SUPREME COURT REVERSES AWARD IN ROHDE CASE

$10,000 Damages Allowed in District Court Here Thrown Out Because of Compensation Law.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The decision of the supreme court, handed down by Justice McReynolds in the Herman Rohde case, which has now become available, shows that the first report, based on the clerk's notes concerning the effect of the decision, was erroneous.

The decision of the United States district court in Portland, awarding Rohde $10,000 damages from the Grant Smith Porter company, is reversed, the supreme court ruling that the acceptance of the state compensation law by Rohde took away from him the right of coming under the admiralty jurisdiction of the federal courts.

Two question were submitted to the supreme court by the circuit court of appeals. The answers follow:

1—The admiralty law covers damage cases arising from injuries received on ships lying in navigable waters.

2—Acceptance of the compensation law in the Rohde case abrogates the plaintiff's right of action in admiralty.

James B. Kerr, of counsel for the shipbuilding concern, explained Saturday night that Rohde was injured when he fell through the hatch of a ship newly launched in the harbor. The company that employed him worked under the workmen's compensation law and took a certain amount out of its employes' wages to pool for payment of injured workmen.

After the injury Rohde hired an attorney and refused to accept settlement under the workmen's compensation law, declaring that he had the right to sue in admiralty court, inasmuch as he was injured on a ship in navigable waters. He got a verdict for $10,000 in the district court. The case was carried to the circuit court of appeals and finally to the supreme court.

FIVE POWERS AGREE TO BAN POISON GAS

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fices of Secretary of State Hughes and Arthur J. Balfour, which would leave only loose ends of the Chinese treaty and discussion of Siberian questions remaining.

The adoption of the poison gas ban was the second triumph of the United States within the last few days in its suddenly developed campaign to abolish some of the "vipers of war." Realizing that public opinion in this country favored action to take the Teuton tinge from war, the American delegation, through Root, proposed a ban on U-boats.

It was promptly added, with a penalty providing that any U-boat commander guilty of violating the new submarine rule shall be treated as a pirate.

Then the United States suddenly proposed to abolish poison gas, and in 24 hours it was adopted.

From reliable sources it was learned tonight that the American delegation is contemplating still another move to make future wars less horrible.

At the meeting at the armament committee it may propose certain limitations on aerial warfare, which would prevent repetition of some of the German tactics employed in the last war.

This may be a ban on bombing of cities, with the consequent killing of innocent women and children—in other words, some international declaration that would make impossible long distance raids, such as were made on London and Paris by the kaiser's air forces.

DECLARED IMPOSSIBLE

The aircraft subcommittee today presented its report declaring that limitation of aircraft in numbers and size is impossible at this time with the possible exception of prohibiting the building of huge dirigibles. It pointed out that there is certain to be a rapid development of capable aviation, which no nation could afford to limit, and that it would be difficult to prevent the diversion of new accomplishments in this line to war purposes.

The subcommittee held that it would be well to make rules governing aerial warfare, but that it probably would be better to leave it to a later parley than to bring it up for discussion in the now fast dissolving conference. This view, however, may not prevent the American delegation from asking for a general declaration of principle against certain kinds of warfare from the air.

EXPERTS OVERRULED

The subcommittee is composed of experts. American experts recommended against a ban on poison gas, but statesmen put it into effect.

In its report the subcommittee made these main recommendations:

1. Limitation of commercial aircraft would be disastrous to world progress and t is next to impossible to prevent some conversion of such craft into war craft.

2. Limitations on such craft, to make them less available for war, would also detract from their value in commerce.

3. Curtailment of civil airplanes, such as mail carriers, is impracticable.

LIMITATION SUFFICIENT

4. Limitation of size of lighter-than-air vessels is sufficient to effect an effective curtailment of their powers of offense, but such limitation also "shuts the door" on the possibility of their development for legitimate civil enterprises.

5. Technically some limitations on other craft used for commerce could be undertaken, but these would be inadvisable as thwarting progress and checking communication between nations, a thing in itself valuable as a means of checking wars.

6. Limitations on military aircraft are possible, but not deemed advisable. It is easy to develop large numbers on short notice, as evidenced by America's progress in the war.

FOR ANOTHER CONFERENCE

7. Rules governing air warfare should be considered at another conference later.

In conclusion the report says:

"The committee is of the opinion that it is not practicable to impose any effective limitations upon numbers of characteristics of air forces, either commercial or military, excepting in the single case of the lighter-than-air craft."

La Follette Faces Fight to Keep Seat; Opposition Is Busy

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—A fight to unseat Robert M. LaFollette, Wisconsin's senior United States senator, was under way tonight throughout the state.

A committee of 44, composed equally of men and women Republican leaders, announced they will call a meeting within a few weeks of the "sane progressive" Republicans to pick a candidate to run against LaFollette.

The committee has been meeting for several weeks.

The hottest part of the fight has developed over the contest for women votes.

Senator Ervine L. Lenroot, whose election was credited to support of the women, is reported to be taking active part in the fight against LaFollette.

Lenroot, who has always been a "dry" and a supporter of equal suffrage, is regarded as controlling a large section of the feminine ballots.

LaFollette returned to Wisconsin during the Christmas holidays and organized a campaign to swing the woman vote from Lenroot. This is being done through efforts of Mrs. LaFollette and Mrs. John Blaine, wife of the governor of Wisconsin.

Three Men Get Fifty Days in Jail for Having Deer Meat

Fifty days in jail was the sentence given each of three Willamette valley residents who were arrested Thursday for having deer meat in their possession out of season. The three men are Joe George of Salem, John Moult of McMinnville and Bernard Kuschnick of Moult mill. From Moult a total of 92 quarts of canned venison and a quantity of fresh meat were confiscated. Additional charges of hunting without licenses were filed against the three men, but sentences in these cases were suspended during good behavior.

A report was also filed at the headquarters of the state game commission upon the arrest of Henry Staseck of Seaside, who was fined $72 for having venison in his possession.

"Fatty" Arbuckle In San Francisco For Second Trial

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Roscoe ("Fatty") Arbuckle, looking fit, fat and cheerful, arrived in San Francisco late Saturday in preparation for his second manslaughter trial in connection with the death of Virginia Rappe following his now famous "gin jollification" at a local hotel last Labor day.

He was accompanied by Minta Durfee, his wife, and her mother, Mrs. Marie Durfee.

Arbuckle, as usual, refused to discuss the case.

Hits Street Car to Avoid Another Auto

Given the choice of ramming another automobile or a street car, C. E. Bade, 394 East Fourteenth street north, steered his own machine straight into the trolley car. The automobile and street car met head-on at East Seventh street and Broadway, Saturday night. Bade, his nose skinned, chin cut and leg wrenched, was taken by ambulance to the Elks club, where his hurts were treated.

BERLIN ASKED TO GIVE EXPLANATION

Supreme Council Wants to Know Reason Why Germany Cannot Pay War Reparations.

By Webb Miller
United Press Staff Correspondent.

Cannes, France, Jan. 7.—The allied supreme council today summoned the Germans to explain their claim that they are unable to pay the war reparations.

At the suggestion of Lloyd George, the council wired the Berlin government, inviting it to send representatives to Paris and Cannes next week.

An offer to surrender her claim to German reparations payments for 1922 was made to the supreme council by Great Britain.

British financial experts advanced the suggestion that Britain would sacrifice her share, 22 per cent of this year's reparations, in favor of France, Italy and Belgium, if those countries would agree to cut down the total amount Germany must pay in 1922.

CAUSES AMAZEMENT

This surprising proposal, understood to be the second of Lloyd George's ideas for the rehabilitation of Europe, caused amazement at the conference.

Another development today was an announcement that Nikolai Lenin, long held up as the dictator of the Russian soviet, was to accept the allies' invitation to the Genoa conference in March and meet the leading statesmen of Europe in person. Lloyd George was reported to have received assurances that Russia would agree to the conditions imposed by the allies and send her premier and Tchitcherin, soviet foreign minister, to the economic conference in the spring.

Experts today considered the reparations question. It was at their meeting that the British plan was disclosed. Belgian and French experts announced their opposition to a moratorium. The latter were prepared to agree to a reduction in cash payments if reparations in kind were offered.

WOULD RECEIVE LESS

Under the terms of the British proposal, it was understood, France and Belgium would receive less than they had intended to claim, but the generosity of the British offer made its moral effect considerable.

It was believed in conference circles that the United States would accept the invitation to Genoa. The fact that Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and Russia were to be represented, supreme council delegates believed, made it certain the American government would desire to participate.

It was predicted tonight the supreme council would finish its deliberations by next Thursday. Things have gone forward rapidly. The delegates have obviously taken a leaf from the Washington arms conference notebook in getting its general proposals under way with a rush. The French continue pessimistic over the prospects of successfully arranging the German payments. They feel they are certain to lose, no matter what happens.

He Buys Ring and Trousseau; Girl Skips With Them

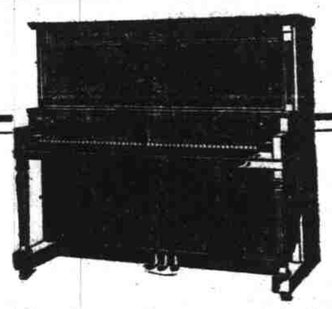
That celebrated "light that lies in woman's eyes" had its irresistible lure for Joe J. Fisco, who has been living at the Arlington hotel since work has slackened in the logging camps. There he met the winsome Jane Cotton, who was stopping at the same hostelry. She was so charming that Fisco completely lost his heart, bought the diamond ring and asked her to become his bride.

Everything was fixed, according to the story Fisco told to Police Inspector Van Valkenburg Saturday night, even to his buying her two new dresses at $15 each and a new hat for $9.85. Thursday was to have been the wedding day and Vancouver was to have beeen graced as the wedding city.

But, so Fisco confided to Van Valkenburg, Miss Cotton did not keep the appointment, although she kept the ring and the trousseau. Fisco said a friend told him Miss Cotton had been seen walking with a "fellow bigger than Joe."

"I'm not sore; I'm not revengeful," Fisco said as he left the police station, "but I feel downright put out."

Efforts will be made to regain the ring, although Fisco fears it will be useless to try to regain his lost love.



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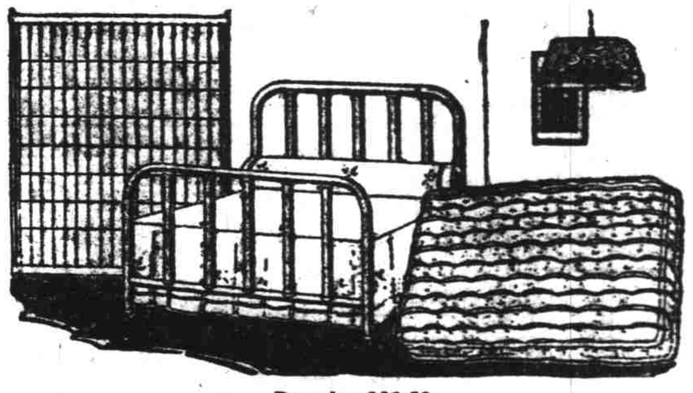

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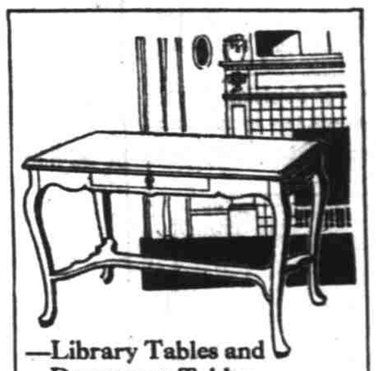

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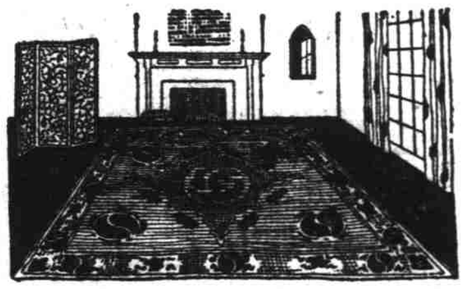

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—$35.00	Seamless Brussels, size 9x12	$26.75
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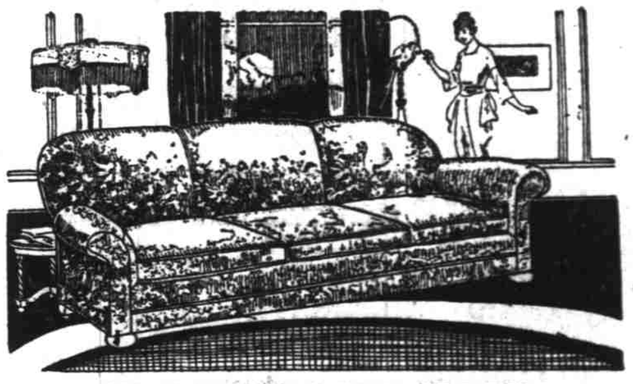

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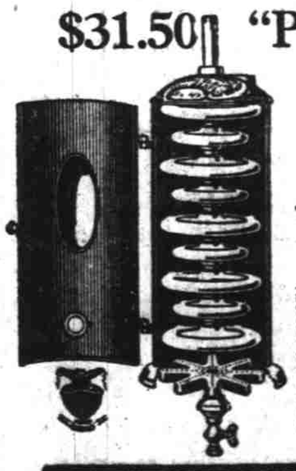

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