

SHIPPERS WAIT FOR GERMANY, IF GUILTY

Severest Letter Sent Foreign Power in Years Is Contemplated by Wilson.

GULFLIGHT FACTS WANTED

Berlin Will Be Told She Has Passed Pale of Law, If Reports of Attack on American Steamer Are Proved Correct.

NEW YORK, May 5.—(Special.)—A special dispatch from Washington to the New York World says that if the published reports regarding the American steamer Guilflight, which was torpedoed or hit a mine in the North Sea, are proved true, President Wilson will send to the German government the severest letter sent to a foreign power in years by the United States Government.

The correspondent says that Germany will be told that she has passed beyond the pale of the law, should it be determined that she is responsible for the Guilflight disaster. The dispatch says, however, that President Wilson is awaiting official reports regarding the explosion that wrecked the Guilflight.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—President Wilson discussed briefly with his cabinet Tuesday the torpedoing of the American steamer Guilflight off the Selby Islands, but, in the absence of a detailed report of the incident, no policy was formulated.

Messages received from American Consul Stephen P. Plym-Fish and Consul-General Skinner at London added little to the information previously obtained. Both were instructed today to get complete statements from members of the ship's crew and to gather such evidence of a technical nature concerning the damage done to the ship as could be learned by an examination of the vessel on its arrival in port. Officials want to establish beyond doubt whether the vessel was struck by a torpedo or a mine, and if possible the nationality of the explosive. Secretary Bryan said today that until such complete statements from members of the ship's crew and to gather such evidence of a technical nature concerning the damage done to the ship as could be learned by an examination of the vessel on its arrival in port.

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Approximately \$600 will be saved in Portland by temporary furloughs ordered for employees at the Postoffice and the Custom-House. These enforced leaves of absence will be taken during the coming 60 days. Postmaster Myers, custodian of the Postoffice building, and the Secretary of Customs, Burke, in charge of the Custom-House, will enforce the orders of the Treasury Department, which is in charge of Government buildings, at once.

Approximately ten employees at each building will be affected. They include engineers, firemen, elevator men, watchmen and at the Postoffice the order will include two charwomen. The Custom-House has no charwomen employed.

The order is necessary, it is said, because Congress did not appropriate the money to meet the needs of maintenance of Federal buildings.

T. R. AGAIN ON STAND

Intention Is to Show No Malice Held Toward Barnes.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., May 5.—Theodore Roosevelt again went on the witness stand in the Supreme Court here today, after many witnesses, including a son and also an ex-secretary of the late Thomas C. Platt and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, had testified in his behalf.

The ex-President intended, under a new ruling of the court, to offer testimony in support of the fact that he harbored no malice or ill-will toward Barnes. It also was his intention to tell about certain things not specified in the pleadings, which, under the original ruling, were excluded. But errors committed in transcribing his testimony under direct and cross-examination were pointed out. So the Colonel used up nearly an hour and a half in correcting them. His counsel planned to have him resume the stand tomorrow.

SEIZURE OF FOOD ASKED

California House Memorializes Congress and President.

SACRAMENTO, May 5.—Two resolutions, one memorializing Congress to seize the nation's food supply for the purpose of preventing its exportation to the belligerent countries, and the other a request that President Wilson use his influence to end the war, were adopted in the lower House tonight. The resolutions were of Socialist origin.

C. W. BRYAN FAR IN LEAD

Secretary's Brother Probably Elected Mayor of Lincoln, Neb.

LINCOLN, Neb., May 5.—Early returns on today's municipal election indicate the return of three of the present five Commissioners—Dayton, Schroeder and Henley.

Charles W. Bryan, brother of W. J. Bryan, is far in the lead of present Mayor Zehring and probably will be Lincoln's next Mayor.

MERRIAM REPORT DENIED

Captain's Wife Says Divorce Is Not Arranged.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—Mrs. Besie Merriam, who was reported as having decided to accept a divorce of divorce from Captain Henry C. Merriam, United States Army, on a charge of desertion, denied tonight the truth of the report.

She says she never made or authorized such a statement.

There is an impression now that Yuan Shi Kai, President of China, desires an ultimatum in order to justify China's eventual acceptance.

WASHINGTON STILL HOPEFUL

Resources of Diplomacy Believed Not to Be Exhausted.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—While officials read with the deepest interest today the press dispatches from Tokio foreboding an ultimatum to China to secure an acceptance of the demands made on the latter country, there still is a well-defined belief here that resources of diplomacy have by no means been exhausted.

Official information received here indicated that the Japanese press was clamoring for an ultimatum and that many of the articles that had appeared represented correctly the views of the Japanese government. Whether an ultimatum finally would be decided upon by Japan and the effect in Peking of the Japanese newspaper utterances was a matter of wide speculation among well-informed observers here.

President Wilson early in the day expressed the belief that the situation would soon adjust itself, but said he had heard of no ultimatum. He said in past reports that China had made an appeal to the United States for moral aid in declaring them unfounded.

Confidence prevails in official quarters generally that the way is still open to mutual concessions and compromises, a feeling shared to an extent among Japanese here, although the grounds for such hopes are admittedly the previously announced policy of the Japanese government.

VACATIONS ARE ORDER

DEMOCRATIC ECONOMY FORCES VACATIONS WITHOUT PAY.

Many Employees in Portland Postoffice and Other Federal Buildings Affected by Ruling.

Democratic economy, which recently brought about the dismissal of several employees at the Portland Postoffice, is extending still further and the latest orders from Washington are that many employees of Federal buildings throughout the country will be required to take enforced furloughs, without pay, between now and June 30 in order to stretch the Congressional appropriation over the needs of the service.

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WOMAN FIGHTS INTRUDER

Neighbors, Hearing Screams, Put Armed Assault to Flight.

The screams of Mrs. W. L. Clinton, of 68 East Nineteenth street, North, who pluckily fought with an armed intruder who invaded her home yesterday morning, succeeded in frightening the would-be robber away, but not before she had sustained a heavy cut lip from the blows of the man.

Mrs. Clinton was alone in the house, her husband being at work and her children at school, when there was a knock on the door. She responded and the man sprang inside and slammed the door. He tried to choke her and threw her against a table, afterwards drawing a short-barreled revolver.

The burglar could not intimidate Mrs. Clinton, however, and her screams aroused the neighbors. As they came to the rescue, the man fled, covering those who would pursue with his gun.

MANAGER? NO, SAYS BAKER

Candidate for Commissioner Declares Own Campaign, He Declares.

George L. Baker, candidate for election as City Commissioner, is out with a statement declaring that he has no campaign manager and has not employed any paid worker in any capacity to advance his campaign before the voters.

TOKIO DECIDES ON ULTIMATUM

Brief Time Limit Given, According to Japanese Cabinet's Decision.

LONDON, May 5.—The correspondent of the Central News at Tokio says in a dispatch received tonight:

"I learn that the Cabinet in special session has decided to send an ultimatum to China. The ultimatum will accord with a brief time limit for China's compliance with the Japanese demands."

TOKIO, May 5.—The Yomiuri, in an extra edition, declares that the elder statesman, after listening to the explanations from Premier Okuma and Foreign Minister Kato, have approved a project to send an ultimatum to China.

The information reaching Japan, this paper says, leads to the conviction that the nature of the last Chinese answer obliges Japan to resort to this logical diplomatic step.

COURT MAY SETTLE VALIDITY OF BONDS

Friendly Suit to Determine Character of Road Issue May Have to Be Heard.

NOTICE POSTING DEFEATED

Boston Attorneys Demand Proof of Election Feature and Lawyers Here Cite Declaration of Court After Vote Was Counted.

A friendly suit to determine the legality of the \$1,250,000 bond issue for hard-surfacing 70 miles of highway in Multnomah County may have to be brought and carried to the Supreme Court before the bonds can be sold.

It all depends on whether the firm of Boston bond attorneys, Shorey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose favorable opinion is guaranteed to purchasers of the bonds, will accept the view of the law taken by District Attorney Evans as to proof that the special bond election itself was legal.

As published in The Oregonian yesterday, this firm has written Mr. Evans that there is no proof that the notices of the election were posted at least 20 days prior thereto as required by law.

They advised the District Attorney that it would be necessary to obtain affidavits from electors in each precinct that the notices were properly posted.

Task Thought Impossible. To obtain such notices the District Attorney says would not be possible, but would not be proof even if obtained. In the first place, it would be necessary to get 3442 affidavits, that being the number of election judges and clerks. As provided by the law, each judge and each clerk received two election notices to post.

In the second place, it is known already that some of the judges and clerks did not post their two notices, for approximately 300 notices were returned unused to the County Clerk.

In the third place, even were each of the 3442 judges and clerks able to make affidavits that all notices were properly posted, there is nothing in the law to make this legal proof, for the law does not provide how proof may be shown that notices were posted.

County Court's Order Evident. On the other hand, the law does provide, chapter 193, section 11 of the session laws of 1913, that an order of the County Court declaring the Postoffice at any general or special election under the act a majority of the voters voting shall vote in favor of issuing bonds, shall be absolutely conclusive as to the regularity of all the proceedings in reference to the matter.

Such an order has been declared by the County Court and entered in its journal. It is this provision of the law which the District Attorney will bring to the attention of Shorey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, believing that it covers the point. Arthur A. Murphy, Deputy District Attorney, who has been handling this phase of the question, has also gathered citations from court decisions bearing on the case. These, together with the opinion of the law, will be sent by telegraph to the Boston lawyers today.

Delay of Two Weeks Expected. When such a case came up in the Circuit Court the District Attorney would file a demurrer, which would be argued. The loser of the suit would then appeal to the Supreme Court.

Even with the best luck in having the case advanced on the calendar of the Supreme Court, which is crowded, a decision could not be expected short of two weeks. It might be much longer in coming.

Bids for the bonds are receivable May 1. As the bids carry the stipulation that Shorey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge must approve the legality of the bonds, no sales could be made until their favorable opinion is forthcoming.

However, as it has not been the intention to issue the bonds until June 1, the District Attorney's office is confident that the legal point the attorneys have raised can be cleared up by then.

TOWN FOSTERS MARRIAGE

List of Unwed to Be Scattered Broadcast Over Country.

SMITH CENTER, Kan., April 20.—Through the enrichment that distance lends Smith Center, out here in the heart of the Kansas wheat section, hopes to double her population. The plan includes spreading broadcast through the Nation a list of names of persons of marriageable age. In the list will be men and women, widows, maids, bachelors and widowers, every person with a legal right to marry.

EGZEMA ON HANDS ITCHED AND BURNED

Especially the Finger Joints, Would Crack and Bleed. Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment Healed.

Hotel Summers, Minneapolis, Minn.—"Myeczema troubled me most in my hands, especially the finger joints. I felt at times like tearing the flesh off. It first appeared as a rash and it itched and burned. The joints would crack open and bleed at times. I could pull small pieces of scaly skin off and then the part would be very tender. Several of my finger nails came off. Cold water seemed to make the eczema worse.

"An old friend told me to use Cuticura Soap to wash with and Cuticura Ointment on retiring at night. I did and now I have not the slightest itchy feeling, not a mark or scar. Cuticura Soap and Ointment healed me." (Signed) George Lowmyer, Oct. 8, 1914.

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persons marry persons outside the city and bring them here. The list of unmarried persons is being prepared by the Mayor and the editors of the two newspapers. The City Clerk has been instructed by the City Council to have thousands of copies of it printed and send them to all parts of the country. At every chance he is to advertise the matrimonial desires of the municipality. The list will include farmers, mechanics, business and professional men, some wealthy, some struggling along in an effort to make their first \$1000, and even the town's ne'er-do-wells.

RETURN IS AS FROM DEAD

Irish Patriot, Believed Dead 14 Years, Rejoins Family.

PHILADELPHIA, April 25.—Luke Dillon, the Irish patriot, mourned as dead by many of his friends and his own children for 14 years, has returned to his family after being released from a Canadian jail, where he had been sentenced, under another name, to life imprisonment, on the charge of attempting to dynamite the Welland Canal.

Dillon occupied a responsible position in a bank here until 1900, when he disappeared. His relatives showed his books in perfect shape and all his acquaintances were at a complete loss to account for his absence until Mrs. Dillon announced his death.

His four children were raised to maturity in the belief that their father was dead and it is only now that they learn he is alive and free. The father, aged and bent, on return clasped in his arms the grown-up sons and daughters he left as children.

MAYOR IS FORCED TO HIDE

Rush of Job Seekers Swamps Office of Chicago's New Executive.

CHICAGO, April 24.—To escape the thousands of jobseekers who wanted "just a word" with him, Mayor-elect William Hale Thompson has been obliged to go into hiding. Hundreds of persons stormed his office yesterday until the management of the building protested because of the congested condition of the elevators and halls. They even made visits to the Mayor-elect's home.

Since his return from a trip down the Mississippi River Mr. Thompson has sought seclusion in a hotel room. The number of which is known only to his closest friends.

TEX RICKARD PURSUES BUG

Noted Promoter Deserts Fight Ring for New Calling.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Tex Rickard has turned from promoting prize fights to startling science. The man who staged the Jeffries-Dillon fight, the first major-elect, has left his home.

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Johnson battle at Reno, at the Waldorf-Astoria was showing friends two specimens of heretofore unknown bugs which he brought from Paraguay, South America, recently.

sticks, pick handles and salt, had a hand-to-hand fight with the police when the latter attempted to disperse them after a demonstration at the town hall. One arrest was made.

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BROOMS USED BY WIVES

Women Take First Weapons at Hand to Defend Husbands.

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