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MABEL NORMAND and FATTY ARBUCKLE in TWO-
ACT COMEDY, "HE DID AND HE DIDN'T."

Monday—ANITA STEWART in "THE GIRL PHILLIPA"

THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT RELAX SYMPATHY AND HELP

J P. Stevens, American Railway Commission-
er to Russia Gives Out Interesting In-
terview---Country is now in a Chaotic
Condition---German Propagandists Are
Very Active---Best Element in Sympathy
With the Allies.

Tokio, Thursday, Dec. 27. — John
P. Stevens, chief American railway
commissioner to Russia, arrived at
Nagasaki on December 19 from Vlad-
ivostok.

In a statement to the Associated
Press, Mr. Stevens said he fully ex-
pects soon to return to Russia to
prosecute the proposed work of assist-
ing in the reorganization of Russian
railway communication.

"Russia, at present, presents a com-
pletely chaotic condition, permeated
by the most clever German propaga-
nda in every way and everywhere
among all classes of the people. Nev-
ertheless, I believe that better judg-
ment of the mass of the people will
be asserted and Germany will not
succeed in forcing a separate peace.
Such a peace cannot be concluded if
the Allies promptly give their help
and suggestions.

The Maximalists.

"The Maximalists now in control
are much stronger than generally cre-
dited. In any future reorganization
or attempts at a stable government
the Maximalists must be considered
and handled rightly.

"The chaos is most evident in the
manufactories and railway shops

where the workmen's and soldiers'
delegates are in absolute control. They
work or not as they please, and ev-
erywhere may be seen workmen loaf-
ing. Women are doing much of the
work in the shops, along the railway
tracks and in the fields, and even act-
ing as brakemen. Where one woman
is working, 500 men are loafing.

In Siberia.

"Siberia is not so much disturbed as
Russia and it is the people's desire
to support any government appearing
to be stable. The uncertainty in Rus-
sia rests in the vast preponderance
of the 130,000,000 persons in the peas-
ant class. If Germany is allowed to
finance and advise them, the situa-
tion is lost."

In conclusion Mr. Stevens said:
"Not for a moment should the Allies
relax their sympathy and help, but on
the contrary should quadruple their
efforts. The best element in Russia
is with us, but the question is how to
the sympathy of the intelligent class-
give in such a manner as to maintain
and offset the German influence.
We should earnestly beg the Allies
not to punish the Russian people, who
love their country, nor to abandon
them to the Germans."

AUTHORITIES TO GET AFTER THOSE WHO FAIL TO REPORT

(Canadian Press direct wire.)
Ottawa, Dec. 28. — With the calling
up of the first draft next week, strong
measures will be taken against men
who have failed to register under the
Military Service Act.

An announcement of a reward "to
any civil police or peace officer for
the apprehension and delivery into
military custody of a deserter is the
forerunner of further steps to ensure
that all members of class one comply
with the law.

Instructions for dealing with desert-
ers and men absent without leave
have been issued and the general pol-
icy determined.

Generally speaking, there are five
different groups of men who, from a
military point of view may be dealt
with as absentees without leave. The
groups and the penalties to which the

men in each class are liable are as
follows:

1. Men who have failed to comply
with the proclamation calling out
class one—liable for any term of im-
prisonment not exceeding five years,
with hard labor.

2. Men who, having reported or
claimed exemption under the Military
Service Act have failed to attend for
medical examination when ordered
so to do—punishable by civil magis-
trates by a fine not exceeding \$200
and not less than \$25 and to not more
than three months' imprisonment. If
not fined, punishable by military law
as absentees without leave or desert-
ers.

3. Men who, having been ordered to
report for duty fail to do so—punish-
able in the same way as absentees of
the following group (4), if before they
were required to report for duty, they
were taken on the strength of the C.
E. F., otherwise punishable by mili-
tary law.

4. Men who, having been taken on
the strength of a unit of the C. E. F.,
or of the active militia, either as vol-
unteers or as drafted men and either
before or after the issue of the pro-
clamation under the Military Service
Act, or the passing of that act, are
now, or hereafter become absentees
without leave—punishable by civil
magistrates by two years' imprison-
ment with the consent of the general
officer commanding the district
where the proclamation is brought or
by military law.

5. Men who have been granted
leave of absence with pay, cease or
fail to comply with the conditions up-
on which their leave was granted—
punishable in the same way as men in
group 4.

Men in all the five groups men-
tioned, it is pointed out are alike in that
they are all soldiers absent without
leave and subject to military as well
as civil arrest for their absence.

SOCIETY NEWS.

Major and Mrs. Fred Mersereau of
Doaktown, are here to spend New
Year's Day with Mr. and Mrs. W. J.
Scott.

Miss Edith McKay of St. John, is
spending the holidays with Mrs. Mann-
sell at the experimental station.

Miss Goddard of St. John, will ar-
rive this evening to spend New Year's
Day with her aunt, Mrs. Rupert Tay-
lor.

Miss Nan Mersereau is visiting her
sister, Mrs. Dodds.

Mr. W. I. Fenton of St. John, is in
the city.

Mr. J. J. Herbert of Gagetown, is
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