

CAVELL MURDER IS UPHELD BY LAWYERS

Minority Report of Bar Body
Holds Death Legal.

CHANGES IN CODE URGED

American Bar Association Told
Death Penalty for Women Spies
Should Be Abolished.

BALTIMORE, Aug. 28.—Execution by the Germans of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse, which aroused the indignation of the allied world, was in accordance with the laws of "civilized warfare," according to a minority report of the committee on military law of the American Bar association, made public Wednesday. Both majority and minority reports were prepared by the committee which was appointed to investigate the court-martial and suggest reforms in military law.

The reference to the case of Miss Cavell was made by S. S. Gregory of Chicago, chairman of the committee, and was concurred in by Judge William P. Byrum of Greensboro, N. C., the other minority member, in advocating abolition of the death penalty for women convicted of infringement of military law. In his report Mr. Gregory said:

"A careful consideration of the case of Miss Edith Cavell has led me to the conclusion that she was executed in accordance with the laws and usages of what we are pleased commonly to refer to as civilized warfare."

Idea Is Opposed.

"This being so, it has seemed to me quite inconsistent with our condemnation of those who took her life, to retain in our own system of military justice those provisions of law which were relied upon by the German military authorities. The fact that her trial was attended by brutality and duplicity does not alter this aspect of the case."

The majority members of the committee, Andrew A. Bruce of Minneapolis, Martin Conboy of New York and John Hinkley of Baltimore, declared they could not "concur in the suggestion of Mr. Gregory that there should be a provision prohibiting the death penalty in the case of women spies."

"It would certainly be inadvisable unless such a provision were in the codes of all the nations with whom we would be likely to be at war," they said. "We agree thoroughly that the penalty should not be inflicted except in the most extreme cases, but that it should be abolished entirely we cannot agree. Experience has shown that on account of the sex, law women are the most dangerous of all spies, and our military authorities should not allow us to jeopardize the national cause or the lives of thousands of the sons of others."

Enlisted Men Sidetracked.

In recommendations for the minority that enlisted men sit on courts martial and that special courts be abandoned. The majority report asserts that although "we believe some changes should be made, we are satisfied that the errors committed during the recent war and the excessive penalties which were no doubt often imposed, were due largely to the inexperience of these men and to the fact not only that we had of necessity to train an officer class over night for our volunteer army but that our practice in the past of scattering our regular army, divided into battalions, companies and even smaller units over the country had made it impossible to train properly even our West Point officers."

"We are thoroughly in accord," the majority report continued, "with the idea that there should be with each division, brigade and army, a division of a thoroughly trained military lawyer with the rank, perhaps of a lieutenant-colonel, who should serve as a president judge or as adviser at all courts-martial."

The majority members report recommended that more care should be taken in obtaining counsel for accused soldiers and urged that greater efforts be made to reduce the time taken in bringing prisoners to trial in order to lessen their period of confinement in the guard house.

CITY TO TREAT SAILORS

FREE ENTERTAINMENT FOR
SHIPS' CREWS IS AIM.

Captain Speler Leaves for San Francisco to Arrange for Visit of Armada to Columbia Waters.

Free admission to theaters, baseball games, amusement parks and free transportation on all street cars, is the aim of the reception committee for the Pacific fleet hoped to arrive in Portland next month.

A meeting of the chairman of committees was held Wednesday in Mayor Baker's office, where general plans were discussed. Captain Speler and several other officers of the fleet were present last night for San Francisco, where they will confer with Admiral Rodman and Secretary Daniels in connection with the proposed visit of the fleet to the Columbia river. Lester W. Humphreys, general chairman of the committee, may go to San Francisco on Saturday night, but this detail has not yet been decided by Mr. Humphreys.

The committee has decided to give every man in the fleet an opportunity to view the Columbia river highway and to furnish lunch for the visitors at Bonneville. Dances will be conducted for the men and a grand ball will be held in honor of the officers. Arrangements will be made for automobiles to be placed at the disposal of Secretary Daniels and Admiral Rodman. The committee hopes that sufficient automobiles will be obtained so that officers may view the city and surroundings at any time.

AD CLUB PICKS DELEGATES

Five Will Go to Big Convention at New Orleans.

Marshall N. Dana, Charles F. Berg, W. P. Strandberg, Fred L. Keller and Colonel Walter D. Whitcomb will be the delegates from the Portland Ad club who will attend the annual convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World to convene at New Orleans September 24. The delegates were elected Wednesday at the regular weekly meeting of the club in the crystal room of the Hotel Benson.

Ad club members accepted the challenge of the other clubs as presented by Strandberg, chairman of the state committee for the American women's hospital service, and started Wednesday to complete its quota of \$1000 for the fund. The contest is to see which of the five big clubs shall be first to raise its share of the total. E. G. Crawford, chairman of the special finance committee to raise Portland's quota of subscriptions to stock of the Pacific-International livestock exposition submitted a report on the progress being made in the construction of the buildings and urged the speedy completion of subscriptions.

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BREACH OF FAITH CHARGED

PORTLAND BAKERS SAY PRICE-
FIXERS BROKE CONFIDENCE.

Figures Given for Committee's
Guidance Are Made Public.
Letter Declares.

Charges that some member of the fair-price committee violated his word by giving out figures which were presented to the committee in confidence at an executive session, at which no outsiders were present, was made by the Portland bakers in a recent letter to Food Administrator Newell. The figures referred to are those giving salaries which some of the bakers were said to be paying themselves.

The bakers also declared Wednesday that they had offered to pay for the cost of an audit of their books by a certified public accountant, chosen by the committee, and to abide by the verdict given by him. This offer was not accepted, they say, and they have renewed it.

The letter of protest sent to Mr. Newell by the Master Bakers' association is as follows:

A few days ago we, in good faith, gave figures to the food price-fixing committee at an executive session. We were assured that whatever figures we gave would be treated as confidential. August 21 there appeared in a front-page article of an afternoon newspaper an attack on the bakers, in which were quoted some of these figures.

As there were present no one except members of the price-fixing committee, we feel that some member had violated his word and our confidence. We call this to your attention because we feel that the personnel of the price-fixing committee should be above suspicion and that not only we, but all business people who appear before it, should know that they are submitting their case to people who not only desire earnestly to be fair, but who likewise keep to themselves facts given in confidence for their guidance.

OFFICER FIRES ON AUTO

Suspected Bootleggers Are Chased
Mile and Half.

In the chase of two suspected bootleggers down Linnton road Wednesday Charles W. Beaver, officer of the war

emergency department, emptied his pistol at the automobile of the suspects.

The chase ended one mile and a half the other side of Linnton when the officer caught up with the machine. Then the driver reversed the car, forcing the officer's motorcycle into the ditch.

In his report to Lieutenant Thatcher, Beaver said he had been warned that two men would pass out the Linnton road with a carload of liquor, and he lay in wait about two miles north of the town. When the car answering the description passed he overhauled it and ordered the driver to stop. The driver, however, sped up to about 60 miles an hour and attempted to make his getaway. The officer fired five shots at the car, several of which took effect in the top of the machine.

Officer Beaver reported that there was something in the rear of the car covered with a canvas. He said the number of the car was smeared with grease and dust so it could not be read.

CHINESE EMPLOYERS HURT

Recently Enacted Law in Sonora,
Mexico, Declared to Be Unjust.

DOUGLAS, Ariz.—The Chinese of Sonora, against whom the recently enacted "80 per cent law" requiring the employment of 80 per cent Mexican labor or clerical help in all enterprises of business was said to be directed particularly, have appealed through the French consul at Hermosillo, Sonora, to the Chinese legation in Mexico City for assistance.

His Highness T. K. Fong, in charge of the affairs of China in Mexico, in a statement made in the Mexican capital said he had been advised of the activities of President Arana of Magdalena, Sonora, who has been touring Sonora speaking against the Chinese and recently caused the arrest of a number of Chinese merchants in Magdalena under the 80 per cent law.

Mr. Fong said that if the law had required employment of 30 or even 40 per cent Mexicans, more could have complied, but of the Chinese business men of the west coast, he said, only three or four had establishments of sufficient size to allow employment of a number of clerks the law dictated. He had been informed, he said, that the states of Sonora, Sinaloa and Nayarit had begun violent agitation against the Chinese in an effort to restrict immigration and for that reason his legation had advised that no more Chinese be allowed to penetrate those territories.

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that they go instead to central and southern Mexico, where no such feeling or agitation existed.

Mr. Fong added that he had been assured by the foreign department that it would investigate conditions in Sonora and Sinaloa and would see that the Chinese enjoyed the same rights and guarantees enjoyed by any other foreigners. This, of course, would mean that the Sonora law, if directed particularly against the Chinese, would become inoperative.

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SALEM, Or., Aug. 28.—(Special.)—

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"A WIDOW BY PROXY"
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cleverest satire.

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