

ARMY'S AVIATION SERVICE ACCUSED

Senator Charges "Contemptible Inefficiency" and Demands Investigation.

ACTION DEEMED PROBABLE

Senator Chamberlain Says Investigation Should Be Ordered and Favorable Committee Report Is Predicted.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Sensational charges against the Army aviation service, with a demand for immediate investigation by Congress, were made today before the Senate military committee by Senator Robinson, of Arkansas. He declared that the service was "contemptibly inefficient" and that its head, Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Reber, not only was making no effort to improve it, but deliberately was preventing the facts from reaching his superiors.

Commission Has Evidence. The findings of this court now are in the hands of a special commission of Army officers appointed by the Acting Secretary of War to make a report to President Wilson. The commission is understood to be considering what action should be taken as a result of revelations during the trial concerning Colonel Reber, Captain Cowan and the service generally, as well as the court's decision as to Colonel Goodier.

Contemptible Deceit Charged. The Senator charged that Colonel Reber prompted Captain Cowan to practice "contemptible deceit" toward members of Congress who visited the aviation station and that he attempted to get into the annual appropriation bill in connection with the item for the purchase of "accessories" with which to buy automobiles. He said the Colonel wrote that "the word 'accessories' will be like charity, and cover a multitude of sins."

The committee will act Monday on Senator Robinson's resolution for an investigation. Senator Chamberlain, the chairman, declared that the charges should be investigated and expressed the opinion that the committee would order promptly a favorable report on the resolution. Some of the committee members suggested that an investigating committee might go to San Diego.

FIGHT ON LISTER LOOMS. Judge Black Believed About Ready to Announce Self in Race.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Tacoma Democrats who will leave tomorrow for Everett to attend the meeting of the State Central Committee believe that Judge W. W. Black, of that city, will enter the race for the nomination for Governor against Ernest Lister, incumbent.

Among the features of the banquet is the appearance of Governor Lister and Attorney Thomas Vance, of Olympia, as speakers. Vance defended J. F. Gillies and has taken several raps at Lister during the course of the trial.

Friday's War News

WHILE full details of the capture of Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, are still lacking, semi-official advices from Petrograd are to the effect that most of the Turkish garrison escaped. Thousands of Armenians are declared to have been massacred by Kurds before the evacuation.

There has been considerable artillery activity around the positions taken by the Germans recently from the British in the vicinity of Ypres and several attempts by the British to recapture their lost ground by infantry attacks. Berlin

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says the attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties. With the exception of a French assault against the Germans south of the Somme, which Berlin also declares was put down, the artillery of both sides has been the principal instrument of warfare along the French front.

The Austrians and Italians at various points are still engaged in artillery duels and occasional infantry maneuvers, but no noteworthy victories have been won by either side. Vienna reports less activity than usual on the part of the Italians' guns.

In Albania the Austro-Hungarians, reinforced by Albanians, presumably irregulars, have occupied Kavaya, which lies eight miles southwest of Durazzo and three miles from Adriatic. By the capture of this town it would seem that the Teutons nearly have Durazzo surrounded. The gendarmes of Essad Pasha, provisional president of Albania, who defended Kavaya, escaped from the town and fled on a ship into the Adriatic.

Essad Pasha has been deprived of his rank and removed from the Turkish army list for having assumed the leadership of the provisional government of Albania and joined the ranks of the entente allies.

EX-PRIEST IS EXECUTED

HANS SCHMIDT PAYS PENALTY FOR MURDER OF GIRL.

One-Third of Doomed Men Not Guilty, Including Becker, Is Declaration Made in Last Statement.

OSHSING, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt, the ex-priest who murdered Anna Ammiller September 2, 1913, was executed in the electric chair today. Addressing the witnesses in the death room, Schmidt said: "Gentlemen: I ask forgiveness of all those I have injured or scandalized. I forgive all who have injured me. My dear old mother."

Schmidt then seated himself in the electric chair and the current was applied three times. Within a minute he was dead. He had spent the night up to midnight in praying and talking with Father Cashin and slept from midnight to 6 o'clock when he was awakened for breakfast. He would take only a cup of coffee.

He issued a statement through his attorney, Alphonse Scoble, declaring he was "fully reconciled to die and willingly accepted death as retribution for his fratricide."

Schmidt asserted, however, that he was to die for "lying and not for murder," because Miss Ammiller's death resulted from an operation, but added "I felt morally responsible for the girl's death and could not in honor drag those to ruin who took part in the operation at my solicitation."

"I hope and pray that my judicial murder will help to abolish executions, for not one-third of the men who have been in the death chamber with me, including Becker, were guilty of murder."

MILL WILL BE REBUILT

WORK TO BE RUSHED ON NEW INMAN-POULSEN PLANT.

Improved Structure to Be Ready for Operation Within 60 Days of Time Wreckage Is Cleared Away.

Within 60 days after the wreckage of Thursday's fire has been cleared away the Inman-Poulsen Company's large lumber mill, at the foot of East Caruthers street, will be rebuilt on an improved plan and in active operation with 250 men back at work. This was the statement given yesterday by Robert D. Inman, president of the company.

Thursday's loss, when the two main mill buildings were practically destroyed by fire of unknown origin, was placed by Mr. Inman at \$150,000, after an examination of the damage. Some portion of the machinery, he said, may be salvaged and restored by the greater part is ruined beyond repair. Just as soon as the insurance is adjusted a large force of men will be dismantling the ruined structures.

In all essentials the new structure will duplicate that destroyed. It has been announced, however, that the ruined gear with more electrically driven machines.

It was announced that the Inman-Poulsen company has disposed of the mill site below St. Helens, near Columbia City, where it was expected that another mill would be erected. This announcement was set at rest by a report that the mill might be moved down the river.

GILLIES TO GO ON STAND

Deposed Washington Official Trying to Prove Laxity.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 18.—The defense in the trial of John F. Gillies, deposed claim agent of the Industrial Insurance Commission, accused of grand larceny in connection with the accident fund frauds, was concerned with the presentation of preliminary documentary evidence tonight purporting to show that lax methods were followed in the industrial insurance department. It was announced that Gillies would go on the stand tomorrow morning and tell the story of his relations with the Commission.

The entire day was consumed with identification of claims which, the defense contended, were not properly signed or certified; listing sheets showing failure to send out postal-card notices to employers; and warrant sheets showing delivery of warrants to others in the department besides Gillies. Secretary Percy Gilbert, of the Commission, was the principal witness on the stand today.

SPAIN TO INTERN GERMANS

Camp Is Arranged Near San Fernando, Isle of Leon.

CADIZ, via Paris, Feb. 18.—A concentration camp for the Germans who escaped from Kamerun into Spanish Guinea has been prepared near San Fernando, Isle of Leon. The steamship Villa Verde, escorted by a warship, is expected at an early date with the first important contingent.

An official report issued at Madrid February 19 said that the total number of German soldiers interned was 2600; that there had also been interned 1400 members of families of the German soldiers; 14,000 German colonial troops had retreated from Kamerun into Spanish Guinea to escape from the advancing Franco-British troops.

Santa Monica, Cal., has a grocery store where the patrons move around and help themselves to the desired articles, which have been previously put up in convenient packages and then checked up as they leave the establishment.

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TREATY IS RATIFIED. Senate Approves Canal Deal With Nicaragua. NAVAL BASE IS INCLUDED. Germany Said to Have Offered More Than Did United States for Option—Issue Disposed Of by Vote of 55 to 18.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—The Senate today, by a vote of 55 to 18, ratified the long-pending and persistently opposed Nicaraguan treaty, whereby the United States would acquire a 99-year option on the Nicaraguan canal route and a naval base in the Gulf of Fonseca for \$3,000,000.

Included in the ratification resolution was a provision declaring that the United States, in obtaining the naval base, does not intend to violate any existing rights in the government of Costa Rica, Honduras and Salvador, which had protested against the proposed acquisition.

Five Democratic Senators voted against the treaty. They were Chamberlain, Martine, Clarke of Arkansas, Thomas and Yandaman. Republicans who voted against the ratification were Borah, Clapp, Cummins, Gronna, Jones, Keayon, La Follette, McCumber, Nelson, Norris, Smith of Michigan, Smoot and Warren. Fifteen Republican Senators joined the Administration forces in support of the treaty. They were Brandegee, Colt, Dillingham, Dupont, Fall, Gallinger, Harding, Lodge, McLean, Page, Poindexter, Sutherland, Wadsworth and Weeks.

Immediately after the Senate had acted, Senator Chamorro, the Nicaraguan Minister, said he would at once communicate with his government and that he expected ratification of the convention by his government would soon follow and exchanges made to put the treaty in force.

In the course of the long debate, declarations were made in the Senate that Germany had offered Nicaragua more than had the United States for the canal-route option, and this is said to have been used as an argument for ratification.

Senator Stone, chairman of the foreign relations committee, will call up the Haitian financial protectorate treaty to be followed by the amended Colombian treaty. Regarding the Colombia treaty there is grave doubt whether it can receive the necessary two-thirds vote for ratification.

EASTLAND MEN SET FREE. FEDERAL WARRANT OF REMOVAL DENIED IN MICHIGAN. Indictments, However, Stand Against Six Men If They Go Into Jurisdiction of the Court.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Feb. 18.—Judge Session in the District Court today denied the application of the Government for a warrant of removal in the Eastland case. His decision means that the six Michigan men indicted in connection with the Eastland disaster will not have to go to Chicago for trial and are freed so far as the case in Federal Court is concerned. He said: "The dead cannot be restored to life. The sorrows of the living cannot be lessened by claiming other victims. The majesty of the law cannot be upheld and vindicated by forcing men from their homes to stand trial among strangers on accusations which there is barely a scintilla of proof to sustain. The evidence wholly fails to establish probable cause for believing these defendants guilty of any crime charged in the indictments."

The defendants in the action here were William H. Hull, St. Joseph, president of the Chicago & St. Joseph Steamship Company; George T. Arnold, St. Ignace, manager of the company; Harry D. Peterson and Joseph Erickson, of Benton Harbor, captains and chief engineer of the Eastland and Robert Reid and Charles C. Eckliff, of Grand Haven, Federal inspectors.

More than 800 persons perished when the Eastland tipped over in the Chicago River July 24 last.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Federal au-

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. MEN DID YOU GET YOURS? If You Did Not, You'd Better Hurry Up, for This \$1.15 Shirt Sale Or 3 Shirts for \$3.00 Will End Saturday Evening at 6 o'Clock. Shirts With Silk Fronts and Cuffs And Bodies of Perfectly Matched Madras. Shirts that are superior in fabric and quality at the price. Superlative excellence in tailoring. Correct patterns and colors for Spring. Made with French cuffs, coat style, full size. First Floor. 1000 Pairs of New \$1.50 to \$2.00 Men's Silk Sox 85c. These are pure-thread silk sox with silk tops and all-silk feet—also sox with lisle feet. In light, medium and heavy weights. In black, white, tans, dark green, dark reds, navy and many other new Spring colors. First Floor. Men's \$2.00 Pajamas for \$1.35. Made of extra quality pebble weave cloth in light blue and corn color. Made with V-shape neck and finished with four mercerized frogs with large pearl buttons. Splendidly tailored and comfortable fitting. First Floor.

GIRL CONQUERS BRONCHO. Miss Bab Ryan, of Toledo, Wash., Is Candidate for Buckaroo Honors.

TOLEDO, Wash., Feb. 18.—(Special.)—Miss Bab Ryan, a local girl, recently undertook to ride a colt bareback and

with nothing but a halter. The animal bucked all over the place, coming down stiff-legged every jump. The girl stayed on the colt bucking into a side and out again. It finally dashed for the barn and into its stall, where it fell, with Miss Bab underneath. The girl recovered her footing, gave the colt a whipping, put on the bridle and saddle and rode the animal to a standstill. Some of the local horsemen are suggesting that Miss Ryan enter the buckaroo contest at Pendleton this year.

TOURIST TICKETS LIMITED. Return Must Be Within 3 Months and Prior to October 31.

Canada Raising American Battalion. WINNIPEG, Man., Feb. 18.—The military authorities have given authorization for the raising of an American

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. Saturday Drug and Toilet Goods Sale. 6 CAKES OF IVORY SOAP 18c. No phone or mail orders filled. Delivered only with other purchases at Drug Section. 10c Epsom Salts .8c 20c Comp. Licorice Powd. 10c 10c Powdered Sulphur .8c 10c Chlorate Potash Tabs .8c 10c Soda Mints .8c 40c Parke-Davis Peroxide 35c Rhinitis Tablets, 100 for .19c \$1.00 Wizard Oil .73c 50c Pond's Extract .33c 10c Stenua Canned Heat .8c 25c Wyeth's Lithia Tabs .19c 25c Bromo Seltzer .17c 10c Gauze Bandages .8c 40c Best Sterilized Cotton 33c 50c Bath Brushes .39c 75c Bath Brushes .59c \$1.50 Maroon Rubber Fountain Syringes, guaranteed .129 Nipple .19c 75c Mercolated Wax .59c 25c Sanitary Napkins .19c 75c Rubber Bath Sponge .59c 75c Atomizers for oil or water solutions .49c 50c Bay Rum, pint .39c 50c Red Syringe Tubing .39c 35c Limestone Phosphate .29c 10c Jergen's Glycerine Soap 8c 25c Large Bar Castile Soap 21c 25c 4711 Rose Glycerine Soap .15c 50c El Veda Face Powder .39c \$1.25 Lytris French Powd. 79c 10c Face Powder Puffs .8c 50c Sempre Giovine .39c 25c Jergen's Benzoin and Almond Cream .19c 50c La Noye Natural Rouge .25c Colgate's Barber Bar .5c 35c Florentine Orris Root 27c \$1.00 Pompeian Massage Cream .69c 75c Dressing Combs .59c 25c Dressing Combs .19c. Suits for Misses and Small Women. In All This Season's Best Styles. \$9.95 For Suits to \$18.50 \$12.95 For Suits to \$26.00 \$17.95 For Suits to \$35.00. Suits of gabardine, broadcloth, whipcord and fancy mixtures. In styles that can be worn all during the Spring and early Summer season. Fourth Floor.

Lipman Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. Special 50c. A Manufacturer's Samples of the Latest Neckwear. Some of the Smartest of the New Modes Make Their First Appearance Here. In This Sale at 50c. If Purchased Regularly Would Cost You From 75c to \$1.00 Each. Neckwear plays a very important part in the Spring styles—appreciating this fact, we decided to open the season with one of the most important sales we have ever presented, and were fortunate in securing this special assortment of all that is newest in neckwear fashions. Separate collars, collars and gumpes and vests attached—high flaring collars, deep rolling collars—large fichus—large capes with deep frills—fashioned from fine nets, voiles and organdies. Some finished with buttons, others with lace edging, with hemstitching, and with silks in black and colors. The prettiest and the largest variety of styles shown this season, in fact so great and diversified are these neckwear fashions that mere words cannot possibly do them justice. First Floor.