

EX-KAISER'S WIFE DIES IN HOLLAND

Ex-Empress Augusta Victoria Passes at Doorn.

EXILE IS CAUSE OF COLLAPSE

Tragic Fate of Joachim Also Hastens End.

WEDDING HELD IN 1881

Member of ex-Ruling German Family, Mother of Six Sons and One Daughter.

DOORN, Holland, April 11.—Ex-Empress Augusta Victoria of Germany died here this morning.

Collapse of the Central powers and the vicissitudes of war that drove ex-emperor William of Germany and his consort into practical exile in Holland in November, 1918, was the lowering of the curtain in the life of the once beautiful empress and queen of Prussia, Augusta Victoria, who for nearly 40 years had been the most beloved hausfrau of the German people. In the Netherlands, where she and her husband resided first at Amerongen and then at Doorn, the former Kaiser's long continuing illness was made more grave by her yearning to return to Berlin and Potsdam. On several occasions since her residence in Holland members of her family had been summoned to her bedside in anticipation of her death, but she rallied and survived.

Son's Death Is Cloud

The ex-empress' gravest cloud next to the abdication of William II, was the tragic death of her son, Prince Joachim, who committed suicide by shooting himself in Berlin in 1920. She was never informed, it is said, that Joachim had taken his own life. Another depressing event which haunted her was the Russian revolution and the fate that befell Emperor Nicholas and his family with all of whom, before the war, she had been on the kindest terms.

Augusta Victoria was notable chiefly for her keen interest in charitable work and in the betterment of the living conditions of the German poor. It has been said of her that she was not an especially gifted woman, but that she cared more for the simple duties of home life than for royal functions.

Ex-Kaiser Is Aided

It is not known that she exercised any considerable influence politically or that she desired to do so. Her talents seemed instead to be directed to the task of becoming a helpful wife and a devoted mother to her six sons and one daughter. That she achieved this aim, the ex-emperor attested frequently. He once described her as "the ideal of the virtues of a German princess." "She it is," he declared, "to whom I owe that I am able to bear the weighty responsibilities of my position in a joyful spirit."

Concerning the attitude of the ex-empress toward the war little is known. Some indication of her point of view was given in her reply in July, 1918, to a letter written by the wife of the Dutch minister of war. In responding, she then empress declared that Germany repeatedly had manifested her readiness for peace which, she declared, had not been entertained by the opposing powers.

German Cause Favored

That she subscribed to the contention of military leaders that Germany was fighting a defensive war, is shown by a statement she issued at the beginning of the great conflict, in which she said that Germany was arming itself for a fight "which it did not cause or begin and which it is carrying on only to defend itself." In this appeal she asked German women to aid in caring for the German wounded.

Numerous instances in which the former empress visited German hospitals and expressed lively sympathy for the wounded soldiers were reported during the war. On one occasion she was said to have broken down at the sight of great numbers of the German wounded sent home after one of the great battles in 1918. For more than 12 years she was a semi-invalid.

Her sympathy with underpaid workers in Germany was disclosed on a visit which she paid some years ago to an exhibition of home industries in Berlin, where it was stated that she was deeply moved by the evidence she saw there of the fact that many German workers earned only starvation wages. "What can be done to stop this misery?" she inquired.

Motherly Tenderness Noted

Her tenderness as a mother was revealed during the illness of her second son, former Prince Eitel, whom she attended day and night, arriving at the house where he was under physicians' care at 8 A. M. one day she refused to rouse anyone for fear of disturbing him and, with her maid, walked up and down for an hour in the wintry morning until the doors were opened by the servants.

One of the stories told of her is (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

GOVERNOR FLIES HERE WITH MAJOR ARNOLD

TRIP FROM SALEM IS MADE IN 25 MINUTES.

Western Air Commander to Hop Off Today, Expecting to Reach Sacramento in 5 Hours.

Governor Ben W. Olcott and Major H. H. Arnold arrived in Portland yesterday afternoon, after making the air flight from Salem to Portland in 25 minutes in the d'Haviland airplane driven by the army officer. A mechanic accompanied them on the flight.

Landing was made at the municipal aviation field in Eastmoreland, and the party drove to the police station to obtain a police guard for the plane until Major Arnold hops off for San Francisco each today.

Governor Olcott's primary purpose in coming to Portland was to release the carrier pigeons which will race Major Arnold's airplane southward in the morning.

Major Arnold, who is in command of the western department of the air service with headquarters at San Francisco, is a personal friend of the governor's. He has been passing the week-end visiting with the governor at the executive mansion in Salem. Major Arnold expects to make the flight from Portland to Mather Field, Sacramento, in five hours, at a banquet at the Marion hotel. This morning he visited a number of state legislators.

Major Arnold said a third airplane base should be established in eastern Oregon.

3 YOUTHS IN AUTO ROB

Trio Steal Machine and Hold Up Pedestrians on Street.

The police yesterday searched the city for three young robbers who stole an automobile Saturday night and toured through various sections of the city, flourishing revolvers as they relieved unlucky pedestrians of spare change and jewelry. The trio stole an automobile parked on Sixth street near Taylor belonging to R. L. Anderson of 4829 Forty-third street Southeast. An unidentified man telephoned to the police that he was robbed of 11 cents near Thirty-second and Clinton streets.

F. M. Mason of 370 Woodward avenue was also held up in the same neighborhood and robbed of a watch and \$17. G. N. Cole of Fifty-third street and Forty-first street Southeast, was accosted at Ninth and East Market streets. Cole contributed only \$2.

WOMAN IS FOUND SHOT

Mrs. Mathilda Svenson, Deep River, Wash., Suicide, Says Husband.

ASTORIA, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Mrs. Mathilda Svenson, wife of Olof Svenson, a rancher at Deep River, was found dead in her home last night with a bullet wound in her head. Her husband said that Mrs. Svenson shot herself with a rifle just after he had left the house to do the milking. No reason for the act was known.

Mrs. Svenson was a native of Sweden, nearly 64 years of age and had resided at Deep River for 26 years. She is survived by her widower, three sons and three daughters: Sven and Gustav Svenson, of Astoria; and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Skamokawa, Wash., and Mrs. Peter Larson, Roseburg, Wash.

FIRE DESTROYS 2 HOMES

N. S. Ellessen and E. Smith Houses Are Burned Down.

MARSHFIELD, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—Two families lost their homes in this vicinity Saturday by fire, and all their contents. N. S. Ellessen, a rancher with seven children, lost his ranch residence, the family clothing and all the furniture.

E. Smith, who conducted a cigar factory in his large home at Bunker Hill, lost all his stock, tools, household goods and a large line of finished cigars. The Smith loss amounted to several thousand dollars.

AUSTRIAN LOAN ADVISED

League of Nations Committee on Finance Makes Report.

GENEVA, April 10.—Among findings of the finance committee of the league of nations is a proposal that credits for at least 20 years should be established for Austria. It recognizes that restoration of Austria's economic life is largely dependent on her ability to trade freely with other countries.

It is recommended that an internal loan be floated to cover the existing budget deficit, making it possible to issue further paper currency.

JUDGE PRITCHARD DIES

Federal Jurist Passes Away After Long Illness.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., April 10.—Jeter C. Pritchard, 64, judge of the United States circuit court since 1912, and from 1894 to 1903 a senator from North Carolina, died today. He had been ill several months.

CONGRESS TO GET UNDER WAY TODAY

Special Session Will Be Convened at Noon.

HARDING MESSAGE TUESDAY

Domestic Needs, Tariff and Tax Expected to Be Key.

GERMAN STAND POSSIBLE

President Said to Be Considering Discussion of International Questions at This Time.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 10.—The new republican administration will get under full headway tomorrow when the 67th congress convenes at noon in extraordinary session.

The programme tomorrow is expected to be limited to opening formalities. Committees of leaders will be appointed to notify the president of the assembling of congress.

Domestic needs, including tariff and tax revision, are expected to be emphasized by President Harding Tuesday, but he also was said to be planning a discussion of international questions.

German Stand Expected

Republicans received reports tonight that he would state his attitude toward the proposal to establish peace with Germany by congressional action.

Tomorrow's programme calls for reading of the president's proclamation calling the extra session and for election of officers. Speaker Gillett is to be re-elected in the house. Committee staves also were to be adopted, with Representative Mondell of Wyoming to continue as majority leader and Representative Kitchin of North Carolina succeeding the late Champ Clark as minority leader.

The usual opening flood of bills and resolutions is expected. The first legislation promises to be the emergency tariff bill vetoed by President Wilson.

This is to be introduced in the house tomorrow and debated Wednesday. Republican leaders will press for a final vote this week. Senate leaders also will press the measure to get it into the president's hands by next week.

Work in the senate will begin on the \$25,000,000 Colombian treaty probably Tuesday. The senate is under agreement to reach a final vote on April 19, with ratification generally predicted.

Many Nominations Likely

Hundreds of nominations are expected to be received this week by the senate, including reappointments. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

MURDER CONFESSION FALSE, SAYS HARRIS

Elwell Death Blame Taken to Test Wife's Faith.

Intent to Go to Electric Chair if Mate Had Not Proved "True Blue" Is Announced.

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 10.—Roy Harris, held by the police on his confession that he was concerned in the murder of Joseph B. Elwell in New York, today confessed his story was not true.

After questioning for two hours by District Attorney Moore, he admitted his original declaration was all false. Mr. Moore sent word to Charles S. Whitman and Captain Carey of the New York police, who were on their way to Buffalo.

Harris gave as his reasons for the hoax that he had been separated from his wife, had met her again only last week and desired to know whether she would stand by him if he were in serious trouble.

He said that if she had not proved "loyal and true blue" he would have gone to the electric chair. Harris confessed the hoax to Detective Oswald of New York Saturday night, but the officer withheld the fact because he wished, he said, to talk with Mr. Whitman and Captain Carey. He placed a charge of first-degree murder against the prisoner and ordered him held incommunicado.

After a few hours that charge was withdrawn. Oswald said that it was through the wife the prisoner's tale was disproved. He let the woman and the prisoner talk for an hour or so, after which Harris admitted his story was untrue.

Harris was returned to his cell and ordered held without bail in solitary confinement. The wife was returned to her cell also.

ARTESIAN VEIN IS STRUCK

Prospectors Drill Foot in Abandoned Hole to Find Water.

YAKIMA, Wash., April 10.—(Special.)—Several years ago searchers ran out of funds and abandoned a well 400 feet deep, located eight miles north of Prosser on the Rattlesnake hills. The hole had since been dry. A few days ago prospectors for oil and gas in that vicinity decided to use the old well as a start. After sinking a hole just one foot they struck a vein of water which filled the well and overflowed in a steady artesian stream.

The drillers, known as the Prosser-Grandview Oil & Gas company, are continuing their operations with the hope of striking gas.

MARE'S KICK KILLS BABY

Animal Enraged When Child of 3 Tries to Play With Colt.

BRIGHAM CITY, Utah, April 10.—Because Cleo Hunsaker, three years old, tried to play with a colt yesterday the mother of the animal kicked the child to death. The child saw the animals in the street and ran out to pet the colt. The mother became enraged, whirled and kicked the child with both hind feet.

The baby's chest was crushed and it died within half an hour.

TURKS RENEW DRIVE AGAINST GREEK ARMY

CAVALRY ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH BRUSSA LINE.

Athens Officially Estimates Own Loss in Asia Minor Fighting at 600 Killed, 3400 Wounded.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 10.—Fighting has been renewed by the Turks and Greeks on the Brussa front. Turkish cavalry began an attempt to break through the Greek line running from Kestelek to Ak-Su to the east of Brussa.

It was reported that a Japanese steamer with 1000 Turkish war prisoners from Siberia had been held up by Greek naval units and taken to a Greek port.

The communication issued by the Angora government said: "There have been fresh attacks in the region of Brussa. Three columns advancing toward Afium-Karahissar April 8 inflicted heavy losses on the retreating Greeks." Anatolia continued to celebrate the Turkish victory.

With the victory of the Turks, the price has become more popular. The price has increased from \$3 to \$5. Stocks have become exhausted.

AUTO HURTS PEDESTRIAN

John Crawford Suffers Cuts and Bruises in Salem Accident.

SALEM, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—John Crawford was in a local hospital suffering from injuries of the back, cuts of the face and hands and body bruises as the result of being run down by an automobile driven by E. S. Osborne of Aurora. The accident occurred in the business district today while Mr. Crawford was attempting to cross a street.

He did not see the approaching automobile.

AFGHANS ACCEPT SULTAN

Turk Nationalists Show Disposition to Drop Propaganda.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 10.—A disposition by the Turkish nationalists to discontinue propaganda against the sultan was shown in a new treaty entered into with Afghanistan and signed in Moscow, in which the Afghans recognized the Turkish sultan as caliph.

The new treaty is an offensive and defensive alliance.

MAN, WITH SECRET, DIES

Location of Conspiracy Seal May Remain Uncovered Mystery.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Whereabouts of the official seal of the confederacy, an unsolved mystery for more than half a century, probably will remain unknown.

James Jones, aged negro employe in the senate office building, said to be the only person knowing where the seal was buried, died yesterday without disclosing the secret.

CITY IS TO DECIDE TERMINAL AT ONCE

Special Session of Council to Be Called.

VACATION OF STREETS ASKED

Mayor Promises Early Action on Question.

MAPS ALREADY ON FILE

Effort May Be Made to Have Railroads Include New Passenger Station in Plans.

Mayor Baker announced yesterday that he would call a special meeting of the city council at once to consider the application of the railroads interested in the great terminal project at Guild's lake, upon which \$500,000 will be expended immediately in the first unit and which will eventually cost approximately \$2,000,000. Maps, containing plans, and a letter asking for the vacation of parcels of certain streets necessary to their execution were filed at the city hall Saturday afternoon.

"Owing to the great importance attaching to the terminal project," said Mayor Baker, "I shall take up the subject immediately and will call a special meeting of the council at once to consider the plans as filed by the railroads. It will be necessary for the members of the council to delve into the subject right away for there is no time to lose if we are to submit the question of street vacations to the people at the election to be held June 7."

Careful Consideration Suggested

"I am sure that the council will give this matter prompt and very careful consideration, but until such time as we have gone thoroughly over the maps and have all data before us it will be impossible to say what will be done."

In the plans submitted to the city on behalf of the Union Pacific, Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific systems, tenant owners of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, and of the Great Northern and the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railways, are mentioned as a new passenger station. It is understood that some of the members of the city council will make an effort to bring about a promise of such a building.

Passenger Station to Wait

The contracts which are the basis of the arrangement between the railroads on the terminal project do not contemplate the construction of a passenger station now, as it is the contention of the officials of all companies concerned that the present passenger station in Portland is a good one, ample not only for present needs, but for an indefinite number of years to come. It is, they declare, unnecessary, from the standpoint of the public, that a big financial outlay should be made for a new station, hence they have not included one in their plans.

The plans of the railroads, as filed, call for immediate construction of the first unit of a freight terminal, to be laid out on their property at Guild's lake. This comprises about 100 acres. The first objective is sufficient trackage, roundhouse and machine shop equipment to permit release of all freight traffic in the present passenger terminal yards, to afford more room there for passenger trains.

Consideration of the terminal project plans will become the chief feature of activity at city hall, in all probability, as it will be necessary for the council to determine its course of action within a comparatively short period of time, if the question is to go to the voters June 7.

Engineering Problems Faced

It is a requirement of the law that, should the council take such action, a special city election must be called, and then the measure to be voted upon would necessarily have to be gotten into form and filed within the time limit of 20 days before election.

There are engineering problems of much importance connected with the terminal project and to a considerable extent also, the commission of public docks and the Port of Portland commission are deeply concerned in the improvement. It is therefore probable that the council, among its first acts, will be to refer engineering questions to the city engineer's bureau and it is considered likely that the members of the two commissions will be invited to meet with the members of the council to go over the plans. Meetings at which representatives of the railroads will be present will also be held, no doubt, on various occasions before the situation is fully worked out. The railroad officials have tendered the services of their engineers and any other services which they may be able to render the city.

Mail Reported Opened

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 9.—That several pieces of registered mail were in a pouch ripped open last night on a Missouri Pacific train bound for Atchison, Kan., was the statement made today by postal inspectors. No estimate of the value of the packages was given by the officials.

FEBRUARY RAIL LOSS TOTALS \$7,205,000

106 OUT OF 200 LINES FAIL TO PAY EXPENSE AND TAX.

Forty-Four Roads That Did Not Get Even Break Reported to Be in Western Districts.

WASHINGTON, April 10.—Railroads suffered a deficit in February of \$7,205,000, while 106 out of 200 reporting to the interstate commerce commission failed to earn expenses and taxes, according to tabulations made public tonight by the Association of Railway Executives.

Out of 106 roads represented as failing to make expenses, 44 were in western districts. The 200 roads represent 235,562 miles.

The carriers, according to the tabulations, fell short \$53,304,000 of earning the amount estimated under the increased rates fixed by the commission.

Total operating revenues were given as \$1,658,000, a decrease of 4 1/2 per cent as compared with February, 1920, while operating expenses were \$385,873,000, a decrease of 7 1/2 per cent compared with February a year ago. The net railway operating deficit, however, it was announced, was reduced 66 1/2 per cent, compared with February, 1920, when it totaled \$18,511,000.

"With only the report from the Southern Pacific steamship lines lacking," the statement said, "operating revenues for western district carriers were \$155,548,000, or a decrease of 10 per cent, compared with those of February a year ago. The total operating expenses were \$149,967,000, or a decrease of 8 1/2 per cent."

TAX IS OFF; HOMES RISE

Exemption Causes 76 Per Cent Gain in New York Building.

NEW YORK, April 10.—In the first five weeks since the tax exemption ordinance became effective home building here increased 76 per cent compared with a year ago. H. H. Curran, president of the borough of Manhattan, announced today. Figures compiled by building bureaus showed plans for 3534 dwellings had been filed this year, against 2020 in 1920.

Building of apartment houses, he said, which virtually had stopped in 1920, has begun again.

"The most encouraging result of the tax exemption," he said, "is this spring's growth of the little houses. Most of these houses will be owned by the families who live in them."

OPEN SHOP DRIVE IS MET

Move to Combat Nation-Wide Propaganda Is Begun.

DENVER, April 10.—A move to combat the nation-wide open-shop propaganda with counter propaganda is being formulated by leaders of the American Federation of Labor, according to an announcement today by John W. Hayes, secretary-treasurer of the International Typographical Union.

"Publicity, not strikes, may become our future slogan," Hayes said.

CITIZENS' ARMY FORMS

Reserve Corps Basis to Be Voluntary Instead of Compulsory.

NEW YORK, April 10.—A citizens' reserve corps of the army on the basis of voluntary service instead of compulsory training, which it is hoped will be trained under the direction of General Pershing is under formation, army officials announced today.

Age limit for enrollment were placed at 16 to 35.

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TENSION OF STRIKE IN BRITAIN WANES

Relaxation Is Caused by Coming Conference.

RIVAL LEADERS TAKE REST

Many Pumpers Expected to Return to Work.

SETTLEMENT HELD LIKELY

Volunteer Recruiting and All Precautionary Measures Continued by Government, However.

LONDON, April 10.—(By the Associated Press.)—Relaxation from the tension created by the coal strike and the possibility of a general industrial tie-up today gave the cabinet ministers and labor leaders opportunity for a rest.

Opinion continued favorable, but meanwhile all precautionary measures and recruiting of volunteers were continued, not to be relaxed until the miners return. These preparations formed a great attraction for Londoners today.

Two important views were apparent today. The first was the confident belief among labor leaders that now that an unfettered conference has been assured, many pumpers will return to work, although under the agreement they only are required to abstain from molesting volunteers.

Government Willing to Aid

The second was that the government, while opposed to a subsidy, is willing for a limited period to afford some temporary assistance. It also was believed that the wage basis recently proposed by the mine owners would be discarded and a new basis formulated for the miners' consideration.

Herbert Smith, president, and Frank Hodges, secretary of the miners' federation, addressed a letter today to the organization, urging all concerned to accept the recommendation, which was described as "not insubstantial" but that our members should return to work, but that those locked out should refrain from obstructing action to secure the safety of the mines."

Settlement Is Expected

In a speech J. I. Thomas, secretary of the national union of railway men, said the agreement was "a triumph for the common cause."

There was a belief prevalent among union men that something in the form of a national settlement would result from the conference tomorrow, or at least a standard minimum wage with some system of bonuses for districts where exceptional conditions prevail. The triple alliance held that the strike notices for Tuesday midnight would not be withdrawn until the conference meets in session.

SCAPPOOSE HOME BURNS

West Mansion, Landmark for 30 Years, Takes Fire From Flue.

SCAPPOOSE, Or., April 10.—(Special.)—The West mansion, owned and occupied by Bert West and which has been a landmark for the past 30 years, was destroyed by fire yesterday morning. The house, 27 feet from a defective flue, and was completely destroyed in 20 minutes.

The blaze was first discovered when Mrs. West saw flames leaping from the roof. Mr. West used about 50 feet of hose which he had readily available, but the pressure was inadequate. A high wind fanned the flames. Much of the furniture was saved and moved into the West pavilion, which formerly was used for dancing.

133-FOOT DIVE IS MADE

Man Leaps Off Brooklyn Bridge and Is Picked Up Unharmed.

NEW YORK, April 10.—While motion picture cameras clicked on the deck of a tug in the East River today, Daniel Carone, 27, puffing a cigarette, leaped from the center of Brooklyn bridge and was picked up in the water 133 feet below unharmed. It was his second jump, the first being made in 1913.

A policeman saw Carone spring from an automobile on the south roadway and climb a steel girder. He shouted and ran toward him, but before he could reach him Carone jumped.

Carone said he also had jumped off London Bridge and High bridge in Glasgow, Scotland.

HEIRS ARE OUT OF LUCK

Payments on War Policies Stop at Beneficiary's Death.

SCRANTON, Pa., April 10.—Federal Judge Whitmer yesterday handed down an opinion in which he held that a beneficiary named in a war risk insurance policy was entitled to all installments due up to the time of his death, but that unpaid installments could not be handed on to his heirs as part of his estate.

It was said to be the first opinion of its nature rendered in the country.

