

NURSE HAS CHARGE FOR DEAR SUSPECT

Birdie Moser, of Vancouver, Tells of Acquaintance With Alleged Thief.

FOUND LETTERS PUZZLE

Girl Declares Weyers, Supposed Leader of Auto Robbers Killed in Accident, Appeared Honest. Life Here Is Recalled.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3.—Miss Birdie Moser, 19 years old and pretty, told today, somewhat scantily and with reluctance, of her acquaintance with Frank A. Weyers, who was killed in a recent automobile accident near San Mateo and who is alleged by California officials to have headed a gang of clever automobile thieves operating along the Pacific Coast.

WEYERS' PAST IS REVEALED

Sheriff Says Defrauding Storekeepers Was His Forte.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—(Special.)—Further information has come to light as to the operations of Weyers, alleged automobile thief and store defrauder, last summer and his association with Miss Birdie Moser, the prettily 19-year-old student nurse, who has been located at Vancouver, B. C.

FIRE OVERCOMES MANY

PHILADELPHIA AND CAMDEN LOSS IS MORE THAN MILLION.

Smoke From Flames in Pennsylvania City Prostrates Half a Hundred in New Jersey Town.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—Two fires today caused more than \$1,000,000 damage in Philadelphia and Camden.

HINDENBURG IS THANKFUL

New Year's Good Wishes Swamp German Commander in East.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE EAST, Poland, Jan. 3.—(Via Berlin to London.)—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, commander of the German Army in Poland, requests the press to give expression to his heartiest thanks for the good wishes for the new year transmitted to him by so many friends in Europe and America.

CHRONOLOGY OF CHIEF EVENTS OF WAR TO DATE.

PROGRESS OF PAST WEEKS. December 27—Italian government orders cruiser to give any needed aid to United States warships in Turkish waters. December 28—United States demands of Great Britain and allies early improvement of treatment of American cargo ships.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Officials of the Washington Government expect the coming week to clear the air of much of the uncertainty prevalent over the seizure of American cargoes and ships by the allies.

Salisbury Doctrine Cited. Both Britain and the American note cited Lord Salisbury's doctrine contending that foodstuffs are contraband only when proved to be destined to an enemy force.

Heavy Demands Threatened. In another communication between Great Britain and Russia in the same way the former declared that unless some steps were taken by the Russian government to restrain their naval authorities from the indiscriminate molestation of neutral traders, the amount of compensation for which the Russian government would find itself liable might assume enormous proportions.

Not only did Great Britain declare that foodstuffs must be shown to be for the use of an Army or Navy, but specific protest was entered against the doctrine that it is for the benefit of neutrals that certain articles are to be dealt with as contraband of war, regardless of the well-established rights of neutrals.

Mill Officials Resign. William Sheahan and F. A. Olmstead Quit Crown Willamette.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 3.—(Special.)—William Sheahan, superintendent of the paper machines of the Crown Willamette mill, and F. A. Olmstead, chemical engineer for the same company, have resigned after several years of service.

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on the Rawa River, Poland, Dec. 26, via courier to Berlin, thence to London, Jan. 3.—The bitter struggle for the wooded heights on the east bank of the Rawa River has been long in progress. The roads selected as an objective point for possible penetration to the Russian positions, however, were protected by a swamp. Here the nature of the ground was more favorable.

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An attempt by mine-throwers to set the woods on fire was finally decided upon. Twenty kegs of tar and other combustibles were secured by an enterprising officer from Skiernewice, the Russian Engineer's hunting seat in this vicinity, and were rolled forward under cover of night to the forest.

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British Authority Says Diplomacy Alone Will Not Settle Issue.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The Press Association in a paragraph declaring that the British reply to the American note has not yet been delivered or drawn up, says: "The government will not be actuated by diplomatic considerations alone, but will be guided largely by naval and military expert opinion, and there is not the remotest question of relinquishing the right which would militate against the interests of the allies to the advantage of the enemy."

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WOOD-LARK TEA ROOM. Trading stamps have brought me many household helps, said a lady to us some days ago. "I not only save money on my purchases, but the stamps are just like money to me."

DOUBLE STAMPS TODAY AND TUESDAY ON FIRST THREE FLOORS. When you're a bit weary, spend a restful moment in the "WOOD-LARK" TEA ROOM.

REAL RUBBER HERE—made to wear and last. \$2.50 3-quart Fountain Syringe... \$1.47. \$2.00 2-quart Fountain Syringe... \$1.29.

WOODARD, CLARKE & CO., Alder Street at West Park. MEN! You can buy genuine "MARK CROSS" GLOVES. THIS WEEK AT REDUCED PRICES.

SLAYING IS UPHELD. Buelow Consents to Shooting of Belgians, Says Minister. PROCLAMATION IS QUOTED. Citizens Are Massacred and Towns Are Pillaged Without Inquiry for Defense by Soldiers, Reports Investigating Body.

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