

CLAIM TO GLADSTONE LOTS IS TO BE PROBED

The strange disappearance of a sheriff's certificate of sale and its re-appearance in an alleged altered title in the hands of Karl Johnson, of Gladstone, led Saturday to the binding over of Johnson for an investigation before the grand jury in Portland.

Johnson was bound over by Municipal Judge Stevenson after he had been haled into court on complaint of Sarah Foley.

Get Title.

According to the complaint Johnson made an attempt to obtain title to two blocks of property in Gladstone, really owned by Mrs. Foley.

The Foley side of the story is this: A year ago F. F. Brandes, of Portland, paid \$1312 for the Gladstone property when it was sold by the sheriff. One year had to elapse before he could acquire a deed to it. Before the expiration of a year Brandes transferred his rights to Mrs. Foley.

When the year was up, a representative of Mrs. Foley appeared at Sheriff Wilson's office and demanded the original sheriff's certificate of sale and Wilson refused to act. The certificate had disappeared and no one knew where it had gone, the sheriff was told.

Enter Johnson

A few days later Johnson entered the office. He produced the original certificate. But instead of being made out to Brandes it was made out to Johnson. Because of seeming irregularities in the resurrected certificate the sheriff again refused to produce a deed.

The matter remained in that state until the Polys questioned Johnson's claim by bringing action in the Portland courts on the ground that Johnson had illegally obtained possession of the certificate and that he had attempted to back up his claim by making changes in the certificate.

U. S. CAN AFFORD TO LEND ALLIES HUGE AMOUNT OF MONEY

NEW YORK, March 27.—The United States is able to loan the allies the staggering sum of \$5,000,000,000 without noticeably affecting the financial situation in this country.

An official of one of the largest American banking institutions today explained that this country is in a position to loan five times the amount of our national debt to the allies in case of war between the United States and Germany.

In the gold piled up in this country is the power, if loaned, to end the war, in the opinion of the banker.

"At this time the wealth of the United States is estimated at \$200,000,000,000," said the banker.

German Spy Gets a Year and a Day in Federal Penitentiary

NEW YORK, March 26.—George Vaux Bacon, the American newspaperman arrested in England as a spy, pleaded guilty before Judge Van Fleet today to a charge of conspiracy to set on foot an American soil a military enterprise against a friendly nation.

He was sentenced to a year and a day in federal prison.

AMERICAN AIRMAN DEAD IN FRANCE; GERMANS POT PLANE

PARIS, March 24.—Further news from the front leaves no doubt that Sergeant K. R. McConnell, the American aviator, who now has been missing five days after having been engaged in a combat with two machines over the German lines, was killed in action. Observers at a distance saw his machine fall in flames and his two German assailants returning toward their own lines, it is now learned.

Edmond C. Genet, another American aviator, who was wounded in the first contact with the Germans as he was accompanying McConnell, is a great-grandson of Citizen Genet, who was French minister to the United States during the Washington administration and subsequently settled in America.

ZINC COINS NOW.

BERLIN, March 21.—Germany has added zinc coins to the aluminum and iron subsidiary coins already in use.

Bonds has opened the new \$80,000,000 First Trust loan.

HORSE'S QUICK WIT SAVES TRAIN AND DRIVER FROM HURT

What might have been a serious accident was averted by the unusual intelligence of a horse at West Linn Thursday. F. C. Eddleman, employed at the West Linn Dairy, had just left the dairy farm with his delivery of milk, when near the brink of a hill, the tongue of the wagon broke. One of the horses fell. The other horse swerved away from the steep incline, and by dragging the horse that had fallen saved the animals from destruction.

The driver escaped injury by jumping from the vehicle. One of the horses was injured. Today the West Linn Dairy has a brand new automobile delivery truck.

Apostolos Had a Wife And That Was What Caused the Trouble

PORTLAND, March 27.—(Special)—Apostolos Panagiotis Traintoflopoulos. He was arrested by United States marshals this morning on a charge of perjury. His quite extensive name is considered a record breaker. While being examined in reference to an application for citizenship, he is alleged to have sworn that he was unmarried. It later developed that he had a wife, according to the complaint.

BRAND WHITLOCK WITHDRAWN; FROM WORK OF RELIEF

WASHINGTON, March 24.—Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, has been withdrawn and any participation of this government in Belgium relief work is at an end.

This was announced in a sharp official statement today which pointedly mentioned the sinking of Belgium relief ships, despite Germany's pledge that they would be given safe passage.

Short Words.

The statement also revealed that Whitlock has been denied the privilege of communicating with the state department, even in plain language.

A protest by this government against the sinking of ships, transmitted to Germany through Spain, was not answered.

"The German government's observance of its other undertakings has not been such that the department would feel warranted in accepting responsibility for leaving these American citizens (Belgian relief workers) in German occupied territory," the statement declares.

Relief Work Hampered.

The American workers have been ordered to quit that country and the Netherlands government has agreed to send in workers to fill their places.

Whitlock has officially and unofficially done much to keep the work of mercy going. Chairman Hoover of the relief commission has struggled to have America keep up the task. But the step was taken today because the task has become impossible and likewise because, with real war just ahead, the government felt the protection of its workers must be accomplished, and affairs put in hands that may be able to prevail upon Germany to stop her attacks on the relief ships.

PEACE DOVES IN WAR U. S. MAY USE THEM CLUB MAKES OFFER

TRENTON, N. J., March 26.—The Trenton section of the National American Homing Pigeon fanciers placed the splendid flocks of pigeons owned by the members at the disposal of the government in the event of war. The proffer was made by B. R. Beach, representing the owners.

NATION PREPARES TO GO TO WAR ON REAL BUSINESSLIKE BASIS

WASHINGTON, March 24.—With characteristic American business instinct, the administration today was building up its "war corporation" to turn out a finished product designed to match the best in the world. The Council of National Defense met here today to discuss practical handling of the measures of war discussed yesterday in the cabinet meeting. Its experts will constitute the government's advisory body just as soon as war is announced by congress.

GUARD AT VANCOUVER.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—The mobilization point of the Third Oregon Infantry will be Vancouver barracks, Washington, instead of Camp Withycombe, at Clackamas, Or.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

The following are the real estate transfers that were filed in the office of County Recorder Boyles, Friday: Maxwell and Elizabeth Telford to Joseph Robinson, lots 3, 4, 5, 6, block 36, Canemah; \$1.

City of Oregon City to W. P. Hawley, beginning at the southwest corner of lot 6 of block 25, Oregon City, on the easterly line of Main street of Oregon City; thence easterly at right angles to the easterly line of Main street 39 feet; thence northerly at right angles 203 feet; thence westerly at right angles 339 feet to the easterly line of Main street 30 feet to the place of beginning; \$1500.

R. E. and Alice N. Jenke to John P. Whitlock, land in sections 9 and 10, township 2 south, range 2 east; \$10.

W. J. and Essie M. Furnish to Alfred Millard and Hugh Millard, land in D. L. C. of Egbert Olcott No. 52, section 26, township 2 south, range 4 east; \$1.

Edward Still and Augusta Still to W. J. Furnish, 35 acres of land in sections 5 and 6, township 3 south, range 3 east; \$1.

Fred and Helen Clark to Claude Torgeson, land in section 4, township 4 south, range 1 east; \$10.

G. A. Cobb et al to Eli and Olive Hartle, land in section 9, township 4 south, range 1 east; \$10.

C. H. Dye to Claude Torgeson, land in section 4, township 4 south, range 1 east; \$10.

William and Alkerzaine Lawson to Leo R. and Otto C. Shindler, lot 5 of block 59, Oregon City; \$400.

Fred H. Hettman and Annie Hettman to Joseph C. Smith, 80 acres of section 9, township 4 south, range 2 east; \$10.

Elmer G. and Alberta M. Burns to Elbert J. Burns, 66 1-6 acres of land in section 25, township 4 south, range 2 east; \$10.

C. H. Dye, trustee, et al, to the Molalla Power company, 77 acres of land in Clackamas county; \$150.

A. R. and Ada R. Fanno to P. S. Anderson and S. A. Anderson, all of tract 13, Outlook; \$10.

William M. Dennis to Louis Baker and Matilda, 23 acres of section 36, township 3 south, range 4 east; \$10.

Clara A. Randolph to Louis and Matilda Baker, 35 acres of section 36, township 3 south, range 4 east; \$10.

A. S. Pattullo and Myra G. Pattullo to the Oregon Iron and Steel company, 20 acres of section 17, township 2 south, range 1 east; \$10.

C. B. and Alice D. Russell to Catherine Toomey, 1 acre of land in Clackamas county; \$300.

John H. Sutherland to Carrie I. Seaton, lots 5 and 6, block 10, Canby; \$1.

Felix A. Jones, administrator of the estate of G. M. B. Jones, to James S. Imel, 11.59 acres of land in Clackamas county; \$1.

M. J. Denney and E. R. Deney to I. F. and Mary I. Brady, 10 acres of land in Clackamas county; \$1.

ROYAL FAMILY OF RUSSIA IS HELD IN GILDED CAGE

PETROGRAD, March 23.—The last of the Romanoffs was under detention at Tsarkoe-Seelo today, his guards bearing the red banner of the Russian democracy. The former czar, the czarina, the royal couples' only son and their four daughters are now housed in the palace. Every deference has been shown all these members of the former royal family.

BOARD MEMBERS A UNIT FOR ERECTING NEW PENITENTIARY

SALEM, Ore., March 26.—All of the members of the state board of control have gone on record as emphatically in favor of a bill to be voted on at the special election, appropriating \$400,000 for the construction of a new penitentiary. Each member has issued a statement.

LOOK FOR KAISER TO MAKE A NEW OFFER OF PEACE

WASHINGTON, March 23.—No surprise would be expressed in official and diplomatic Washington should Germany make a proffer of peace terms to her enemies before April 2.

Kaiser Near Collapse Says The Hague

THE HAGUE, March 23.—Kaiser Wilhelm is on the verge of a nervous breakdown and has departed for Homburg, a health resort, according to private messages received here today. He will receive Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg there instead of at German headquarters.

SOLID SOUTH WILL BE FORCED FROM HOUSE CONTROL

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Convinced that they will be able to organize the house, Democratic leaders today began consideration of suggested committee changes in order to "iron out" the friction manifest in their own ranks. The northern and western Democrats are a unit in demanding that the "solid south" surrender its control of committees.

Meanwhile the Republicans refuse to admit that they will not be able to dominate the situation. They declare that, even though Champ Clarke is re-elected speaker, as seems now to be almost certain, they will be able to overturn the prepared committee slates by combining with independents and dissatisfied Democrats.

Questions of legislation already are occupying the attention of the leaders of both senate and house. While President Wilson will be supported almost unanimously in questions that have to do with recent Germany's assaults upon the honor of the United States, it is certain that on some of the collateral questions congress must divide.

BANK'S FUNDS IN A TRIPLE PLAY; BANK TO DEFAULTER TO TOUTS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 24.—Ance C. Boyett, whose confession of an alleged defalcation of about \$25,000 from the Bank of Italy branch here was made public yesterday, told today, according to authorities, how Tia Juana racing touts swindled him out of \$60,000, playing up his feverish haste to retrieve gaming losses and restore bank funds. Within 10 days, he told his questioners, he had bought for \$60,000 a suitcase which he was told contained opium he could sell for \$50,000. The "opium" proved to be colored molasses.

RAILROADS WANT TO BOOST RATES BECAUSE OF LAW

WASHINGTON, March 23.—A general increase from 10 to 25 per cent in all freight and passenger rates to cover the increased cost of operation under the Adamson law, is asked by all the railroads of the country in a petition laid before the Interstate Commerce commission, the receipt of which was announced today.

The roads' petition stated that "in our opinion the only practical method of securing proper relief is by a percentage advancement in all rates. This, of course, should be adequate to cover the effect of the Adamson law and other wage increases already made and those which will naturally follow together with increases in the cost of fuel, material and supplies.

It was stated the roads have met other heavy expenses besides the Adamson wage increase and that they want to get themselves in shape to serve the country efficiently in time of war.

GERMAN GOLD STILL POURING OVER THE BORDER; SPY GONE

EL PASO, Tex., March 24.—Large sums of money continued to be paid to Germans here today upon drafts from New York received by the local banks, and this money, in the form of American gold coin, is being taken to Juarez, according to government agents here.

One draft received today from New York was for \$6000 gold, while more than 20 other drafts were said to have been paid to Germans by local banks during the past week.

A German who was being closely watched here, and who was suspected of being a German spy, disappeared last night, and no trace can be found of him.

RECORD SAVES HIM FATHER'S DONE ENUF 28 CALL HIM PAPA

MOBILE, Ala., Mar. 26.—Judge R. T. Ervin showed leniency the other day to Elisha Aaron, father of 28 children. He was on trial for illicit distilling.

His attorney asked that his case be continued, saying, "Your honor, my client is the father of 28 children, 20 by his second wife. I think he should be given some leniency."

MAY BREAK RECORD.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—The Third Oregon is in a fair way to break records in the present mobilization of last June.

Of more than 700 recruits examined at the armory here it is estimated that not more than 10 per cent will be rejected because of physical disability. This is an unusually splendid showing, the percentage of available enlistments being remarkably high.

Company M, stationed at Salem, will undoubtedly be the first company of the regiment to recruit up to the full war strength of 150 men. Salem is showing itself the most patriotic city in the state by quickly filling the ranks of its company. Colonel May believes the company will have its quota by tonight.

Company M was the first company to be mustered into the federal service last June.

KAISER ROASTED IN OWN REICHSTAG BY A SOCIALIST

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Thursday's debate in the German Reichstag was featured by a bitter attack on Kaiser William and Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg as "those who originated the war," and a Socialist demonstration lauding Russia's throwing off of the yoke of autocracy, according to word received here today.

Scored Kaiser. The Socialist member, Kunert, was the accuser of the kaiser and his chief minister. He arose and characterized them as "originators of the war."

The president of the Reichstag immediately called Kunert to order. Kunert resumed more moderately, but finally alluded unmistakably to Russia's recent revolution.

Calls It Insult.

"You insult the fatherland," interjected Vice Chancellor Hefferich, according to the Berlin information.

"I should be proud if there was such progress in our country as the Russian people have made," Kunert responded.

RUSSIAN REVOLT MAY FORCE TURKS OUT OF THE WAR

PETROGRAD, March 27.—The new Russia may break the grip of the central empires in the Balkans, may even bring about withdrawal of Bulgaria and Turkey from the war, according to developments today. Two moves by the new government leaders were cited as likely to have far-reaching effect to this end.

First is the plan of Minister of Justice Keresensky for "internationalization of Constantinople." Keresensky agrees emphatically with President Wilson's dictum as to free outlets to the sea and with his plan for neutralization of such outlets. His friends, however, say Keresensky's plans went farther than this and contemplated retention of the Dardanelles and Constantinople by the Turks.

Second of the moves was a series of possible negotiations with the Bulgars reported in prospect today. Bulgaria's people are closer than any others to Russia; more sympathetic with their aims, it is believed, they will be more sympathetic now that the reign of the Romanoffs is ended.

Judge Says Pay Up Old Bill for Beer

A hang-over from the old wet days rose up to smite J. W. Johnson, former saloonman of Oregon City Thursday, when Circuit Judge Campbell handed down a judgment against him for \$150.75 in the suit of Frank T. Schmidt head of the affairs of the old Olympia Brewing company, against him. The claim was for beer which Johnson bought but never paid for.

GERMAN MENACE IN MEXICO WORRY TO SECRET AGENTS

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 27.—Somewhere in Mexico some thousands of German reservists, each of them a trained soldier, who has crossed the border from the United States in the last few weeks, are believed to be waiting to make an armed foray against this nation's long southern border as soon as hostilities start with Germany.

To what extent they will have their fighting force augmented by armed Mexicans, incited either by greed for loot and rapine or by native animosity against the United States, is unknown.

Where, Oh Where Are His 10,000 Bones; Flossie May Know But She Won't Tell

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.—What probably marked the end of more than one perfect day and a fortune of \$10,000 was the spending of United States currency note E72181263 by P. H. Cox.

Who P. H. Cox may be is a mystery, but with an indelible pencil he left a notation on the back of the bill which caught the eye of R. M. Gray, the clothier, in the Stevens building, when it was handed to him yesterday by Miss Pearl Shaw, his cashier.

The melancholy Mr. Cox had indorsed his own name and the name of "Flossie Halston" at the end of the bill as he would indorse a check. On the border he wrote, "P. H. Cox, last of \$10,000."

Back of the usual note may lie a romance in which Flossie played hard and fast until the \$10,000 diminished to the last case note.

UNITED STATES FIRST NATION TO RECOGNIZE RUSSIA

PETROGRAD, via London, March 22.—The United States is the first nation to recognize formally the new government of Russia.

Ambassador Francis made a preliminary call this morning on Foreign Minister Minskoff immediately on the receipt of instructions from the state department at Washington.

This afternoon, accompanied by his staff, including the naval and military attaches, Mr. Francis went to the Marinsky palace, where the council of ministers was assembled, made the formal recognition, and presented congratulations and felicitations on behalf of the United States.

ARMY AND NAVY ENLISTMENTS ARE ON THE INCREASE

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Men—more men—is the nation's call today.

The navy wants them and the army will soon need them. The navy is doing all that human energy and endurance can accomplish by way of speeding its preparations. The army waits upon congress, ready to heed what it may say as to calling men.

Naval, military, economic, industrial and financial preparedness plans, as formulated by the national defense council and carried out by the government departments, are claimed to be as advanced as could be expected at this time.

The navy department is crowding its recruiting, filling up its various reserves. The influx of men under the stimulus of a patriotic wave gratifies officials in charge of the work.

Likewise, regular army recruiting is on the increase.

JUDGE A STERN GUY CURES SUFF SMOKER BACKS UP SPANKING

NEW YORK, March 22.—A husband may spank his wife for smoking cigarettes, according to a ruling by Justice Mahon, of Elizabeth, N. J.

Elizabeth Durk, 24 years of age, charged assault and battery against her husband, Edmond Durk, 56. She admitted having been laid across his knee and spanked.

"She smokes cigarettes—four packs a day," explained the husband.

"Discharged," said the justice "Spanking is the best cure for smoking."

GUARD ASSOCIATION WILL GO ON RECORD FOR GENERAL SERVICE

NEW YORK, March 27.—Indorsement of universal service is planned as one of the first actions of the National Guard association today. In spite of determined opposition by elements of the National Guard, officers of the executive committee asserted the perilous situation of the country would bring the action.

From 30 states officers of the guard gathered at the Seventy-first infantry armory today. Mobilization calls started many of the delegates hurrying back to their commands. Alternate delegates from other unmobilized organizations were left in their place.

The purpose of the convention, it was announced, is to crystallize public sentiment on the preparedness movement.

At the sessions tonight Secretary of War Newton D. Baker is scheduled to speak. Other speakers are Senator James Hamilton Lewis, Governor Whitman of New York and Governor Walter E. Edge of New Jersey.

Italy's Army Eats As Much Meat As Whole Nation Did

ROME, March 26.—Italy's army at the front eats daily 750 tons of meat, for which 90,000 head of cattle are slaughtered every month. This represents as much as the entire Italian nation daily consumed before the war. The Italian soldier's menu each day consists of: good bread, beef or pork flesh; spaghetti or risotto, cheese, all kinds of vegetables, according to the season; dried figs, grapes and dates, and a litre of wine.

RUSSIA FEARS BIG PETROGRAD DRIVE; PEOPLE ARE WARNED

PETROGRAD, March 26.—Russia was convinced today that von Hindenburg's retreat on the western front is the first move in a drive on Petrograd.

Coincident with the retirement came news of a great massing of men and munitions on the northern boundary. All parties in Russia were awake today to realization of the imminence of the new peril to the nation, and this served to smooth out factional differences.

Government leaders are impressing the Russian people with the belief that the kaiser hopes to restore bureaucracy and the czar to power again by taking Petrograd before the new government can have completely organized and strengthened the army.

Socialist leaders are causing most concern to the new government. They favor peace at once—one socialist newspaper even making the suggestion today that Russian soldiers should walk out of their trenches and fraternize with the Germans, from whom they would receive fraternal treatment.

Thus war would end and Russia's example of fraternalism would spread, bringing peace all over the world.

The menace of the German thrust, however, appeared likely to obliterate these internal dissensions. The dum leaders, social and conservative democrats, were working with the "reds," or members of the Workmen's party, with every prospect of complete union through compromise as to various aspects of administration. In the meantime order is complete throughout Russia.

London Bread's Not Coming Down; Price Highest In 62 Years

LONDON, March 27.—The cost of a four-pound loaf of bread has been increased to 25 cents, the highest price charged in London in 62 years. For the first time a mixture of other cereals is being used with flour in the manufacture of bread, this being made necessary in the government's program for the conservation of wheat. The price of bread has increased 13 cents since the outbreak of the war.

Swift Livestock Co. has bought a bank at Bend to prompt cattle industry.