

EXECUTION OF 35 IN RUSSIA TRACED TO FOREIGN PLOT

Reveal Official in League with Another Nation.

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BERLIN, April 1.—According to information reaching Berlin, the recent executions of thirty-five high officials in various soviet agricultural commissariats by the G. P. U. [political police] involves a story of espionage that rivals the exploits of the famous Eugene Azeff, who for many years lived a double life as a trusted leader of a desperate group of revolutionaries and as a spy for the Czarist police.

The "hero" of the latest romance was Feodor M. Konar, vice commissar for agriculture of the soviet union, who as such had access to the meetings and minutes of the council of commissars when his chief was absent on leave or business.

Once Expelled from Party.

In 1920 Konar was expelled from the party on the grounds that he was responsible for the failure of the soviet government established in Polish Galicia during the soviet-Polish war. Somehow, however, he managed to explain matters and was reinstated. There was some confusion, he said, between him and another man named Polshchuk.

In the following year he went to Moscow to live with his brother. The latter also was a member of the communist party and specialized in the affairs of the communist internationale. Both were supply citizens who displayed particular ability in stepping exactly upon the center of the "party line," that is, the policy of the majority of the communist leaders. That was an achievement in itself during the troublous years of the intraparty opposition.

Rises to High Rank.

Konar specialized in agriculture and steadily advanced in rank and importance. Two years ago he was appointed vice commissar in charge of state grain collections. Meanwhile his brother made frequent trips abroad on communist internationale business. The apartment of the two men became the center of the "true blue incorruptibles" of the Kremlin policy and, although most of their friends were men of secondary standing, they were on excellent terms with the men of higher rank.

About a month ago it was discovered that Konar also was on "excellent terms" with a prominent foreign diplomat, and an order went out for his arrest. The story goes that he was indignant when the G. P. U. guards summoned him. "It is absurd," he said, "I'll telephone to the G. P. U. headquarters at once."

When the guards showed him the signature on the warrant and he buried his head in his hands.

Inquiry and Konar's own confession brought out that for 13 years he was a secret agent of a foreign power and that he was, in fact, responsible for the betrayal of the Galician soviet because he was also Polshchuk. He revealed, too, that his "brother" was not related to him by blood but was a brother agent in the same service, whose trips abroad served admirably to supplement the information Konar was unable to transmit directly to his diplomatic friends in Moscow. Further investigation showed that there was a double conspiracy—not merely for the transmission of soviet secrets to a foreign power, but to strike at the most vital point of the soviet socialization program in diminishing the food supply and driving peasants to ruin and hostility by deliberate mismanagement and sabotage of the grain collections.

Leaders Pass Judgment.

The case was considered so grave that the whole presiding council of the G. P. U. participated in the judgment. The evidence was utterly damning and for the first time in the G. P. U.'s history the verdict was delivered without the court retiring for consultation.

And still another exception was made. The sentence was carried out immediately instead of giving 48 hours' grace for a possible pardon by the president of the republic.

Dr. Charles M. Poor Resigns as Dean of Knox College

Galesburg, Ill., April 1.—(Special.)—Resignation of Dr. Charles M. Poor as dean of Knox college was announced today by President Albert Britz. Dr. Poor will retire from active teaching and hold up William B. Snowhook, 28 years old, a rent collector for Cochran & McCluer, 140 North Dearborn street. He told police he lost \$1,100 in currency and \$900 in checks.

Rent Collector Robbed of \$1,700 in Hotel Lobby

Two armed men entered the lobby of the St. James' hotel, 444 St. James place, yesterday and held up William B. Snowhook, 28 years old, a rent collector for Cochran & McCluer, 140 North Dearborn street. He told police he lost \$1,100 in currency and \$900 in checks.

Uses Eight Autos, None His Own, to Reach Home

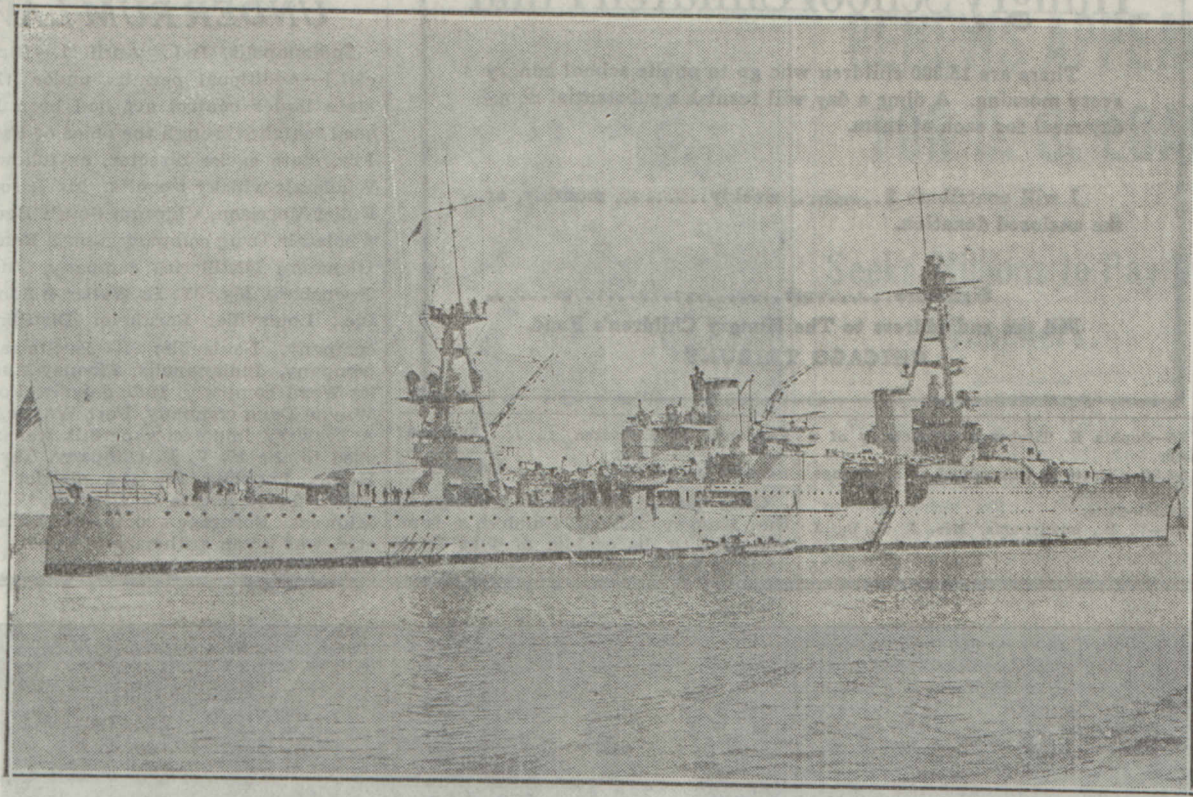
Baltimore, Md., April 1.—(P)—Vernon Leach, 30, who earns his living by finding seats for people in movie houses, had no end of trouble finding his way home from a party last night. Police said he used eight automobiles, none of them his own, in the effort.

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JAPAN NOTIFIES POWERS OF CLAIM TO PACIFIC ISLES

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TOKYO, April 1.—The foreign office today sent to the principal Japanese embassies abroad a statement of the reasons which, in the government's view, entitle Japan to retain possession of its mandated islands in the Pacific in perpetuity, regardless of its secession from the league of nations. The document is intended for information. It is said, and was not evoked by representations or inquiries from any foreign government. Reports that prominent members of the Hitler regime in Germany were displaying interest in the islands decided the Tokyo authorities to dispel any idea that Japan considered the question open. The government's attitude has been clearly revealed in recent information given to the press that Japan considers its title to the islands as good as ever and intends to hold them. Before leaving the league the government made an exhaustive study of the legal aspects. The conclusion was definitely reached by legal experts that the mandates were not conferred by the league and did not need to be held by league members, but were conferred by the allied supreme council before the league existed.

Besides the league Germany, the United States, and the British empire are interested in the question. Japanese spokesmen declare the islands are "Japan's life line on the sea," as Manchukuo is on the mainland. This is interpreted to mean that the islands would be strategically valuable in a war with America. That fact arises from their position between America's two groups of Pacific possessions—the Hawaiian and Philippine islands.

LAWYER IN JAIL DOES BUSINESS WITH CELLMATE

New York, April 1.—(P)—When the police placed Charles F. Kelly and Charles F. Ryder in the same cell they unknowingly conspired with the goddess of luck. Kelly was a man with a lawyer's diploma in need of \$8 to pay taxi fare. Ryder was a man with \$8 in need of a lawyer. The jailer saw Ryder pass over the retaining fee and took them both before a magistrate. Forthwith Kelly paid his taxi fare and won a suspended sentence and pleaded so well for his cellmate client that he won his freedom on bail of \$100 instead of the usual \$1,000 for the charge of driving while intoxicated.

Lord Chelmsford Dies; Famed as India Authority

LONDON, April 1.—(P)—Former Viceroy Lord Chelmsford, 85, who was famous for his part in Indian constitutional reforms, died suddenly today following a heart attack. Lord Chelmsford held many positions, including the governorship of Queensland and of New South Wales and the agent generalship for New South Wales. He was viceroy of India from 1906 to 1921 and in 1924 became first lord of the admiralty.

Indiana Girl, 13, Must Return Wedding License

Evansville, Ind., April 1.—(Special.)—No wedding bells will ring tonight for a 13 year old bride-to-be, Miss Irene Neihaus. Instead she and Gilbert Franz, age 21, have been given until Monday to return the license they obtained Thursday after the mother, Mrs. Ella Neihaus, had sworn her daughter was 16 years old.

Bow Damaged

SHANGHAI, April 1.—(P)—The U. S. Houston, flagship of the United States Asiatic fleet, was slightly damaged today in a collision with the French gunboat Francis Garnier in Shanghai harbor. The crash resulted when the Houston attempted to turn in the narrow Whangpoo river. A wind and the tide contributed to the cause. The Houston was arriving from Manila and the French gunboat was on its way out of the harbor. A hole was stove in amidship of the Francis Garnier and the Houston's bow was slightly damaged. No one was injured.

Singer Hurt in Fall Sues Sterling Theater for \$75,000

Mrs. Mildred Wallace Silwitz, radio and opera singer, yesterday filed a \$75,000 damages suit in the Superior court through Attorney Lloyd T. Bailey against the Sterling Theater corporation of Sterling, Ill. Mrs. Silwitz, who is 24 years old, lives in Sterling. She alleges she fell and suffered an injury to her spine in the theater on Dec. 26, 1932, which caused her to lose radio and concert contracts. She said the accident resulted when the lights were turned off suddenly.

PARLEY TO HALT IRISH RAIL STRIKE ENDS IN FAILURE

BELFAST, April 1.—(P)—A breakdown of a railway conference here tonight after an eight hour session on the first day of a strike in Ulster may mean the stopping of railway service in the Irish Free State on May 1.

The stumbling block in the negotiations over a wage difference was the refusal of the railway companies to accede to the strikers' demands that all of the striking workers be reinstated. The officials said they would not take back more workers than the traffic warranted.

Since a settlement reached in Dublin respecting Free State workers was contingent on a settlement of the Ulster walkout, the failure of the conference here may mean a railroad strike in the Free State after April 30, when the Free State government subsidy, paid to avert a strike, will end.

Oak Park Village Help Learns It's Just April 1

Oak Park village employees reporting for work yesterday were informed that although the day was the first of the month it wasn't pay day. Nor was the information in the nature of an April fool joke. Some amendments were made, however, when the village authorities worked out a plan to pay the employees on Monday in 1931 warrants. The 1931 warrants command a better price than the 1932 warrants, which the employees have been paid in recent weeks.

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