoln, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Nebraska supreme court must decide whether dancing shall be permitted in the building occupied by the junior high school at North Platte.

An appeal calling for a permanent injunction against the use of the building for dancing was filed in the highest court of the state today by the following persons: Harry A. Brooks, Harry M. Porter, J. C. Wilson, Robert A. Phelps, Eliza A. Dolph, Pearl R. Stevens, Lucy M. Skinner, Mabel C. Howard, Albert F. McConnell and Edgar Moulton.

Dancing the night before the morning when school takes up is not conducive to study, is one charge on the appeal. Conscientious objectors to dancing children find an injunction against the use of the building for dancing was filed in the highest court of the state today by the following persons: Harry A. Brooks, Harry M. Porter, J. C. Wilson, Robert A. Phelps, Eliza A. Dolph, Pearl R. Stevens, Lucy M. Skinner, Mabel C. Howard, Albert F. McConnell and Edgar Moulton.

A temporary injunction against dancing was issued at North Platte by the late Judge H. M. Grimes but a petition for a permanent injunction failed to get results in the lower court.

Supreme Council Neutral on War Of Greeks-Turks

Allies Put Aside Silesian Question to Discuss Conflict and Disarmament of Germany.

Paris, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—The allied supreme council today put aside the Silesian question, now apparently near a definite settlement, while awaiting the reports of the experts engaged in drawing the new boundary line between Poland and Germany in this area, agreed upon in principle between France and England yesterday.

It was decided meanwhile to discuss the Greco-Turkish situation and German disarmament questions. In taking up the former subject, the council decided unanimously to adopt an attitude of strict neutrality in the Greco-Turkish war, without interfering with trading by private firms with either of the belligerent countries.

Ambassador Harvey said this decision was in conformity with the policy of the United States previous to its entering the world war and he concurred in the council's finding.

Premier Lloyd George, in a speech advocating neutrality on the part of the allies toward the Greco-Turkish conflict, alluded to American neutrality during the war when the American market was open to both the allies and central powers, adding that the latter were unable to take advantage of the purchase of war materials on account of the British blockade. He asked Ambassador Harvey if such was his understanding on the question, and the latter replied that this was fully in accord with the American viewpoint.

Police Claim They Have Information to Solve Fogg Murder

The city detective department announced yesterday that it has turned over to County Attorney Shotwell information which it believes will be of material aid in solving the murder of Frank Fogg, druggist, Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets, the night of July 30.

James T. Saxton, 25, alleged to be a dope addict, arrested by Detectives Frank and Anglin, is said to have made a confession of his knowledge of the murder. He is being held without bail with Wilbert (Tim) Ryan at Neillville hotel.

Saxton and Ryan can identify the man who ran from the Fogg store at the time of the shooting, police say.

Four of Family Drown When Rescue of One Is Attempted

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 10.—In an unsuccessful attempt to save his 9-year-old daughter, Laura, Thomas Toohey, aged 53, and three other members of his family were drowned in Otter lake.

Laura, the youngest, waded beyond her depth while bathing a few feet from shore. Kathleen and Dorothy soon got beyond their depth and sank while Miss Brossier, who was close behind, returned to the shore and gave the alarm.

Mr. Toohey and his son, Bernard, who were near by, jumped into the water and swam to where the girls disappeared. They succeeded in bringing them to the surface, but were unable to conduct them safely to the shallow waters and all sank together.

Superintendent Melville retired from Scotland Yard in 1903, after one of the most thrilling careers of any detective of modern times.

He specialized in political crimes with such consistent and startling success as to become during his active career the chief terror of the terrorists. He was known throughout Europe as "The Anarchist Hunter."

How he took his life in his hands and posed as a Red to accomplish his purpose of breaking up one dangerous organization of terrorists is told in another of Nazarene Dean Kannibale's tales of "The World's Greatest Detective Cases."

In Next Sunday's Bee

Bank Robbed Of \$2,000 by Two Bandits

Cashier of Weston (Ia.) Institution Locked in Vault After Being Threatened With Revolvers.

Robbers Escape in Auto

Shortly after Cashier James C. Jensen opened the Weston Savings bank in Weston, Ia., 12 miles east of Council Bluffs, for business yesterday morning two men entered, flashed revolvers on him and walked him into the vault, from which he had not yet taken the money.

One of the men scooped up \$2,500 in the vault, while the other kept an eye on Jensen, then they turned, closed the door on the cashier and whisked the combination.

A moment later Jens Laubersen saw two men leave the bank, hurry over to the Ford automobile, climb in and drive away. As he walked past the bank he noticed no one was there and thought he heard pounding and muffled cries.

Police Notified.

He went inside, traced the cries to the vault and listening closely received directions from Jensen how to work the combination. When he had freed Jensen, the pair notified Omaha, Council Bluffs and Avoca of the robbery.

Detectives from Omaha went to guard the Illinois Central and Douglas street bridges. Bluffs police and deputy sheriffs hit the trail for Weston, and former Sheriff John D. Hazen of Avoca posted armed men at all the bridges along the Nishnabotna river, likely to be crossed by the bandits.

Jensen's description of the robbers told of one being dressed in blue overalls with a dark coat and the other in a dark suit.

Stop Ford Cars.

Bluffs officers on the way to Weston stopped dozens of Ford cars with two men dressed in overalls and dark suits, but none of them proved to be the robbers.

The fleeing bandit car was traced as far west on the River-to-River road as the John Garner farm, half way to the Bluffs, and there the trail was lost.

Officers believe the pair turned north at the farm over the Hazel Dell road which leads to the Lincoln highway and freedom.

Bluffs officers returned at noon, firm in the belief the robbers slipped through the network of posses. Omaha officers were still on guard at the bridges.

William Nixon, 369 Lincoln avenue, Council Bluffs, is president of the robbed bank, and R. S. Spencer, vice president.

Ranchman Fatally Burned in Vain Effort To Rescue His Child

O'Neill, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—William Coulter, ranchman, will die as the result of burns received in a vain effort to rescue his 2-year-old baby from flames which consumed the Coulter ranch house near here last night.

The blaze was caused by children playing with matches. Both of his hands were burned off in his frantic search for the child. He also sustained severe burns on the feet and body and serious internal injuries in a leap from a second-story window, after his search had proved futile and he was driven to escape by the anguish of his burns.

The body of the baby was recovered later from the ruins of the house. The father was taken to Atkinson, en route to the Norfolk hospital, but it was found impossible to complete the trip.

Michigan Traction Firm Goes Into Receivership

Bay City, Mich., Aug. 10.—The Saginaw-Bay City Railway company, operating local systems in the two cities and an interurban line, went into receivership today and announced service will be suspended at midnight tonight.

Low rates of fare insisted upon by the city councils of Saginaw and Bay City and jitney bus competition were said by John A. Cleveland, vice president of the company, to have made it impossible to operate the lines at a profit.

The company's liabilities were given at \$3,888,851, while the value of its assets is placed at \$5,000,000.

Newspaper Ads Declared Best Antidote for Slumping Sales

San Francisco, Aug. 10.—Newspaper advertising, followed up by attractive window displays, is the best antidote for slumping sales, declared S. E. Conybeare of Lancaster, Pa., in an address to delegates to the national furniture dealers' convention, which opened here yesterday.

It was estimated that approximately 1,000 delegates from all parts of the country were in attendance.

Schooner Is Seized By U. S. Customs Authorities

Philadelphia, Aug. 10.—The two-masted American fishing schooner Thomaston, from the Bahamas Islands for Atlantic City was seized here today by customs officers on suspicion of violating the customs regulations.

One Killed in Tong War

Seattle, Aug. 9.—One dead and two wounded, all Chinese, marked the outbreak of a tong war here tonight, according to a report to police headquarters. Riot squads were rushed to the scene of the shooting.

Wants Compensation For Grain Eaten by Prairie Chickens

Lincoln, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Being a friend of the prairie chicken may be a costly bit of philanthropy for Nebraska.

Ed Langin, owner of a ranch in Lincoln county, has written George Koster, state game warden, demanding that the state pay him \$5 a day for small grain eaten by prairie chickens. Langin does not state how long he has suffered the alleged \$5 a day loss from the appetite of the prairie chickens.

Langin contends that the state is responsible because it denies anyone the right to kill prairie chickens except during a certain season.

Langin declares that if there were an open season the year around on prairie chickens the birds would soon be nothing but a memory and he would be selling much more grain to elevators.

Mrs. Obenchain 'Wants to Punish' Kennedy Slayer

Woman Held in Los Angeles Murder Case Talks Freely—Expresses Faith in Arthur Burch.

Los Angeles, Cal., Aug. 10.—Questioning of Mrs. Madeline Obenchain and Arthur C. Burch, under arrest in connection with the slaying of J. Belton Kennedy, broker, resumed today by the district attorney's office, was intended to be the principal part of the investigation of the case to be pursued until the meeting of the grand jury tomorrow.

District Attorney Woolwine said he believed there was already enough evidence to present to the grand jury, but declined to discuss plans.

Talks Freely.

Mrs. Obenchain talked freely about an interview she had with Woolwine yesterday and said she had never refused to answer a question unless that question related to Mr. Burch.

She said she had declined to answer questions of this kind on advice of counsel, and because "Burch must fight his battle as I must fight mine."

She said she told the district attorney that she invited Mr. Burch to come to Los Angeles, saying the thought it would be beneficial to his health, but declined to say anything about any meetings with him prior to the shooting of Kennedy at Beverly hills last Friday night.

She said she had told him that she had told of her past life, including her relations with Kennedy.

Believes Burch Innocent.

She said she would do anything in her power to punish Burch or anyone else she thought guilty of the slaying, but declared she believed Burch innocent.

Woolwine said there were certain reasons why he could not discuss Mrs. Obenchain's talk with him.

Burch, according to related news, has received two telegrams from his parents in Evanston, Ill., expressing confidence in his innocence and promising any assistance he might need.

Typographical Union Rejects Plan to Cut Salaries of Officers

Quebec, Aug. 10.—The International Typographical union, at its convention today, rejected proposals to clip salaries and traveling expenses of executive officers. The vote on the proposal was 168 to 99.

These recommendations, the center of stormy debate, were made by President John McParland. One proposed cutting \$50 a year from the \$4,000 salary of Vice President W. J. Barrett.

J. W. Hays, secretary-treasurer, referred to a measly \$5,000 per annum salary paid the president and himself.

Spanish Forces Pressed Hard by Rif Tribesmen

London, Aug. 10.—Reports from Melilla, says a dispatch to the London Times from Tangier, are that the Rif tribesmen have captured part of General Navarro's position on Mount Arruit. Navarro's column now is said to consist of 700 fighting men, all of the remainder being sick or wounded.

There has been a large increase in the enemy forces in the neighborhood of Melilla, dispatches say. Fighting has occurred between the Spaniards and the tribesmen on the Melilla plains in districts hitherto regarded as loyal to Spain.

Oldest Lutheran minister in U. S. Dies at St. Paul, Minn.

St. Paul, Aug. 10.—Rev. Nils Brandt, 97, said to have been the oldest Norwegian Lutheran minister in the United States, died here early today. He was born in Norway in 1824.

For many years Mr. Brandt was connected with Luther college of Decorah, Ia. Funeral services will be held at Decorah, probably on Friday.

Father Philip J. O'Connor Dies at San Antonio, Tex.

Sioux City, Aug. 10.—Rev. Philip J. O'Connor, well known Iowa Catholic priest, formerly pastor of St. Joseph's church here, is dead at San Antonio, Tex., according to advices received here. He had been in poor health several years. For 18 years he came to Sioux City, where he was a pastor at Carroll, Ia. He was born in Ireland in 1854.

Western Senators Form 'Bloc' To Fight Fair Treatment

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Yukon Miner Is Believed Victim Of Wild Beasts

Posses Hunt for Missing Veteran Gold Prospector Known as Unluckiest Man in Yukon.

Dawson, Y. T., Aug. 10.—Posses led by United States Marshal Powell today were searching for Con Van Alstyne, veteran Yukon prospector, who has been missing for several weeks. He is believed to have fallen into an old prospect hole or to have been killed by wild beasts.

Van Alstyne, sometimes called the unluckiest man in Yukon, left his summer camp on Mission creek a few weeks ago on a prospecting trip to Eagle, 100 miles north of Dawson.

He had been searching for gold in this region for a quarter of a century. He first attracted attention when he staked the famous claim No. 16, Eldorado, in Klondike camp. Believing it poor, he exchanged it for another owned by Thomas Lippy, who later mined \$2,000,000 from the property, and his successor took further fortunes from it.

While Lippy went to Seattle a multi-millionaire, Van Alstyne obtained very little out of Lippy's old claim.

Seven Held in K. C. for \$25,000 Seattle Holdup

Kansas City, Aug. 10.—The local police today were holding two men who gave their names as Edward Patton of Portland, Ore., and Louis Gordon of Seattle, Wash., and who late last night made written statements that they were implicated in a \$25,000 bank messenger holdup at Seattle, July 14, last.

The police also were detaining two other men and three women who were arrested at a downtown hotel with Patton and Gordon.

There also was in possession of the authorities \$4,400 in currency, said by private detectives who caused the arrests, to bear serial numbers similar to those on money taken in the holdup. The currency was in possession of one of the women who gave her name as Miss Elva Duckert, San Francisco, and who, Patton told the police, was his wife.

The other members of the party gave their names as John J. Murphy, San Francisco, a bookkeeper; John J. Fox, San Diego, a solicitor; Miss Milo Moore, Billings, Mont., and Miss Myrtle Moore, Kansas City.

Ku Klux Klan Wants Bible Read in Public Schools

Grand Island, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Supremacy of the white race, protection of womanhood, sanctity of the home and separation of religion and politics are the announced purposes of the Grand Island kavern of the Ku Klux Klan, as given out to the press by the district organizer, at present making headquarters here. In addition, he stated that while this had never been proclaimed especially, the organization would work for the reading of the Bible in the public schools.

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Dallas, Tex., Aug. 10.—Validity of an ordinance prohibiting street corner loafing was to be contested in trial tomorrow of eight young men, including Gus King, foot ball star. All are members of well known families.

Woman Taken In "Robbery Trust" Prisoner Held in Worthington Case Gives Federal Authorities More Information.

Chicago, Aug. 19.—New revelations of the amazing financial operations of John W. Worthington and his assistants were made by one of his principal agents and gave the government a much stronger hold upon the "Wallingford" of Chicago.

John J. Epps, tried and acquitted in the Toledo mail robbery, has been held in jail here, unable to procure the \$10,000 bond imposed. Heretofore he has declined to talk, but yesterday he sent word to the federal authorities that he wanted to make a statement. He was taken to the federal building and questioned at length, but no hint was given as to his testimony except that it was highly important.

The first woman arrested in the case was taken into custody in New York, charged with unlawfully concealing records of mail robberies. She is Miss Caroline Hess, secretary to Arthur Goldsmith, who has confessed he was Worthington's agent in the case. Miss Hess was held under \$1,500 bond.

Indication that Worthington had planned to flee the United States was found in the passport bureau. He had applied May 21, shortly after the Dearborn street mail robbery, for a passport to England, France and Poland.

Washington, but held up in Chicago because at that time Worthington was under indictment, charged with some minor "get-rich-quick" scheme.

Policeman Killed When Mistaken for Robber

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 10.—A telephone message from Collierville, a suburb of Memphis, shortly after noon stated that one Memphis policeman was killed and three others were injured by a posse of sheriff's deputies, which fired on them in mistake for bandits, who earlier in the day shot and killed two police officers and wounded another after an unsuccessful attempt to rob an employe of the Ford Motor company here of a bag containing \$8,500.

Strange Ocean Currents Blamed for Alaska Wreck

Washington, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—A baffling phenomenon of ocean current tendencies, just discovered, probably accounts for the loss Saturday of the steamer Alaska and 47 lives on the California coast, it was announced here today by Col. L. E. Jones, director of the coast and geodetic survey. Winds driving parallel to the Pacific coast, he said, set up new currents, unsuspected by navigators, drift inland, instead of exactly in wind directions.

Ford Property in New York Is Sold at Sheriff's Sale

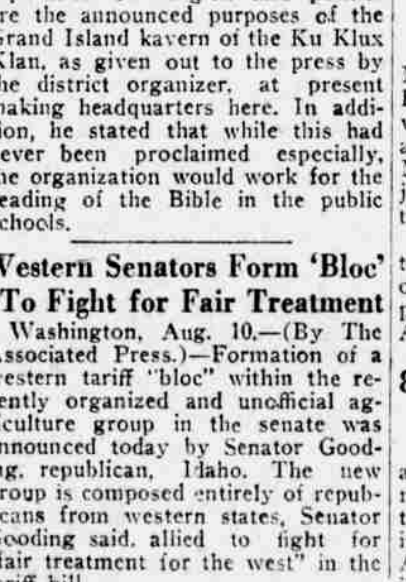
New York, Aug. 10.—The Ford Motor company building and land at Broadway and Fifty-fourth street, valued at about \$1,000,000, was sold at auction by United States Marshal McCarty for \$676,000 to satisfy a judgment of \$600,000 and interest by the Hotel Woodward company.

The Ford company contracted with the hotel company in the early days of the war to erect a hotel on the property and give a 21-year lease. A dispute and court action resulted.

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Modernizing the Seal



Decrease In Income Tax Defeated

Proposal to Increase Individual Exemption Beaten in House Committee—Allowances Boosted \$200.

Levy on Fares Repealed

Chicago Tribune—Omaha Bee Leased Wire.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Proposals to increase tax exemptions applying to individual incomes met defeat today in the house ways and means committee, with the exception that the allowance for each dependent was increased from \$200 to \$400.

The suggestion was advanced that the present exemption of \$1,000 for single persons and \$2,000 for heads of families be increased to \$1,500 and \$2,500 respectively. Chairman Fordney and other members of the committee favored the action, but later it was decided not to increase the exemption applying to single persons, but the proposal to increase it for heads of families was regarded favorably. A suggestion was made that the increased exemption be limited only to incomes of less than \$5,000. Finally, however, the committee voted against any change except in the exemption for dependents.

An increase in the exemption for both single persons and heads of families would have meant a loss in revenue of between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000.

Plan Voted Down.

In connection with the discussion the advisability of decreasing the 4 per cent normal tax to 3 per cent was brought up, but voted down. The committee made a number of important changes in the program as agreed upon at last night's conference between President Harding, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and republican house leaders. Among them were the complete repeal of freight, passenger and Pullman transportation taxes instead of cutting them in half and an increase in the flat corporation income tax from 12-1/2 per cent to 15 per cent, the figure proposed last night, to 15 per cent. The tax on express will remain.

The result of today's changes was to make a further net decrease of \$60,000,000 in anticipated revenues. As the bill now stands, the yield will be \$555,000,000 less than the amount which the present law is estimated to yield in the fiscal year 1922. The bill as it stood last night represented a cut of \$419,000,000. The yield from internal taxes now will be \$3,020,000,000 if no further changes are made.

Program Approved.

The committee formally approved most of the features of the program as framed at the White House conference. A statement issued from the committee shows that formal approval was given to the following:

Repeal of the excess profits tax on corporations, effective January 1, 1921.

Decrease of the income tax on corporations from the present flat tax of 10 per cent and the proposed tax of 12-1/2 per cent to 15 per cent, effective January 1, 1921.

Retention of the \$2,000 exemptions on the income of corporations.

Elimination of surtax brackets above the 32 per cent above \$66,000 and retention of present lower surtaxes effective January 1, 1921.

Increase of the exemption to heads of families on account of children or other dependents from \$200 to \$400.

Removal of transportation taxes on freight, passenger, seats and berths, effective January 1, 1922.

Repeal of soda fountain tax and substitution of a tax on the manufacture of syrups and carbonated gas, of 5 cents a pound.

Change Beverage Levy.

A change in the tax on cereal beverages from 15 per cent ad valorem to 15 cents per gallon.

A change in the tax on fruit juices and all carbonated beverages from 10 per cent ad valorem to 2 cents per gallon.

A tax of 10 cents per gallon on finished and fountain syrups.

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