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Bolshevism is Making a Supreme Effort to Conquer Germany; Soviets Being Proclaimed

New Perils Assail Hunland In the Shape of Many Red Risings All Over the Land

Bolshevistic Leaders Are Taking Advantage of the Present Opportunity to Launch a Supreme Effort to Conquer the Whole Community.

GENEVA, March 18—Bolshevism is making a supreme effort to conquer Germany. Wherever President Ebert's order for a general strike has been effective Soviets are being proclaimed. The proletarian quarters in Berlin and the suburbs of Neukoln, Wismese, Reinickendorf and Spandau are in the hands of armed workers. The movement is being directed by the Independent Socialists, an atheistic group sent an ultimatum to Chancellor Kapp, "in the name of the soviet Republic," demanding that he withdraw his forces from Berlin within twenty-four hours otherwise Spartacist troops would march on Berlin. Kapp, who is an anti-Semitic fanatic at first tried to pacify the workers by distributing among them the wheat flour reserved by the old government for the Jews to bake Ryeisitz, while General von Euetzwe is the students and high school boys, among whom the Nationalist agitation is particularly intense, to the colors to reinforce his hard-pressed

troops. But later they were reported to have resigned. Between the Millstones. Following the example of the Berlin Communists, Spartacists in Leipzig, Dresden, Halle, and other cities have declared Soviet rule. It is growing clearer hourly that the Ebert Government at Stuttgart is unable to repel the simultaneously onslaught of the Pan-Germans and Spartacists that cannot crush the forces represented by the Kapp regime and at the same time master the Bolsheviks without the active assistance of the Reichswehr, which is still neutral. A probable solution of the crisis throughout the Empire is foreshadowed by the developments in Munich where the Reichswehr officers made their loyalty to the constitution government dependent on the resignation of the Reichswehr and the establishment of a new cabinet in which the bourgeois parties dominated. The crisis thus would be the knell of Socialism as represented by the Ebert regime.

OFFICIAL CONFIRMATION OF QUARANTINE LIFTING

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Mar. 18—The lifting of the quarantine has been officially confirmed. M. Baldwin, Chief of the United States Immigration Department at Niagara Falls, N.Y., was notified this morning that the vaccination restrictions on the border will be officially raised Friday, March 19, at midnight.

Auto Owners Continue to Be Careless

The owners of automobiles continue to be careless and the City Treasurer reaps the benefit. This morning several more auto owners paid fines for various offenses against the vehicle Act.

Health Board Will Make Test Of the Water

Samples of the waters of both the Niagara River and Lake Erie will be taken by the provincial health department immediately and forwarded to Toronto for dissection, in order to settle the argument between the interior towns in regard to the respective purity of the waters of the river and lake in connection with the pipe line that is to be constructed.

St. Catharines and other towns steadily declare that the waters of the lake are more pure than those of the river, while the provincial health department steadily maintain that the waters of the Niagara are purer than those of the lake. In order to settle the argument all around, samples of water will be taken at Chippawa and Port Colborne and on the strength of the report in both cases, it will be definitely decided as to whether the pipe line will be constructed from Port Colborne or Chippawa. The proposed pipe-line, according to the estimates, will cost about a million dollars, and will be built to supply water to the interior towns along the canal and in that vicinity.

Second Charge Against Charles Crooks, Farmer

Charles J. Crooks farmer, on whose farm just west of this city, revenue officers early in the winter discovered an illicit still, for which he was fined \$300, was charged in police court a second time. Charles E. Hesson, Inland Revenue Collector of this city, accused him of failing to pay the excise duty which he was liable to pay for manufacturing whiskey. The Government ordered the second prosecution against Crooks and Hesson having laid the facts before the department at Ottawa. Magistrate Hesson reserved his decision for a week.

A Budapest professor says "flu" viruses are carried for hundreds of miles in air currents.

Allan Cup Receipts Will Be Used to Finance the Trip Over to Antwerp

There has been some wonder expressed by hockey fans as to just how the contemplated trip to Antwerp by the Allan Cup holders will be financed. Some have thought the winning club would have to handle all the expense themselves. This, however, is incorrect. The Allan Cup trustees have practically consented to the suggestion that the Allan Cup receipts of this year instead of being devoted to charitable purposes as stated in the deed of gift, be given to defray the expenses of the winning team to Belgium. All that remains now is for the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association to deal with the matter and take the same view as the trustees and the arrangements

will be completed. Judging from the number of games to be played here and the fact that most of the games look like high-class attractions enough money should be secured to finance such a trip. Regarding the expenses of the Canadian Olympic team, Sec'y Norton Crowe, of the Amateur Athletic Union of Canada, stated this morning that the Central Olympic Committee at a recent meeting decided that each province fix a stated amount, such amount to be in proportion to size and population. Ontario has been asked to give \$5,000. Of course the Maritime Provinces will give only about \$1,000, while Quebec and several of the others will give \$4,000.

Tomato Growers Are Asking 60 Cents a Bushel This Year

There is going to be a tussle for a raise in the price of tomatoes the coming season between the factories and the growers which not many years ago were contracting for 25 cents a bushel. The growers are holding out for sixty cents a bushel, while the factory managers, at the present time are holding the price at last year's—fifty cents. Last season it is claimed, the Dominion Cannery paid the sixty cents in Prince Edward County, claiming that the deliveries there are of a

higher average quality down there than in the Niagara district where a percentage of the first grade stuff at the beginning of the season is usually put up in baskets for shipping, while the eastern acreages are taken to the factories intact. So far very few contracts have been signed up at the old price, the growers claiming that the high wages being asked by labor, the increase in the price of fertilizers, manures and plants does not warrant them raising tomatoes at all.

Union Lodge No. 16, I. O. O. F. Celebrates 74th Birthday With Enjoyable Evening

Union Lodge, I. O. O. F., the second oldest Independent Oddfellow's Lodge in Canada, celebrated its 74th birthday with a joyous gathering last night. For the first time the ladies were admitted and the innovation proved a decided success. A large number of men and women gathered in the Queen Street Hall. There was a good program and refreshments after which cards and dancing closed the most enjoyable affair. Union Lodge was first opened on St. Patrick's Day, 1846. F. Carley, Noble Grand, was in the chair last night and the program was as follows:— Opening Address F. Carley, N. G. Selection The Orchestra, Solo Bro. S.

Switzer, Quartette The Harmony Four, Messrs. E. Willard, L.L.C.M., H. Legge, A. J. Kadwill, and Geo. Kadwill, The Order Bro. E. Lawrence, P.D.D.G.M., Solo Bro. S. Richardson, Reading Bro. E. Lawrence, Solo Master Frank Hampson, Reading Miss E. Longden, Solo Bro. E. Richardson, Solo Miss M. Taft, Address Bro. A. H. Priest, Solo Geo. Ellingham, Quartette The Harmony Four. Bro. L. Parkins, acted as accompanist. The committee in charge was as follows:— Bro. Allan Grass, V.G., chairman, Bro. H. Hudson, Bro. H. Malcolm, Bro. N. Waite, Bro. C. Moyer, Bro. E. Lawrence, Bro. H. Thurston, Bro. W. Crumb and Bro. J. C. Brown.

Man Strangles His Wife And Then Tries to End His Own Life, But Fails

NEW YORK, Mar. 18—A man describing himself as George Evans of No. 652 West Main street, New Britain, Conn., attempted suicide in a room in the Park Avenue hotel yesterday afternoon by slashing his throat and taking poison. Attendants, attracted by the moans, broke into the room and the man was removed to Bellevue hospital in an unconscious condition. After being revived he said he had tried to end his life because he had killed his wife, Anna, by strangling her with reins taken from a harness. Dispatches from New Britain today told of the discovery of the dead body

of Mrs. George Evanoff, wife of a Bulgarian miner, in a trunk in the home of her sister in New Britain. The woman had been dead twenty-four hours and had been strangled with a set of toy reins used by children. Her husband was last seen in New Britain yesterday afternoon when he visited the home of his mother-in-law with his four-year-old son, George, saying that he wanted to leave the little fellow there for a while. The police believe Evans is really the missing man and have asked the New Britain authorities to send someone to identify the prisoner at Bellevue hospital.

WELCOME BECK HOME

Guests Invited to Luncheon Being Given by City. Guests at the Toronto civic luncheon given at the King Edward Hotel today in honor of Sir Adam Beck included the Ontario Cabinet, the city M. P.'s, the City Council, Hydro Commission, and officials, members of the Board of Education, Harbor Commission, and officials. Senator Macdonell, J. W. Lyon, of Guelph, Phillip Pocock, of London, Col. Boyd Magee, G. H. Kilmer, Col. Cerner, B. B. Cronyn, the city magistrates, Col. J. A. Currie, and the Toronto M. P.'s, at Ottawa, the County Judges, the warden of York county, Reeve Richardson, of Pickering, the chairman of the Library Board, Major Alex. Lewis D. Spence, T. A. Murphy, J. T. Edworthy, T. W. Close, T. V. Gearing and others. The Canadian Trade Commission urges housewives to begin laying in a supply of sugar for the coming season. Geo. Cawte, seventy-five years old was found by neighbors dead and burned beside his stove; his wife was buried last Friday.

No Robin on City Hall Lawn On St. Patrick's

City Clerk Pay says that his St. Patrick's robin failed to weather the wintry blasts, or became a victim of the flu, if birds are heir to such a disease. "Every St. Patrick's Day for several years I have never failed to see a robin or two out on the city lawn from my window, but yesterday there was no robin in sight," said the City Clerk. "I don't know what to make of it."

Conviction Made in Connection With Theft Of Liquor in Grimsby

J. D. Brown Committed For Trial on a Charge of Theft, and Eastman and Brown Are Both Fined \$200 Under the O. T. A.

At Grimsby yesterday J. D. Brown, a citizen of that town was committed for trial on a charge of shop breaking in connection with the theft of some cases of whiskey from the express office on February 16th last. On a charge of having liquor illegally he was assessed \$200 and a butcher named John Eastman was also fined \$200. The evidence disclosed details of a recent crap session in Grimsby which took place in the butcher shop, in which half a dozen or so youths of the town took part. While the game was going on

Brown brought in the whiskey in question, several bottles and when these had been emptied he went out and got more. Most of the crap players drank, but when they were charged with the offence of illegal drinking the prosecution could get no direct evidence that any one of them had had a drink so Magistrate Kidd dismissed the case. On a charge of receiving stolen goods Eastman was also given the benefit of the doubt but he was fined the \$200. Brown will have his trial in this city before Judge Campbell shortly.

Wants Bergdoll Jailed 30 Years

Stiff Sentence Asked for Alleged Rich Deserter. NEW YORK, March 18—When the court-martial of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, wealthy young Philadelphian charged with desertion because of his alleged failure to report for military service under the draft, was resumed on Governor's Island today his counsel announced that no defense would be offered as it believed the government had failed to establish its case. The defense then rested. The announcement came as a great surprise to the prosecution. D. C. Gibboney, chief counsel for the defense asked the court to state the limit of punishment in the event that the accused pleaded guilty but that the request was refused. Lieut. Col. Charles C. Cresson, trial judge advocate, in his argument to the court, asked that a sentence of thirty years' imprisonment be imposed upon the defendant.

Prediction That Tax Rate Here May Be 34 Mills

The city rate of taxation has not yet been decided on though a man who has a way of knowing predicted today that it will be 34 mills. That is if the city is allowed to go over the 25 mills allowance. Ald. Graves said the Finance Committee is working on the estimates, paring and lopping off wherever possible, and at the same time arranging for salary increases. The Board of Education has not yet submitted its estimates. NO DEVELOPMENT IN ASSAULT CASE So far there have been no developments in the Geneva street assault case, but the police are working hard trying to find the guilty party. It would be hard with him if found according to the comments heard in different quarters.

Complete Suspension of Coal Mining April 9th Will Tie Up Industries

Miners Have Presented Demands Unacceptable to Owners and a Strike is Borne to Come As a Result.

"There seems to be no doubt in New York among Wall Street men that there will be a complete suspension of coal mining on April 9th." Mr. Chas. McGill of the McGill Coal Company, Limited, who yesterday returned from the United States where he has been studying the coal situation, made this statement in relation to the United States at the present time. The reason for this apparently well-founded belief, Mr. McGill continued, is that the bituminous coal miners, whose present four-year agreement terminates on March 31, have presented demands with which the operators will be unable to comply. Briefly they ask for an increase of the reduction of working hours to six of \$2 per day for men paid by the day per day in a five-day week, full recognition of their union, and that, whenever practicable, coal be paid for on the short-ton basis. The short-ton basis refers to the difference in Canadian and American tonnage of 40 pounds. For contract miners a 60 per cent increase is asked.

Although this agreement is only at present affecting bituminous miners, Mr. McGill stated, the anthracite miners, whose agreement also terminates at the end of this month are refraining from presenting their demands until with what reception the demands of the bituminous miners meet. If a strike becomes inevitable, and Mr. McGill is almost certain that it will, the anthracite miners will join the general walk-out. The effects of a strike on Ontario said Mr. McGill, would be to leave the Province absolutely without means of obtaining fuel. There are at present no reserve supplies in the Province and the operators themselves are depending on the supply mined from day to day. The shortage in the present supply Mr. McGill stated, is due chiefly to the fact that only 60 per cent of the coal cars on United States railroads are in use, a condition which he attributes to the policy pursued by the U. S. Railroad Administration in failing to repair cars when repairs are required.

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