

GERMAN NURSE IS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER

MISS EMMA HEDDA BURGMEISTER WILL PLEAD SELF DEFENSE

ACCUSED OF SLAYING MILLIONAIRE BREWER

Koehler Was Shot Nov. 12—He Was Found In Woman's Room—She Had Herself Been Wounded.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Jan. 14.—Attorneys representing Miss Emma Hedda Burgmeister, German nurse, charged with the murder of Otto Koehler, wealthy brewer, have announced their intention of basing their fight on "self defense." They will claim Miss Burgmeister was being choked by Koehler when she fired to protect herself.

Otto Koehler was president of the San Antonio Brewing Association. He was several times a millionaire and heavily interested in copper mines, being director in several companies. Miss Burgmeister is a German nurse. She attended Mrs. Koehler, who is an invalid. She visited Germany several times with the Koehlers. At the time of the tragedy she had left her employment and was residing at her home on Hunstock Ave., San Antonio.

Koehler was shot shortly before five o'clock on the evening of November 12, 1914. Three shots entered his body. Death was instantaneous. He was found lying on the floor in Miss Burgmeister's room. Justice of the Peace R. Nell Campbell, who resided in the adjoining cottage, was the first to enter the house. Miss Burgmeister had a deep jagged cut on her right wrist. A case knife was found lying on the floor.

Miss Burgmeister was arrested by Sheriff John W. Tobin. Prostrated, she hovered between life and death at the Baylor hospital for a number of days.

Upon her recovery she waived examination to a complaint charging murder. She was remanded to jail without bond. Miss Burgmeister was later released on a \$7,500 cash bond furnished by Mrs. Emma Dorischel and James N. Voble.

An indictment was returned by the grand jury on November 15, 1914. Her case was set for trial February 1, 1915.

When the case was called by District Judge W. S. Anderson, the defendant failed to appear. Her attorney, State Senator Carlos Bee, read a letter from Miss Burgmeister in which she said she was going to Germany to nurse the wounded soldiers. Judge Anderson thereupon declared the bond forfeited.

Nothing was heard of the defendant until about a year later. October 28, 1917, motion to rescind action of the court in forfeiting the bond was filed in the Thirty-Seventh District Court by Miss Burgmeister. In her petition she alleged that she was forced to leave San Antonio as the result of threats of county officials. She alleged she had not requested any bond be made for her; that the names signed to the bond were fictitious and that she did not know the signers. She said she wanted to come back to San Antonio and stand trial—"to plead before the world her justification of the killing."

October 9, Miss Burgmeister walked into the Thirty-Seventh District Courtroom and surrendered to District Attorney D. A. McAskill. She was re-arrested by Sheriff John W. Tobin. Her attorneys, Ex-Governor Tom M. Campbell, C. M. Chambers and Dave Watson, immediately applied for release on a writ of habeas corpus. Judge Anderson declined to hear the application immediately. By agreement the hearing was set for October 19. Miss Burgmeister was released, pending hearing, on a bond of \$25,000.

Eternal Triangle Alleged.

CHEHALIS, Jan. 14.—Prosecutor Allen indicated the eternal triangle was the moving factor in the murder of Fred Swayne, a Napavine merchant, for which Oscar Main, a prominent citizen and pall-bearer at the funeral is being held. Main denies any knowledge of the murder or this theory.

Red Cross Dance Postponed

The Red Cross dance scheduled for tonight at the Zuber Hall, has been postponed until a week from tonight, January 21. The Elks are giving a dance tonight and the Red Cross does not wish to conflict with them.

American Trawler Is Sunk, No Lives Lost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels announces an American trawler operating in Europe had struck a rock and been lost. All aboard are safe.

RAILROADS ASK GOV'T QUESTIONS

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Asserting the right to know definitely what planned representatives of 177 railroads will ask the administration how long it intends to continue the operation of the railroads. They want the government definitely to promise to surrender the lines after the war.

Lyle Kiddle Delegate to Big Convention

Senior at O. A. C. Attends National Convention of Sigma Nu Fraternity

Lyle B. Kiddle of this city returned yesterday from a four weeks' trip East. Mr. Kiddle is a senior at the Oregon Agricultural college and a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. The Corvallis chapter sent Mr. Kiddle to Cleveland, Ohio, as their representative to the eighteenth Grand Chapter session of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Mr. Kiddle is to be congratulated upon being chosen for this position, as there were present about 300 delegates from all over the United States. In round numbers there are about 13,000 members of the Sigma Nu fraternity and of this number about 3500 are now in the service of Uncle Sam. The chapter located at Stanford university have lost every one of their men through enlistments in some branch of the service.

While away, Mr. Kiddle visited at Jefferson, Iowa, where his parents are living, and also at Mt. Vernon, Ill., where he was the guest of Miss Helen Farthing. He also visited in Kansas City, St. Louis and Chicago, but declared that he was perfectly satisfied to get back to Oregon. He left last evening to resume his studies at the O. A. C.

Post Road Money to Be Spent in County

Fifty thousand dollars is available from the post road fund in Union county as the result of the efforts of the county commissioners and the State Highway Commission. Thirty-five thousand dollars will be spent between Elgin and the Wallows Hill and fifteen thousand dollars on the main state highway to the Baker county line.

OFFICIALS OF MINE WORKERS CITED TO APPEAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Ten officials of the United Mine Workers of America were ordered by the Supreme Court to show why they should not be considered in contempt of court because of their continued efforts to unionize the employes of the Hitehman Coal and Coke Company in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Senator Brady Dead

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14. (Special.)—Senator James H. Brady of Idaho died at his home here last night from heart disease. He suffered an acute attack a week ago while on his way to Washington from Idaho, and had been in a critical state since. His successor will be appointed by the governor and will hold office until the next regular election in November. Governor Alexander is a Democrat and is himself an aspirant for Senatorial honors. Former Governor James H. Hawley, Democrat, is an avowed candidate.

EX-FRENCH PREMIER IS ACCUSED OF TREASON

PARIS, Jan. 14.—Joseph Caillaux, former Premier and Minister of Justice, was formally imprisoned as the result of treason charges involving him and Bolo Pasha.

Police Captain Dies

PORTLAND, Jan. 14. (Special.)—Stricken with apoplexy as he was at work in his office at police headquarters yesterday afternoon at 3:15, C. E. Baty, captain of police inspectors, died at the Good Samaritan hospital three hours later.

SIXTY-TWO OFFICERS SHOT IN SEBASTOPOL

SAILORS OF THE FLEET JOIN IN THE ASSASSINATIONS

FOUR ADMIRALS AND ONE GENERAL MEET DEATH

Russian Peace Delegates Will Return to Petrograd Tomorrow—Red Guards of the Bolsheviks Start for the Front.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.—Sixty-two Russian officers, including Vice Admiral Novitski, three admirals and one general were lynched in Sebastopol. Sailors of the fleet joined in the assassinations, taking the officers to the tower and shooting them.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.—Russia's delegates are to return to Petrograd tomorrow, according to Brest-Litovsk advices. It is understood future negotiations will be transferred to Warsaw.

The first troops of the Red Guard under the Bolshevik army plan started for the front today.

Delayed Brest-Litovsk advices say the Russians demanded the return of war refugees from Polish and Lithuanian districts before the execution of the self determination plan. They also stipulated that there be no forcible mobilization of these people. Those arrested for joining the Russian army and talking peace were to be liberated.

Germany replied that these demands involved an internal policy, and therefore were not subject to discussion.

Russia answered that this was unsatisfactory and continued pressing the demand.

RUSSIAN OFFICERS ARE ORDERED TO REPORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Russian officers, demobilized after the Kerensky overthrow, were ordered to report immediately, strengthening the belief the Bolsheviks are preparing to fight Germany.

Two Vessels Launched

PORTLAND, Jan. 14. (Special.)—For the first time in history, Portland yesterday witnessed the spectacle of the perfect launching of two steel vessels in a single day, each of 8800 tons. The War Archer slid down the ways at 10:30 o'clock A. M. from the plant of the Northwest Steel company and took the water as gracefully as a swan, followed by the Santiam at the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation's plant at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Galveston Rumor of U Boat Denied

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The navy department declared it had received no reports of American patrol boats chasing a U-boat a hundred miles off the Galveston bar, as reported in Galveston dispatches as from the patrol boats. Galveston said all available patrol boats had been sent out. The submarine is reported to have disappeared when the patrols approached.

16 KILLED TWENTY HURT, TRAIN WRECK

TEXAS CENTRAL PASSENGER TRAIN SPLITS SWITCH; SEVERAL SOLDIERS DEAD

HOUSTON, Texas, Jan. 14.—Sixteen were killed and 20 injured when a Texas Central passenger split a switch at Hammond this morning. The dead and injured were on an extra train on the siding. Several soldiers are dead.

Emma Goldman Must Pay Or Serve Time

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—The Supreme Court overruled the appeals of Emma Goldman, Berekman and five others, convicted of seeking to defeat the conscription law by inducing men not to register. The court held that the appeals were absolutely without merit. They must now serve time or pay their fines.

Accused of Murder

CHEHALIS, Jan. 14. (Special.)—A sensation developed last night in the Fred Swayne murder case at Napavine, when Sheriff Berry arrested Oscar B. Main, a prominent real estate dealer of Napavine and most intimate friend of Swayne, in connection with the crime. News of the arrest was given out yesterday morning. Main was a pallbearer at Swayne's funeral.

Senator Barrett Ill

PORTLAND, Jan. 14. (Special.)—Senator C. A. Barrett, accompanied by Mrs. Barrett, of Athens, arrived at the Imperial hotel yesterday. Senator Barrett's health has not been good recently, and they will remain here for several weeks, while he undergoes medical treatment.

CAN NOW SEND OVER MILLION TO WEST FRONT

RUSSIAN COLLAPSE RELEASES BIG ARMY, SAYS GEDDES

MINISTER SPEAKS OF SITUATION TO PARLIAMENT

Kaiser, Crown Prince, Hindenburg and Ludendorff Hold Conference in Berlin—Germany Has New Gas Attack.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—The Russian withdrawal from the war leaves a million, six hundred thousand Germans available for use on the western front, General Geddes, the Minister of National Service told the House of Commons today.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 14.—An important conference is reported in session at Berlin between the Kaiser, the Crown Prince, General Hindenburg and General Ludendorff.

NEW HORROR IS INVENTED

Released British Prisoners Say Germans Have New Gas Attack

ROTTERDAM, Jan. 14.—Released British prisoners say that Germany has devised a new gas horror especially for the Americans. They say the new device has been thoroughly tested out.

FRENCH FIRE BREAKS UP GERMAN ATTACK

PARIS, Jan. 14.—French fire broke up a German attack on Goose Hill on the left bank of the Meuse this morning.

CANADIANS RAID TRENCHES

LONDON, Jan. 14.—North of Lens the Canadians raided the enemy trenches. East of Merlicourt patrol encounters were won by the British.

Beef Steers Go to Ten Seventy Five

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—Beef steers reached \$10.75 in carload lots as the result of butcher's heavy purchases, following the removal of meatless day restrictions on beef and mutton. This is a record price here.

THE WEATHER

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—The U. S. weather forecast: 'Rain.'

FIRE DESTROYS ARMY STORES IN WASHINGTON

Marines Are Called to the Scene—Thousands of Dollars Worth of Property Burn.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—A mysterious fire destroyed the army quartermaster's storehouses and a post commissary building in the Washington barracks.

Marines have been thrown around the grounds and admission denied during the inquiry.

Thousands of dollars worth of equipment and clothing were destroyed.

Explosions of rifle ammunition endangered the fire fighters.

Ryan Will Not Make Tour.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 14.—Getting in line with the national appeal for elimination of unnecessary travel Thomas J. Ryan, assistant state treasurer, who today announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for state treasurer, declared that he will not make a speaking or traveling campaign for votes but will stand entirely upon his record of seven years as assistant treasurer. Ryan was for eight years county judge of Clackamas county.

Ryan is the third to announce candidacy for the office. Ed. C. Cusick, Albany; O. M. Plummer, Portland, and William Adams, city treasurer of Portland, are the other aspirants.

Farmers in Session.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, Jan. 14.—Farming, livestock, irrigation and engineering organizations of the state today began a joint conference on how the Gem State can best serve the nation in the war. The sixteen organizations participating are prepared to outline for more effective stimulation of production and conservation.

The sessions continue over Saturday. Members of the faculty of the University of Idaho and Idaho state officials will be among the speakers and lecturers during the conference.

Equipment to Be Sold.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—Equipment enough to fit out a small revolution will be available today when the Oregon National Guard receives bids on its obsolete accoutrement. Sabres, military clothing and equipment that has been discarded by the various units since entering federal service are to be sold to the highest bidder.

SILVER GRILL HELD UP AND TILL ROBBED

DICK ROBERTS AND PAUL LYMAN ARE SUSPECTED AND ARRESTED

ROBBERY OCCURRED SUNDAY AT 5:45 A. M.

Robber Walked Into the Restaurant, Opened the Till and Took Out Forty Dollars—Harry Goodell, a Waiter, Identifies Roberts.

The Silver Grill at 214 Depot St., was held up at 2:45 a. m., Sunday and the till robbed of \$40 by a masked attack-man. Within an hour the police, assisted by the sheriff, had two local young men under arrest as the suspected hold-ups.

The two young men under arrest are Dick Roberts, son of an ex-local preacher, and Paul Lyman, a machinist helper in the O-W shops. The robbery was a bold one as the robber walked into the restaurant and went direct to the till, opened it and took out the money. Harry Goodell, the night waiter, grabbed a water pitcher and rushed towards the robber but was covered by a gun and ordered to stop. As Goodell made for the robber he shouted: "Dick, drop that money."

The police story of the robbery and the quick arrest of the suspect follows:

Saturday afternoon Dick Roberts was noticed around town and at the dance with his head all bandaged up. The two young men, Roberts and Lyman, were seen traveling together. They had a meal in the Silver Grill and later they changed a dollar there, and when change was made it is alleged that they craned over so as to get a look at the amount of cash in the till. From the Silver Grill-Roberts went to the Sommer Hotel and asked for beds, then they went to the Foley Hotel and asked if two girls from Baker were registered there. Night policeman Christianson in the meantime had got suspicious of their actions and trailed them around but lost them at the Foley as they left by a side door. A few minutes after they had been at the Foley the red police lights flashed on and when Officer Christensen called up the waiter at the Silver Grill answered: "Get around here quick. Dick Roberts has held up the Silver Grill." The officer ran around to the restaurant and as soon as he got the particulars woke up Chief Rayburn and was told to call the Sheriff.

The good handkerchief that the robber used as a disguise was found just outside the restaurant on the

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The Sands Are Running Low!



News From at Home and Abroad

WHITE MICE HELP WIN THE WAR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—If you have a white mouse in your home the army can use him. He is needed for pneumonia tests at army camps, and is useful in the trenches to detect gas attacks.

The war department can't get enough of these rodents for pneumonia tests alone, the disease that has made the greatest inroads in the training camps. The test is made by injecting saliva in the mouse's ear and it reacts immediately if a patient has been stricken by the pneumonia germ.

SPANISH EMBASSY IN WAR TIMES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Business is bum at the Spanish embassy. And all because of an innocent little joker in the Trading with the Enemy act.

Before Congress took the final step toward cutting off the seepage of everything, from toothpicks to money, into Germany, the royal Spanish embassy acted as the clearing house for affluent Greeks and Russian Jews in this country. Money sent to war sufferers in Poland, Galicia, Russia, Palestine and the Balkans was transmitted through it.

King Alphonso's emissaries even acted as a "Lost and Found" column. All that was necessary for a war refugee to know was that he had a relative in America. Senior Don Pelayo Garcia-Olay, attache at the embassy, did the rest.

But Congress of the United States was interested only in seeing that no gold leaked through into enemy territory. It required about a fortnight to return some \$50,000 sent to the embassy for forwarding to the other side by 7,000 contributors.

And now Senior Olay spends most of his time in New York.