

### LUTHERAN PASTORS ACT AS HUN TOOLS

#### Federal Agent Exposes Disloyal Propaganda Methods.

### HEARST POLICIES SCORED

#### Captain Lester Seeks to Show Anti-American, Anti-British, Pro-German Methods Used.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The story of how enemy propagandists used German Lutheran pastors to preach love for the Fatherland and devotion to its cause, and tried in vain to stir up negroes in the United States with reports that if Germany won, part of this country would be assigned exclusively to them, was told today to the Senate committee investigating propaganda, by Captain George E. Lester, of the Army intelligence service.

The witness also continued his testimony of yesterday, seeking to show "pro-German, anti-English and anti-American" policies of W. R. Hearst's newspapers, as directed by William Bayard Hale, Hearst correspondent in Berlin, after breaking off relations with Germany.

The hearing will be resumed Tuesday when several men whose names have been mentioned by witnesses during the inquiry, including Samuel Untermyer, of New York, will be heard.

### Disloyal Ministers Fanned

Some German Lutheran preachers spread the doctrines promoted by the German government, both before and after this country entered the war, Captain Lester declared. A few who continued these utterances after joining the Army are now in prison. Many church leaders recognized the pro-German tendencies of the ministers and tried assiduously to have them removed, the officer explained.

The efforts to stir up race troubles among American negroes failed, said Captain Lester, but he persisted until a congress of negro leaders last July formally recognized the propaganda and denounced the movement.

One cablegram from Hale at Berlin to the New York American read to the committee was interpreted by Captain Lester as proving that the German government did not regard the notorious Zimmermann note, disclosing a movement to involve Mexico and the United States in war, "as a frame-up by the British."

### Captain Answers Attack

Captain Lester opened his testimony today by referring to an attack on his statement published this morning by the New York American and another by the Universal Service, a Hearst organization. He reminded the committee that he made no statement yesterday that Edward Lyell Fox, an American writer who was on the German government's payroll, was in the employ of the Hearst organization; "but that Fox did receive credentials from Merrill (then manager of Hearst's New York American), that he received letters from Gustav Schweppendick, the Hearst manager in Berlin, and that he wrote articles for the New York American and that these articles were published in the American."

Captain Lester stated further that he had documents showing why the International News Service, a Hearst institution, was barred from cable facilities by the British government in 1914 and the reason for restoration of this service. He said he would present the evidence if the committee asked it.

### CHURCH LOYAL, SAYS MINISTER

#### Lutheran Official Declares Efforts Made to Expel Huns.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—"We do not attempt to deny that there are pastors in the Lutheran Church who have been in sympathy with Germany and that some have spoken in a way to merit the despicable name 'disloyal,'" Rev. F. H. Knobel, president of the United Lutheran Church of America, said in a statement here tonight. He referred to the testimony of Captain George E. Lester, of the Army Intelligence Service, who testified today before the Senate committee investigating enemy propaganda that some Lutheran ministers had been used to spread German propaganda.

Declaring the history of the church proved its loyalty to the Nation, Dr. Knobel added:

"The church and its authorities have been most anxious to rid the church and the country of the influence of any man guilty of disloyalty. We pledge our word as Americans and Christians that it is our earnest wish to be of real service to our country in these matters."

### Yamhill Budget \$312,000.

#### McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—

cial.)—The County Court has completed the budget of estimated expenditures for the year 1919, aggregating \$312,000. Taxpayers will be asked to ratify the budget at a meeting to be held December 27. The budget includes \$75,000 for county school purposes, \$25,000 for grading and \$49,533 for county roads.

### ROAD PLANS DISCUSSED

#### Cathlamet Entertains Head of Highway Department.

CATHLAMET, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Wednesday was a gala day for Wahkiakum County, as three distinguished visitors were the guests of the eastern section of the county—James Allen, State Highway Commissioner; his assistant, R. H. Gillis, and Frank Terrace, the former orator of Orilla, Wash., and vice-president of the Good Roads Association of Washington. Through the activity of the Wahkiakum County Development League these men were persuaded to come to this county in the interests of state road No. 13. A big basket dinner, followed by a meeting, were features of the entertainment at Skamokawa. At the close of this programme the visitors were conveyed to Cathlamet over the first piece of state road in the county and were guests of the Cathlamet Commercial Club at a banquet. In the evening for over an hour Frank Terrace held a great audience at the Lobby Theater. Mr. Allen followed and showed several very fine slides of the different roads of the state. He was roundly applauded when he said that he hoped soon to be able to show views of state road No. 13, the road for which the citizens are making a concerted effort to secure an appropriation at the 1919 session of the Legislature.

### SMALL FRUIT PRICES HIGH

#### Puyallup Growers Get Returns on 1918 Crop.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Highest prices ever paid for blackberries and raspberries shipped for fresh consumption are being paid in the annual settlement made by Puyallup & Sumner Fruitgrowers' Association. The Puyallup Valley produced and shipped more than 100,000 crates of berries, in addition to the millions of pounds canned. Returns to the growers in pool No. 1 on blackberries were \$3.50 a crate, \$2.15 was the lowest, an average of 33 cents higher a crate than in 1917, which held the previous high record.

Red raspberry growers averaged \$2.51 a crate. On Bartlett pears the grower is receiving \$40 a ton for No. 1 pears and \$25 a ton for No. 2s. On plums and prunes \$35 a ton is being received; quinces \$40 a ton and crabapples \$30 a ton.

### REMITTANCE MAN IS HELD

#### H. S. Wilkinson Accused of Violating Mann Act.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Howard S. Wilkinson, said by Department of Justice agents to be an English remittance man, was arrested here today by the Federal authorities on a charge of violating the Mann white slave act by transporting Mrs. Cecile Furness, wife of a Seattle shipbuilder, to San Francisco. According to Special Agent Webster, Wilkinson, who is said to receive \$4800 a year from his parents in England and who is said to own a ranch in Canada, brought Mrs. Furness to this city in October and both have been living as man and wife at the Continental Hotel.

According to the authorities, Mrs. Furness said she had pawned diamonds for \$6900 to help Wilkinson. Mrs. Furness told Webster that she loved Wilkinson more than her husband.

### Influenza Closes Dallas Sawmill.

#### DALLAS, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—

The big sawmill plant of the Willamette Valley Lumber Company in this city was forced to close down Thursday on account of the large number of employees who were either sick with influenza or pneumonia, or were quarantined because some member of the family had the disease. The shortage of help became so acute that not enough men could be found to handle the lumber coming from the mill. It is hoped operations may be resumed within a few days.

### Dallas Farmers Get State Linc.

#### DALLAS, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—

The farmers of the vicinity of Dallas, like those in various other parts of the state, are taking advantage of the lime from the state quarry furnished at cost. Thirty tons were received by G. F. McEne, the first in Polk County to take advantage of the state's offer, for fertilizing purposes.

### Albany Ridges Announce Snowfall

#### ALBANY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—

The first snowfall of the winter in the mountains of this section of the state occurred this week. High ridges of the Cascade Mountains which have been free from snow for many months are now covered.

### Foresters Attend Convention.

#### District Forester Cecil and his assistant, E. N. Kavanaugh, returned yesterday from Seattle, where they attended

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the annual meeting of the State Game Commission and State Game Warden. Points discussed at the meeting were the distribution of game and fish in areas recently depleted and the propagation of game animals and birds.

### Wahkiakum in Front Ranks.

#### CATHLAMET, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—

Wahkiakum County is in the front ranks of dairying. From the official reports of the cow testing association, which was formed a year ago, it is learned that 21 herds have been tested for the entire year. The average milk production for that time was 6422 pounds and 217.2 pounds of butterfat. The average cost of feed per cow was \$40.19. In the monthly newsletter of the Western office of the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture from Salt Lake City, Utah, Wahkiakum County takes first place in butterfat production with 27.4 pounds, and has four of the 15 high-production cows of Washington.

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