

SENSATIONAL TRIAL OPENS IN MOSCOW

"Of Course, We Are Not Impartial," Bolshevik Judge Admits Boldly

SOCIALIST GROUPS CLASH

By the Associated Press
 Moscow, June 9.—Mutual hatred between Europe's moderate Socialists and the Russian Communists crystallized yesterday at the opening of the trial here of thirty-four members of the Social Revolutionist Party.
 Leaders of the Second International and other European Socialist organizations appeared as counsel for the defendants, who are accused of betraying the Russian Revolution and assisting the Bolsheviks and of engineering plots to assassinate Lenin, Trotsky and other Bolshevik leaders.
 At the opening of the trial the defendants raised the objection that as all three of the judges were Communists, it was improper for them to sit in judgment upon their political opponents. The objection was overruled after a forensic battle, in which internationally famous Socialists took part.
 The defense also objected to the designation of M. Krylenko as chief prosecutor on the ground that he was prejudiced, being the head of the Supreme Revolutionary Tribunal, and also because his wife assisted in the investigation of the case.
 Emil Vandervelde, Belgian Socialist, once member of the Belgian Cabinet and president of the Second International, is one of the leading figures in the counsel for the defense, and was foremost in pressing the objections to the judges and prosecutor. He declared it was evident Belgium and Rus-

... had different conceptions of justice.
 M. Vandervelde's bold challenge was answered by the grizzled Krylenko. "No wonder we have different conceptions of justice," he declared. "Such justice will Belgium have only when her ministers are placed on trial. This case is being tried under the system of justice we fought for."
 M. Platikoff, the presiding judge, in overruling the defendants' objections, said: "Of course we are not impartial, but our impartiality is in the interests of the revolution. But at the same time we are not a party to the court; our business is to listen to the facts."

K. K. K. THREAT IN SUNBURY

Klanmen Interfere With Family Life of Destitute Couple
 York, Pa., June 9.—With plainclothes policemen guarding against disorder or illegality, several residents of York and vicinity met in a hall here Wednesday night and organized what they said was a branch of the Ku Klux Klan. Upon advice of his counsel, Mayor Hoenigster permitted the group to organize.
 A few days ago representatives of the "Invisible Empire" visited the home of a destitute family in Sunbury to deliver provisions and warn the husband against ill-treating his wife. The latter, it is said, carries a discolored eye as the result of a marital encounter. The Klanmen threatened the man that if he did not treat his family with more respect he would have to "take the consequences."

OFFER KATO PREMIERSHIP

Japanese Admiral Asks Time to Consider Proposition
 Tokyo, June 9.—(By A. P.)—Admiral Baron Kato today was offered the premiership of Japan. He asked time to consider whether he would undertake to form a Cabinet to succeed that of Premier Takahashi, which resigned Tuesday.
 Admiral Kato headed the Japanese delegation to the Washington Arms Conference.

PLAIN "BUCK PRIVATES" DISAPPEAR FROM ARMY

Infantry Strength is Less Than Before U. S. Entered World War
 Washington, June 9.—(By A. P.)—Examination of War Department statistics obtained today discloses that doughboys, just plain "buck privates" of infantry, are becoming almost as scarce in the army as second lieutenants were a while back.
 The "buddie" with the bayonet is the man relied on to win victories. Every other element of the army exists merely to help him on the job. As Congress has ordained slashes, the number of the plain, humble, unspecialized "bucks" has dwindled until there is grave concern in the army over the problem of the disappearing doughboy.

Even the aggregate infantry strength, including the highly trained specialists in infantry units, modern warfare has made essential, has shown a disproportionate shrinkage. It is less today even than it was before the United States entered the great war. On April 30, 1917, there were 83,165 enlisted men in the infantry. Today, with the total strength of the army considerably higher, there are 47,887 in the foot regiments and probably, it is said, not 20,000 of these are to be classified as just plain "buck" privates.
 The impending additional reduction in the size of the army will show a further drop, officers say, and leave the military machine just a highly specialized skeleton, the bones of which are the officers, non-commissioned officers and specialized services, with just a few humble bayonet-wielding "bucks" here and there to give a sketch suggestion of a real war-time force.

HELD FOR KILLING FATHER

Girl of Twelve Years Alleges He Attacked Her Mother
 Washington, Pa., June 9.—(By A. P.)—Charged with shooting and killing her father, twelve-year-old Mary Sorbinski, of Marianna, sixteen miles south of here, is being held in the Juvenile Detention Home here.
 According to Chief of County Detention Joseph Weiner, the girl at first denied the shooting, but later admitted she had fired three shots. The girl asserted the shooting followed a series of attacks on her mother and

herself. Last night at supper, according to the child, Sorbinski chastised her for some childish fault and she went to his room, procured his revolver and shot him as he was standing in the yard.

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