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GIBRALTAR OF RHINE OCCUPIED BY YANKS

COBLENZ, December 18.—The German fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, often called the Gibraltar of the Rhine, just across the river from Coblenz, is being prepared for occupancy by the American troops.

Until December 9, the day after the American advance guard arrived in Coblenz, the fortress was occupied by several regiments of Germans. Since then the fortress has been cleaned throughout by German soldiers, assisted by scores of women.

The fortress and the grounds occupy more than 100 acres on a rocky promontory which is 400 feet above the river.

A concert every afternoon by an American band in the plaza in front of the government building here, which is occupied as headquarters by the Third Army, is a feature of the daily life of Coblenz.

There is a hospital nearby from which recovering soldiers of different nationalities stroll to hear the concert. Among the auditors at the concert Monday was a Frenchman who had lost both feet as a result of wounds. He was in a rolling chair which was pushed by a German with one arm.

S. A. C. T. MEN PAID; DEMOBILIZATION IS EXPECTED VERY SOON

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, CORVALLIS, Dec. 13.—November wages are to be paid to all S. A. T. C. men today and it is expected that all section B men will be discharged and released by Saturday. S. A. T. C. members here will receive no reduction in fares for their return home due to the fact that fares are reduced only to those men who have left the place of enlistment. These men have enlisted here and were inducted at the college.

GERMAN CHANCELLOR FINDS NO LAW FOR GIVING UP KAISER

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Friedrich Ebert, German chancellor, in an interview declared that he knew of no provision in law upon which the ex-kaiser could be extradited.

"We have separated ourselves from him after decades of bitter struggle," Ebert said. "And we only desire that guilt for the responsibility of the final break of the war should be finally fixed in order that he should be exposed once for all. I cannot think of any provision in law upon which Wilhelm would have to be given up."

Asked if he took an optimistic view of the future, Ebert replied: "Certainly—as far as possible for a government which has taken over such a heritage and finds itself placed before such a terribly tangled situation. You must remember that our influence upon the course of events is limited. We cannot create bread for the German people. If the nation is allowed to starve, then the inevitable will follow. That a nation can be brought to such a desperate situation that it must break all restraints is shown by the experiences of the past year.

"Such people revenge themselves upon the authors of their misery. Our old system came to the ground finally as a result of Russian events which it had itself invoked."

PAPERS SERVED IN LEGAL WAY RULES JUDGE

The motion of W. J. Wilson to quash the service of the recent papers of H. W. Koehler, defeated Democratic candidate for sheriff, was overruled Wednesday by Circuit Judge Campbell.

Sheriff Wilson asserted that diligent search had not been made for the papers when they were served and were served on Mrs. Wilson.

The election of Wilson, close, Wilson winning by 53 votes. Koehler alleges that misconduct was made in several precincts. The date of the recount has not been set and it is estimated that it will take about two weeks.

PUNISH KAISER IS DEMANDED BY DARROW OF PENNSYLVANIA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Punishment of William Hohenzollern and "everyone associated with him in the committing of brutal atrocities in the late war, particularly all concerned in the sinking of the Lusitania, including the murder of American citizens, men, women and children," is demanded in a joint resolution introduced in the house today by Representative George P. Darrow, Republican, of Pennsylvania.

The resolution sets forth "that it is the sense of the Sixty-fifth congress, representing the sovereign people of the United States, that it is the duty of those who represent the United States in the settlement of the terms of peace and other war questions in Europe, to cooperate in a lawful manner with the allies" in bringing the former kaiser and his associates to trial.

It was provided that copies of the resolution be forwarded to President Wilson and the American peace commissioners.

Darrow pointed out in the resolution that the president upon reaching France expressed the conviction of the people of the United States when he declared for "such action in the final settlement of the issues of the war as will not only rebuke such acts of terrorism and spoliation but make men everywhere aware that they cannot be ventured upon without the certainty of just punishment."

GENERAL J. C. SMUTS RESIGNS POSITION ON BRITISH CABINET

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Lieutenant General Jan Christian Smuts has resigned as member of the war cabinet on the ground that the end of the war has terminated the need of his services, according to the Express.

Jan Christian Smuts has long been a figure in the political life of South Africa. During the Boer war he was in command of the republican forces in Cape Colony. As commander of British forces in East Africa fighting against the Germans his success was remarkable.

In January, 1917, the British government named him a member of the imperial war conference as representative of the Union of South Africa, and in June, 1917, he entered the war cabinet.

POLISH GOVERNMENT BREAKS RELATIONS WITH GERMAN EMPIRE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Poland has severed relations with Germany, according to a telegram received in Berlin from Warsaw.

Poland, as a reason for the rupture, accuses the German authorities in occupied provinces of acting contrary to Polish interests and working with the Bolsheviks. At the request of the Polish government, Governor General Von Beseler and the entire staff of the German mission will leave the territory of the Polish republic.

CRACOW, Friday, Dec. 13.—Tens of thousands of soldiers are moving back and forth across the old Russian frontier. They come from many nations. All are returning to their homes and some of them are pillaging as they go.

DAN COLSON LAID TO REST ON WEDNESDAY

The funeral services over the remains of the late Dan Colson, who died at his home at Willamette Sunday evening, were held from the Holman & Pace funeral parlors Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with Rev. W. T. Milliken, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The interment was in Mountain View cemetery. The pallbearers were William Kaiser, John Turner, G. L. Snow, George Elligson, Harry Greaves and Carl Christiansen.

Mr. Colson was born in Indiana, and was 59 years of age. He has resided at Willamette for the past seven years. He is survived by his wife and two little children of Willamette, also a daughter, Mrs. Zella Jones, who is with her husband at an Eastern training camp, and was unable to attend the funeral of her father, owing to illness.

LIEUTENANT KOERNER RECEIVES PROMOTION IN U. S. INFANTRY

Promotion to the staff of the 362nd U. S. Infantry and citation for bravery in action are the fortunes of war which have fallen to Lieutenant Andrew Koerner, according to word received here. He has been with the 91st division during its brave work both in France and Belgium, and was with King Albert's army at his triumphal entry into Brussels.

Lieutenant Koerner is well known here, where he was born and spent several years of his boyhood. His father was superintendent of the Oregon City woolen mills for a number of years, making his home in this city.

The young man has many friends who are glad to hear of his promotion.

REDUCTIONS ORDERED IN LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Postmaster General Burleson Sunday announced a reduction in night long distance telephone rates and a charge for all long distance calls whether the individual called is reached or not, providing connection is made with his telephone. New standard line rates are also established.

The new rates are to be effective January 21 and are recommended in the first report of the committee on standardization.

Between 8:30 and 12 P. M. the rate is to be one half the day rate, and between 12 P. M. and 4:30 P. M. one fourth the day rate.

All rates apply where connection is established, but 25 per cent additional is to be charged when a particular person is demanded to answer the call and does answer. Under present practice, no charge is made unless the party demanded answers. This has led to abuse, the committee reports.

COMMERCIAL CABLE MAN SAYS LINES WOULD BE WRECKED

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Commercial Cable Co., charged in a statement issued here last night that Postmaster General Burleson was implicated in a "plot" to bring about the government ownership of all wire communications, "and incidentally enable the Western Union and Bell Telephone companies to sell out to the government at a high price."

Mr. Mackay declared Mr. Burleson's most recent action in removing him and other officials of the Commercial Cable Co., from direction of lines and appointing a committee to control all wire communication, placed the Western Union and Bell Telephone Co. interests "in the saddle." Asserting his companies were "marked for annihilation" because they had always opposed government ownership, Mr. Mackay said he was "in this fight to the finish."

FRANK JONES DIES MONDAY OF INFLUENZA

Frank Jones died at the Oregon City hospital Monday evening of influenza. Mr. Jones' leg was broken in an accident about a month ago, and he was recovering from the accident at the time of his death.

Mr. Jones is survived by his wife and six children, the youngest being two years of age.

CONFLICTS CONTINUE VIGOROUSLY IN BERLIN

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 18.—The German government has opened negotiations with the various factions with a view to appointing Count von Bernstorff foreign secretary.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Field Marshal von Mackensen, interned by Hungarians, is confined with his entire staff in Count Karolyi's castle at Futh, according to a dispatch from Budapest.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—(Night)—The conflict between the radicals and the Ebert-Hasse government, which broke out fresh Monday, is still undecided. The demonstration by soldiers outside the reichstag building, led by Karl Liebknecht, was more serious than appeared at first. While there were no actual physical encounters, the attitude of the soldiers succeeded in forcing Chancellor Ebert to avert the issue by adjourning the "soldatenrath" (soldiers' council) until tomorrow.

If the radical movement continues to grow the present government may be overthrown. The radicals gained courage from their demonstration Monday from the attacks made by George Ledebour and Richard Barth, against the people's council, which resulted in Barth bolting the meeting.

Major General Scheuch has resigned as war minister owing to disagreements concerning military policies. He is also blamed for the disorders throughout Germany.

The proposed "insurgent" meeting of the reichstag in defiance of the Ebert-Hasse government was called off today by its president, Konstantin Fehrenbach.

Fehrenbach explained the meeting was rendered unnecessary by the extension of the armistice. His action, however, is regarded in some circles as a complete breakdown. New Cologne, a hotbed of Spartacists, Monday was raided by troops of the people's council. Followers of Karl Liebknecht, who held the public buildings for a fortnight, were forcibly ejected.

LINDAU HELD UNDER BONDS FOR GRAND JURY

William R. Lindau, arrested late Thursday night for having too many wives, was charged with polygamy Friday and waived preliminary hearing in the justice court.

About a year ago he left wife No. 1, whose name is Eva, and went to Great Falls, Mont., and without taking the trouble to get a divorce, married wife No. 2, Etta Shylock.

They came to Oregon City last February and went to live at the home of Lindau's mother, near Linn's Mill. Wife No. 1 went East for a short time and then came back and returning to Seattle married a man by the name of C. D. Waters. She neglected to get a divorce and after a time they decided they were not legally married and that she would go back to her former husband. Lindau agreed to this but they did not take No. 2 into the agreement.

Lindau went to Portland Wednesday night, telling wife No. 2 that he was going to Washington to work. The wife got suspicious and followed him to Portland and found him and wife No. 1 in a hotel. Lindau promised to leave No. 1 and the second wife came to Oregon City to wait for him.

He came here but brought No. 1 with him and took her to his home, not stopping for No. 2. This did not suit the latter and she called officers and had the man arrested. She alleges that she thought Lindau was a single man when she married him.

Lindau had left \$30 with his mother to give to wife No. 2 for her to go back to Great Falls but had told her nothing of this and she swore to the complaint against him.

He was released on \$500 bonds, put up by L. E. Jones and Lindau's mother, and is to appear before the grand jury.

HEAVY DAMAGES ASKED

J. W. Roots entered suit against the Portland & Oregon City Railway Company to recover on property damaged.

Plaintiff alleges that the defendant entered onto some of his property and made a road bed and left a large hole in the ground and also an embankment that stopped drainage from the property and damaged the land.

He asks payment to the extent of the damage resulting.

Government Witness at Hun Propaganda Inquiry



Columns of newspaper space have been developed recently to the testimony given by A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice, before the Senate committee investigating the brewery and German propaganda. This photograph was taken at Washington after he had begun his sensational disclosures.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC TO CONSTRUCT NEW STEEL BRIDGE HERE

The much fought for steel bridge of the Southern Pacific Company in this city on Fourteenth street, where the track of the company crosses overhead, was started Wednesday.

The present bridge is mostly wooden and the city has been after a steel bridge to replace this, which the railroad company did not wish to do.

Over a year ago the company started to replace the old bridge with a new one of wood and when ordered to do so. In order to stop them the mayor had the workers arrested and the company then sued the mayor for false arrest. This was tried and the company lost.

The new bridge will make the crossing safer and will do away with the supports that are in the street.

BARNEY JOHNSON IS INVALIDED HOME BY LOSS OF RIGHT ARM

Barney Johnson, a former resident of Oregon City, engaged at one time in barbering and later in the paper mills, who enlisted in the engineers' railway service some 15 or 18 months ago and saw considerable active fighting in France, renewed acquaintances here Tuesday, after having been invalided home because of the loss of right arm at the shoulder. He is at present visiting with his wife and the latter's parents at Clackamas station. Mr. Johnson expects to leave shortly for California, where he will enter a reconstruction hospital and be provided with an artificial arm and hand. Several reports had come to Oregon City some time ago that Mr. Johnson had been killed in action or had died as a result of his injuries, and those friends who greeted him on his return were pleased to see him alive even with his misfortune.

PRESIDENT OF PORTUGAL SLAIN LAST SATURDAY

LISBON, Dec. 16.—The body of Dr. Sidonio Paes, president of Portugal, who was assassinated Saturday by a man named Jeetna, was taken today to the Belem palace to await the funeral ceremonies. Meanwhile the Portuguese government is continuing in office under Osonora Castro, the minister of justice, while both chambers of the parliament have been summoned today to discuss the question of a successor to the president.

The whole capital is in mourning with a deep undercurrent of excitement among both military and civilians, who are organizing parades, in which the marchers call for vengeance. The government has issued an appeal to all public officials asking them to preserve order.

The assassin of Dr. Paes made sure of his aim when he attacked the president. Dr. Paes was talking with a number of ministers at a railroad station here when the young man approached the group. He succeeded in reaching the side of Dr. Paes and, drawing a pistol, fired point blank at the president. Dr. Paes never regained consciousness.

The murderer was killed by the crowd and another man, suspected of complicity in the crime, was arrested.

OFFICIALS OF COUNTY ASKING FEW INCREASES

The county budget to be discussed by the taxpayers of the county at the court house Saturday shows but little increase in the salaries of the deputies in the various offices. These increases are necessary so officers at the court house contend, to have competent help and they are not in comparison with the salaries paid this kind of help in many places. The county officers are asking small increases in order that they will not have to break in new help, which in many cases would be far more expensive to the taxpayers.

The clerk's office shows increases of the second and third deputies of \$5 per month. With this increase the salary is \$80 per month. The chief deputy will receive the same salary as last year, \$1950.

In the recorder's office the salary of the chief deputy is \$1020 and the new budget asks for \$1050. This is an increase of \$30 per month over the old. The machine operators' salary is \$75 per month and the increase asked is \$5 per month. The amount allowed for extra help is \$150 as against \$130 of last year.

The increase in salary asked in the treasurer's office is \$5 per month for the deputy.

The surveyor's office shows a material decrease in salaries as the assistant will be done away with the coming year. It was decided that there was not enough work to keep this assistant busy and the surveyor will hire the needed help and the bill will go to the general road fund. Axmen and chainmen will also be paid out of this fund.

The salary of the chief deputy in the assessor's office is increased from \$1020 to \$1200 or an increase of \$5 per month. The salaries of the field deputies of this office are \$1700, and the new budget calls for \$2000. This goes to cover the expense of assessing the whole county. An increase of \$50 over last year is shown in the new budget for extending the tax roll. Extra help will be needed to do this work as the tax roll must be made up by February 1.

The assistants in the tax department are given an increase of \$5 per month, which is all the increase in this department.

The sheriff's office shows no increase in the new budget.

MRS. MAUDE STURGIS PASSES AWAY AFTER VERY BRIEF ILLNESS

Mrs. Maude Sturgis, wife of Ernest Sturgis, died at the family home near Fourth street Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock, after an illness of one week from influenza.

Mrs. Sturgis was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard St. Clair, of Portland, but has resided in Clackamas county most of her life, and has resided in Oregon City for a number of years, where she is well and favorably known. She was 24 years of age.

Mrs. Sturgis is survived by her husband and two children, Ellen, about seven years of age, and Harvey, five years. She also leaves her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard St. Clair, of Portland; a sister, Mrs. Lottie Wunder, of Portland; and a brother, Charles St. Clair, who resides at Mount Pleasant.

CONTRACT LET FOR PACIFIC HIGHWAY PAVING MATERIAL

SALEM, Dec. 13.—Announcement was made today by the state highway department that a contract has been let to the Columbia Contract company for 50,000 yards of road material for use in paving 18 miles of the Pacific highway between Salem and Aurora, and that hauling of material will begin in January.

"We will put material on the ground and set up the paving plant this winter so the work of laying the pavement can be started just as soon as the weather is favorable next spring," said C. A. Dunn, who has charge of highway construction for the highway department.

The Salem-Jefferson section of the Pacific highway will not be paved next year, as it has not been graded by Marion county, it was stated.

PRESIDENTS CHIEF AIM IS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

PARIS, Dec. 18.—"I am not only in favor of the league of nations, but I believe formation of such a league is absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of peace," President Wilson declared today.

The president made this statement in denying the authenticity of a dispatch published in an American newspaper, declaring he approved the plan of the league to enforce peace.

"It is entirely false," the president said. "I am, as everyone knows, not only in favor of the league of nations, but I believe formation of such a league is absolutely indispensable to the maintenance of peace. But the particular plan of the league to enforce peace was never directly or indirectly endorsed by me."

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The first conference of the complete American peace delegation will be held at 5 o'clock this afternoon, when President Wilson goes to the Crillon hotel to meet the other representatives.

The president's principal conversation today, preceding the American conference, will be with Gabriel Comataux, former French foreign minister. He was busy studying reports and data on recent conferences. Despite the rain, he planned to take a motor trip this afternoon.

DEMOBILIZATION OF ARMY NOT LIKELY FOR OVER ONE YEAR

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 18.—At least a year, possibly two years, will be required before the nation can return to normal peace conditions, and "we will be fortunate if conditions abroad make demobilization possible at so early a date," said Secretary Daniels here today, addressing the conference of state governors.

The navy, said the secretary, must be increased and strengthened to enable the United States to contribute as many units as any other nation to an international police force, but he added:

"I look to see the peace conference put an end to competitive big navy building."

Secretary Lane, also addressing the conference, urged governors to do everything in their power to keep state branches of the Council of National Defense from disintegration.

ALLEGED CONSPIRACY WITH HUNS ADMITTED BY SHIPPING MEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Pleas of guilty to an alleged conspiracy to supply German warships at sea through the wholesale chartering of American and other vessels here, in violation of the neutrality laws, were entered here today by four shipping men, two shipping firms and the Chancellor of the former German Consulate here. Sentence was set for December 21.

The shipping men were Robert H. Swayne, C. D. Bunker, Thomas W. Anderson and Joseph H. Bley. The firms were C. D. Bunker & Co. and the Northern & Southern Steamship Company. The consular agent was Heinrich Kauffmann.

Charges against Phillip R. Thayer, president of the Northern and Southern Company, the shipping firm of Swayne & Hoyt and John G. Hoyt, other alleged conspirators, were to be dropped by the Government and dismissed asked for, John W. Preston, Special Assistant Attorney-General, announced. It was stipulated that fines would be asked for in the cases of those pleading guilty, with the exception of Bley.

KAISER WON'T LEAVE

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—William Hohenzollern, the former German emperor, the Telegram says it understands, has refused to leave Holland and after official representations have been made that his continued presence in Holland was likely to involve the country in serious difficulties.