

GERMAN RADIO AT SAYVILLE IS SEIZED

American Naval Officers Take Charge of High-Powered Wireless Plant.

COMPANY GETS PROCEEDS

Secretary Redfield Refuses Permit to Continue Operation—Unneutral Cryptic Messages Rumored.

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WASHINGTON, July 5.—American Naval officers today took charge of the powerful wireless plant of the Atlantic Communication Company at Sayville, L. I., which will be operated by the Government until the close of the European war, to insure against violations of neutrality. This is one of the two stations in the United States maintaining direct communication with Germany; the other, at Tuckerton, N. J., has been under control of the Navy Department since last fall.

Captain William Bullard, superintendent of the Naval radio service, took over the Sayville station, presenting a letter to the owners from Secretary Daniels.

Authority to assume control of the radio stations and turn over the proceeds of the business to the private owners was given the Navy Department by an executive order issued soon after the war began.

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It is understood here that a protest filed by Sayville owners is merely a formal action for the protection of legal rights and will not be pressed in an effort to interfere with the Government's policy.

Although there have been reports of unneutral cryptic messages sent from Sayville to be picked up by submarines or other vessels at sea in spite of the naval censors, no charges of violations of neutrality have been made by the Navy Department. Secretary Daniels in announcing the taking over of the plant today merely said the action had become necessary on account of the refusal of Secretary Redfield of the Department of Commerce to issue a license to its owners.

In a letter to the Navy Department, Mr. Redfield recited the fact that the plant was German-owned, communicated with Germany, and was controlled by the German government.

Unneutral Acts Denied.

Regulations now in force at Tuckerton will be applied at Sayville. No code dispatches will be handled unless the officers in charge are provided with the cipher key and there will be no libelous or defamatory messages.

The owners of the plant tonight issued a statement in which they said: "The company is now able to silence the criticism which has been directed against it by loyally co-operating with the officers of the United States Navy."

"This company has committed no improper or unneutral act. No charge of any such act has been brought to the attention of its officers by any official of the United States. The Government censors on duty at the station have carefully supervised all messages sent and have retained copies of the same."

Articles recently published in the newspapers of this and other states attributing unneutral or improper actions to this company were absolutely false."

PORTLAND MAN WINS SUIT

Clatsop County Must Pay for Delaying Hospital Construction.

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The county attempted to introduce a clause in the contract in which a penalty of \$19 a day was prescribed for every day the building was uncompleted after the time specified in the contract. The county alleged that delay in the completion of the building was 135 days. The trial judge found that the delay of 10 days was caused by the county.

The county previous to the trial had offered \$2,500 for a settlement. The total cost of the hospital was \$18,000.

ROSEBURG ELKS CELEBRATE

Annual Homecoming Day Marked by Revelry and Mirth.

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The event was held in commemoration of the 19th anniversary of the order in this city.

The afternoon was given over to humorous stunts, among which was the arrest of Mayor Dave Crosby, of Riddle, and George W. Riddle, until recently connected with the local hotel office. Both of these offenders were fined heavily by the exalted ruler.

A reception and banquet is being held tonight. Several hundred visiting Elks from many sections of Oregon are in attendance.

MAD COYOTE BITES FOUR

Men Attacked in Reclamation Camp Brought to Portland.

Four men bitten by a mad coyote at a United States reclamation camp near Union, Or., arrived in Portland yesterday to take the Pasteur treatment to prevent rabies. The men were attacked about 11 o'clock Tuesday night, while sleeping in their tents.

They are George W. Ballard, Bob Evans, Fred Schuler and C. Ferris. They were taken in charge by Dr. S. White, secretary of the State Board of Health. The expenses of the men while they are under treatment will be paid by the Federal Government.

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