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HUN OFFICER CAUGHT FIRING MAGAZINE; RUSSIAN NAVAL OFFICERS ARE LYNCHED

RUSSIANS MURDER 62 OFFICERS FROM NAVY

Sebastopol Scene of Carnival of Horror—Vice Admiral Novitski and Three Admirals Are Among Slain—Another Quits.

Turks Reported to Have Resumed Offensive on Armenian Front—Twenty Thousand Said to Have Landed at Trebizond.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Sixty-two Russian officers, including Vice Admiral Novitski, three admirals and one army general were lynched in a carnival of horror at Sebastopol, according to word received today.

Sailors of the fleet joined in the assassinations. The officers were all taken to Malgorod tower and shot. A majority were members of the inquiry committee, which, in 1916, convicted 17 rebellious Russian sailors and condemned them to varying punishments, from death to life imprisonment.

Admiral Nemetz, commanding the Black sea fleet, has resigned as a result of the murders.

London, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The Turks, whose terms were rejected by the Bolshevik delegates, are reported to have broken the armistice on the Armenian front and fighting is believed to have resumed.

Children's Mimic War Becomes Real

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—William Dakowski, 22, who turned a children's mimic warfare into reality yesterday, was under arrest today, charged with murder. He shot and killed Stella Kosulowski, 8 years old.

Children of the neighborhood, were "digging a trench" in the snow in front of Dakowski's house. Dakowski, who is said to be a religious fanatic, suddenly appeared in the snow with a revolver and began firing. The little Kosulowski girl was immediately killed. Aided by his daughter, Helen, 20, Dakowski held off the police and infuriated neighbors until he was wounded in the right arm.

Railroad Heads to Ask as to Future

New York, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Asserting a right to know definitely just what is in prospect, 77 railroad presidents, representing 177 lines, will ask the administration how long it intends to continue operation of the roads, it was announced today.

The railroads want the government to definitely promise to give up the lines after the war.

When You Dig Up Six Cent Fare Tomorrow Be Sure to Get a Receipt; Commission Won't Suspend New Rule

Salem, Or., Jan. 14.—The state public service commission today denied a petition of the City of Portland to suspend the six-cent street car fare order until the city has opportunity to test its validity in court. Therefore the six-cent fare will go into effect tomorrow.

Petition for suspension of the six-cent fare order was presented to the commission last Saturday by City Attorney La Roche of Portland, and at the same time was opposed by oral argument by Franklin T. Griffith, president of the street car company.

"We have directed the utility company to attach printed receipts to all tickets sold to its patrons, such receipts showing amount paid and to be redeemed by company in amount of excess fare, should the courts declare our order invalid," says the commission.

GOLDMAN AND BERKMAN TO SERVE TERMS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Seven persons who tried to defeat the draft plan by inducing young men to register last June must serve the sentences imposed upon them, the supreme court ruled today in deciding appealed cases of the anti-conscriptionists.

Edward Goldman and Alexander Berkman, New York anarchists; Louis Kramer and Morris Becker, also of New York, and three Cleveland Socialists, Charles E. Ruthenberg, Alfred Wagenknecht and Charles Baker, are the persons affected.

TRAIN SERVICE IS RENEWED IN PART

Desperate Efforts to Clear Snow From Tracks Still Keeps Up—Scores Snowbound.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The vast railway system of the west, dormant since Friday under an anaesthetic of snow, began to throb with renewed life today. Desperate fighting by the forces of the great railroad organizations, is beginning to show results in cleared tracks and moving trains.

Traffic conditions in Chicago and throughout the Middle West are not normal, but they are no longer utterly paralyzed. The Overland limited, the Los Angeles limited and train No. 39, due from San Francisco at 5 o'clock this morning, were reported annulled.

These trains left the Pacific coast three days ago.

A limited train service to eastern points was put into effect this morning. The first train to leave being the Metropolitan Express for New York, at 8:45 o'clock. One train for Pittsburgh was sent out by the Pennsylvania railroad at 9:36 o'clock last night.

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, which did not turn a wheel for 24 hours, is dispatching its west-bound trains today to Omaha, Minneapolis and Pacific coast points.

The Lakeshore & Michigan Southern, of the New York Central lines, dispatches the two early limited and other through trains as usual.

On the Monon, Illinois Central and Michigan Central lines no attempt was made yesterday to operate the limited schedule was inaugurated today.

The Pennsylvania has resumed its Pittsburgh service, sending out its Atlantic trains to New York, Pittsburgh, Columbus and Washington.

Scores of trains bound to and from Chicago are still snowbound at outlying points. It is estimated that 600 snowbound passengers are being fed at the expense of the Pennsylvania railroad today, while in other sections trains and passengers have been snowbound for many hours.

Passengers Killed in Wreck in Texas

Houston, Texas, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Sixteen persons were killed and many injured in the wreck of the Houston and Texas Central passenger train, the Owl, today, railroad officials here stated.

When the train hit the switch the steel sleeper telescoped the chair car next to it.

C. A. McCormick, a Dallas traveling salesman, reported that he counted 20 bodies in the wreck.

The train left Houston at 11:30 p. m. Sunday for Dallas. The wreck occurred six miles from Hearne, the nearest telegraph station, where the wires had been torn down by the recent storm, causing delay in getting a relief train from here to the scene. The injured will be taken to Waco, it was stated.

ROLL OF HONOR

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Today's casualty list includes among the wounded the names of E. W. Lewis, Kennesville, Wash.

U.S. OFFICIALS HERE TO RUSH SPRUCE DRIVE

General Salzman and Richard Flint Howe of Aircraft Board and Wood Beal, Representing Fleet Corporation, Arrive.

Have Authority to Extend Power of Colonel Disque and to Establish Lumber Order Clearing House.

Armed with the shears of authority to strip red tape that hampers the Northwest as it endeavors to respond to war demands for spruce, fir and cedar, General Salzman and Richard Flint Howe, members of the aircraft board, and Wood Beal, personal representative of James O. Haworth, head of the Emergency Fleet corporation, arrived in Portland at noon today.

Their presence is the result of the representations made at Washington before the war department by former Governor Oswald West that a larger grant of authority to Colonel Eric P. Disque, head of the spruce production division of the signal corps, and a clearing house of orders for lumber needed for military purposes by branches of the war department and by the allies, are essential to the Northwest program.

Many meetings to be held.

The officials will meet spruce, fir and cedar producers. They will confer with loggers and mill men. They will meet shipbuilders and manufacturers.

Colonel Disque announced that he has made no plans in advance of the arrival of the visitors, as he wished to make a schedule entirely consistent with their own desires.

The war department depends on the Northwest for the spruce to be used in military airplanes. For 10,000,000 to 14,000,000 feet a month is essential, General Salzman and Mr. Howe have authority to grant to the local spruce production division such additional powers as it needs to meet the government requirements for spruce.

Mr. Beal will not, it is understood, influence the matter.

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JOSEPH CAILLAUX PLACED IN PRISON

Paris, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Joseph Caillaux, former premier and minister of justice for France, was formally imprisoned today as the outgrowth of charges of treason lodged against him in connection with the Bolo Pasha case.

Caillaux is a member of the chamber of deputies and until that body recently voted formally to suspend the imprisonment from prosecution granted all members, he could not be formally haled before a tribunal on the charges.

The chamber of deputies and a special commission heard the charges against the former premier. It was alleged he aided Bolo Pasha in the Levantine's efforts to deceive France into a German-made peace; that he sought to create a party between France and Italy and that he was constantly opposing the nation's war efforts.

Madame Caillaux, wife of the accused, was the center of one of Europe's most sensational murder trials a few years ago when she was acquitted of the murder of Gaston Calmette, editor of the Figaro.

BRITAIN MUST CALL 450,000 MORE TO FLAG

Minister of National Service Geddes Tells Commons Russian Withdrawal Will Give Germans Many More Men.

Decision Has Been Made, He Says, Not to Introduce Compulsory Service in Ireland—Irish Question Looms Ahead.

London, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—The Russian withdrawal from the war leaves 1,600,000 Germans for use on the western front, according to Brigadier General Sir A. Geddes, minister of national service, in a "man-power" statement to the house of commons this afternoon.

"It is necessary for Britain to recruit forthwith 450,000 men from civil life," the minister added. "It has been decided not to introduce compulsory service into Ireland."

London, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The house of commons reconvened today after a recess lasting over the holiday season.

The calendar of business called for the first reading of a bill dealing with the Irish redistribution bill—a measure which is under consideration in the Irish question—will shortly be up for debate.

TWO MORE STORMS HEADED FOR EAST

Weather Bureau Says Pacific Northwest Will Add to Troubles of Snowbound.

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Slowly recovering from the demoralization caused by the worst blizzard in a decade, the middlewest today was threatened by another storm which centered over eastern Texas.

And, following on its heels, is still another storm, which was brewing today over the Pacific northwest.

The Texas storm is so extensive that its effects already were felt as far east and north as southern Illinois. This storm, it is said, apparently will not be serious as the one just passed.

Its course has not yet been determined, but its center probably will turn northward along the western slope of the Appalachians, with its influence extending westward to the Great Lakes region and eastward to the Atlantic.

Traffic Is Impaired

Railroad traffic in the middle west is being restored today. Officials expressed confidence that normal conditions would prevail before night. Mails and important freight shipments will be given preference over passenger traffic.

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Storm Kills Physician

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Dr. George Schmauch is dead today, a martyr to his profession.

Although already overworked, Dr. Schmauch responded to a call from a patient several miles away from his home. He fell in a snowdrift, and when snowshovelers reached him he had expired, due to overwork during the blizzard of the last three days, caused his death.

Packing Plants Close

Chicago, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—The Armour, Swift and Wilson packing plants at the Union stockyards, were closed today because of a coal shortage. Others are expected to follow. More than 10,000 packinghouse employees were put to work clearing the snow from the railroad tracks so coal could be brought in. The plants were expected to open tonight or tomorrow.

Trial of German Nurse Postponed

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—The trial of Miss Emma Hudda Burgenstein, German nurse, charged with the murder of Otto Koehler, military aviator, San Antonio brewer, scheduled to begin here today, was postponed until tomorrow on motion of the state's attorneys.

DOGFAITHFUL TO OLD MUFF ON ROADSIDE

OUT on the river road route to Oregon City a Scotch Collie is guarding an old muff, and thereby hangs a tale—but not the dog's.

Sometime Friday the muff was lost from an automobile passing Ridge station, and the dog, chasing along behind the machine, stopped when the muff did, and has been guarding it ever since, notwithstanding the rain and efforts to lure it away.

To get the animal off the road, where it was in constant danger from traffic, Mr. Ruge succeeded in beating it away long enough to throw the muff into a yard. Collicie went after it, and there it sits, showing its fangs to any who attempt to get near it.

So a perfectly good dog and a more or less worn muff await a claim of ownership.

250,000 WORKERS WANTED IN YARDS

Chairman Hurley of Shipping Board Sends Out Call for Volunteers

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—A call for 250,000 volunteers, a reserve army of skilled workers in shipyards, was issued this morning by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board.

Men of draft age called into the shipyards will be guaranteed exemption from military service.

Coincidentally, Hurley announced he will need 100,000 additional workers "within four or five months."

State Councils of Defense were asked immediately to give publicity to the appeal and urge employers to release skilled labor. Workers will receive standard wages. Legislation is under consideration to provide necessary railroad fare for workers to the shipyards to which they may be assigned.

Will Use Sailing Vessels

Washington, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The shipping board is planning to make immediate use of the vast United States emergency tonnage of sailing vessels of the American merchant marine. It was announced this afternoon. At the suggestion of Chairman Hurley, Secretary of Commerce Keffeler turned over to the shipping board a complete report covering all those vessels. They number 500 ships of 1000 tons and over, and of this number, 175, with a tonnage of 425,000, are in American territorial waters. It is planned to use them more extensively in the coastwise trade, and in southern American and Pacific trade.

Chamberlain Put on Coast Defense Body

Washington, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The Democratic steering committee of the senate today named Senator E. D. Smith of South Carolina to be chairman of the senate interstate commerce committee to succeed the late Senator Neveland.

Senator Smith was named as a member of the committee. Senator Hardwick of Georgia was named to succeed Senator Smith as chairman of the immigration committee.

Chamberlain of Oregon was named as a member of the committee on coast defenses, and Senator Johnson of South Dakota to be a member of the committee on public lands.

Murder Trial Put Off; Witness Is in Army

Kansas City, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Mary Kreiser, who shot and killed her husband, Edward Kreiser, Independent Boulevard Christian church organist, went this morning in the criminal court when Judge Fortfield postponed her trial until the April term of court.

The continuance was granted over the absence of T. V. Wisely, a witness expected to prove that the slaying was premeditated. He is in the army in France.

President Inspects Shipping Program

Washington, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—President Wilson again this afternoon personally inspected the shipping board program. Unheralded he dropped in on Chairman Hurley and went over with him the reports of progress from the various yards. The president is intensely interested in seeing that tonnage promises made to the senate are kept.

The president left before him all available figures.

The president was closeted with Hurley for an hour but had nothing to say about his visit.

SHIP IS HIT AND CALLS FOR AID, THEN IS SILENT

Steamer Texan in Collision Somewhere in Atlantic—So Far as Is Known There Has Been No Loss of Life.

Efforts to Get Into Touch With Steamer After Operator Sends "Goodbye" Are Futile; Other Ships Ordered to Assistance.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—"We were struck amidships. We are sinking. Lowering lifeboats starboard side. Have lost aft boat. Spilling oil on water. We have 43 men. Now lowering forward boats. Goodbye. No more—Texan."

This was the dramatic message flashed broadcast over the sea in "S. O. S." wireless calls early today by the American-Hawaiian tank steamship Texan. The message, which was picked up here, did not give the location of the Texan, which is believed to have been in a collision.

Efforts to answer the vessel after her wireless operator flashed "good bye, no (Concluded on Page Four, Column Five)

STATE FEDERATION MEETS AT ASTORIA

Labor Commissioner Hoff Tells Convention He Will Not Be Candidate for Reelection.

Astoria, Or., Jan. 14.—Organization details considerable part of the opening session of the fourteenth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor here this morning.

Delegates arrived on morning trains and added to the number who arrived Saturday night and Sunday.

One of the principal addresses today was that of O. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, a feature of whose talk was the announcement that he will not be a candidate to succeed himself at the next election.

Attended All Sessions

"This is the fifteenth annual convention of the State Federation of Labor that it has been my privilege to attend," said Mr. Hoff. "As commissioner of labor I come in close touch with your work. To have a better understanding of your ideas, aims and intentions, it is necessary that the commissioner should attend your meetings. I am, therefore, the manning of our battle and merchant lines of help, and I give me in the performance of my duties."

Commissioner Hoff also urged continuance of labor's cooperation in every activity concerned with the winning of the war.

Production Is Essential

"In the tremendous conflict of arms in which we, as a nation, are engaged to perpetuate the glorious principle of democracy," he said, "our great duty lies along the line of production. Guns, ship, munitions, clothing and, greatest of all—food—are the prime necessities of this war. Men for the bearing of arms, the making of our battle and merchant lines of help, and I give me in the performance of my duties."

Report of U-Boat Off Texas Coast Sends Artillery Guards to Forts

Wireless Message Brings Word That Patrol Boats Saw Diver in Gulf.

Galveston, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Guards have been stationed at all coast artillery batteries here today and a close watch is being kept on all shipping, following wireless reports that a submarine had been sighted by two American patrolboats 100 miles south of Galveston.

Military authorities declined to discuss the report further than to admit such a report had been received.

All coast artillery troops on leave were immediately summoned to man batteries.

The report said the submarine mounted two guns, and that it submerged and was not seen again when the American patrolboats gave chase.

Patrolboats Hurry to Sea

Galveston, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—Although officers at Fort Crockett declined to comment on the report, they admitted troops of the coast artillery away for the evening on leave had been hastily summoned last night to man the shore batteries, and that a passageway has been temporarily suspended.

All available patrol boats in the harbor were sent to sea last night. According to the report, two patrol vessels attempted to chase the submarine, but the U-boat quickly submerged and disappeared. A southwest gale is now sweeping the gulf and on account of this patrol work is difficult.

The steadily increasing activity of Germans in Mexico, a large number of whom went to that country immediately upon the outbreak of the war, United States, gives color to the theory that any submarine activity on this side will be directed against the oil commerce of the Gulf, rather than against Mexico.

Navy Says Nothing

Washington, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—The navy department was without information today of the hostile submarine reported seen in the Gulf of Mexico.

SUSPICIOUS FIRE GUTS BIG ARMY STRUCTURE

Giant Quartermaster's Building in Washington Breaks into Flames Twice This Morning, With Disastrous Effect.

Guard About Grounds Doubled as Soon as Blaze Is Discovers—Private Soldier Held in Connection With Fire.

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—A German lieutenant, who came to this country on the German submarine U-53, was arrested here this afternoon as he was trying to set a match to the magazine at the aviation station here. He wore the uniform of an American army captain when arrested.

Letters from former German Ambassador von Bernstorff and Captain Boy-Ed were found in his possession. A receipt showing that he had received \$90,000 for distribution among eight confederates, including a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, was also found.

Washington, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—A newly enlisted private, Vincenzo Ferris, is held by military authorities here for accidentally starting the fire which gutted the giant quartermaster's storehouse and post commissary building at Washington barracks today.

Ferris, charged with "gross carelessness," inquiry having developed that the conflagration was probably started by a cigarette he dropped in the building.

It was the fourth of a series of mysterious fires to break out in the building during the last 30 days, and the loss may reach \$200,000, it was said.

An immediate investigation was ordered by Secretary of War Baker, who personally went to the scene and reported that he had received \$90,000 for distribution among eight confederates, including a wealthy citizen of Baltimore, was also found.

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Streams on Mt. Hood On Wildest Rampage

Numerous Bridges Over Zig Zag, Clear Creek and Sandy Carried Off or Damaged During Recent Heavy Floods.

William Deveny has received a letter from Mrs. Harry Morton of Welch's river 45 miles from Portland. She says the flood was "the worst we ever witnessed up here, and such a noise all the time you would think the world was coming to an end."

Mrs. Morton says "The flood damaged Zigzag some. It washed the dirt away from one of the cribbing. Harry Deveny, who took the plank off Clear Creek bridge. It took the bridge at Rhododendron and also one of the Twin bridges. It took two foot bridges at the mouth of the river. It washed the bridge at McIntyre bridge over Sandy."

Canadians Capture Prisoners in Raid

London, Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Canadian troops carried out a raid against a German trench position north of Lens during the night. It resulted in the capture of 20 prisoners, including a staff sergeant, who was reported to be a member of the German high command.

Ex-Congressman Ill in Army Hospital

Macon, Ga., Jan. 14.—(I. N. S.)—Major M. P. Gardner, former congressman from Massachusetts and now a major in the One Hundred and Twenty-first Infantry, who was wounded at the base hospital, is reported to be recovering.

Gas Explosion Cause Of Wire Works Fire

San Francisco, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—An explosion of gas was the cause of a \$250,000 fire at the plant of the E. R. Edwards Wire Works in South San Francisco, it was declared today. The fire, which started about 10 o'clock last night, destroyed the plant and factory, established 18 months ago, which was making wire for Alaskan fisheries.

Victim Identifies Dead Army Captain as Man Who Robbed and Killed

Camp Funston, Kan., Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—After testing Wornall's eyes by reading to him a list of names, the man who was reported to have been the victim of a robbery and murder at the army bank here Friday night, awoke from a troubled sleep in the Fort Funston hospital and stared into the face of the man who had had him for years.

Wornall's companions to death and battered Wornall into unconsciousness. The murderer, dressed in his army captain's uniform, sat in a wheel chair at Wornall's bedside, horribly rigid of attitude and gazed at the wounded man with frightful eyes.

Wornall, paralyzed momentarily with horror, finally found his voice.

Identification Is Positive

"That's the man—Captain Whistler," he cried, and faintly.

Military officers, in their zeal to establish the identity of the murderer and

robber, had staged a scene worthy of a Poe.

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Whistler Had Aids, Is View

Military authorities were proceeding today that the robber and murderer had an accomplice.

A suitcase is missing from the quarters of Captain Whistler. Investigators are searching for it.

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