EIGHT ACCEPTED TEMPORARILY ON JURY FOR ALBERS

Examination of Jurors to Hear Testimony in Espionage Case to Be Continued Monday.

DEFENSE CONCEDES FACTS

Jurors Carefully Questioned as to Prejudice by Attorneys for Prosecution and Defense.

Selection of a jury to render judgment in the case of Henry Albers, a prominent manufacturer of Portland, who was indicted under the espionage law on the charge of attempting wilfully to incite insubordination and disloyalty to the American government, will be resumed Monday afternoon in the United States district court. Thus far eight jurors have been passed upon and temporarily accepted. When four more are added to these the right of challenge will be at the option of the government and the defense.

By Tuesday afternoon it is expected to begin the introduction of evidence.

The indictment on which Albers is to be tried contains seven counts. Four of these are based on alleged utterances made by Albers on October 8, 1918, while he was en route to Portland on a Southern Pacific train between Grants Pass and Roseburg.

Alleged Remarks Quoted

Included among these alleged utterances are:

"To hell with America."

"I am a German and I don't deny it."

"I am a pro-German; so are my brothers."

"I served 25 years in the German army under the kaiser and I would go back to Germany tomorrow."

"I came to this country supposing that it was a free country, but I find it is not so free as Germany."

These utterances, it is alleged, were made in the presence and hearing of F. B. Tichenor, a deputy United States marshal; L. E. Gaumont, J. A. Mead, E. C. Bendixon and others.

The remaining three counts of the indictment are based upon alleged utterances of similar character in Portland between the months of July and May, 1918, in the presence and hearing of N. F. Titus and others.

In the examination of jurors by the attorneys for the defense, it is conceded that Albers, who is by birth an educated German, was a strong sympathizer with the cause of his native land before the United States entered the war against the imperial German government, although he had renounced his allegiance to her and become a citizen of the United States.

Jurors Are Questioned

Beyond this the line of defense has not been indicated. United States District Attorney Haney and Deputy B. H. Goldstein are conducting the trial for the government, and the defense is represented by Henry E. McGinn, John McCourt and R. Citron.

In anticipation of what may be one of the plans of the defense, the government attorney asks each prospective juror if he will be influenced by the fact that an armistice is now existing and for that reason give less consideration to the evidence than he would in the heat of battle.

Another sidelight on what may be expected in the way of lawyers' pleas is the question asked by the district attorney as to whether the prospective juror thinks he can be solely guided by the evidence and the instructions of the court, and not be influenced by an appeal to his sympathies and prejudices by counsel for defense, meaning Judge McGinn.

Native of Germany on Jury

Judge McGinn comes back with the statement that the prosecution has the final word and asks the prospective juror if he feels that he is mentally constituted to disregard everything but the evidence and law and to turn a deaf ear to an impassioned appeal to his patriotism and love of country.

When the impanelling of a jury began Saturday afternoon the first name called from the jury box was that of Gerhard Goetze, a Washington county farmer who was born in Germany and who came to America when he was a youth 16 years old. Although of German parentage and birth he said that he thought his adopted country was perfectly justified in taking up arms against his native land which committed a wrong in sinking American ships. He was satisfied in his own mind that he could give the defendant a fair and impartial trial. He was accepted by both sides temporarily.

Scotchman Is Accepted

The next name called was that of John Bain of Portland, born in France of Scotch parents. He said that he felt as though he could render impartial judgment on any man irrespective of his nationality. He too was accepted.

The next six names to come out of the box were native born citizens in the following order:

J. M. Hart, 680 Lombard street, Portland, general merchandise; B. F. Holman, Portland, fuel dealer; F. W. Bartholomew, Springfield, truck farmer; John Frye, Astoria, logger; F. L. Gates, Portland, grocer, and Henry Ball, Portland, real estate dealer. All were found qualified to pass through the first gate.

Four additional names which were called from the box but whose examination was postponed to Monday were M. L. Higgins, John Baikie, J. T. Young and F. R. Rundall.

INSURANCE MEN ARE IN FAVOR OF BRINGING COMMISSIONER HERE

Resolutions Passed at Luncheon Saturday; Higher Salary Advocated.

Two important resolutions were adopted, officers were elected for the coming year and a letter giving the latest situation in the insurance business throughout the United States was read at a meeting of the Life Insurance Underwriters' association of Oregon at a luncheon in the Chamber of Commerce rooms at noon Saturday.

Both the resolutions were adopted unanimously. The first strongly indorses the bill before the house authorizing the moving of the headquarters of the insurance commission from Salem to Portland, for the convenience of the people, who are in the habit of attending to these matters when they are in Portland.

Salary Regarded Inadequate

The other resolution heartily indorses the bill, also before the house, to increase the salary of the insurance commissioner, owing to added responsibilities and the higher cost of living. The resolution stated that the present compensation was inadequate for the services of a first class man.

Following the adoption of the resolutions a letter from Jonathan K. Voshell, national president of the Insurance Writers' association, was read. This letter carries the latest information concerning the insurance situation and gives advance information regarding war risk insurance.

Bill Is Before Congress

The letter in part follows:

"The policy contract and rates have been settled. A bill is before congress which will provide for the extension of the beneficiaries named in the present law and make certain the payment of the policy to these beneficiaries or to the estate of the insured.

"Holders of government endowment policies will have an option of taking the face of the policy if they live until maturity.

"The forms of policy contracts have been agreed upon: ordinary life, 20 and 30 payment life, 20 and 30 year endowment and endowment at 62.

"The new rates will average from 25 to 30 per cent under those of the participating rates of private companies. The actual basic rate will be the 3 1-2 per cent rate without loading, figured upon a monthly basis. Upon an annual basis the net rate would average about 15 per cent under private company rates. To this should be added at least 10 per cent of the monthly premium.

"Under government policies a further advantage is given to soldiers and sailors in that if they pay their premiums quarterly, semiannually or annually all premiums beyond the current month are returned to them in the event of death.

"I urge that all underwriters accept this great opportunity to render a service which I believe will lead to the writing of considerable amounts of commercial life insurance in addition to that which is carried upon the lives of soldiers and sailors."

Following the reading of the letter, nominations were made and officers for the coming year were elected. The selections made were: President, H. R. Albee of the Northwestern Mutual Life; vice president, C. E. Fuller of the Travellers, and secretary, Mina R. Savage of the New England Mutual company. The executive committee selected was: William Goldman, A. T. Bonney and W. S. Baker.

Wedding Bells Ring In Old England for Portland Soldier Boy

Sergeant Howard A. Sharp of the second battalion, Company E, 162d infantry, the old Third Oregon, was married December 18 to Miss Bertha Carter at Winchester, England, according to a letter received Saturday by his mother, Mrs. Josephine Sharp, president of the Alberta Women's club. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon in London, and as soon as Sergeant Sharp is mustered out of the service, they will make their home in Portland.

Mrs. Sharp had no intimation of the impending marriage until the letter came announcing that it had taken place.

Dr. Moore Back From Service in France

Dr. Charles Ulysses Moore has returned to his home at 1180 East Flanders street, after several months of service in France, where he aided in combatting children's diseases in the war devastated regions brought on by malnutrition and undernourishment.

SIZZLING REPLY GIVEN SMITH BY PORTLAND MAYOR

George L. Baker Makes Scathing Answer to Senate Critic of Soldiers' $100,000 Relief Bill.

SAYS NEED TO CONTINUE

Statement That 'Mayor and Portland Committee Gold Bricked Legislature' Termed 'Foolish.'

Mayor Baker Saturday night drafted a spirited reply to charges made by Senator J. C. Smith in the senate that he had "gold-bricked" the legislature out of $100,000 in his appeal for the passage of the appropriation for relief of returning soldiers and sailors. The mayor strongly defends his position and declares that the fund remaining of the original mayor's fund is, and was intended, for relief of the Oregon men who are in service overseas, and not for the men who are returning.

The letter follows:

"Senator J. C. Smith, Chairman Ways and Means Committee, Senate Chamber, Salem, Or.

"Sir:—I am taking it for granted from your past attitude that you were correctly quoted in the newspapers regarding the $100,000 bill for the relief of soldiers and sailors and the emergency fund in the city of Portland, and I hasten to reply.

"I am sorry that the law-making body of the state of Oregon has a representative who has not greater vision, consideration or ability to see and correctly interpret problems, than you.

"As to the emergency fund existing in the city of Portland, I will say that there is about $8400 remaining of a fund of $12,000 raised here over a year ago at a series of entertainments at the public auditorium. This fund was raised for the specific purpose of providing for the immediate needs or wants of Oregon soldiers and sailors overseas—not for Portland boys alone, mind you, but for Oregon soldiers. Parts of this fund have been in the possession of officers in every branch of the Oregon service overseas that could be reached and has been disbursed by them to meet emergency needs. The balance has been retained here to replenish exhausted funds with overseas units.

Needs Will Continue

"These needs continue and will continue until these overseas men reach home.

"What a ridiculous position you place yourself in by rushing to the newspapers and declaring that the mayor of Portland gold-bricked the legislature when he appeared in Salem with a committee of representative citizens and asked the state to assume a responsibility that belongs to the state—the relieving of the stress of soldiers and sailors from all over the country who are stranded in Portland and who have not been taken care of by the government for whatever reason.

"I had no fear when I went to Salem, in my trouble getting consideration from the men of vision. I did know, however, and now I realize, more than ever, that trouble might be expected from the petty-minded politicians who for some reason or other get into the legislature.

"As to the $100,000 appropriation let me say that the Portland committee of which I was a member presented the facts to the legislature and that body met the issue. If the legislature wants to back up, that is up to them, but I think there is too much intelligence represented there for any such action. If there is not it will be a sorry day for the state of Oregon.

Conditions Referred To

"I can realize how a man from remote part of the state who knows nothing of the problems of cities and knows nothing of the big problems now facing the United States, can take the view you have taken. A man who has taken the time or opportunity to investigate would not, however, take such a view."

"You have but to go to the quarters of the American Red Cross in Portland and see and hear what is happening. You have but to talk to the good women of the auxiliaries who are meeting the returning boys at Liberty Temple in Portland to see what the conditions are: You have but to meet these soldiers and sailors and hear their appeals to know that it is time for action.

"Let me tell you that the American Red Cross faced the music of this situation for some time prior to the committee visiting Salem and realizing the importance of immediate action opened quarters for the soldier and sailor relief work last Tuesday, and have been disbursing help to meet the actual and immediate needs of soldiers and sailors at the rate of about $150 a day. This organization agreed to handle the work until the state committee got into action. This committee has been expecting to be ready almost any day.

Stand Termed "Foolish"

"What a foolish stand you have taken in saying that the mayor and committee from Portland goldbricked the legislature. Come down and tell that to some of those who have been facing this problem in Portland and see what reception you meet. Suggest to them that the state of Oregon should get away from its responsibility by shoving it off onto a little fund of $8400 raised at entertainments to meet emergencies of Oregon boys at the front.

"As to what you say about me personally, I have no interest, and I should ignore the whole matter but for the fact that by some hook or crook you happen to be in a position where you might be able to do harm in an emergency matter which is of vital importance.

"And this goes for the rest of those of your calibre who are involved."

GEORGE L. BAKER.

To Investigate Oil Tanks

Commissioners Barbur and Bigelow comprise a committee appointed Friday by Mayor Baker to make an immediate investigation of the question of proper safeguards for the oil tank district at Linnton. A special committee appointed by the mayor some time ago has failed to make any specific recommendations, so the mayor appointed the new committee with instructions to investigate at once.

Consolidation Plan Of City and County Nears Completion

The proposed bill for the consolidation of the city of Portland and Multnomah county came a step nearer completion at last night's meeting of the joint consolidation committee. The measure is now nearing the final stage, and will be ready for presenting to the legislature soon. The final polishing of the proposed constitutional amendment will take place next Monday night, when the board will meet again.

But one or two minor points remain to be settled before the bill is sent to Salem. Ex-City Attorney Frank S. Grant will be consulted before the measure is sent to Salem. Mr. Grant, together with ex-Mayor Joseph Simon and Martin L. Pipes, drew up the measure for consolidation some time ago.

In order to secure the future safety of the city's finances, a clause was inserted in the measure limiting the voting of bond issues.

Idealist's Dream Of a World Center May Be Realized

By Paul Scott Mowrer

Special Cable to The Journal and The Chicago Daily News

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Paris, France, Jan. 25.—The American sculptor and idealist, Hendrick Anderson, whose great plan for a world administrative center, has been frequently commented upon in the Daily News, has begun to feel that at last, after 20 years of persistent effort, the realization of his dream is near.

The formation of a league of nations is now a certainty. Mr. Anderson believes that once the league is formed the necessity for an administrative center will be realized at once.

His plans for such a center were completed a few years ago and embodied with full explanation in a large volume, copies of which have recently been presented to the heads of various nations.

President Wilson, in response to a letter from Mr. Anderson, called the plan "wonderfully attractive," and Pope Benedict, in a recent private audience granted to the sculptor, spoke favorably of the ideas, and congratulated Mr. Anderson on his indefatigable idealism.

Ask for 1919 War Stamps—for sale at usual places.

Agreement Violated, Says Charles Piez

Seattle, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—That the 30,000 members of the Metal Trades council who tied up the Seattle steel shipbuilding industry by a strike last Tuesday have violated an agreement with the government is the statement in a telegram received today by the shipyard owners from Charles Piez, director general of the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation. Piez says the men were unwise in the face of a falling market to stop work, and that if they were successful in obtaining their demands the future of the entire shipbuilding industry in this district will be jeopardized. Piez directed the shipyard owners to "make no effort to resume operations unless the men are willing to accept the labor adjustment board's decision," and concludes, "the government is not so badly in need of ships that it will compromise on a question of principle."

Husbands Are Accusers

That his wife made a practice of staying out nights, is charged by Elia Doneff, in his suit for divorce against Lucy Doneff, whom he married at Kalama, Wash., in October, 1915. He asks for the custody of a minor child.

Desertion and infidelity are charged by Charles H. Martin against Ella J. Martin.