

GERMAN BORN AMERICAN ON TREASON TRIAL

PAUL HENNIG FACES CHARGE PENALTY, DEATH OR FINE.

ACCUSED OF TAMPERING WITH NAVY TORPEDOES

Hennig was arrested Dec. 23—Before Coming to United States He Served in German Navy—Became U. S. Citizen in 1916.

(By United Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Paul Hennig, 43, German born American, the first man to plead to a charge of treason was placed on trial before Judge Harland B. Howe, here yesterday.

Hennig, an employee of the E. W. Bliss Torpedo company, of South Brooklyn, is charged with tampering with gyroscopic attachments on torpedoes so that the course of the torpedoes would be changed endangering the vessel from which it was fired.

Hennig was arrested on December 23, following an investigation by Lieut. O'Shea an Annapolis graduate, covering several months.

According to government officials Hennig came to the United States in 1908 and received his citizenship papers in 1916.

Before coming to the United States Hennig served as a petty officer in the Imperial German navy and was for a time stationed at the Kiel torpedo base.

His son Karl, age 23, who was born in Germany was interned at Ellis Island on September 23 as a dangerous enemy alien.

Hennig's second wife is an American. A son by this wife was born on the day Theodore Roosevelt returned from an African hunting trip and in honor of the event was named Theodore Roosevelt Hennig.

For the past five years Hennig has been employed in the gyroscopic department of the Bliss plant.

During this time he handled thousands of torpedoes now aboard United States war vessels. As a result of the revelations by government agents the Navy Department may order a re-examination of all torpedoes furnished the navy by the Bliss company during that time.

Specifically Hennig is accused of mutilating the gyroscope which controls the course of the torpedo. The mutilation was so effectively done, the government agent claims, that the torpedoes were rendered unfit for offensive purposes.

Experts claim the mutilations might cause the torpedoes to alter their course to such an extent as to bring the vessel from which they were discharged into range.

Emery dust, imperfectly fitted bearings and wheels which were either cracked or scratched were found in torpedoes that had been handled by Hennig, according to inspectors from the Navy Intelligence Bureau.

So ingenious was the traitorous work Hennig is alleged to have done that microscopic examination was necessary before it was detected.

Lieut. O'Shea, shortly after being detailed to the Bliss works as inspector detected slight imperfections in several torpedoes. Hennig was suspected. For two weeks government agents shadowed him both day and night.

In the meantime Lieut. O'Shea made microscopic examination of torpedo parts handled by Hennig.

Evidence secured in this manner was placed before the Grand Jury and the first indictment charging treason since the United States entered the war was returned against Hennig.

The penalty is death, \$10,000 fine

ORIGINAL JAZZ BAND 1200 YEARS OLD—AND CHINESE!



It's all off, this stuff about the jazz band being a creation of Broadway. The Chinese did it 1200 years ago! Here's a picture to prove that the original jazz band was well known some 600 A. D. These four Chinese images, made about that year, have just reached New York after being buried for hundreds of years, and are now in the possession of M. Parish-Watson of 560 Fifth-av. The girl to the left has a

note. Next to her is a reed instrument performer, whose modern counterpart is the jazz saxophonist. It doesn't take any stretch of the imagination to see where the mello comes from after glancing at the next performer. The girl to the right is the official noise-maker, with cymbals. These images were made by the Imperial potter for some former Empress of China, and were placed in her tomb at her death to furnish music for her spirit.

or imprisonment for five years. The district attorney is prepared to ask the extreme penalty.

ELGIN NEWS AND PERSONALS

ELGIN, Jan. 25. (Special).—Mr. James Henderson of Elgin left last night for Idaho where he will visit at various places.

Mrs. William Russell and Mrs. H. F. Shoemaker, both of Elgin, went to La Grande Thursday evening on Red Cross business.

Mr. Lee Golding and his daughter, Mrs. Ada Beutel, of Elgin, left last Tuesday for California, where they will visit with relatives and friends for a period of six weeks.

Mrs. Dan Sommer of Elgin went to La Grande last Wednesday evening. She will return Friday morning.

Mr. H. H. Weatherspoon, a farmer of Elgin, left last week on an extended trip in the South and East, where he will dispose of his potatoes and apples. He is not expecting to return until next spring.

Mr. Dave Zweifel has moved into the residence vacated by Mr. W. A. Hackett, and is now comfortably settled there.

Miss Eloine Leighton, a popular young lady of Elgin, who has been attending school at Albany for the last two years, has entered the University of Oregon and will finish her college education there.

PUTS OFF THE UNPATRIOTIC

Jitney Driver Will Not Take Fare From Persons Who Talk Against America.

Nashville, Mich.—German sympathizers would sure have a hard time getting about the country if all common carriers adopted the rule that Roy Wolfe has put into effect on his jitney bus.

If he hears any one voicing opposition to America while riding with him, off he or she goes, to walk the rest of the journey. He has only one arm, the other being taken off at the shoulder, but he put off two men the other day and offered to lick them both in the bargain.

Wolfe runs a jitney from here to Coldwater by way of Battle Creek and Union City, and though that is the way he makes his living he has the grit to refuse fares from unpatriotic people.

SHOTES HELP KILL BRUIN

Pennsylvania Boy Gets Able Assistance in Landing 250-Pound Black Bear.

Warren, Pa.—Willie Hackenschmidt, fifteen, of Salmon creek, came to town the other day with a 250-pound black bear on his farm wagon.

"I couldn't have got him if it hadn't been for father's pigs," he explained. "I was out in the woods after rabbits when I heard one of the pigs squeal. I ran toward the sound and when I got there a big black bear had one of the little squealers in his paw. The others were crazy. They were pawing the bear all over. He dropped the pig and started to run when he saw me, but the pigs held him until I could get close enough to give him both barrels."

At 5 A. M. on several mornings

Prisoners Hate to Leave Warm Jail

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Prison life may be like living in the nether and hotter regions but who wouldn't rather these days!

During the recent cold snap with the mercury hovering at a point between 20 and 16 below zero in Ossining, the terms of three Sing Sing prisoners expired. For years the men had looked forward to the day, minute and hour which would mark their release from their stay in "Hades".

When 6 A. M., the hour of release, arrived they were promptly out at the gate waiting to step forth. Out they flocked. The first sight that met their eyes was a frigid, shivering thermometer, and a cold stinging blast straight from the north side of the North Pole struck their faces. They stepped right out and turned around and stepped right back again. Accordingly twenty-four hours were added to their term of incarceration.

Emil Reska, a large Finnish gentleman, doesn't care much for New York. He's going back to Philadelphia, his home town, where things don't happen so rapidly and unexpectedly.

During the holidays Reska celebrated not wisely, but too well, and terminated his spree by cutting capers in a Fourth Avenue subway train on route to Brooklyn. On Manhattan Bridge the wayward spirit moved him to disembark immediately.

But here enters our heroine, Florence Utmschaefer, one of the new lady B. R. T. Guards moved up to the ambitious Reska and told him in a stern voice to "sit down." He did, but for a further prank brought his fist into active conjunction with a pane of glass. The noise of breaking glass was too much for the new Guard. She gently grabbed the husky fin by the collar and, unassisted, rushed him out of the train at the Gold Street station, where he was taken in tow by one of the atropine sex.

Miss Utmschaefer, clad in her snappy blue uniform, appeared in court against Reska and preferred a charge of disorderly conduct.

The New Jersey commuters are certainly "up against it" worse than ever. Many are even moving temporarily into New York City. They had been getting to their desks at almost noon, and after a hard day's work, had spent hours on a chilly train arriving home between 8 and 10 o'clock.

During the frigid spell many morning suburban trains were temporarily suspended. Notices were posted that suburban traffic was temporarily curtailed on account of the limited supply of coal, and water shortage from frozen pipes. The notice gaily added that they would put through trains whenever possible.

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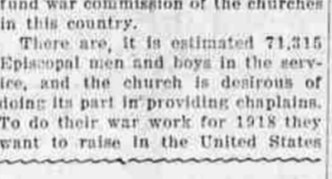
CHURCHES - HELP SOLDIERS

Episcopalians to Raise Fund for Special War Commission.

The Episcopal churches throughout the United States next Sunday will receive an offering for a special fund war commission of the churches in this country.

There are, it is estimated 71,315 Episcopal men and boys in the service, and the church is desirous of doing its part in providing chaplains. To do their war work for 1918 they want to raise in the United States

SKIRT AND BLOUSE AGAIN IN FAVOR



Fashion makers are revealing in their newest designs the perennial favor in which woman-kind still holds the separate blouse and skirt.

The new model shows the comfortable low collar and long sleeves.

The skirt is an unusually clever design of soft serge in seal brown, its checker-board border worked out in huge squares of sand color. The pocket flaps and belt show a unique self-buckle idea that adds a distinctly smart touch.

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KNIT IN WORKHOUSE

Many Men Sent There Are Forced to Labor.

Fourscore men are sitting in a long white-plastered room, working as many of them never expected to work. On their broad striped black-and-white knees each man holds some unaccustomed instrument. They are in the Stark county workhouse at Canton, O.

Among the men in stripes are chicken thieves, wife deserters, habitual drunks, carriers of concealed weapons, assaulters and batterers of their fellow men (and women), and many other sorts of petty criminals. All of them are busy.

"Say, bo," inquires Shifty Sam Smith, as he handles one of his bone needles as though he were harpooning a fish, "ow in the 'ell do 'u purt?"

"Ask me sumptin', ensy, like crackin' in a crib, or friskin' a rube or some other light work," replies Alabama Gus. "Wot I want to know is, does the Constitution of these here United States say a man can be sentenced to embroidery work if he only puts a man to sleep and cops his roll?"

"Their time might just as well be spent in knitting for the government as in any other way," Superintendent Boyer said. "They cannot fight for their country, but they can knit."

If a little cold water is added to waffle batter and thoroughly beaten the waffles will be lighter and will brown more evenly.

\$500,000. The general executive chairman of the campaign is Bishop William Lawrence of Massachusetts. Bishop Lawrence was general chairman of the committee that raised more than \$7,000,000 for the Episcopal clergy pension fund. The war commission is represented overseas by Bishop McCormick, of Western Michigan.

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TIRE TALK

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Enterprise Scouts Banquet.

ENTERPRISE, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The three companies of boy scouts which were recently organized here held a banquet Monday night at which 150 men and boys were present. The guests are proving very popular among the boys here and arrangements have been made to organize the fourth company as there are now more boys than the three companies will accommodate.

Soon Over His Cold.

Everyone speaks well of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy after having used it. Mrs. George Lewis, Pittsfield, N. Y., has this to say regarding it: "Last winter my little boy, five years old, was sick with a cold for two or three weeks. I doctored him and used various cough medicines but nothing did him much good until I began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He then improved rapidly and in a few days was over his cold."—Adv.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Filing Final Account.

In the matter of the Estate of George Stoddard, deceased;

Notice is hereby given that the Administratrix of said Estate has filed her final account as such administratrix and that the County Court of Union County, Oregon, has fixed Monday February 25, 1918, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day and the county court room in the Court House in La Grande, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing all objections, if any there be, the approval of said final account and settlement of said Estate.

Dated January 25, 1918.

ELLEN I. STODDARD,

Administratrix of Estate of George Stoddard, deceased

C. H. Finn,

Attorney for Administratrix.

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I understand that each quarter buys one package with a retail value of 45 cents, and that in each package will be placed a postcard, addressed to me, on which my unknown friend, the soldier, will agree to send me a message of thanks.

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