

CHICAGO TRIBUNE FRIENDLY TO HIM, COMMITTEE TOLD

Ambassador Bernstorff Cabled Berlin That Paper Was Pro-German, Government Contends

FOX NOT HEARST EMPLOYEE

Captain Lester, Government Witness, Now States He Never Said Fox Hearst Correspondent

Washington, Dec. 16.—Presided by Senator Wolcott for evidence that the Berlin dispatches of Dr. William Bayard Hale expressed anti-American sentiments, Captain B. G. Lester of the military intelligence division started to read specimens from cablegrams to the New York American which he presented as of that type, at Saturday's session of the Overman senate committee.

After reading into the record half a dozen or more, all of which were sent from Berlin before this country's entry into the war, and which on their face purported to express pro-German views on current events, Chairman Overman interrupted the witness.

"How many of these dispatches do you want to go into the record?" asked the chairman.

Deny Fox Hearst Employee

The witness replied that he had selected types of cablegrams from the complete collection which he thought would illustrate the character of the Hale writing. The chairman told him that he could pick out those desired to go into the record and introduce them later. Further reading of the dispatches was thereupon suspended.

Referring to a signed statement of Bradford Merrill, specifically denying that Edward Lyell Fox was ever in the employ of William Randolph Hearst, Captain Lester told the committee that he had made no statement before it that Fox had been employed by Mr. Hearst. "In the sense that (Fox) had served as a war correspondent."

Stenographer Contradicts Lester

The army officer who at Friday's session had testified at length concerning Fox's alleged relations to the Hearst publications, in addressing the committee at the opening of the session today declared the statement of Mr. Merrill was a vicious attack on his previous testimony, involving a flat accusation of perjury.

Captain Lester repeated that he had not stated that Fox was in the employ of Mr. Hearst as a war correspondent. The official stenographer's report of the captain's testimony on this point showed that Captain Lester testified that Fox went to Germany "ostensibly as an employee of the Wildman Newspaper syndicate and that Captain Lester made this additional statement: "In addition an arrangement was made by the Hearst newspapers to employ Mr. Fox to write articles while in Germany attaching himself to the headquarters of the Hearst service in Berlin, then he was engaged by Mr. Schweppendick. He was to write articles and news for the Hearst publications."

Another Statement Likely

Captain Lester told the committee today he would make a further and possibly more formal statement in reply to Mr. Merrill after he had an opportunity to go over the stenographer's minutes of his testimony of yesterday. He added that Fox had written out in his own hand writing a statement of his German connections and that additional material elaborating Fox's activities could be presented if the committee deemed it advisable.

Captain Lester also corrected the erroneous impression created by his testimony of Friday that the cable service at one time denied the International News Service had not since been restored. He explained that since the last hearing he had got in touch with the British military authorities at Washington and had been informed by them that the cable service had been restored to the Hearst organizations early in 1918.

Offer Tribune's Editorials

Before the committee adjourned Saturday until next Tuesday, when it will hear Samuel Untermyer of New York an offer was made by Major Humer, representative of the judge advocate general's office, to introduce specimens of the alleged pro-German editorial policy of the Chicago Tribune. These editorials, according to the contention of the government, bear upon the cablegram from Bernstorff to Berlin to the effect that the Chicago Tribune was friendly to the German cause.

Weymouth Kirkland, attorney for the Tribune, asked permission to make a statement as to the origin of a pamphlet which has been sent to the committee containing extracts from editorials published in the Tribune and described as "The War Record" of that paper.

Attorney Blames Ford

Attorney Kirkland said the pamphlet had been prepared by attorneys at Henry Ford, who is suing the Tribune.

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INSURANCE PLAN OF LOCAL PHONE CONCERN TESTED

Suit Brought to Determine Sum Due Former Employee Who Had Been Injured.

CLAIM IS PAID IN PART

Company's Release Form Had Been Signed by Injured Man; Balance Is Now Sought.

Bringing suit against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for payment of about \$1800 which he claims is due him under the disability benefit plan offered by the company, W. D. Walter is seeking to test the question as to whether or not the company is legally bound to the free insurance which it offers as an inducement to its workers. The case will open next Wednesday morning.

Walter, for many years an employee of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, was hurt while on duty on the evening of December 20, 1918. The accident occurred at Vancouver, Wash., and he lost his left eye and injured his right so severely that he is gradually losing use of it according to the company's physician, he declares.

He says that at the time he was given to understand that, as the accident occurred in the state of Washington, and he would be entitled to about \$800 under the workmen's compensation act, he might collect what was due him from the state and the company would pay the difference between that amount and what he was entitled to under the company's plan.

Received Sum of \$1211

He has received in all \$1211.35 from the company and the state, and the amount which he believes should be due him is the difference between that and the \$3800 allowed under the disability plan.

He states that he had a clear case for damages when he was hurt, but that before he was able to use his good eye he signed the company's printed form, which read as follows:

"In consideration of the compensation payable to me by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company under its plan for employees' pensions, disability benefits and death benefits, I hereby accept in full and discharge the company of all liability for the payment of any compensation or damages payable to me under the provisions contained in paragraph 26 of section 9 of the plan, to accept the benefits to which I am entitled under the plan in lieu of and release of any claim and demands which I might otherwise have against said company on account of injuries sustained by me at Vancouver, on December 20, 11:35 p. m., 1918."

"Dated March 20, 1917. (Signed) 'WERT D. WALTER. In the presence of J. R. Davies, E. R. Lundberg."

Complaints of Treatment

"I am sure that this is the first time the company has ever refused to pay the amounts named under the benefit plan," said Mr. Walter, "I have been at the company's offices many times since the accident, and they keep telling me that very soon they are going to arrange a little desk for me where I can sit and work. I managed to get a waiver from the war department, allowing me to enlist in spite of the loss of one eye, but after working a short time I was totally blind for a while and had to be discharged."

The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company has printed a booklet outlining a plan of benefits, which, according to Mr. Walter, is described in glowing terms to all new employees and is mentioned in many of its advertisements.

Malheur Lags In W. S. S. LEAGUE

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is feeding on my place sold a bunch of steers recently at 9c a pound on foot. That means a 1200 pound steer sells for \$108.

"What are you doing? Your usual stunt of learning all you know from other people? I am chairman of the program for the winter session here. Come up and tell the farmers how they farm in France. I'll put you on the program for half an hour this afternoon."

I accepted the invitation and talked for half an hour, but my talk was more on backing up the boys over there than on farming in France, for most of the time I saw how the farmers here plowed by 10 inch howitzers or 11 inch naval guns and they were dropping shells, not grain, into the furrows, and the harvest was such a harvest as I never want to see again.

Malheur at Foot of List

The reason I talked on "backing up the boys over there" was because Malheur county is next to the foot of the class in the War Savings Stamp campaign. It is a rich country. The banks in Ontario have deposits on hand in excess of a million dollars. The people of the county are loyal and patriotic, so there is some reason why Malheur county has purchased less than 40 per cent of her quota of War Savings Stamps when Deschutes county has sold 185 per cent, or 85 per cent more than its quota, Clatsop 148 per cent, Wheeler 121 per cent, Baker 117 per cent, Lincoln 117 per cent, Coos 116 per cent, Tillamook 109 per cent, Gilliam 108 per cent, Linn 105 per cent, Washington 103 per cent, Umatilla 101 per cent, Yamhill 100 per cent, and most of the other counties are on the very edge of going over the top and reaching their objective.

The county chairman here has had so many other irons in the fire that he has not had time to perfect a working organization, so the public has not had

Just Leave It to Santa—He Will Get Into Any Apartment

Just how Santa Claus was going to get into an apartment house that had no fireplace has been puzzling the little 4-year-old son of E. N. Kavanaugh, grating examiner at the forest service, for some time. Master Kavanaugh has always lived in a house with a big fireplace until this winter. So when he heard Santa Claus was coming, he was puzzled. He asked his father if he could find his way into a modern apartment building if it didn't have the real fireplace for the little stockings to hang.

Church Shows New Life

Rev. F. A. Ginn, who was appointed pastor of Lincoln Methodist church by Bishop Shepard, has succeeded in re-establishing all services except the evening meeting. Sunday school is held at 10 o'clock, preaching at 11 o'clock and Epworth League service at 4 o'clock. The Epworth League is taking on new life. Recently five new members were received. Sunday's devotional services was led by Miss Marjorie Haley.

Salmon Dec. 18.—Out of \$3,000 automobiles in the state, new license plates have been obtained for only 13,500, according to Secretary of State Olcott.

Indications point to a great congestion in the motor vehicle department during the closing days of this month and in the early part of January. If past records are maintained, at least 20,000 license plates will be issued in the next two weeks. Secretary Olcott urges automobile owners to send in their applications as early as possible.

Recuperative Diet in Influenza. Horlick's Malted Milk, very digestible. Adv.

REDUCTIONS IN LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE RATES ARE ORDERED

Night Service to Cost Half and Fourth of Day Rate; Airline Distances to Govern.

Washington, Dec. 16.— Postmaster General Burleson Sunday announced a reduction in night long distance telephone rates and a charge for all long distance calls whether the individual called is reached or not, providing connection is made with his telephone. New standard line rates are also established. The new rates are to be effective January 21 and are recommended in the first report of the committee on standardization.

Between 8:30 and 12 p. m. the rate is to be one half the day rate, and between 12 p. m. and 4:30 a. m. one fourth the day rate.

All rates apply where connection is established, but 25 per cent additional is to be charged when a particular person is demanded to answer the call and does answer. Under present practice, no charge is made unless the party demanded answers. This has led to abuse, the committee reports.

Free Calls Discounted

Similarly, when a call is made for a particular person and the operator reports that the person called is not at the phone or refuses to talk, 25 per cent of the regular rate is charged.

Under this arrangement the rate for particular person calls, when the service is successful, is increased 25 per cent; all free calls are discontinued and at least 25 per cent of the regular rate must be paid, if actual connection is made. As a basis of these charges a "station to station" service is established. Rates are based on this service. Air line rates are established on this basis. Up to 24 miles the rate of 5 cents for each six miles is fixed and for greater distances 5 cents for each eight miles. These rates are for the distance of air-line.

Means General Reduction

It is estimated that the effect of these standard rates will be to reduce, or not affect, 70 per cent of the present rates and to increase about 30 per cent. The committee reports that over 80 varieties of toll rates have existed in the country up to the present time.

A further effect of the uniform rates is to reduce short distance toll rates to 10 and 5 cents, and five minute talk is allowed as a minimum.

Further reduction of the rates are contemplated as a result of the standardization. In explanation of the charges for particular person calls, the committee states that it takes 2 1/2 times as much work to get a particular person to the telephone as it does to establish a station to station service. The committee also says the absence of a charge has resulted in abuses through the use of code schemes and that a charge should be made for service performed.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO GUININE (Tablets). It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. GROVE'S signature on each box. 50c.—Adv.

THE MATTER BROUGHT TO ITS ATTENTION. WHERE IN MOST COUNTIES YOU WILL SEE SIGNS IN THE BANKS AND BUSINESS HOUSES AND IN THE POSTOFFICES, SUCH SIGNS ARE CONSPICUOUS BY THEIR ABSENCE.

Might Hurt Business

In talking to one of the wealthiest men of the county, J. R. Blackaby, president of the Ontario National bank, he explained the situation by saying: "What you people do not seem to realize is that if the banks promote Liberty loan drives and War Savings Stamp campaign it hurts our business as our depositors withdraw money on deposit with us to buy the bonds and war stamps."

As money can be loaned by the banks at from 8 to 10 per cent and as they draw this interest on the money of their customers on deposit in the bank it stands to reason that the withdrawal of \$100,000 from a bank to be invested in Liberty bonds and War Savings Stamps is a loss to the bank, and yet, with a few exceptions, the bankers of the state have worked hard to promote the sale of Liberty bonds and War Savings Stamps as they realize that if the money had not been forthcoming to win the war their holdings would not be a penny shrinkage if Germany had won and we had had to pay her an indemnity of \$25,000,000,000. They preferred bonds to bonds. They preferred to be free men and buy bonds rather than wear them.

As W. G. McAdoo says: "The buy-way to Berlin is made by buying bonds." In talking with many prominent citizens of the county, I find a strong desire to see that Malheur county shall do her share and go over the top with the other counties. It is a pity that we have not had every loyal citizen in the county will put his shoulder to the wheel and help the county chairman, W. Homan, put Malheur over the top. Malheur should not be in the slacker county list.

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Shop in "The Store of Essential Gifts"

"The Finest Umbrellas As Gifts to Everyone"

—No more thoughtful expression of the real gift spirit—that of service—than a new silk umbrella! We have the most complete stocks of attractive umbrellas in the city and offer a few Christmas gift suggestions—

Pure Silk Taffeta Umbrellas \$4.50
—Umbrellas of heavy grade silk, with 8-rib Paragon frame. Sport loop cord handles for smartness! In taupe, purple and changeable shades.

English Club Stick Umbrellas \$6.00
—The popular crooked handle umbrella with all wood shank made on 8-rib Paragon frame. Fine quality pure silk taffeta in taupe, purple, green, burgundy, changeable, red and wine.

Black Phoenix Silk Umbrellas—\$5
—New and up to date umbrellas with the new short handles and cords. With a large spread—absolutely the best wearing umbrella you could find!

Novelty Umbrellas \$7.50 to \$15
—The newest creations in umbrellas—with unusual ferrules, tips, handles and the very finest quality of silk. In all popular shades.
—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

New Bag Ribbons Are Special 50c

—Novelty ribbons—large assortment of them that can be made up into the loveliest Christmas gift bags! Light and dark combinations.

New Novelty Bag Ribbons From \$1 to \$7.50 Yd.

Hairbow Ribbons Special 25c Yd.

—Fine quality moire taffeta in all wanted shades.

Ribbons for Tying Xmas Packages—10c Spool

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The Finest Gift of All—a VICTROLA

—Think of the long evenings of pleasure the entire family and friends can have with a Victrola in your home.

—Whole orchestras—the world's most loved voices and violinists—dance music—all at your command—with a Victrola.

All Styles and Sizes Sold on Easy Terms Order Yours now

—Music Floor, The Seventh.

Comfort-Giving Gifts BATHROBES For Women and Children

Women's Bathrobes \$4.95—\$5.95 to \$14.95

—Soft, downy robes in such pretty and becoming styles—the kind that will give pleasure all year 'round. Some are strictly tailored—some have large collars, satin trimmed—most of them have heavy cords at waist and pockets. Light and dark ones in artistic designs.

Children's Bathrobes \$2.49—\$2.95 to \$4.50

—Sizes for girls 6 to 16—robes to delight every girl's heart and make her evenings and mornings comfortable in such attractive styles.

Robes for Kiddies \$1.69 to \$3.98

—Don't forget the little folks, bathrobes for Christmas. All kinds of pretty ones here.

—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

MORE BOYS NAMED FOR LIEUTENANTS

Ten Members of O. A. C. Student Corps Added to List of Cadet Lieutenants After Tests.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 16.—Colonel Alfred C. Sharpe, commander of the local O. A. C., has announced the addition of 10 more names to the list of 63 men who successfully passed examinations for cadet lieutenants last week. These men were unable to complete their examinations prior to this time on account of illness. Their names in the order of their standing follows: J. S. Marshall, Gladstone; S. M. Dobson, Pacific Beach, Cal.; W. B. Hayes, Pasadena, Cal.; E. D. Hunter, Portland; J. H. McIntyre, Camp Meade, Md.; W. B. Murray, Ashland; A. J. Seyer, Snodgrass, Wash.; H. J. Wagner, Portland; H. L. Wilson, Helmet, Cal.; E. L. Robertson, Portland.

G. V. Robinson of Portland, still holds his place at the head of the list of 73 cadet lieutenants. He is the nucleus around which the Aggie basketball team is to be built this spring. He was the basket shooter's center last year. The fact that these men have passed the cadet lieutenant examinations while they are members of the United States army gives them a high prestige, says

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Yours for \$5,400,000.00

The Chief Nut

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Fancy Brassieres Special 85c

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—Fourth Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Fancy Xmas Box Stationery 50c

—A special lot of stationery offered at a very low Holiday price—pretty for gift giving or the notes that are always incidental to Christmas. The envelopes are lined in different colors. Paper of excellent quality.

—Main Floor, Lipman, Wolfe & Co.

Details of the Sketches

No. 1—Sharkskin Tea Pots. Imported, crockery pots—light tan—with tea containers. \$1.

No. 2—3-piece carving sets, with imitation stag handles, nicked ferrule and tips. Guaranteed steel blades, \$2.45. Other sets \$5 to \$15.

No. 3—Egg slicers—for salads and garnishing. 85c.

No. 4—Casserole frames, nickel plated on copper base. Two styles—7 inches, \$2.40 to \$2.40. 8 inches, \$2.54 and \$2.70.

No. 5—Yellow bowl sets—five sizes, 5 to 10 inches. \$1.49.

No. 6—Ideal nut cracker—cracks the shell and not the kernel. 50c.

No. 7—Jelly server—to hold 8 ounce glass of jelly. \$4.50.

No. 8—Aluminum tea kettles—5 quart size. Plain and Colonial shape. Cast spout. \$2.69.

No. 9—A la d'ind aluminum roaster. Limited number at this price. \$4.98.

No. 10—Tea spoons—Wm. A. Rogers—guaranteed 10 years. With Grecian border. 6 for 79c.

No. 11—Bread slicer—with 3 adjustments. Heavy. 50c.

No. 12—Aluminum coffee percolator—8 cup size. \$1.95.

No. 13—9-piece earthen cooking sets. 7-in casseroles, mixing bowl, pudding pans, 6 custards. \$1.19.

And These Opportunities

Midget Oil Heaters \$2.99

—Large enough to heat the extra room. Perfection Heaters \$6.25 to \$8.50.

Clothes Hampers of split willow, grass, full willow and red. \$2.75 to \$4.00.

Silver Plated Sugar Shells 25c

Split Wood Wood Carriers 79c

6-Cup Aluminum Percolator—\$1.59.

Brass Cuspidors—heavy weight—\$3.00.

Link Roasters—\$2.25 to \$5.25.

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No. 1—\$1.00

No. 2—\$2.45

No. 3—85c

No. 4—\$2.10-\$2.70

No. 5—\$1.49

No. 6—50c

No. 7—\$1.50

No. 8—\$2.69

No. 9—\$4.98

No. 10—6 for 79c

No. 11—50c

No. 12—\$1.95

No. 13—\$1.19