

## LUDENDORFF SAYS FRANCE WANTS TO CRUSH GERMANY

Teuton Military Leader Hints of 'Unpleasant Surprises' in Store.

By CARL D. GROAT  
United Press Staff Correspondent  
MUNICH, Jan. 30.—"France wants to get rid of Germany," Ludendorff said.

General Ludendorff, one of Germany's two most famous military leaders during the World War, thus expressed his view of the Ruhr occupation in an interview with the United Press at his villa, overlooking Munich valley today.

The general, still symbolic to many of his countrymen of Germany's lost military glory, and still expected to lead a royalist revolt one of these days, attacked French militarism and accused the invaders of wanting to rid the country of Clemenceau's "twenty million Germans too many."

Seek Germany's Ruin  
"Two hundred years, the French have sought to ruin Germany," Ludendorff said. "France, with a population not surpassing thirty millions, first dispersed some of our millions in giving Poland Upper Silesia. Now she is proceeding herself to absorb some millions and get rid of others by telling part of the population to starve."

The general charged France wants to grab Ruhr coal and war industries to strengthen herself and weaken Germany.

"I am certain it is France's intention to maintain her grasp on the Ruhr as long as practicable; permanently if possible."

Ludendorff scouted the suggestion the French, pushing into the Ruhr, have driven into a blind alley, but hinted there might be unpleasant surprises if German unity became complete.

Defended Themselves  
"You can tell America and the world that the last war was not a question of German militarism, but of French militarism. We simply defended ourselves against French ambition and sought Longwy and Briey as points necessary to our protection," Ludendorff said.

"I am sorry the American troops have been withdrawn from the Rhine, although I feel it was meant as a protest against France. But it only helped and pleased them. They now have a more solid front, with nobody to hinder them. They are pouring troops through the Coblenz area."

## POLL IN HOUSE HITS SPEEDWAY

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to the bill at a meeting Monday night. A resolution condemned the attitude of Commander Faulkner in suspending posts differing from him.

Other Posts to Meet  
The executive committee of the Hayward-Barcus Post No. 55 will meet at 6:30 p. m. today at 40 S. Meridian Street.

A meeting of Paul Coble Post No. 24 was set for 4:30 p. m. at the Indiana Dental College.

Appointment of Fae W. Patrick as acting judge advocate of the St. Michael-Lohr Post, was announced by J. W. Ebaugh, commander. The post was suspended by Faulkner Monday, after it had gone on record as opposing the Memorial bill. Appointment was made. Ebaugh said, "to see that our rights and privileges under the State and national constitution are not interfered with."

Conferences Fruitless  
In a last effort to iron out differences, Frank Henley, State adjutant, called Ferdinand Montani, commander of the Skidmore-Dean Post, and J. W. Ebaugh, commander of the St. Michael-Lohr Post, into conference with the legislative committee of the legion Monday night. Commander Faulkner, Claude Gregg, former State commander; Bowman Elder, national executive committee member, and Adjutant Henley were among those present.

Refusal of the two post commanders to reconsider their action brought the conference to a close without results.

Charters of the posts have been revoked by Faulkner.

Before this, a two-hour conference of the legislative committee and representatives of civic and commercial bodies of Indianapolis was held without result. Among those present were: Representing the American Legion, Claude E. Gregg, Vincennes, chairman; Frank McHale, Logansport, and Judge Raymond Springer, Connersville, of the legislative committee and Perry Faulkner, State commander; Frank H. Henly, State adjutant, and Phil Stapp, editor of the Hoosier Legionaire, civic and commercial bodies of Indianapolis, Al Feeney, E. G. Hereth, Felix M. McWhirter, Walter Pittsford, John B. Reynolds, Anton Vonnegut, Theodore Vonnegut, Frank Wampler, John R. Welch and B. A. Worthington.

Mass Meeting Cancelled  
The mass meeting to protest against Faulkner's action, set for 9 a. m. today, was abandoned. The meeting had been called by the executive committee of the Skidmore-Dean post.

Commander Montani said the meeting was called off because it was felt it might result in unnecessarily bitter feeling.

Humphrey Harrington, State judge advocate, whose resignation was demanded by Faulkner Monday for "disloyalty," denied the commander's right to remove him.

Other organizations condemning the bill were the Service Club, Kent S. Ritchie post of World War Veterans, Advertising Club of Indianapolis, Chapter 1 Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Hoosier Post No. 624, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Post B, Five-mile Protective Association.

Despite uncertainty as to whether the 500-mile annual race will be held, seat sales, which began Monday, were the largest in the history of the Speedway. T. C. Myers, manager of the Speedway, said.

## Thousands Protest French Invasion in Berlin Square



DR. FRIEDRICH VON LERSNER ON PLATFORM IN FOREGROUND IS ADDRESSING A CROWD OF 200,000 WHICH HAS GATHERED IN FRONT OF THE REICHSTAG BUILDING AT BERLIN TO PROTEST FRENCH OCCUPATION OF THE RUHR VALLEY. THE BISMARCK STATUE CROWDED WITH SPECTATORS, IS SHOWN IN THE CENTER.

## Russians Kick 'Greek' Out of Opera So All May Love and Understand It

By WALTER D. HICKMAN

LEAVE your glasses and foreign language dictionaries as well as your fears at home and trot over to the Murat to see a goodly band of Russians sing grand opera.

These Russians, although speaking a language I do not understand, made me understand and appreciate Mouskorsky's "Boris Godunov" last night. These singers and musicians took the "Greek" out of this musical drama, and the result was that I did not become lost by the roadside, but kept right up with Tsar Boris, Marina, Pimen and all the others.

In the first place, I did not attempt to "highbrow" myself at the Murat last night when the Russian grand opera company made its first Indianapolis appearance. I made up my mind that if these Russians were real artists they would knock the "Greek" out of the whole affair.

That is the one test, as far as I am concerned, that I put the Russians up against last night.

These Russians, every one of them, met the test. In the first place, the principals in this company know their business. These Russians act their opera. By combining dramatic ability with the talent of song, these singers made "Boris Godunov" not only reasonably intelligent but actually caused the audience to enjoy it.

Nicholas Karlash as Boris seemed to hold the key to the situation. His acting kept pace with the score of the opera.

Karlash made me feel the fear that Tsar Boris had when he thought that the ghost of the slain Dmitri was to appear. Boris previously had slain the successor to the throne of Ivan, the tyrant. The opera deals in a dramatic fashion with the effect that fear has on Boris.

Karlash was at his best in the second scene of the second act where he fears that the ghost of the murdered Dmitri would haunt him and again he was magnificent in the closing minutes of the opera when he falls dead on the throne.

Excellent work was done by Valia Valentynova as Marina and by Max Panteloff as Pimen. Vladimir Svetloff was cast as Prince Shuisky. Splendid work. The chorus was satisfactory and the numerous others were not out of place in the picture.

Michael Piviesky conducted the orchestra. In a practical sort of a way, he didn't go into an artistic fit, but he conducted the musicians as a man of knowledge and a judge of music would do it.

The truth is, that I enjoyed the business sort of a way these Russians went about making opera an artistic triumph. The scenery is not lavish but is sufficient.

Before I forget it—these Russians knew the art of makeup. For example, the face of Karlash as Tsar Boris. Here is visible art.

Ona B. Talbot brought the Russians here for three days. This woman seems to love taking a chance. The attendance last night was small. Tonight will tell the story whether Mrs. Talbot wins or sustains a financial loss.

Mrs. Talbot has brought a talented company to Indianapolis. She deserves support, as I am convinced that this company will give you value received for your money. I am not a "know-it-all" about opera, but I do know this—that these Russians made me understand and enjoy "Boris Godunov" last night.

Surrender yourself to Mrs. Talbot and these singers for at least one performance. Don't be afraid that opera is over your head. There is nothing too good for Indianapolis. Let us prove it by supporting this venture of Mrs. Talbot.

I do not go to opera because it is a fad or the thing to do. I am going tonight to the Murat because I enjoy the sensation of having the "Greek" kicked out of opera by intelligent singers and a capable conductor.

The bill tonight is "The Snow Maiden." Wednesday afternoon, "The Demon" will be given and that evening "La Juive."

Mrs. Talbot has given Indianapolis a chance to see real opera. Take it or leave it.

Miss Blossom Seely Discovers That Indianapolis Loves Her

When Blossom Seely and her numerous assistants yesterday afternoon attempted to close the act at Keith's, the audience decided that the act should be longer.

Miss Seely parades, dances and sings jazz songs in the approved fashion of the day. So successful was she that she received the most prolonged ovation I have heard of Keith's in many months.

There is a legitimate reason for

of entertainment. A fine success. Eyal and Dora Farly easily captured the popular fancy of an audience. The woman works along eccentric lines. She executes "Lovin' Sam" while moving her arms in a strange but funny fashion. An easy favorite.

Will J. Ward sings some new songs. The big thing about Ward's singing is that one can really hear and understand what he is singing about. Max on and Brown sing "Alcoholic Blues" and other blues songs.

Melville and Rule go in for eccentric comedy work. The woman has a sort of personal way about her which she uses to good advantage.

Hill and Quinell have successfully disguised a cycle act which opens the bill or did at the show I attended. Less talk and more business would help this act. The bill includes "Let's Go," a railroad musical comedy.

"A Dangerous Adventure" is the movie feature of the bill.

At the Palace all week.

In Which the Last Is First and the First Is Last

The Lamys, the last act on the current bill at the Lyric, jumps to first position by virtue of the merits of the offering as well as by the showmanship revealed in the scenic equipment.

The Lamys are aerialists who work with such finished artistry that the act becomes a classic in this sort of entertainment. In the first place, the act is given in an artistic setting. The scene represents a beautiful country home; that is an exterior view. A woman, seated at a harp, is playing in the doorway of the home as the curtain goes up. Four men appear. In a leisurely way the men begin a series of aerial acrobatics of unquestionable merit.

Here is an act exhibiting such splendid showmanship and good entertaining taste that I can not refrain from giving them my most sincere praise.

Harry Van Fossen, a minstrel man, engages in some funny chatter, a song and a dance. He appears in blackface. The Wederson sisters sing a new jazz song, "The Don't Do This and the Don't Do That Blues." The sisters play the piano, banjo and violin.

One and Kingsbury, assisted by a pianist, offer a dancing act in which

## DEMOCRATS WILL HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET FEB. 8

Ralston Main Speaker—Woman Leader Attends School.

Tickets are being sold for the annual banquet of the Democratic State Editorial Association in the Riley Room of the Claypool Hotel Feb. 8. Senator-elect Samuel M. Ralston will be principal speaker. Other speakers will be Thomas Taggart, Mrs. John W. Kern and Dick Miller.

Mrs. A. P. Flynn of Logansport, vice chairman of the Democratic State committee, is attending the National School of Democracy in New York. She is accompanied by Mrs. John F. Gubbins of Muncie, vice chairman of the Eighth district. Mrs. Flynn will speak on the Indiana law as it affects woman voters.

acrobatic dancing is featured. Nicely staged and well presented, Abbott and White are back with a new collection of songs. White puts "Lovin' Sam" over with splendid effect.

Billy Kelly and company appear in "Reel Dreams," a melodramatic travesty on the movies. This act is full of "hoakum," but it registers. The singing is less than fair. Kelly appears to advantage.

Solma Brantz is a lady juggler. Her best stunt is while juggling a ball and two sticks.

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"Laffin' Thru" on View at Broadway This Week

"Laffin' Thru," the current attraction at the Broadway, is billed as "1923's best girl show." Some one has stretched a point here, but in all fairness, from the standpoint of girls, it is one of the best Mutual Wheel attractions that has appeared here this season. The girls are young and attractive looking and have, what is most essential to a burlesque show, lots of pep.

The bits in the show have been camouflaged and give the appearance of something different. Frank Penny and Al Golden hold up the comedy end of the show. George Sheldon is seen to advantage in a bit called "The Hold Up." Margaret Catlin, Betty Abbott and Peaches Bonton have the leading female roles. Each is capable, the dancer being especially so. (By the Observer.)

A Bathing Beach Is a Lively Spot in Comedy.

The setting for "Papa Behave," the current attraction at the Rialto, is laid in a summer resort bathing beach and there are bathing girls, songs of the sea and all that goes with it.

As the story goes, the proprietor of the resort hotel is being "trimmed" by some young men who are guests at the hotel. One in particular who cheats the old man is in love with his daughter. Complications arise when an irritable woman appears on the scene and claims the young sutor.

Several songs and specialties are worked through the show.

The program includes "Blind Hearts," a photoplay starring Hobert Bosworth. (By the Observer.)

Interesting Movies on View Here Today

Included in today's movies are: "Nocturne," at the Apollo; "The Hottentot," at the Circle; "Tiffing Women," at the Ohio; "Catch My Smoke," at the Miller Smith's; "The Hound of the Baskervilles," at the Isis; "Shackles of Gold," at the Regent; "The Third Alarm," at English's, and "The World's Applause," at the Colonial.

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## \$200,000 LOSS IN MYSTERIOUS BLAST AT SHELBYVILLE

Kennedy Company Factory Is Razed by Flames Which Spread Rapidly.

By Times Special  
SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Jan. 30.—The manufacturing plant operated by the Kennedy Car Line and Bus Company in this city was completely destroyed by fire early today, causing damage estimated at \$200,000. The loss is totally covered by insurance, according to Fred W. Kennedy, president of the concern.

A mysterious explosion in the center of the large factory building was heard shortly after 2 o'clock this morning and flames spread to all parts of the structure which was built on fifteen acres of ground at the southwest edge of the city. Thousands of dollars' worth of paper were stored in the main part of the building where the fire started. Salvage crews were able to save records of the firm and the office fixtures, but the printing presses and all other equipment was lost. Two night watchmen at the building discovered the blaze after hearing the explosion, but the stock of paper was in a mass of flames before they reached the place of the starting. The flames were visible as far as Greentfield, Ind.

The local plant of the Kennedy Company was known as the home factory and was constructed in 1914. Mr. Kennedy, president, announced today that the factory will resume operations here on a temporary basis within ten days and that the destroyed buildings will be rebuilt at once. Contracts are now pending for the construction of an addition to the building at a cost of \$40,000 and the addition was to have been built this summer.

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## WOMAN GETS SECOND SUSPENDED SENTENCE

Mary Chappel Pays \$200 and Costs as Blind Tiger Operator.

For the second time in two months, Mary Chappel, 49, of 940 S. Union St., was saved from the woman's prison when Judge Delbert C. Wilmeth in city court today suspended a sentence of sixty days. The woman, charged with operating a blind tiger, paid a fine of \$200 and costs.

On Oct. 10, Judge Pro Tem. Rinier fined Mrs. Chappel \$50 and costs and suspended a sentence of ten days on the same charge.

Thomas Moran, 37, of 318 W. Market St., held for the second time after officers said they found sixty-seven half pints of liquor in his home, paid a fine of \$200 and costs. Sentence of sixty days was suspended.

FLAMES DESTROY STORE AND HOME

Fire Causes \$5,000 Loss in Churchman Ave.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the grocery store of W. L. Jones, 1061 Churchman Ave., at 12:30 a. m. today. The loss was estimated at \$5,000. The grocery was a one-story frame building.

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## BASTROP WITNESS RETURNS TO JOB

Witness Wanted in Terrorist Hearing Held Under Bond.

By United Press  
BASTROP, La., Jan. 30.—Harold Teegerstrom, the missing young timekeeper whom the State had expected to use as a star witness at the recently ended torture-murder hearing, returned to his job at the Southern Carbon Company's plant at Spiker, Monday.

Teegerstrom, who disappeared the night of Dec. 29, positively declined to say why he disappeared or where he had been.

"I've been in the best of health," he declared, and that was all.