

PARLIAMENT MEMBER SAYS BOPP WAS WELL POSTED ON COUNTRY

Declares If Germans Were Implicated in Plots He Could Have Directed Them.

GERMANY DENIES CHARGE

Pages 3775 August Kastella, German Employee of Government, Has Been Asked to Resign and Refused.

Complexity is Denied. Berlin, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—The charge a German agent was responsible for the fire that destroyed the Canadian parliament buildings at Ottawa is utterly false, the North German Gazette, official organ of the German government, declared today.

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Without making the direct charge that Franz Bopp, German consul in San Francisco, and former consul general in Montreal, may have been connected in some way with the mysterious fire which recently destroyed the parliament building, Charles Marcel, M. P., today declared that if Bopp happened to be implicated in any plots against Canada he was well acquainted with the conditions in this country and in a position to direct any operations desired.

Bopp is now under indictment in San Francisco for violation of American neutrality and investigating plots against Canadian.

Marcel declared in the house last night that Bopp attended the opening of parliament here and was well equipped with information regarding the buildings and conditions in Ottawa generally.

Bopp was a frequent visitor to Ottawa, while stationed at Montreal. He often attended parliament and was a frequent visitor at both houses.

Bopp was also acquainted with many of the leading officials, particularly at the trade and commerce department. He was also the medium of communication between the governments of Canada and Germany when the surplus on German goods entering this country was removed a few years ago.

Discussion of possible alien enemy plots and recent fires continued to receive great attention in the papers today. The Free Press carried a report that August Kastella, mechanical superintendent of dredges in the department of public works, had been asked to resign. He is said to be a German by birth. The Free Press asserted that Kastella was naturalized only after the outbreak of the war and that his resignation was asked as a result of agitation against the employment of Germans in public service. Kastella is said to have refused to resign.

Bopp Scoffs at Insinuations. San Francisco, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—"Yes, I heard that story before," said Consul Bopp tonight when informed of the Marcel insinuations against him.

"Yes, I dropped a time bomb in the parliament building seven or eight years ago. It was to explode in 1916." The consul scoffed at the suggestions, as he has at the United States indictments.

Consul Bopp, Vice Consul von Schack, Counselor Kaufmann of the German embassy, Turkish Counsel Hall and a number of prominent business and shipping men will appear Monday in federal court to answer to indictments charging neutrality violations. Bopp is accused of being a bombplotter. Von Schack and Kaufmann are charged with a part in the "Sacramento expedition" to supply a German squadron on this port.

A rabbit canning factory has been started in Argentina in the hope of raising some portions of the country of a best in a profitable way.

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Shortage Exists in Finer Steel Grades

California Hardware Dealers Declare This Is True and Say the Condition Means Trouble in Case of War. Santa Barbara, Cal., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—That the shortage of the finer grades of steel which has ever existed was the declaration of the jobbers of the finest grades of steel, following their convention, which ended here today. That this condition would be precarious for the country in case of war was pointed out.

DESPONDENT GIRL PREVENTED FROM LEAPING INTO RIVER

Young Stenographer Seized by Passerby as She Was About to Jump Off Bridge.

Jilted, penniless, hungry, Bessie Halladay, 19 years old, a stenographer, threw her umbrella into the Willamette from the south side of the Broadway bridge last night and had mounted the rail to follow after her Harold Frederickson, 21, Cherry street, grabbed her skirt and pulled her back. Frederickson, with a companion, was walking across the bridge when his attention was drawn to the girl standing helplessly in the middle of the bridge over the draw. He stopped to watch her.

From the opposite direction came H. R. Hanson, a member of the harbor police, whose attention was drawn to all three. Thinking the men were possibly maulers he stopped to watch, too.

The girl threw her umbrella into the river and climbed to the rail. She had her hands outstretched for a dive when Frederickson pulled her down after a struggle.

Hanson took her to police headquarters, where she told the officers in charge that she had expended her last dollar for room rent at the Oaks hotel and she had no money in the world yesterday. Unable to find a position and heart-broken because her mother had died, she had resolved to end her life, she had returned to her home in eastern Oregon.

She was given something to eat after relating her story and will be turned over to the woman's protective bureau today.

State Department Ponders Two Views

Text of Germany's Decree Concerning Sinking of Merchant Vessels Creates Two Opinions. Washington, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—With the arrival late this afternoon of the text of Germany's decree that she will sink armed merchant vessels without warning, two opinions were formed on the question of the United States assenting to such warfare.

While the department leans toward recognizing the validity of the German stand, the opposite view was developing positive strength, due to the apparent difficulty of deciding whether a gun mounted on a merchantman is for defense or attack. The department has held that one gun, usable only for self-defense, is allowable. The strength of the viewpoint opposed to the Teutons has the basis also that the United States to admit such a change of rules, while war is going on, would be an unequal act.

Germany goes into its argument with a mass of official papers, typewritten pages the position that such conditions have made changed rules of warfare imperative, is buttressed with quotations from international law.

Secretary Lansing will study the text carefully before he makes it public. Austria's announcement on the same subject will reach the department tomorrow.

Plant of Portland Inventor Installed

Wisconsin Firm Will Experiment with Machinery to Make Distilled Alcohol from Sulphite Waste. Appleton, Wis., Feb. 12.—An experimental plant is being installed at the Kimberly mill of the Kimberly-Clark company, which, if it meets with the approval of Charles Marchand, of Portland, inventor, will enable him to put on the market 3,000 gallons daily of denatured alcohol, worth \$650, which is now being dumped into the river.

Mr. Marchand estimates that 200,000,000 gallons a year can be saved from the various sulphite plants of the country. His invention meets with the expert success, he will limit the output to hold up the price.

Charles Marchand, reported as having invented a process for making denatured alcohol from the waste of sulphite plants, resides at 1073 East Davis street. He is at present in Appleton attending to details of his plant. Mr. Marchand has resided in Portland for the past five years and is the inventor of processes used in the manufacture of a number of chemicals and drugs. He is expected back in Portland in about six weeks.

Boy of 16 Indicted On Murder Charge

Youth Alleged to Have Killed Two-Year-Old Cousin Because She Cried When Left With Him. Boston, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Charged with having killed his two-year-old cousin because she cried, Harold Craft, 16, was indicted for first degree murder here today.

WISCONSIN STUDENT CONFESSES HE WAS WITH GIRL AT DEATH

Officers Seek Evidence of a Trick Suicide Pact or Suicide by False Pretenses.

INNOCENCE IS ASSERTED

Prosecutor Says No Poison Was Found on Orpet and Murder Prosecution Not Justified, As Yet.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—William H. Orpet, a University of Wisconsin student in jail charged with the murder of 18-year-old Marian Lambert, his jilted sweetheart found dead at the scene of their secret tryst in the woods near her Lake Forest home, tonight confessed that she was dead when he left her.

The confession, piled on top of the day's list of developments, started him on the way to the Waukegan jail, a murder suspect and started the police on their trail of evidence. Orpet, on what they thought might prove a trick suicide pact or suicide by false pretenses.

Confession Is Made. After a visit to the scene of the tragedy, Orpet, 21, Lake Forest, Ill., today Orpet broke down and confessed to State's Attorney Dady that he saw Miss Lambert swallow poison and that she was dead when he left.

From his cell in the jail he admitted that the Lambert girl had the right to appeal to him for protection, which he did not deem it advisable to give, but protested that he was innocent of murder.

His clothes, taking up the story where he left off, yielded stray grains of sugar which the police seized as a clue in the direction of the trick suicide pact.

Acid and Sugar Figures. "I am not yet ready to start a murder prosecution but it is possible that a sack of prussic acid and a sack of sugar figured in this," said Dady in a conference with Mayor Lewis of Lake Forest and James King, foreman of the foreman's jury.

Backing their theories, a letter was produced with its telltale story of the plan for the murder. In a letter "Bill" told "Marian" that "if everything is not all right by that time, it will be your last."

Could Not Leave Her. "No, no," queried Orpet in his cell. "She wanted me to leave her and I told her that I could not do it. I was going ahead and prosecuting this boy without further evidence," stated the prosecutor in the same conference.

When arraigned before United States Commissioner Poote this afternoon, Orpet, 21, Lake Forest, Ill., a seaman, kept in connection with the robbery and his wife, secured their freedom on bonds of \$50,000 and \$10,000 respectively. Mrs. John J. Zeek was freed on \$500.

George Bissett and Eddie Leonard accused in warrants as the actual robbers, were held on \$10,000 and \$10,000 bonds each. Mrs. Leonard's bond was set at \$25,000. Zeek's bond was fixed at \$10,000 and Frank Bissett was held on \$10,000 bond.

Appropriation Gets Approval of Wilson

Fund Provided for Trade Commission Trip to South America in March on Warship or British Steamer. Washington, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—The president today approved a \$40,000 appropriation for an international joint fact-finding commission's trip to South America early in March. At the same time it became known the commission formed to promote trade between the western hemisphere and the Orient.

Reserve Banks Buy Municipal Warrants

Federal Reserve Board Statement Shows Increase in Such Securities of \$5,000,000 in Past Week. Washington, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Investments of federal reserve banks in municipal warrants increased \$5,000,000 during the past week, according to a statement of the bank commission on Feb. 11, issued today by the federal reserve board.

Payment in \$10,000. Interest and installment on paving and sewer assessments totalling \$10,000 were paid by the Ladd Estate yesterday to City Treasurer Adams. This is the largest single payment on bonded street and sewer assessments received in many months.

Pastor's Daughter And Man Arrested

Novelty Agent May Be Charged With Kidnaping Pretty 16-Year-Old Seattle Girl.

Seattle, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Marion Davis, the pretty 16-year-old daughter of Rev. G. W. Davis, Lincoln Presbyterian preacher, was arrested in a Tacoma hotel this afternoon and at the same time, T. W. Peterson, 27, novelty agent and former newsboy, was arrested in a hotel one block distant. The couple were brought here, where it is understood Peterson will be charged with kidnaping. No charge has been filed against him yet. Peterson claims he met the girl in Tacoma, where she had gone to visit.

COUNTRYWIDE SEARCH HAS BEGUN IN EFFORT TO LOCATE DR. LYMAN

Get-Rich-Quick Swindler Was Seen in Washington Thursday Is Report.

New York, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Dr. J. Grant Lyman, who fled from New York Wednesday after taking more than \$300,000 from credulous investors, was being sought in every section of the country as detectives in every section of the country are looking for him.

Louis Thonet, Lyman's confidential man, was taken before U. S. Commissioner Houghton and remained in default of his bail. In the late afternoon his attorney appeared with representatives of the two surety companies. Bail was reduced to \$10,000 and he was released.

Thonet today said Dr. Lyman had drawn \$65,000 from the bank a few days ago. He said that Lyman had given him \$380 to purchase a diamond pin and a watch, the clerk said. He has turned over the jewelry to his attorney.

Confidence in Lyman was misplaced and I have determined that I will spend the balance of my life and the dollar I have to see him punished.

Fortress Monroe Is Visited by President

With Mrs. Wilson He Views Launching of Steamer and Enjoys Outing; Return Will Be Made Today.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—President and Mrs. Wilson, accompanied by Dr. Cary T. Grayson, President's physician and two secret service men, arrived here this evening aboard the yacht Mayflower.

After spending an hour inspecting Fortress Monroe, they boarded a motor launch and witnessed the launching of the Standard Oil company's steamer Charles Pratt at the Newport News shipyards. Going ashore at Old Point Comfort, President and Mrs. Wilson spent an hour walking and again boarded the Mayflower.

295 Jitneys Running Under License Plan

In Latter Part of Summer, Before Regulations Become Effective, About 400 Cars Were Operating. There are now 295 jitneys in operation in Portland which are licensed, according to figures compiled yesterday by Jitney inspectors. It is believed that this figure includes practically all the cars in operation.

At one time during the latter part of the summer it was said that there were about 400 machines in operation. Under the ordinance, all machines have to follow designated routes and pay a monthly license fee to operate.

Bank President Held Guilty of False Claim

E. D. Curtis of Halley, Idaho, Convicted of Presenting False Claim to Shoshone County for \$4160. Boise, Idaho, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—E. D. Curtis, president of the First National Bank, was found guilty tonight in the district court at Shoshone of presenting a false claim to Elaine county. The amount involved in the transaction was \$4160. Curtis will be sentenced Monday.

Briand Has Gone to Visit Italian Front

French Premier While There Will Confer With King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna. Rome, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Premier Briand left Rome tonight for the Italian front, where he will confer with King Victor Emmanuel and General Cadorna.

CUMMINS STAGES AN ATTACK ON WILSON IN ADDRESS AT ST. PAUL

Candidate for G. O. P. Nomination Says He Blushes for Mexican Record of U. S.

CALLS PRESIDENT WEAK

Middle-class Preparedness Policy and Says He Has Met With Ill Success in Foreign Relations.

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—President Wilson was ridiculed for his "vacillating views" on preparedness, and the Mexican and European situations in a speech by Senator Cummins tonight before the Lincoln Republican club. It is in the Minnesota primaries that Cummins said he intends to make the first test of his presidential strength.

"No real red-blooded American ever will turn to the page which records the conduct of this administration toward Mexico, without blushing," said Cummins. "I do not charge the president with wrongdoings, but weakness and vacillations are sometimes worse than wrongdoing."

"We have written too much, argued too elaborately, reasoned too nicely, and have been often lost in a perfect fog of words. We have lost some of the prestige and distinction which in former days illuminated the American name."

"On his preparedness trip the president began at Pittsburgh with a moderate appeal to the people to speed up a little, so that in five years we might have a navy like Germany's or Japan's. By the time he got to St. Louis he abandoned every American conception and the next day he declared the United States should have a navy incomparably better than any nation on earth."

Wants "Reasonable Preparedness." "It is fortunate his journey ended there, for another day would have found him insisting on a navy stronger than the combined navies of the world and upon a race an armament that would bankrupt the richest nation under the sun."

Administration Plan Outlined. New York, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Speaking at the annual Lincoln dinner of the Lincoln club, Brooklyn, Congressman Julius Kahn, of California, outlined the plan of preparedness which the administration is forming.

The speaker made it clear that he does not believe in a large standing army. He said the scheme by which 25,000 men, especially young men, would be called into military training for a month each year, is much better than the continental army plan. He said that for the first time in the history of the country a broad,

Girl Wife Waits in Vain for Robber Husband to Return

Thinly and Poorly Clad Mother and Tiny Babe Found in Sparely Furnished Shack, Almost Without Food.

In her ill-furnished rooms at 5664 East Thirty-third street, Mrs. Nicholas S. Berry, 17-year-old mother, waited all Friday night and all day Saturday for her husband to return. It was not until after the 19-year-old husband had walked into the police station in this city and asked to be arrested as a highwayman that the girl mother learned Berry was the chief actor in more than a score of holdups of Japanese farmers in the country.

The house in which the young wife was found is almost devoid of furniture. There was a little food in the cupboard. The girl mother and her baby are thinly clad in cheap clothing.

Berry and his partner in crime, E. J. Ferguson, 18 years old, are in the county jail awaiting indictment and trial for robbery.

The chief concern of Berry appears to be for the girl, who is left alone to care for their 6-week-old baby.

"She has no money," said Berry last night in the county jail, "and there was almost dark when I started for home. I have no friends and no relatives on whom she can call in an emergency. Mrs. Hoopings, who occupies part of the home in which we lived, probably would not let the girl starve, but that is her only hope, unless the county helps her out."

Berry says he was married in Fort-Louis three years ago, and that if his wife's parents are living he does not know where they could be found.

"Probably they are in as bad fix as we are, anyway," added the boy. "Yes, I helped in all the holdups of Japanese farmers near Gresham and on the Base Line road. In fact, I planned them and Ferguson, my cousin, helped out. We needed the money."

Berry cannot recall how many farmers were robbed and professes not to remember whether any other robberies and holdups on the east side were the work of himself and Ferguson.

SWIFT MEN ACQUIRE ANOTHER BIG TRACT IN EASTERN OREGON

Umatilla Farm Near Stanfield Added to Harney Holdings Recently Taken Over.

OBJECT STILL A MYSTERY

Frank Donnelly Transfers Lands to Company Organized by Big Chicago Packing Interests.

The Eastern Oregon Livestock company, recently formed by the Swift packing interests, has added to its immense holdings in eastern Oregon by the purchase of what is known as Umatilla farm near Stanfield, according to word received in Portland last night.

The property went to the livestock company for \$230,000, title being transferred by Frank Donnelly, secretary of the Swift Packing company, Chicago.

Umatilla farm is what is left of the holdings of G. W. Hunt and was sold to Donnelly several years ago for \$166,000.

Early this month it was announced that the Swifts had purchased a half interest in the Elitzon Valley Land company, holdings of the Corbett estate of Portland and William Hanley of Harney county. Incorporation of the Eastern Oregon Livestock company to handle the property followed.

There is considerable speculation throughout the state as to what the Swifts intend to put the lands, whether for reclamation and subsequent colonization or for the raising of livestock on a large scale.

Portland representatives of the big packing firm state that they are not at liberty at this time to make purchase of the Harney county lands. With the acquisition of the Umatilla farm following so closely upon the purchase of the Harney county lands, announcement of other purchases in the near future will not be unexpected.

Half of the Losses, Half of the Time and Half of the Money Spent Would Have Been Saved had the Union been Prepared, Sherman Said.

Washington, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Hereafter, when lions and tigers at a circus winter quarters here roar and howl, they will have an injunction flashed on them ordering silence. Judge Charles Weilborn issued the restraining order at the request of Venice citizens who said the animals' noise interfered with sleep.

Indians Is Oklahoma Delegate. Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—The State delegate elected from Oklahoma to the Republican national convention is a Cherokee Indian, a stand-patter and is uneducated. He is E. W. Frey, of Ballisaw.

Couple Were Brutally Murdered. Flemington, N. J., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—Richard Wyckoff, aged 30, and his housekeeper, Katherine Ann Fisher, aged 78, were brutally murdered on their lonely farm on the side of Courland mountain near here Thursday night. The aged man had been decapitated by blow from an ax, while the woman's skull was crushed.

Losses Should Be Lessened. Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—(U. P.)—The annual Lincoln anniversary banquet here tonight Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman, of Illinois declared that half of the losses in the Civil war were due to lack of preparation.

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