

# GERMANY TAKES STAND AGAINST HEAVY TAX LEVY

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Washington, June 27.—Germany has given the United States government official assurances that no confiscatory taxes will be levied upon the property returned to German citizens by the alien property custodian here.

The German government realizes that if existing statutes were literally interpreted it might mean that the property of Germans seized here during the war would find its way into the hands of the Berlin government and eventually would be part payment to the allies on the war indemnity.

This fact more than anything else has deterred American officials in recommending the return of the German property to their owners, it being argued that while the American government may have sentimental objections to confiscating private property, the same property would be confiscated anyhow by the German authorities.

**MAKES PROMISE**

Public opinion in the United States on this argument led the German government to take up the question in an effort to persuade the United States government that Germany would not confiscate the property. The department of finance in Berlin has examined the laws and issued a ruling to the effect that the taxes may be paid in the present value of German marks.

This makes all the difference in the world. Two German tax laws were adopted in July, 1919, and December, 1919, respectively and in the former case the value of the mark was 13 to a dollar and in the latter 49 to a dollar. If taxes were to be paid on that valuation it would mean virtual confiscation. But the German government officially advises the United States that it has no intention of applying the value of the mark as of July or December, 1919, but only as of the date on which the property is returned.

**COULD NOT INTERVENE**

According to the statisticians of the German finance department, the tax would in no case go beyond 10 per cent and in many cases where the property returned is of relatively small size the tax would range from 2 to 4 per cent.

These taxes, it is admitted, are high, but they do not mean the taking of the whole thing as was supposed would be the case if the tax laws were interpreted as the American government

thought. The German government is naturally interested in seeing the property of its nationals restored and was quick to point out that fears of confiscation by the Berlin authorities need not be entertained.

The United States government had, of course, no power to intervene as between German citizens and the German government, though the good offices of the department of state were frequently suggested as a means of preventing German confiscation.

**FIGHT EXPECTED**

Instead the German government has voluntarily interpreted its laws of 1919 and made it clear that it will not penalize its nationals simply because the difference between existing rates today and three years ago is so large. This action will make it difficult for congress to withhold approval of President Harding's plan on that ground, though it is expected a lively fight will ensue in both the senate and the house on the question of paying American citizens the claims they hold against Germany for acts committed during the war.

The adjustment of these claims, which will be taken up by a mixed commission, may be sought first before all the German property is returned. The present plan contemplates returning the property up to \$10,000 in value and would keep in trust approximately \$350,000,000 to \$450,000,000 other properties of German ownership pending further developments in American policy.

# U. S. MAY WIDEN MOUTH OF RIVER

Astoria, June 27.—A channel project fostered by the United States navy in connection with the Toxague Point naval base is reported to call for the improvement of the Astoria Harbor from the site of the naval station past the city and to the sea, to provide for a channel 3,000 feet in width, with a minimum depth of 40 feet at low water.

It is said that engineers' estimates for this work have been prepared and that the navy department will present the project to congress for an appropriation at the next session of that body. The United States army engineers engaged in making a survey of the entrance of the Columbia river will finish their work Tuesday.

While no official figures have been given out, it is understood that the widening of the mouth of the Columbia river's mouth is gradually becoming deeper and wider and that a greater depth of water exists there at present than last year or in 1920.

Last year it was predicted by the engineers that a minimum low water depth of 50 feet at the entrance of the river would be brought about by the action of the tides and currents.

# Paving From Ocean To The Dalles Is Nearly Completed

The Dalles, June 27.—Paving between The Dalles and the Pacific ocean will be completed this evening, say engineers in charge of the work for the Hauser Construction company, the contractors, who are fast closing the gap just west of Rowena, about seven miles from The Dalles. Less than half a mile of unpaved road remained Monday night.

A big celebration commemorating the event will be held here Sunday afternoon. The affair will be under the auspices of the Kiwanis club, and guests have been invited from all parts of the state to be present. The construction company will next pave the bridge over Eight Mile creek at Seufert, three miles east of The Dalles, and the overhead crossings at Big Eddy and Dillon over the O-W, R. & N. tracks. Afterwards repairs will be made on paving in Hood River county that was damaged by the storm last winter.

# COLLINS ORDERS REBEL'S ARREST

Dublin, June 27.—(U. P.)—Free State forces struck at the insurrection in the heart of Dublin.

Michael Collins, head of the provisional government, ordered his troops to arrest Commander Michael Henderson, one of the leaders of the band of rebels which recently seized and held the Four Courts building and hotel. The arrest was effected.

This move by Collins was considered extremely significant. It constituted a direct challenge to Roy O'Connor, rebel general, who has been defying both the Free State and Great Britain to get him out of Dublin. The arrest of Henderson, moreover, showed the Free State government intends to lose no time in complying with Churchill's ultimatum delivered in commons yesterday to restore order.

Lieutenant General O'Connell was captured by insurgents of the Irish Republican army and held as a hostage for Henderson.

# Earl, Mentioned in Divorce Scandal, Is Barred From Altar

London, June 27.—Only the innocent parties in divorce suits can be married in the chapel Royal Savoy, London's "little church around the corner," according to a precedent established Monday.

The earl of Lanesborough wanted to marry Mrs. Guy Watkins in the afternoon in the chapel. The announcement was made in the morning prayers. But the Rev. Hugh Chapman, the chaplain, stepped in and forbade the ceremony. "The announcement is totally unauthoritative," said Dr. Chapman. "There will be no ceremony of any kind at the chapel royal."

Dr. Chapman officiated at the marriage of Consuelo, duchess of Marlborough, to Jacques Balsan, at the Savoy chapel last year, but her marriage came under the "innocent party" classification.

Dr. Chapman's reason for forbidding the earl of Lanesborough's marriage is said to be due to the fact that the earl was named as correspondent when Mrs. Watkins was divorced from her husband. In the face of the minister's rebuff, the earl and Mrs. Watkins will be married tomorrow at the registry office.

# Nearly 3500 Nurse Delegates Greeted At Sound Gathering

Seattle, June 27.—(U. P.)—Nearly 3500 nurses were greeted and welcomed by the mayor at the joint meeting of three nursing organizations now in convention in Seattle, last night.

Others who spoke were Miss Clara D. Noyes, president of the American Nurses' association; Miss Elizabeth Fox, president of the national organization of public health nursing; Miss Anne C. Jamme, president of the National League for Nursing Education, and Miss Annie W. Goodrich, assistant professor of nursing at Columbia university.

# Three Young Folks Are Drowned When Boom Sticks Turn

Spokane, June 27.—Word has been received from Newport, Wash., that Miss Ivy Richards, 17, and her brother Elbert, 22, of Tiger and Frank Shephard, 17 of Seattle, visiting at home, were drowned Sunday afternoon at home at the Fairhand Lumber company's log boom in the Pend Oreille river.

Miss Hazel Shephard, 17, came up between the boom sticks and scrambled to safety after she had been in the water for five minutes.

According to the story told by H. H. Mott boom boss, who saw the accident, the four young people went out onto the boom to take pictures. The boom sticks turned, precipitating them into the water.

**GOES TO CONVENTION**

Salem, June 27.—A. C. Barber, state fire marshal, left today for Marshfield to attend the annual convention of fire chiefs, June 29-July 1. Included in Barber's party will be Miss Fay Hendrickson, his chief clerk, Mrs. Thomas Carlson, wife of the fire chief at Bend, and Mrs. Horace Sykes.

# Bay City Thrills To Wistful March Of Disabled Vets

San Francisco, June 27.—"Lest we forget" the heroes of yesterday marched again today.

The Disabled American Veterans of the World war who are still fighting the battles of disease and injury which result from the World war, formed the escort of honor to a "living hall of fame."

The "greatest hero" of every state designated by the governors of the many states after exhaustive investigation came here to honor their disabled comrades and today both marched in parade to honor the other.

Many a tear was shed as the ranks of the disabled veterans passed up Market street, scene of many a thrilling parade. Scarcely a squad in which the ravages of war was not plainly apparent through missing limbs, a painful limp, assistance of crutches or the presence of hospital pallor.

The second annual convention will begin consideration of the post-war problems of the disabled veterans this afternoon.

# Prince Deserts Moro Wives for American Girl

Manila, P. I., June 27.—(U. P.)—Prince Hadji Gulami Rasul of the Moros has deserted his Moro wives for an American girl.

The prince and Miss Elma Stewart of Washington were married here, and today announced they were leaving for a tour of Europe.

"We will not return until the American governor is gone from the Philippines and complete independence is obtained," Prince Hadji said.

None of the native Moro wives of the prince, which he had taken in accordance with tribal custom, will accompany the bride party in any capacity, and a bigamy charge brought on the grounds that the prince already was married has been dismissed.

# EUGENE MARRIAGE LICENSES

Eugene, June 27.—Marriage licenses were issued here to George E. Cooper and Dorothy Martin, Eugene, and R. S. J. Hamilton, Sutherlin, and Inez Eddy, Vida.

MRS. ELIZABETH WIDDERSHEIM Cottage Grove, June 27.—Mrs. Elizabeth Widdersheim, 75, died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. William Hogate, east of Cottage Grove. She formerly resided in Salem. Ten children survive including Mrs. Cleo Cashatt and Mrs. Ipha Knox of Salem.



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(A page or two from Life.)

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A day or two ago I found myself in the pocket of a young man who didn't know my value.

Stuffed carelessly in the same pocket were several others and a number of paper fellows bearing large numbers. From my hiding place I couldn't see much of what was going on, but I could hear music and noise and the fives and tens vanished one at a time till they were all gone. Surely this was a rich man—

Yet I was to learn better, for with two others I helped the young man exist till the next payday.

—and he seemingly has no regrets, as he casually remarked, "this is the life."

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