

# POINTED WARNING TO BOLSHEVISTS

## Threat to Take Reprisals on Americans Answered

### SECRETARY PHILLIPS' NOTE

#### Controversy Arose From Reported Arrest in New York Of Martens, The Soviet Representative There.

Washington.—The Russian Soviet Government was warned by the United States in a message sent through the American legation at Stockholm, that reprisals against American citizens in Russia would arouse intense sentiment in the United States against the Soviet heads. The warning was contained in a cablegram sent by Acting Secretary of State Phillips in reply to a protest from Soviet Foreign Minister Tchitcherine against the reported arrest of L. A. C. Martens, the Soviet representative in New York. The protest intimated that reprisals might be taken against Americans in Russia.

Secretary Phillips, in his reply, asserted that Martens had not been arrested, but said it was understood he was claiming official status as "the representative of a regime at Moscow which the United States has not recognized." The reply also said Martens was a German citizen, and denied that the American Government contemplated any action against law-abiding Russians in the United States.

The message sent by Foreign Minister Tchitcherine was made public by the State Department as follows:

"The commissariat for Foreign Affairs has learned with indignation of the arrest of Mr. Martens, its representative in New York. The commissariat wishes to point out that all the diplomatic and consular representatives of the American Government in Russia after their departure in September last have been treated by the soviet authorities with the utmost courtesy in spite of the fact that since June of last year the American Government openly sided with all the Russian and foreign dark forces ranged against the workers and peasants of Russia, with the sole object of crushing the great evolution and restoring Tsardom and bureaucratic capitalist rule.

"Even after American troops had landed on Russian territory and actually partook in military operations against the Russian laboring people not a single American citizen has been molested in Russia. Moreover, American officials and journalists have been allowed admittance into Russia and accorded every courtesy and all possible facilities and privileges. The arrest of Mr. Martens is the more surprising and unjustified as he acted openly as the representative of soviet Russia without calling forth any objection of protestation on the part of the American Government.

"The Russian Government fears that this arrest may not be an isolated case, but form part of a general persecution of Russian citizens loyal to their peoples' government and demands the cessation of such persecution and the immediate release of Mr. Martens.

"The soviet government expects to be accordingly informed at an early date and not to be compelled reluctantly to take reprisals against American citizens to be found on Russian territory."

#### Secretary Phillips Warns.

In replying to this message, Acting Secretary Phillips cabled the following instructions to the American Legation at Stockholm:

"Please inform proper Swedish authorities at once as follows:

"The statement purporting to emanate from Moscow is wholly untrue. Mr. Martens has not been arrested nor does this government contemplate any action against law-abiding Russian citizens in this country. It is understood that Mr. Martens claims official status as the representative of a regime at Moscow which the United States has not recognized as a government. At the same time he is a German citizen, having voluntarily so declared himself when he entered this country in 1916.

#### NAVAL BILL FINALLY PASSED.

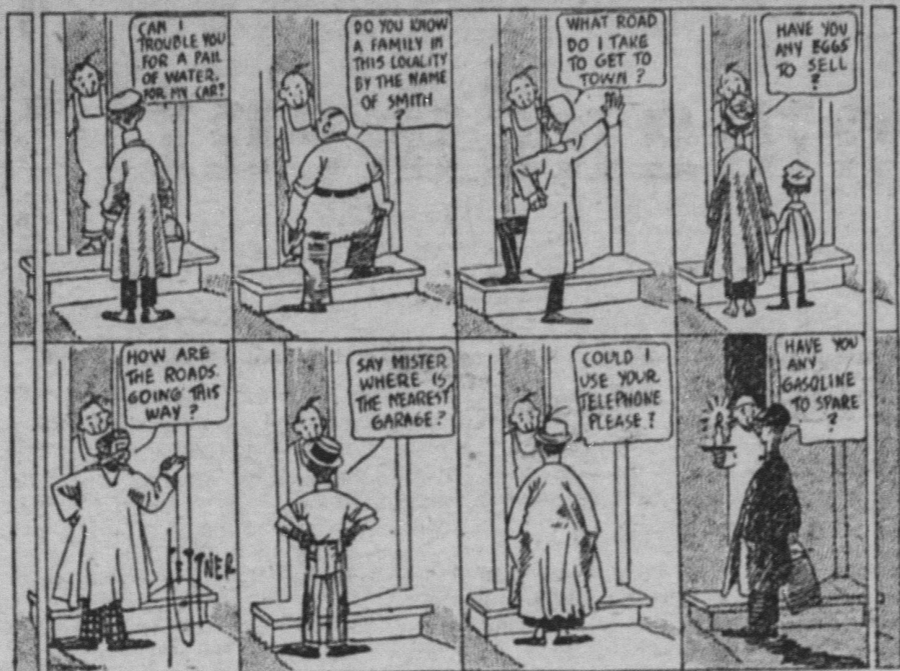
Conference Report On The Measure Adopted By House And Senate.

Washington.—Enactment of the \$616,000,000 Naval Appropriation Bill was completed with the adoption of the conference report on the measure by the House and Senate. The bill now goes to the President.

## WASHINGTON

Secretary Wilson wrote Senator King, (Dem.), Utah, that there was no law under which L. C. A. K. Martens and other aliens of the Russian Soviet Bureau at New York could be deported. The Secretary said, however, that the activities of the bureau were being closely watched.

### A Quiet Day at Lonesome Corners



## COUNCIL OF FIVE NOW IN CONTROL

### Temporarily Assumes Direction of Peace Conference

## BIG THREE HAVE RETIRED

#### Council Of Five Consists Of Secretary Lansing, M. Pichon, Foreign Minister Balfour, Foreign Minister Titttoni And Baron Makino.

Paris.—Premier Clemenceau, Secretary of State Lansing, Foreign Minister Balfour, Foreign Minister Pichon, Baron Makino and Viscount Chinda, of Japan, and Foreign Minister Titttoni, of Italy, decided to constitute a new Council of Five. This Council of Five will have as its members Secretary Lansing, M. Pichon, Foreign Minister Balfour, Foreign Minister Titttoni and Baron Makino, head of the Japanese delegation.

The council will temporarily assume direction of Peace Conference affairs. A Council of Ten will not be constituted at present.

Foreign Minister Titttoni made it clear at the meeting that Italy desires that all territory taken from Austria be definitely disposed of in the Austrian treaty.

This immediately projects into the foreground the Fiume question, which it had been hoped could be avoided.

While the council received the impression from Signor Titttoni that the new Italian delegation will be more considerate than the old, it was a distant disappointment when Titttoni expressed Italy's desire to have the territory taken from Austria definitely allotted in the Austrian treaty, as this makes it unlikely that the Austrian treaty can be concluded this week and foreshadows a lengthy discussion of the question.

The council decided to appoint immediately a committee to execute the German treaty, and also a committee for the execution of reparation and still a third to outline the Bulgarian frontier.

M. Pichon, the French Foreign Minister, will be the presiding officer of the council. A plan has been outlined whereby the work of this body may be hastened. Hereafter all communications to the conference will be forwarded immediately to expert commission and not considered by the council until the commissions have reported thereon. It is hoped in this way to eliminate much unnecessary discussion.

The German delegation has sent to the conference a note inquiring when and where it will begin negotiations regarding the application of the conditions agreed upon for the administration of the left bank of the Rhine during the period of occupation.

Belgium has named its two members of the commission which will revise the treaty of 1839 and the Peace Conference has requested Holland to name its members so that a meeting can be held soon in Paris.

#### JAP INCIDENT NOT CLOSED.

#### Negotiations Still On Over Tientsin Clash.

Washington.—Commenting today on a published report that the incident growing out of the clash between American and Japanese soldiers at Tientsin, China, March 12, had been closed with an apology by the Japanese Government, officials of the State Department said the negotiations still were going on. The exchanges have been entirely friendly and officials expect that the matter soon will be satisfactorily closed.

#### AMERICANS BUY KRUPPS.

#### Reported To Have Purchased Noted German War Plant.

London.—The Krupp Works at Munich have been sold to Americans, according to dispatches from Munich quoting newspapers there. It is added several industrial concerns in the Bavarian capital also have passed into American hands.

## ARCHANGEL FRONT MUTINY A CANARD

### Returned Officers Say the Story is Pure Fiction

## THE VON STUEBEN ARRIVES

#### Major Nichols And Captain Winslow Declare Report Of Trouble Grew Out Of A Trivial Affair Between A Sergeant And A Private.

New York.—Reports of a mutiny on the Archangel front last March among members of the 339th Infantry were vehemently denied by Maj. J. Brooks Nichols, of Detroit, and Capt. H. G. Winslow, of Madison, Wis., commanding Company I, the unit said to have been involved. Both officers returned on the transport Von Stueben, which brought back the first complete units to return from service in the Archangel sector.

"I have heard more 'bunk' about this mutiny than could be written in a dozen books," declared Major Nichols. "The incident which gave rise to the rumors was a misunderstanding between a sergeant and one private. The men of the 339th are the best disciplined and most courageous of any outfit I know, and all any officer could desire. They are second to none as soldiers."

"There was no mutiny," Captain Winslow said. "The argument between the sergeant and the private, which started the mutiny story was a trivial incident. The sergeant ordered a Polish boy to load a truck and because the soldier could not understand English, he misunderstood the sergeant and refused to obey orders. Later, after a little explaining, the soldier loaded the truck. That was the nearest thing to a mutiny we had."

Reports of the alleged mutiny and the refusal of troops to go to the front were confirmed last April by General March, who stated that the incident was due to Bolshevist propaganda. He said:

"We have a report from Murmansk to the effect that the organization which was referred to is Company I, 339th Infantry. The dispatch states: 'It is worthy of note that the questions that were put to the officers by the men were identical with those that the Bolshevist leaflet advised them to put to them.'"

"I have not seen this leaflet, but I am most anxious to get it. This is a very striking thing. I have had long experience in the Army and I do not recall ever having seen American soldiers who did not want to get into a fight. They always said 'lead me to it,' and went to it."

"Conditions in Russia are still chaotic," declared Major Nichols, "but there is a feeling of optimism among the better classes that the reign of the Bolsheviki will only have a few more months to run."

The trench helmets carried by the men were painted white for use in snow-covered territory. On their sleeves they carried a diamond-shaped insignia with the letters "N. R.," meaning Northern Russia, set in white on a blue background.

Hard luck has camped on the trail of Sergt. Walter Dundon, of Detroit. After being wounded in a battle with the Bolsheviki he received word of his wife's death. Just before leaving the hospital he was notified his sister had died, and today when he landed he was handed a message stating that his mother was dead.

#### DUTCH PROFESSOR IN LEAGUE.

#### J. A. Van Hamel Will Head Legal Department.

The Hague.—Prof. J. A. Van Hamel, the Dutch publicist and authority on law, will become head of the legal department of the secretariat of the league of nations, it was announced. Professor Van Hamel is taking the position at the request of Sir James Eric Brummond, secretary-general of the league.

## WILSON'S APPEAL TO AMERICAN PEOPLE ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Word of the signing of the treaty of peace, flashed to America, was followed by a proclamation from President Wilson, issued at the White House.

It follows:

"My fellow-countrymen: "The treaty of peace has been signed. If it is ratified and acted upon in full and sincere execution of its terms, it will furnish the charter for a new order of affairs in the world. It is a severe treaty in the duties and penalties it imposes upon Germany, but it is severe only because the great wrongs done by Germany are to be righted and repaired; it imposes nothing that Germany cannot do, and she can regain her rightful standing in the world by the prompt and honorable fulfillment of its terms.

"And it is much more than a treaty of peace with Germany. It liberates great peoples who have never before been able to find the way to liberty. It ends, once for all, an old and intolerable order under which small groups of selfish men could use the people of great empires to serve their own ambitions for power and dominion.

"It associates the free governments of the world in a permanent league in which they are pledged to use their united power to maintain peace by maintaining right and justice. It makes international law a reality, supported by imperative sanctions. It does away with the right of conquest and rejects the policy of annexation and substitutes a new order, under which the backward nations—populations which have not yet come to political consciousness and peoples which are ready for independence but not yet quite prepared to dispense with protection and guidance—shall no more be subjected to the domination and exploitation of a stronger nation, but shall be put under the friendly direction and afforded the helpful assistance of governments which undertake to be responsible to the opinion of mankind in the execution of their task by accepting the direction of the League of Nations.

"It recognizes the inalienable rights of nationality; the rights of minorities and the sanctity of religious belief and practice. It lays the basis for conventions which shall free the commercial intercourse of the world from unjust and vexatious restrictions, and for every sort of international co-operation that will serve to clear the life of the world and facilitate its common action in beneficent service of every kind.

"It furnishes guarantees such as were never given or even contemplated before for the fair treatment of all who labor at the daily tasks of the world.

"It is for this reason that I have spoken of it as a great charter for a new order of affairs. There is ground here for deep satisfaction universal reassurance and confident hope.

"WOODROW WILSON."

#### LEADING WAR DATES.

#### Treaty Of Peace Was Signed On The Anniversary Of The Battle Of Monmouth.

The world war came to a formal end five years after the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, and two years and two days after the first American troops landed in France. The Austrian heir-apparent was killed at Sarajevo June 28, 1914.

The first American contingent disembarked in France June 26, 1917. On July 28, 1914, one month after the death of Francis Ferdinand, Austria declared war on Serbia, marking the beginning of hostilities. On August 1, Germany declared war on Russia and invaded Luxembourg.

Germany sent her ultimatum to Belgium August 2 and declared war on France on August 3. Next day Great Britain declared war on Germany.

June 28 also is the anniversary of the renewal of the Triple Alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy, which has been broken by the war.

On June 28, 1890, the German Reichstag adopted a bill creating a new German army, the organization of which is greatly diminished in power by the treaty signed today.

In American history June 28 is the anniversary of the Battle of Monmouth, N. J., where in 1778, Washington defeated a force under Sir Henry Clinton.

#### HOOVER STEPS ASIDE.

#### Resigns As Chairman Of Grain Corporation.

New York.—Resignation of Herbert Hoover as chairman of the board of directors of the Food Administration Grain Corporation and reorganization of the corporation under the name "United States Grain Corporation," was announced at the annual meeting of stockholders here.

Mr. Hoover's place as chairman will be filled by Julius Barnes, wheat director, who also is president of the corporation.

It was stated Mr. Hoover would continue as a director, but that his resignation of the chairmanship marked the first step toward his retirement from public life. Mr. Hoover is expected to return to the United States in about two months, upon completion of the European relief work and the fruition of the European harvest.

## PENNSYLVANIA BRIEFS

#### Fifty-six couples have spent their honeymoons at the Summit Hotel, Uniontown, within the last six weeks.

Authorization was received in Lebanon by John Penn Brook, general manager of the Bethlehem Steel company's Lebanon plant, for the extension of his power plant, the erection of a new warehouse and the installation of new threading departments in the factory, while officials decline to give figures, it is unofficially reported that the new work will mean an expenditure of upward of \$5,000,000.

No married women except those whose husbands are in the service overseas will be elected as teachers in North Union township, near Connelisville, according to a decision reached by the board of education. Women thus chosen will be carried on the rolls with the distinct understanding that they will resign on the return of their husbands.

Rather than disturb an iron fence three feet high, the posts of which were set in concrete, Samuel C. Kalp, of Connelisville, lifted a house which he desired to move to make room for one more elaborate. The house was shifted about seventy feet and turned about at right angle, leaving the fence intact.

The Colonial Trust company of Farrell has had plans drawn for one of the finest banking houses in western Pennsylvania. It will be erected at the corner of Adams street and Broadway and will be three stories in height. It will cost \$250,000. The Colonial is the largest banking institution in Mercer county, with resources close to \$5,000,000.

An estate of \$60,000 left by Sabina Ream, of Denver, will go to institutions of the Lutheran church. Among the beneficiaries are the Mount Airy seminary, Muhlenberg college; orphan's home, Germantown; Good Shepherd home, at Allentown, and the Lutheran Orphan's home, at Topton.

Stealing away from his home near Chambersburg, William Ward, sixty-two years old, and a former school teacher in the county, went to a tract of woods near his home and hanged himself with a strap to a tree. There his brother, J. A. Ward found him after having missed him from the home.

Lightning struck the house of Elam L. Overholzer in Bally, and descended the kitchen chimney. His daughter, Irene, near the store at the time, was shocked and temporarily lamed by the current.

William Sheehan, two years old, was killed when he was struck by a South-Cumbria Interurban trolley car in Johnstown. The child ran directly in front of the car, and the motorman could not bring it to a stop before striking the tot.

Labor day, September 1, has been set for the big welcome home celebration for the service men of the Hazleton district by the general committee in charge of arrangements. A parade will be held on July 4 in connection with the unveiling of the statues and the memorial arches erected on the principal streets of the city.

Officer Hazleton Moore, of the New Castle police force is planning to leave for Ireland shortly to visit his old home. He will be content to go by boat, however, he says, having no desire to travel in a non-stop airplane.

Fire of uncertain origin destroyed several buildings on the farm of Moses Mervine, tenanted by Wilson Moyer, in Amity township, near Birdsboro. Birdsboro firemen, with motor apparatus, saved the farmhouse.

During a heavy storm in New Castle the home of Mrs. H. W. Keagy, of Corton avenue, was struck and seriously damaged. The peculiar thing about the incident was that it was just two years from the time that the barn in the rear of the house was struck by lightning and burned.

Major H. C. Harper, of New Castle, who was with the 110th regiment in service in France, is convinced as a result of his own observation, in the army that compulsory military training would be a mighty good thing for the nation. He is opposed to creating a large standing army, however. Major Harper served in the Spanish-American war, on the border, and in the recent world war.

Harford boys won state championship at State college. The Susquehanna county stock judging team consisted of Miller Lewis, Rupert Grant, Kenneth Maynard, Frank Wilmarth and Howard Benning.

While trying to walk a pipe which extends across the river at Third street, Renovo, William Piper, nine years old, one of the twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Piper, missed his footing and fell into the stream when about half way across. He had gone down once when he was rescued by a companion. The river at this point is quite deep and numerous accidents have occurred here.

John J. Carter, one of this year's graduates from the Mahanoy City high school has been appointed to West Point.

Returning safely from France, after nearly a year's service, Charles Landis suffered a broken arm when a trunk fell on it.

Berks county won its suit for taxing sewing machines as real estate. Railroad shops in Marysville and vicinity are badly in need of employes and advertisements have been issued for men for the first time since the big retrenchment order was issued during the winter.

To feed quail, which protect the crops, Game Protector Fretz, of Bucks county, has appealed to farmers to plant buckwheat at the last cultivation.

Plans are being considered by returned Marysville soldiers for the formation of a local group of the American Legion. More than 100 men from the borough of 1000 will be eligible for membership.

As the result of being bitten on the leg by a copperhead snake, seven-year-old Earl Miller, son of Theodore Miller, of near Duncannon, is reported to be in a dying condition.

The outlook for a big huckleberry crop on the mountains in Penn Haven section is more promising than for the past fifteen years. The bushes are literally covered with the upright berries, which will ripen within the next month or two.

Many new houses are being built in the Panther Creek valley. The Lehigh Coal and Navigation company has awarded contracts for the erection of fifty new houses at an approximate cost of \$200,000. Thirty of these new houses will be erected in Lansford, and all will be of modern type.

The Lehigh Valley Coal company is considering opening new strip-mining at Jeannetteville and at Buck Mountain. Bids are being asked of contractors for such work and it is believed that work will commence soon.

George R. Borden, who has been industrial secretary of the Y. M. C. A. for the last two years, in New Castle, has been elected as general secretary to succeed James I. Mufley, who recently resigned to go to Tacoma, Wash.

Mrs. Ella Warner was arrested by the poor board of Liberty township, near Montrose, for assault and battery on John L. Butler, eighty-three years old, and found guilty before Justice of the Peace W. G. Cumstock and held on \$500 bail for appearance at court.

Charged with cracking the safe of Milton, Watson and Lewisburg Railway company's office at Milton on March 29 last, Elmer Haiderman and William Evans, of Philadelphia, alleged to be notorious crooks, were arrested at Easton after they had been acquitted on a charge of stealing an automobile, and are being held in the Sunbury jail awaiting a hearing before Squire William C. Miller, at Milton.

After a battle A. Woodward Diehl, of Mooresburg, killed a five-foot-long rattlesnake that had nine rattles and a button. Just to prove it, Mr. Diehl brought the dead reptile along to Danville, where it was curiously examined by many persons. Rattles were thought to be about extinct in this vicinity.

The Mauch Chunk township school board has re-elected Professor Toole as principal of the township high school. Professor Henninger was also re-elected a member of the high school faculty.

Henry Wagner, a farmer of Berne, realized \$30.84 from the sale of cherries from the single tree. The cherry crop in this section, which the customary advance reports said would be a failure, has been unusually heavy.

The Frank W. Sidler Post of the American Legion, an organization of soldiers of the world war, was organized at a meeting of returned soldiers from Montour county, held in Danville recently. The post was named in honor of Frank Sidler, lieutenant in the aviation corps, who was killed in action in France last year. The post organized with forty charter members, and this number will be increased to nearly 200 within a few weeks.

The dominant note in the Johnstown Fourth of July celebration, which will be the biggest that has ever been held there, will be Americanization. The program will include music, sports, speeches and other events, and the intention is to induce Johnstown's residents to become Americans by demonstrating what Americanism means.

Christian Stahl, one of the oldest employes on the Schuylkill division of the Pennsylvania railroad, was killed by a train in the yards at Mount Carbon, as he stepped off a locomotive.

Frank Frantz, an electric light lineman, fell from a crane at Statington and was fatally injured.

Eight homes were visited in one night by Pottstown burglars, and the heaviest loser was Joseph Klein, who is minus \$175.

Becoming dizzy after she had whirled herself around a number of times, Helen, six-year-old daughter of Joseph Urosh, of Stowe, fell and broke an arm.

Luther Schmidt, son of Rev. N. F. Schmidt, of Schwenksville, has been notified of his appointment to the naval academy.

While fishing in the Lehigh river, near Rockport, Michael Holda, aged twenty-two years, was drowned when his boat upset.

Charles Riebe has been awarded the contract by Lansford council to pave 6650 square feet of West Bertsch street.

Capitalists have organized a \$75,000 company for the manufacture of brass and steel products, and will build a plant at Macungie.

John Baldensperger, Sheffield hotel-keeper, was sentenced by Judge Hinckley in court to pay a fine of \$800 for violating the liquor laws.

Ground has been broken for fifteen new houses in Souderstown. The town is the first in this vicinity to start building operations since the close of the war.

The ladies' auxiliary of Grand View hospital in Sellersville has given \$100 to the institution.

To find a ring that she had lost fifteen years ago was the unusual good luck of Miss Emma Leisenring, of Danville.