

# DEATH OF AMERICAN BEING INVESTIGATED

## Drowning Due to Submarine Attack on British Liner Reported to Washington.

### NOTE TO BERLIN IS LIKELY

#### Germany Already Warned United States Will Hold Berlin Government Strictly to Account in Such Eventualities.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Reports that an American life had been lost in the war zone around the British Isles were brought officially to the attention of the Washington Government late today when Ambassador Page and Consul General Skinner, at London, cabled that Leon C. Thresher, an American mining man, was supposed to have been drowned in the destruction of the British liner Falaba by a German submarine.

The reports merely transmitted unofficial statements, and instructions were sent immediately to both officials to begin an investigation and report promptly. No action will be taken by the Government until this official version of Thresher's death has been received and all the facts surrounding the destruction of the Falaba have been carefully scrutinized.

A representative of the company which had employed Thresher saw him aboard the liner before she sailed, that is as far as official information goes, and Ambassador Page or Mr. Skinner now will undertake to get statements from survivors of the steamer who can give positive evidence that the American was drowned.

No inquiries from relatives or friends of Thresher in this country have reached the State Department and until today the case had not come to the attention of officials except through press dispatches.

Officials had little doubt that the case eventually would form the subject of representations to Germany. In its note after Germany's war zone proclamation the Washington Government notified the German Foreign Office that it would feel compelled to hold that government to "strict accountability" for the loss of American lives or property through the operation of German submarines against British merchant shipping.

### FULL INDEMNITY ASKED

#### GERMANY FORMALLY REQUESTED TO PAY FOR SINKING FRYE.

#### American Government Demands Etzel's Commander Was Not Warranted in Destroying Vessel.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Indemnity for the full value of the American ship William P. Frye, destroyed at sea by the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, has been formally requested from Germany by the United States Government.

Acting Secretary Lansing announced today that a note in the subject had been sent to Ambassador Gerard for presentation to the Foreign Office at Berlin. Pending its receipt in Berlin, the document will not be made public, but it was described officially today as a recital of the facts and application of a claim for damages on behalf of the owners of the vessel.

No representations were made concerning the cargo, since it was established after an investigation by the State Department that it was sold en route and was British-owned at the time of the sinking.

The American Government contends in the note that the commander of the Etzel was not warranted in destroying the Frye, because it could not lawfully have been condemned as a prize had it been taken into a prize court. The destination of the cargo was a private firm in England, the United States Government learned, and the wheat could not therefore have been considered as contraband.

The general belief in official headquarters has been that the case would be settled without difficulty as soon as a full report of the affair, mailed by the German Embassy here, reached Berlin, which is expected to be this week.

### BRITISH ABUSE DACHSHUND

#### Dog With German Name Is Treated Worse Than Fox, Says Writer.

LONDON, March 18.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—British prejudice against Germany has even been turned against the kind of dog that bears "the unfortunate name of dachshund," complains a writer in the Daily Mail, who says:

"May I protest against the cruel and senseless manner in which some people are treating the unfortunate name of dogs because these poor dumb friends have been called by the German name of dachshund.

"These dogs, although popular in Germany, are our old English terriers, used in bygone days to turn, by means of a wheel, the roasting jack in the same way as the donkey at Carisbrooke Castle draws water from the well. On account of their name, these poor dogs are now being treated not as enemy aliens, to whom we are unpatriotically lenient, but most unjustly."

#### CONTROL OF COAL URGED

London Board of Trade Committee Offers Plan to Reduce Price.

LONDON, April 1.—The committee appointed by the Board of Trade to inquire into the causes for the rises in the retail prices for coal for domestic use recommended in its report that if the prices do not return shortly to a reasonable level the government should consider a plan for assuming control of the output of the collieries during the continuance of the war.

Meanwhile it is recommended that exports of coal to neutral countries should be restricted; that steps be taken to provide fuel for next winter; that the freight rates charged on interned steamers which have been taken over by the government should be reduced and that all enemy ships condemned by the prize court should be used for the transport of coal.

Germany to Grow Tobacco.

BERLIN, March 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Tobacco growers who have been worrying lest

tobacco raising be restricted or forbidden so that the fields could be used for the production of food supplies have at last been assured that such measures will not be taken, for the present at least. The government is understood to have decided that this step is not necessary.

### ILL PIGEON SAVES MAN

#### Germans at First Think Experimental Birds Are Spies.

PARIS, March 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Various rumors have circulated in Paris regarding the fate of Dr. Albert Calmette, director of the Pasteur Institute at Lille and brother of the late director of the Figaro. He was first reported as shot and since said to have been

#### ROSEBURG ARTILLERY CAPTAIN ELECTED TO STATE MILITARY STAFF.



J. A. Buchanan, Roseburg, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—J. A. Buchanan, Captain of the Roseburg Company of Coast Artillery, has been elected a member of the state military staff. The staff to which Mr. Buchanan was appointed consists of six men high in the military service of the state and acts as an advisory board to the Governor on affairs relating to the state's artillery. They also have considerable to do with the management of the artillery, in the auditing of accounts and the regulation of expenses.

sent as a prisoner to Germany. Reliable news recently received through a person who escaped from the city says that Dr. Calmette passed through a critical period with the Germans on account of the discovery in his laboratory of several pigeons.

The Germans had posted a notice that all pigeons, whether carrier pigeons or not, should be shot, and those found in Dr. Calmette's laboratory were at once suspected to have been intended for spying. An autopsy of these birds, however, revealed that one was affected with tuberculosis and had evidently served as the object of some of Dr. Calmette's experiments. This discovery saved his life.

### MILK FAMINE IS FEARED

#### Berlin Dealers Complain to Officials Against Farmers.

BERLIN, March 9.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Berlin milk dealers, who are fearful that there may be a milk famine, have appealed to the Board of Trade of the capital to induce the authorities to start action against farmers who have failed to live up to price agreements.

The dealers maintain that the farmers annually feed billions of liters of skimmed milk to their hogs, at a loss of 150,000 liters of albumin a year. They ask that this use of skimmed milk be restricted and that freight rates for the transportation of the milk be reduced by one-half.

The authorities are asked to "remind" the farmers that they must live up to their previous agreements with the Berlin dealers, if the milk do not step in, the dealers believe, the present shortage of milk will develop into a milk famine.

### FRENCH DISCUSS PENSIONS

#### Measure Makes Provision for Disabled Soldiers and Families.

PARIS, April 1.—A bill was proposed in the Chamber of Deputies today providing for the pensioning of those totally disabled in the present war. The proposal, which apparently had strong support, provides for the following pensions: Officers, two-thirds of their pay on active service; non-commissioned officers, 250 francs (\$190) yearly; privates, 250 francs (\$170).

If the bill is adopted, pensions and allowances will be made also for widows and orphans.

### BEET SUGAR YIELD IS GOOD

#### Acceage Percentage in 1914 Larger Than Many Previous Years.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—The rich sugar contents of beets and a high percentage of extraction helped make a good crop of beet sugar in the United States in the campaign beginning in 1914, the Department of Agriculture announced today.

Production amounted to 722,994 short tons, or about 110,000 tons less than in 1913. The area harvested was 480,800 acres and the acre yield, 11 tons, was the largest since 1906.

### Communication Workers Decorated.

BERLIN, March 19.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—In the first six months of the war, the Iron Cross was bestowed on 2553 postal and telegraph officials stationed in the field. Out of a force of about 75,000 men in the field postal and telegraph service, including those stationed in conquered territory, 2595 have been killed.

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### ROADS PROSPEROUS, SAYS RATE EXPERT

#### Some Lines Asking Rate Increases Declared to Be Piling Up Surplus.

### AVERAGE LIST IS TAKEN

#### Petitioners Contend Figures Are Based on Strong Companies With 47,000 Miles and Weak Ones With Only 17,000.

CHICAGO, April 1.—U. G. Powell, rate expert of the Nebraska Railroad Commission, was subjected to a prolonged cross-examination at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing of the Western freight rate case today.

Mr. Powell presented figures intended to show the roads were generally prosperous and that the average in earnings more than 6 per cent. Certain of the roads which would participate in the increases, if granted, he said, were accumulating surpluses.

"As an expert of the Nebraska commission haven't you always opposed increases in freight rates?" asked C. C. Wright, general counsel for the railroads.

"I can't say that I have always opposed them, the commission instructed me to get the facts," said Mr. Powell. "You have always been on the opposing side haven't you?"

"Yes." "The witness said that in arriving at his figures he had had time to consider all the roads involved, but he had taken a representative list, composed equally, he thought, of the strong and the weak ones.

Among the strong ones, he included the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe, the Sunset Lines of the Southern Pacific, the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul. He included the Kansas City Southern among the weaker ones.

The contention of the roads was that Mr. Powell's figures showing a prosperous condition were based on a majority of the stronger roads, representing 47,000 miles, while the ones he called weak represented only 17,000 miles.

"You call the Kansas City Southern a weak road when the fact is its earnings are \$12,000 a mile, among the highest in the list."

"That is because of its obligations. It is not paying dividends."

Mr. Powell said he had not included roads in receivership.

"Do you mean a road in the hands of receivers should have no consideration in reference to adequate rates?"

"If their location is representative, they ought to be considered."

The witness said he thought it would have been more fair, had he had time to include all the roads. In reply to questions from Dr. M. O. Lorenz, statistician of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Mr. Powell said in determining his values he had deducted from investment in property whatever had come out of surplus, but in years when the roads paid no dividends he had not added any percentage to the property investment figure.

### FRAUD CASES FOR JURY

#### JUDGE REFUSES TO INSTRUCT AS TO ELECTION CHARGES.

#### Terre Haute Mayor and Other Officials Not to Know Fate Until After 20 Hours of Argument.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 1.—After Judge Anderson, in the United States District Court, had overruled motions to instruct the jury to bring in verdicts of not guilty, Milton C. East, assistant United States District Attorney, today began the opening argument in the trial of the Terre Haute election fraud and bribery case.

Clarence Nichols, attorney for William Doyle and George Woodall, moved that the court instruct the jury to bring in a verdict of not guilty for his clients on the ground that the evidence introduced against them by the Government was not sufficient to constitute a prima facie case.

After United States District Attorney Dailey had spoken in opposition to both motions Judge Anderson made his ruling. He said the evidence against Doyle was the weakest link in the chain, but that it was sufficient to be given to the jury to decide. The jury was not present during the consideration of the motions.

Circuit Court Convenes at Burns.

BURNS, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—An

### MRS. FLORENCE KEARNEY DECLARES AKOZ RELIEVED HER STOMACH ILLS

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adjourned term of the October Circuit Court convened Wednesday, Judge Dalton Biggs presiding. This term is called to dispose of all motions, demurrers, and to consider all matters coming before the grand jury, and to set cases for trial at the regular April term, convening Monday.

### ALBANY POSTOFFICE OPENS

#### Transfer to New Federal Building Made Without Hitch.

ALBANY, Or., April 1.—(Special.)—Albany's postoffice opened this morning in the new \$75,000 Federal building. The change to the new was made last night, and there was no interruption in mail service.

Some of the equipment from the old office was moved to the Federal building during the day, but most of it was transferred after the office closed at night.

C. H. Stewart was to have taken charge of the office this morning, but his commission did not arrive and J. S. Van Winkle is officiating still.

### WAGON LOAD OF BEES SOLD

#### William Bennett, 80, Sends Hives to McMinnville Buyers.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 1.—(Special.)—One hundred hives of bees composed the unusual load on a hayrack brought to Vancouver last night for shipment to McMinnville, Or. The hives were shipped by William Bennett, an 80-year-old bee raiser of Maner. The drivers on the wagon were compelled to wear long coats and netting for protection.

Mr. Bennett will have about 25 hives left on his farm. The hives were sold for \$2 each. Last year he sold \$350 worth of honey from 125 hives.

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