

SPROUL TO PICK MEN TO STAMP OUT BOLSHEVISM

State Committee Will Go After Treason in All Its Ramifications

Philadelphia, Feb. 17.—Governor Sproul announced last night at his home in Chester that the Commonwealth is taking steps to form a committee of public welfare to combat Bolshevism and similar forms of treason.

The decision of the Governor and his advisers was reached after they had been informed of the wave of radical thought that seems to be sweeping the country and centering particularly in Pennsylvania, including Philadelphia, where foreign-born zealots have been urging action scarcely to be distinguished from treason.

That the Governor has been cognizant of this condition he made plain. He explained that in peace time under the present laws, Federal and State authorities are handicapped in their efforts.

"In wartime the authorities can take effective measures of repression that might have to be accounted for in time of peace," Governor Sproul declared. "Legislation is now under consideration for the formation of a committee of public welfare—whatever it might be called, to act as an effective agency to combat anything that resembles violence or traitorous conduct."

"It is expected that an appropriation will be made for the purpose, and the make-up of the committee will be similar to that of the Council of National Defense in this state, of which I spoke in my inaugural address. That council brought many fine men and women into the service of the state. The work that that committee did ought to be continued."

The announcement of the Governor follows closely upon the suggestions made by George Wharton Pepper, chairman of the Pennsylvania Council of National Defense, and Judge J. Willis Martin, member of the council, that the work of the council should be continued.

Mr. Pepper added that if the Governor wants the members to serve they would be ready to do so. Of similar import was Judge Martin's remark and he suggested further that an appropriation should be made for the purpose.

Will Discuss Position Light Signals on R. R.

"Position Light Signals," will be the subject of an illustrated lecture at the meeting of the Friendship and Co-operative Club on Thursday evening, February 27, at the Eagle's Hall. Officials will be present from Altoona and Philadelphia.

PACKING HOUSE MEN GET 10 PER CENT RAISE

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Packing house employees were given a 10 per cent advance by the decision of the arbitrator, Judge Alschuler, who announced the award today.

MAY LOSE EYE

Ralph Lordig, residing near Altoona, was admitted to an Altoona hospital Saturday after he had been struck in the left eye by a piece of steel, while working in a freight shop. Lordig was employed as a car repairman and was cutting rivets, when a particle of steel, three-eighths by a quarter inch in size, struck his eye. He was taken to the hospital, where the steel was removed.

BOLSHEVIKI TRY THEIR WILES ON THE U. S. TROOPS

Reds Willing to Sell Russia at Auction, Says One Newspaper

Archangel, Feb. 17.—Since February 11 the Bolsheviki have made no attacks against the allied forces on any sector of the Archangel front. Allied airplanes which are continually aloft report that there has been no new movement of troops behind the enemy lines since the Bolsheviki withdrawal south from Sredmak-rena.

While the cessation of attacks has coincided with the Bolsheviki offer to attend the Princes Islands peace conference, their offensive was checked by the American and allied troops. The allied military leaders do not believe the Bolsheviki acceptance of the invitation to the conference caused the Bolsheviki inactive the last four days.

Commenting on the Bolsheviki message of acceptance of the Vozrozhdenie Sievera (The Resurrection of the North) says: "From the note of Minister Tchitcherin it appears clearly that the Bolsheviki are ready to sell Russia at auction. They intend to arrange this nicely at the Princes Islands."

The Bolsheviki are increasing their efforts to destroy the morale of the new Russian conscript soldiers as well as of the American and British troops. Bolsheviki propaganda, well written and printed in English, has been distributed mysteriously among the various allied units. Leaflets distributed in villages on the Onega front, where American forces are operating, call upon the American soldiers to organize soldiers' committees and demand of the officers that they return home, as the war with Germany is over and there is no reason for remaining in Russia.

While there has been no appreciable effect, because of the Bolsheviki propaganda, the allied soldiers are looking forward to some statement as to what the allies intend to do with the force here.

Problems of Colored Race Discussed at Conference to Urge Legislation

A meeting of a number of delegates of prominent colored men from all sections of Pennsylvania held a conference in the law offices of W. Justin Carter to discuss plans for the taking care of the matters affecting the colored people of Pennsylvania. The meeting was held under the auspices of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of Pennsylvania. The meeting was presided over by Dr. J. Max Barber, of Philadelphia, the president of the state association.

The matter of employment of colored men in the industrial plants of the state was discussed and the general welfare of the colored people was given careful thought. The meeting was attended by delegates from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Washington, Reading, Johnstown, West Chester, Cheyney, York, Braddock, Newcastle, Reading and Harrisburg.

A mass meeting will be held tonight at the Bethel A. M. E. church, at 8 o'clock at which time addresses will be made by Chandler Owen, of York; Dr. J. Max Barber, of Philadelphia, and W. Justin Carter, of this city.

RECORD PRICE FOR CATTLE

Record prices were paid for cattle at a public sale held a few days ago on the J. S. Farver farm, Conewago township, by M. S. Brandt. There were fifteen head of cattle disposed of, one cow selling for \$221, and another for \$200. A pair of horses sold for \$460 and a pair of mules for the same price. The sale netted about \$4,600.

Get Cold Quarters

In fact the place we were given to sleep in was cold, dreary and dirty that I refused to stay there. I was afraid of catching cooties again. It was while I was telling

Shaffer's Last Flight

There were about a thousand of us and the question was where were they going to put us. After some deliberation we were put in a large school. I was feeling pretty blue about that time for I only had one blanket with me and the thought of sleeping on that cement floor with nothing but one blanket between me and the floor was not very pleasant.

Luck was with me though for a young Belgian girl engaged in giving out supplies began talking to a Frenchman near me. She invited the Frenchman to her home and he putting in a good word for me, I was included. That made it nice for which we were introduced to her mother that kind lady gave us each a room insisting that we stay with them as long as we wished and she also invited us to dinner, but I diffidently asked us if we had our own bread.

We each had a whole loaf. Seeing how the land lay I opened the packages my kind hostess had packed for me. I was sure to get some of the good old lady some of the sandwiches therein. She sure did appreciate the gift. When I saw how hungry she was I gave her some more.

That evening we sat around the fire and heard some more stories all of them the usual kind heard in Belgium—sad ones. Honest! I had had heard so many stories of wanton cruelty and inhuman conduct that I nearly got the "willies." Everywhere I went I heard these stories and I sure was getting fed up. I was used to seeing the sunny side of life but there was none in this sad country, actually, I had not had a hearty laugh in two months. And they didn't start any there.

Huns about 200 They told me that when the Germans came through their city in 1914, they took 200 of the inhabitants out, lined them up against a wall and shot them. That was shocking enough. But it was not so much what they did but how they did it. You see, the wall was only wide enough to accommodate six persons at a time. And thus they were shot down, six at a time while the others awaited their turn like any crowd in front of a theater window.

Others saw their children shot down before their very eyes; husbands saw their wives die the same way. Think of it mother. Do you ever think they even hate the sight of a Boche.

That same night I met an American soldier on the street. He had his arm in a sling, and being a wide-eyed fellow, I asked him for this story. As per usual it was a sad one. When he was captured he had a bullet through his arm. It was a serious wound too, as the bullet had cut up his arm. But did the Boche do anything for him? They did not.

Merely told him to get in line and march with the rest of them. One of his comrades fixed his arm so it stopped bleeding, else he would have surely died right there. After that he had to march 25 miles—and during all that time he was given nothing to eat. The only reason he didn't die from the treatment was that he was a mighty healthy man when they got him.

The next day we taken to Mauthausen by motor truck. This is one of the most ancient and famous cities in Europe and has been the scene of many and long hot sieges. It is entirely surrounded by a high thick wall and the usual moat of bygone days.

It looked interesting and I was deciding to stay several days and view the scenery thereabout, as we rolled through the crooked narrow streets but I changed my mind about the tourist stunt when I found there was little to eat there. So many refugees and liberated prisoners had piled into the city that the authorities were literally swamped, and had not enough supplies to feed them and a decent place to sleep was just about as scarce.

Get Cold Quarters In fact the place we were given to sleep in was cold, dreary and dirty that I refused to stay there. I was afraid of catching cooties again. It was while I was telling

the world in general what I thought of such quarters, that a young Frenchman standing nearby, noticing my accent suddenly remarked: "You're an American, aren't you?" "Yes," said I, let's get out of here. Go out in the town and ask a civilian to take us in."

He agreed and soon we had descended the four stories leading to our garret and were marching down the street on the lookout for some lights or windows, or some civilian on the street.

Sure enough, we soon ran into a woman, who on hearing our story, took us to an old abandoned house and there gave us a bed. It wasn't covered with clean sheets, nor were any woolen blankets there, but it was fairly soft and not very dirty. The lady even brought us some coffee and sugar.

We furnished the rest of the meal, and it was then that I discovered how really kind that woman had been back in Namur, Belgium, for in that package she had packed, besides other things besides bread and butter. There were apples, cakes, sugar, a package of cocoa and could I believe my eyes a dozen pieces of milk chocolate.

Luxuries were few Your of course cannot appreciate what that meal for all these things are in every day use in America. But in Belgium it was different every one of those articles I named were luxuries, and I knew it. I will always remember, and I know it. I will always remember, and I know it. I will always remember, and I know it.

The next morning that English speaking Frenchman and I lost no time in getting out of that town, orders or no orders, for we knew if we would stay there we would probably starve. So we jumped on the first truck going out and we were not particular which direction it went either.

Our goal was the city of Cambria, for there we heard there was a French outfitting station, where we would be supplied of cooties, given clean clothes and a bath and sent home by train. After several days travel by foot and lorry we finally arrived there. Traveling in this way we slept where we could find it.

Once it was in a horse stable, sure! We had a bed! and horse blankets for covers, and I'm sure to say that I have never slept in a warmer or softer bed. Another time we hit a camp of Austrians. We had quite a jolly time there, as I found them not at all like the Englishmen. In fact, they seemed more like Americans.

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50c value, Children's Vests in odd sizes, Clipping Price, 19c
\$1.25 value, Children's Union Suits, sizes 10, 12 and 14 years, Clipping Price, 79c
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