

### BOPP ADMITS HE HIRED DETECTIVE

German Consul-General's Defense Is That Work Was to Ferret Out Plots.

### DYNAMITE PLANS DENIED

Plans of Prosecution Upset by Admission of Employment of Agents and Payment to Them of Sums of Money.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—Franz Bopp, German consul-general here, on trial in the United States District Court with six others on charges of conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States by alleged blowing up of munitions of war consigned to the allied governments, took the witness stand in his own behalf late today.

Bopp admitted that Vice-Consul von Schack had employed C. C. Crowley, a detective, and Louis J. Smith, a former dynamite factory hand, in the absence of Bopp in Europe in the early months of the war. He insisted, however, in line with the general policy of the defense, that the two men were engaged as confidential agents to furnish evidence of entente violations of American neutrality and not to plant bombs in enemy ships, trains and tunnels.

**Boy Witness in Convulsions.**  
Bopp's accession to the stand followed the sudden fainting in court of Alonzo Smith, a nephew of Louis J. Smith, who has testified that Bopp boasted of expecting to receive \$20,000 from the United States Government for his testimony. The lad completed his brief bit of evidence, then let his head fall on his chest, later going into convulsions. He was removed to a hospital.

Earlier in the day a searching cross-examination of Von Schack by the prosecution had elicited that Bopp alone had access to the strong box in the consulate safe. On July 28, 1915, the date when Smith says \$1,254 was paid him for alleged attempts to blow up ships and tunnels, Bopp alone, according to Von Schack, was authorized to extract the necessary sum.

Previously he had characterized Smith's demands upon the consulate as "blackmail."

**Expert Dynamite Packer Wanted.**  
"Why, if at all, was Crowley hired by the German consulate?" Attorney Theodore Roche, for the defense, asked Bopp.

"He was engaged by Von Schack in my absence," Bopp said.  
"Why was Smith hired at a later date?"

"We heard that he was an expert dynamite packer and I considered that this would enable him to investigate suspected cases where dynamite was being shipped to our enemies under false manifests."

By admitting the employment of Crowley and Smith and admitting the payment of sums to them, including a large cash payment to Smith by Lieutenant von Brincken in the Palace Hotel on July 28, 1915, the defense has upset some of the Government's calculations.

The prosecution will now make every effort to prove that these sums were paid for the alleged blowing up of tunnels, railways and ships, based on a false report which Smith has testified he and Crowley presented to Von Schack.

Cross-examination of Bopp is expected to occupy tomorrow's morning session.

### PLANE ROYALTIES OPPOSED

Advancement of Flying Threatened, Says Aero Club.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—The Aero Club of America, through its board of governors, has decided to place before the Council of National Defense the facts involved in the denial of two of the leading airplane companies to demand royalties from all concerns engaged in the manufacture of airplanes, it was announced here today.

The royalty demand has caused considerable confusion in the industry and, according to aeronautical experts, seriously threatens the advancement of aviation in this country.

The appeal to the Council of National Defense is in response to requests made to the Aero Club by virtually all the small companies, who assert it will be impossible for them to fill the orders they now hold from the Government if they are forced to pay a heavy royalty.

### LABOR TO FIGHT HIGH COST

Helena Assembly Invites All Consumers to Join Campaign.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 21.—The Helena Trades and Labor Assembly last night took the first step in what is intended to be a vigorous campaign to reduce the high cost of living of Helena, and the assembly has invited all consumers of Helena who are oppressed by the famine prices that prevail for coal, potatoes, butter, eggs, flour and other absolute necessities of life to join the labor people, whose organizations are centralized in the assembly, in the proposed campaign.

### LIQUOR STORAGE ILLEGAL

Seattle Company Fined for Holding Druggists' Stocks.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 21.—Judge Ben Sheeks in the Superior Court today decided that a storage company may neither receive more than the legal amount of liquor. Judge Sheeks fined the Eyres Storage & Distributing Company \$50 for having more than the legal amount of liquor in its possession.

Several drayloads of liquor were seized in the Eyres warehouse May 31 last, after search warrants had been issued from a justice court. The storage company had refused to hand over the contents of the cash drawer, \$1000. The robber escaped.

### Robber Holds Up Bank Cashier,

NORA SPRINGS, Ia., Dec. 21.—A lone robber entered the First State Bank of Nora Springs today and forced the cashier, Clifford Moody, to hand over the contents of the cash drawer, \$1000. The robber escaped.

### Saving of H-3 Stopped.

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Salvage work on the submarine H-3 has been abandoned temporarily. It is believed the salvage contract will be let to a private company.

# DO YOUR SHOPPING EARLY

EARLY IN THE DAY—IF YOU PLEASE

Positively Our Store Will Not Open Evenings—Until Xmas the Business Hours of This Store Will Be From 9 A. M. (Not Before) Until 6 P. M. (Not Later).

### Shopping in the Early Morning Hours

Will invite a much more leisurely inspection and assures greater certainty of satisfaction to the one who receives on Christmas day. We earnestly advise you to come early. Early gift buying is desirable. Make it a pleasure and not a task. The absence of the inevitable holiday crowd during the morning hours should appeal at once as a very necessary feature attendant upon the satisfactory selection.



The Most in Value—The Best in Quality

### Glove and Merchandise Orders

Busy folks, who have little time to shop around for Christmas gifts, will find it of distinct advantage to give glove or merchandise orders for any amount they wish to spend. And such an order from Roberts Bros. carries with it the knowledge that it will purchase nothing but quality merchandise. Glove and merchandise orders issued for any amount at accommodation desk.



### A Friday Holiday Special! Children's Bath Robes

Of Beacon Flannel. \$1.25 and \$1.50 Lines ..... 69c  
A Delightful Gift! One Sure to Please Little People.

Because we are overstocked we offer these attractive, warm and "comfy" bath robes at about one-half their real worth. They are well made, of fine quality Beacon flannel and are shown in pretty pink and blue colored patterns. All sizes for children from 1 to 6 years of age. A more acceptable gift could not be found. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 lines on sale ..... 69c  
Bargain Friday at ..... 69c

# CHRISTMAS SALE

## Only Two More Shopping Days Until Christmas

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS WILL READILY RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THESE SAVINGS  
Come, Make This Great Store Your Holiday Store—Everything Has Been Arranged to Serve You Promptly, Courteously and Efficiently

### Great Christmas Sale Handkerchiefs

Thousands to Choose From



### Prices Considerably Reduced!

An unequalled showing of thousands and thousands of Christmas handkerchiefs for women and children. The variety of styles is so complete that we can suit every taste, and they are so arranged that you can select speedily and effectively. Most all come in attractive holiday boxes, and many of the lines are considerably underpriced.

**WOMEN'S LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS, Styles and Qualities Selling Regularly to 25c Each, at ..... 15c**

Unlimited variety of embroidered effects to select from—they come in white and in the popular Dresden colors—fine linen handkerchiefs selling regularly to 25c, on sale, Bargain Friday at ..... 15c

**BOX OF THREE 59c**  
75c to \$1.00 Lines

Women's all linen handkerchiefs embroidered in pretty Dresden colors—three in a fancy holiday box. Regular 75c to \$1.00 lines, Bargain Friday at ..... 59c

**BOX OF 3 TO 6 49c**  
75c to 89c Lines

Women's sheer lawn handkerchiefs shown in embroidered patterns in white and colors. Three, four or six in a fancy holiday box. Regular 75c to 89c lines, Bargain Friday at ..... 49c

**BOX OF FOUR 69c**  
75c to \$1.00 Lines

Women's all linen handkerchiefs embroidered in pretty designs. They come four in fancy holiday box. Regular 75c to \$1.00 lines, Bargain Friday at ..... 69c

**WOMEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS 10c**  
Regular 19c Grade

Dainty Jap silk handkerchiefs shown in a full assortment of novelty patterns. They are very attractive and regularly sold at 19c. To close, Bargain Friday at ..... 10c

### Here Is the Place to Purchase Christmas Slippers

For Men, Women and Children  
On the Main Floor, Morrison-Street Entrance, we've arranged a special showing and a sale of Women's, Misses' and Children's Felt Juliets and Slippers that it will pay you well to investigate.

All Sizes for Women, specially priced, pair ..... 99c  
Sizes 8 1/2 to 2 for Misses, special, pair ..... 89c  
Sizes 5 to 8, for Children, special, pair ..... 79c  
Selling Regularly to \$1.50

It is the best and most complete assortment we have ever shown. Included are the most popular styles and colors in fur or ribbon trimmed Juliets, with fine belting leather, hand-turned soles, all colors. Also the padded sole moccasins.

Women's Felt Slippers in regular \$1.75 lines at only ..... \$1.19  
Men's \$1.50 Leather Slippers in all styles priced at ..... \$1.19  
Men's \$1.75 Leather Slippers in all styles specially priced at ..... \$1.49  
Men's \$2.00 Leather Slippers in all styles priced at ..... \$1.75  
Men's \$2.50 Leather Slippers in all styles priced at ..... \$1.98

### A Friday Holiday Special! Fancy Turkish Towels

At 25c Each | At 50c Each | At 75c Each  
Choice From All Our 35c to 40c Lines | Choice From All Our 60c and 75c Lines | Choice From All Our 90c and \$1.25 Lines  
NONE RESERVED—NONE SENT C. O. D.—COME EARLY

In our domestic section we place on sale our entire stock of fancy Turkish towels. Included are all styles and sizes. They come in pink, blue, gold, helio and green. A gift that will be sure to please. The kind regularly sold from 50c up to \$1.25 arranged in three great lots and priced for Bargain Friday

At 25c, at 50c and at 75c Each  
For the Bath or Bedroom

**Rag Rugs at 35c Each** | **Rag Rugs at 69c Each**

3 for \$1.00 Best 50c Grade  
About 150 rag rugs to close out at this price reduction. They come in pretty colorings and 18 by 36 inches. Regular 50c grade at 3 for \$1.00 or 35c each.

A Large Size Best \$1.00 Grade  
Less than 100 rag rugs to close at this price reduction. They come in attractive colorings and 25 by 50 inches. Regular \$1.00 grade. While they last, at 69c each.

### Silk Hosiery!

An Ideal Christmas Gift

Every woman of taste prizes Silk Hosiery—whether of her own purchasing or received as a gift. Here you'll find a complete line in staple colors, black and the popular new shades. One or more pair will make an ideal Xmas gift at a moderate price

**The Phoenix Silk Hose at 80c and \$1.05 Pair**  
These high-grade, celebrated Silk Hose are shown here in all wanted new and staple colors, including white and black. They are perfect fitting, durable stockings. Shown at two prices—80c and \$1.05 a pair.

**Pure Ingrain Silk Hose at \$1.50 a Pair**  
The very best of pure ingrain Silk Stockings, shown in the most popular colors and all sizes. They come in the perfect-fitting leg, reinforced heel and toe. Unmatchable quality at, the pair ..... \$1.50

**Women's Fiber 60c**  
Silk Hose, Pair 60c  
A fine, perfect-fitting Stocking, all sizes, in black, white, tan, blue, gold, purple, etc., Special, the pair 60c

**Women's Silk 60c**  
Boot Hose, Pair 60c  
A special sale of fine silk boot hose—most all desirable colors, but not all sizes—to close Friday, the pair 60c

### Latest New Styles in Women's Sweaters on Sale at \$4.98

A manufacturer's sample line just received. Included are all the late styles and colors—nobby fiber silk Sweaters. Values to \$6.50—Bargain Friday at \$4.98

### An Unsurpassed Opportunity for Advantageous Buying of Practical and Pleasing Gifts for Men

Gift Things of Beauty, of Usefulness, in Fascinating Variety, Priced to Please Most Frugal Buyers.



**\$1.25—\$1.50—\$1.75 for Men's Outing Flannel Pajamas**—Neat appearing, well made garments, in popular styles and in all sizes.

**79c and \$1.25 for Men's Suspenders and Garter Sets**—Neat and attractive colorings in many different patterns. Each set in a fancy holiday box.

**25c and 50c for Men's Fancy Silk Elastic Arm Bands**—Pleasing styles and colors. Each pair put up in a fancy holiday box.

**\$2.98 up to \$5.98 for Men's Custom Made Bath Robes**—An unsurpassed showing of the most popular styles in all wanted patterns and colorings.

### Men's Handkerchiefs in an Unlimited Variety

The items listed here are only a small part of the many special holiday offerings which abound in this department.

**5c each—6 for 25c—for Men's Plain White Handkerchiefs with neat hem.**

**10c each—3 for 25c—for Men's Initial or Plain White Handkerchiefs.**

**15c each—2 for 25c—for Men's Initial or Plain White Handkerchiefs.**

**20c each—3 for 50c—for Men's Fine Plain White All Linen Handkerchiefs.**

**25c and 30c each for Men's Fine Plain White All Linen Handkerchiefs.**

**25c and 30c each for Men's Fine All Linen Initial Handkerchiefs.**

**49c for box of 3 Men's All Linen Handkerchiefs in a fancy box.**

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**65c a pair for Boy Scout Fleece Lined Gloves, in all sizes.**

**50c and 60c a pair for Men's Fine Wool Gloves, all sizes.**

### Dolls, Books, Novelties

Remarkable Price Concessions Are These:

**50c Mama Dolls—Friday only at ..... 39c**

**75c Teddy Bears, Friday only at ..... 59c**

**15c Paint Books—Friday only at ..... 10c**

**50c 18-in. Character Dolls, Friday at ..... 39c**

**\$2.50 Kestner's Baby Dolls—Friday at ..... \$1.98**

**\$1 Large Painted Balls, Friday only at ..... 69c**

**50c Kewpie Dolls, Friday only at ..... 39c**

**\$1.00 Mama Dolls, Friday only at ..... 79c**

**25c Boys' and Girls' Books, Friday 19c**

**\$2 3-pc. Metal Toilet Sets, Fri. \$1.49**

**\$2 7-pc. Ivory Manicure Sets \$1.49**

**\$2.25 Shaving Sets, Friday \$1.69**

**\$1.50 6-pc. Ivory Manicure Sets, Fri. 98c**

**\$1 Cigar'te, Match Safe Set, Friday at 75c**

### In Our Ready-to-Wear Section

## Two Attractive Christmas Gifts

Especially Underpriced for Friday!

**Bath Robes \$5.00** | **Silk Waists \$3.35**

For Values to \$6.50 | For Values to \$4.50

Only a limited number, Women's bath robes made of the celebrated Beacon blankets. They come in the best styles in desirable colorings and in all sizes. They are attractively trimmed, perfectly finished garments selling regularly to \$6.50. On sale Bargain Friday at ..... \$5.00

Unlimited choice from beautiful crepe de chine waists, in plain white, flesh or in novelty colorings. They are strictly high-class waists selling regularly to \$4.50. A gift any woman would appreciate. On sale Bargain Friday at ..... \$3.35