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## SHOTS FIRED DURING TRIAL KILL HINDUS

### Ram Chandra and Ram Singh, Defendants in San Francisco Trial Dead—Hearing At- tracted International Interest

### LIVES OF MANY ARE ENDANGERED BY GUN

### Editor Struck by Bullet in Leaving Witness Stand Be- fore Noon Adjournment

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—Twenty-nine defendants, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States through plots to foment revolt against British rule in India, were found guilty in a verdict announced shortly after midnight this morning by a jury in the United States federal court. In the case of John F. Craig, head of the Craig Shipbuilding yards, Long Beach, Cal., a verdict of "not guilty" was returned.

United States Judge William C. Van Fleet set next Tuesday for the pronouncement of judgment.

The defendants accepted the verdict calmly, several of them smiling. The only exception was Louis T. Hengstler, San Francisco admiralty lawyer, who broke down and wept.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Hated, smoldering for months among two factions of Hindus on trial here charged with violating the neutrality of the United States, burst forth into flames in the crowded United States district court room here today, according to the federal authorities, when a Hindu defendant shot and killed a fellow countryman and co-defendant and was himself killed by a bullet from the revolver of United States Marshal James B. Holohan.

The lives of hundreds of persons in the court room were endangered by the flying bullets in the turmoil accompanying the shooting immedi-

## Bridge Contractors Are Wondering Who Fooled This Person

An effort is being made to run-down the perpetrator of this cold, cruel joke on the bridge contractors. It is alleged that a gray-haired sight-seer from the middle west wandered out upon the old camouflage river bridge Sunday afternoon and looked down wondering upon the massive concrete approach of the new bridge and the trainload of steel grinders on the bank.

"So that is all that's left of the old bridge, eh?" he remarked to a Salemite. "My folks told me not to fail to see the old pioneer bridge over the Willamette, but I see it has all gone out. But they've done a good job of salvaging the iron work."

## Finnish Bolsheviki Are Evacuating City of Viborg

(By The Associated Press)  
MOSCOW, April 18.—The Germans after the capture of Lakhki are moving in the direction of Viborg. The Finnish Bolsheviki government is evacuating Viborg.

## Disloyal Faculty Members Will Be Given Discharge

SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—The board of regents of the University of California at a special meeting here today passed resolutions giving President Benjamin Ide Wheeler power summarily to dismiss any member of the faculty, or employ, who voices disloyal views.

In addition, the regents passed another resolution by which no student may obtain a degree from the University of California until he or she has given a pledge of loyalty to the United States.

## Attempts to Make Peace Negotiations All Fail

LONDON, April 23.—A Russian has wired Berlin asking whether the night, says:

"All statements direct and through the intermediary of the German government to open peace negotiations at Smolensk between Russia and the Kiev rada having failed, M. Tchitcherine, the Bolsheviki foreign minister, other resolution by which no student may obtain a degree from the University of California until he or she has given a pledge of loyalty to the United States."

## GEDDES GIVES DESCRIPTION OF FIGHTING

### Smoke Screens Operations of Allied Vessels—Six Obsolete Cruisers Take Part in Attack at Zeebrugge

### AIRPLANES ASSISTING SILENCE BATTERIES

### Two Destroyers Enter Mole and Blow Up Dock Gate; Feat Most Difficult

### Chamberlain Says He Will Not Press Bill

LONDON, April 23.—Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, in supplementing the admiralty report on last night's raid against Zeebrugge and Ostend, said in giving the house of commons such information as had come to hand of "this extremely gallant and hazardous raid":

"I ask the members to appreciate that most of the officers and men from whom we have to get the information have been fighting the greater part of the night and that some of them are not yet in."

"The raid was undertaken under command of Vice Admiral Roger Keyes, commanding at Dover. French destroyers co-operated with the British forces. Six obsolete cruisers, all from twenty to thirty years old, took part in the attack.

"They were the Brilliant, Sirius, Implacable, Intrepid, Thetis and Victorious."

"The first five of these were filled with concrete and were to be sunk in the channel and entrances to the two ports if this could possibly be managed."

Work With Ferryboats.

The Victorious, working with two ferryboats, carried storming and demolition parties to storm the head of the mole which runs out from Zeebrugge. The Victorious was specially fitted for landing storming parties and was armed especially for the purpose with flame throwers, stoke mortars and that sort of thing.

"The men employed on the block ships and in the storming and demolition parties on the Victorious were blue-jackets and marines picked from a large number of volunteers from the grand fleet and navy and marine depots. There was great competition for the undertaking and we could only use a very small proportion of those who volunteered."

"There were light covering forces belonging to the Dover command and Harwich forces under Admiral Tyrwhitt, covering the operation in the north. A force of monitors, together with a large number of very small motor boats took part in the operation, which was particularly intricate and had to be worked to a time table and involved delicate navigation on a hostile coast without lights and largely under unknown navigational conditions developed since the war, with the added danger of mine fields."

Officer Is Killed.

"I should like to mention that the officer who developed the operation was killed."

"The high development of scientific fog or smoke was one of the essentials to success. It was more fog than smoke, which, combined with certain wind conditions, was essential to the success of the operation, so as to protect the operation from batteries which might have flanked it."

Weather Favorable.

Archibald S. Hurd, writer on naval subjects, reviewing the naval raid on Zeebrugge in the Daily Telegraph says:

"The sea was smooth and the wind favorable, but unfortunately the wind changed after the operation was begun, with the result that the ingeniously devised smoke screen was not as successful as hoped for and the British casualties were consequently increased. Although the desperate fighting on the breakwaters resulted in severe casualties, the losses in the desperate exploit of sinking the ships in the entrance of the canal were very light, owing to the skill with which the relief ships were worked."

Much Aerial Fighting.

In the British attack on the Belgian coast, according to reports from the Rotterdam correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, several German batteries at Ostend and Zeebrugge were silenced by the bombardment from the sea.

There also was much aerial fighting. The attack began at midnight, the report says, and until 2 o'clock in the morning the German batteries fired continuously.

Feat Incredible.

Two destroyers got inside the mole at Zeebrugge and blew up the dock gate, the correspondent at Dover of the Daily Mail reports. The feat, he says, seems incredible, but there appears to be no doubt about it. Some of the men who took part in it say they saw the waters of the Brugge canal runnig out after the gate was destroyed and the vessels in the dock straining at their hawsers.

## BODY OF SALEM SOLDIER FOUND

### Lifeboat Containing Remains of Curtis Wilson Drifts Ashore

That Curtis Willson of Salem, who lost his life in the Tuscania disaster, died of exposure in an open lifeboat at sea is indicated by a letter that has been received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Willson. The letter is from the daughter of a lighthouse keeper on the coast of Scotland and says the boat containing the body drifted ashore. The body showed no bruises and no other bodies were in the boat.

Willson's name was among the published lists of Tuscania victims, and later reports said that he had been buried with other victims on the Scottish coast. This, apparently, was erroneous. The letter received here yesterday says that the body has been interred and that photographs of the grave will be sent his parents.

## Bombing Machines Active Around Railway Stations

LONDON, April 23.—"Our bombing machines were very active Monday," says the official statement issued tonight on aerial operations. "They dropped nineteen tons of bombs on numerous targets, including the Thourout railway station, the Engel ammunition dump and Warneton, Armentieres and Roulers. In the air fighting seven machines were brought down; six were driven down out of control or shot down in our lines by anti-aircraft fire. Two hostile balloons were destroyed. Three of our machines are missing."

## Indiana Mayor Locked in Jail as Enemy Alien

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Fredrick C. Miller, the German mayor of Michigan City, Ind., was arrested and locked up as an enemy alien when he came here today to discuss with federal officials the prospects for completing his naturalization. He took out first papers before the United States went to war.

## FIVE OFFICIALS ARE CRITICIZED IN LONG SPEECH

### Sherman Would "Scatter Bunch of Fakirs and Howling Dervishes"

### LAST DAY OF DEBATE

### Two Men Advocate Elimination of Red Tape—Effort Made to Hurry Bill

WASHINGTON, April 23.—A vehement attack upon President Wilson and some of the members of his official family by Senator Sherman of Illinois, Republican, marked the last day of unlimited debate in the senate on the Overman bill, which would give the president general powers for reorganizing government agencies during the war.

In a long speech opposing the measure and asserting that the executive had not used properly authority already possessed, the Illinois senator criticized particularly Secretaries Baker and Wilson, Postmaster chairman of the committee on public information. He declared the president had surrounded himself with Socialists and that he should "scatter the bunch of economic fakirs and howling dervishes" now in office.

Each Will Speak Today.

Senator Ramsdell of Louisiana and McKellar of Tennessee, Democrats, spoke for the bill, urging that cross departments are working at cross purposes under the present peace time system and that "red tape" must be eliminated if maximum results are to be obtained. Since the president will be held responsible for success of the nation's war effort, said Senator Ramsdell, he should be given the authority he thinks necessary.

In an effort to hasten action, after 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon each senator will be limited by agreement to thirty minutes' discussion of the bill.

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## BLOCKADE OF NAVAL BASES IS ATTEMPTED

### Sinking of English Cruisers Laden With Cement Across Exits from German Harbors Principal War Operation

### LITTLE ACTIVITY ON FRENCH BATTLE FRONT

### Rupture Between Holland and Germany Rumored—Ex- pect War Declaration

### OFFICIAL SUMMARY.

British naval forces reinforced to some extent by French warcraft, have carried out a startling and daring maneuver, which, if it should prove to have been successful, may play a part in the future of the war.

No less objective was sought than the blotting out by one sweeping blow of Germany's submarine menace from the bases at Zeebrugge and Ostend, by the sinking across the exits from the harbors of large old-time cruisers laden with cargoes of concrete to make them more difficult of removal.

While full details of the attack have not yet been received, the information at hand is that two of the cruisers were blown up at Zeebrugge and another was sunk while passing in the canal.

At Ostend two additional warships were run ashore and destroyed by bombs, but it is believed they failed to choke the canal.

Damage Shore Works.

In addition considerable damage was done by the guns of the warships to works on shore at both places.

One British torpedo boat destroyer was sunk by the German guns and four smaller craft are missing, while a considerable number of casualties on board the attacking vessels was suffered.

The only activity along the battle front, except for small attacks here and there, is being carried out by the artillery. The German guns have been paying particular attention to the sectors around Ypres, Kemmel and the Nieppe forest.

North of Albert, the British in a local attack improved their position and took prisoners and additional captives were made by them near Robecq and Wytchaete. Attempts by the Germans to raid some French trenches between Launay and Noyon were repulsed.

Allies Watch for Drive.

Notwithstanding the lull there is expectancy in the allied camps of near approach of another great attempt by the Germans to break their lines. All precautions have been taken and everywhere the fronts have been strengthened in anticipation of further onslaughts.

Rumor has it that relations between Holland and Germany are strained; that Germany has delivered an ultimatum to Holland demanding the right to transmit civilian supplies, sand and gravel and war materials on the Dutch canals and railways. In Holland, it is said, the feeling is that acquiescence would be equivalent to neutrality.

Advices coming out of Germany are that the German newspapers are preparing the people for a declaration of war by Uruguay and Argentina against Germany at an early date.

TUESDAY IS QUIET.

PARIS, April 23.—Aside from heavy artillery duels near Hanard-Santerre and west of Noyon, Tuesday passed quietly along the French front, according to the French official communication issued tonight. There were no infantry engagements.

GAIN GROUND NEAR ROBOECQ.

LONDON, April 23.—The British gained ground today east of Robecq, according to Field Marshal Haig's report tonight, and improved their position around Meteren. Numerous prisoners were captured.

The text of the statement reads: "In local fighting east of Robecq reported this morning, another minor operation having as its object the improvement of our line in this sector was carried through to complete success. In addition to a gain of ground we captured 120 prisoners and a number of machine guns."

"We also improved our position slightly early this morning in the neighborhood of Meteren and secured several prisoners and four machine guns."

"The hostile artillery developed considerable activity early in the morning with gas shells in the Villers-Dretonneux sector."

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BERLIN, via London, April 23.—The official communication from general headquarters tells of the activity of the British between Less

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## Is Bill Hart a Bad Man or Not? Movie Fans Satisfy Curiosity

Lack of steps proved no obstacle to the group of fifteen or twenty youngsters, the liveliest movie fans in town, if one judges by enthusiasm, who turned out with the crowd of several hundred who heard William S. (Big Bill) Hart speak from the rear end of the Shasta Limited yesterday afternoon. The aforesaid boys clambered up the metal grating around the platform craning their necks for the first view of the famous star, who shortly appeared, much to their gratification, in his familiar trade costume, sombrero, knotted bandana and wild west riding clothes.

While they listened to his jokes the multitude satisfied their curiosity as to whether "Bill" really lived like a bad man or not. "Bill" himself was modest and claimed to be a hero in public life only.

When the train quietly slipped down the track the movie star was still telling one of his yarns—whether he reached the end made no difference, the crowd was so busy remarking on his age, size, ancestry and similar considerations that they didn't hear much of his speech anyhow.

It is reported that Hart had a bulldog that looked "like the north end of a locomotive going south."

Mr. Hart has been touring the coast in the interest of the liberty loan. Lack of time probably prevented him from approaching the subject during the brief four or five minutes he was in Salem.

Outlook Is Pessimistic  
for Championship Boat

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 23.—The feeling persisted in the Twin Cities tonight that the proposed championship between Jess Willard and Fred Fulton would not be held in St. Paul on the Fourth of July.

Active opposition from several organizations and the announced determination of these forces to enlist state-wide support was regarded as the chief cause for pessimism. It was believed that this opposition was responsible for an intimation from the capitol that the safety commission would forbid the fight while the United States is involved in war.

The safety commission today listened to arguments and then took the matter under advisement. About 100 women, clergymen, attorneys and other persons attended the hearing.

Congress and the country. Senators demand that Bulgaria and Turkey be openly acknowledged as enemies of the United States by reason of their alliance with Germany.

Some people may think the Creator had no sense of humor, but if He has anything to do with the Cherrian aggregation, in costume and greasepaint there is evidence to the contrary. It is safe to say that last night's performance at the opera house has never been surpassed if equalled in Salem as a combination of comedy, fantasia, sentiment and military enthusiasm. The public had been led to expect something good but all expectations were eclipsed in the reality.

From a musical point of view alone the performance is a masterpiece—demonstrating some of the greatest talent to be found in the state, and a masterly manner of training. From the introductory orchestra number to the final patriotic thrill, it is a round of pleasure such as one seldom buys for a dollar.

Advance Hit Given

A suggestion of what was in store came with the street parade at noon. It was not so long as Rindings' but it was mighty unique and picturesque. And it was mighty suggestive for the most striking feature of it was a group of men carrying a coffin which bore ominous the legend—"We're going after the Kaiser."

The tickets went out with a rush, the house being largely sold out the day before. And the huge audience was appreciative from the moment the curtain lifted upon the semi-circle of all-stars, every number being greeted with an encore. In the center of the stage the burly form of the interlocutor—Dr. H. C. Epley—loomed like a giant of geniality, while the end men—Knowland, Springer, White and Lerchen, played their parts with a gusto that went the real darkey one better.

The chorus work in all the numbers was exceptionally fine, and was shaded under the hand of Director Todd to the most delicate finish. One will seldom hear anything superior to this among professional troupes on the circuit.

Soloists Make Hits.

Each one of the soloists made a hit with his own particular rendition, and while there was a wide range of style it would have been exceedingly difficult to select the

most pleasing. The first number—"Somewhere in France is Daddy"—by John Treager, went direct to the hearts of the audience with its mingling of pathos and patriotic devotion, sent home with the magic of a sympathetic voice.

"The Flag of My Heart"—a gripping song in itself, was rendered with gripping force by the powerful vibrant baritone of Gingsrich, whose notes are wont to have in them the ring of the battle-cry. It need not be said that this number swayed the audience strongly.

In point of tenderness and sentiment, local work has seldom surpassed the rendition of "Blue Bird" by Albert Gilie—a song of soul, sung from the soul, with an accompaniment of bird-notes and the exquisite shading of the chorus which held the audience to the last note.

Of a different type were the solos, "Song of Liberty," by Todd, and "There's a Service Flag Flying at Our House," by Macy. They had in them the dash and swing of martial sentiment that made the blood throb and called out applause in the midst of the singing. Both singers interpreted grandly the sentiment of the compositions.

Knowland Injects Punch.

Charles Knowland injected a touch of bravado and comedy, as well as a suggestion of the charge, into his rollicking solo, "We'll Knock the Hell into Hell out of Heiligoland." He was finely backed up by the chorus and the thing sent the audience wild with its dash and its "punch."

A fantastic bit of colored humor was pulled off by H. R. White in his rendition of "Alexander's Back from Dixie."

The curtain dropped on this number, the auditorium lights went out and a row of United States flags rose up from the footlights, calling forth a fresh burst of applause. A brief pause, and the curtain rose upon one of the most beautiful, stirring tableaux ever presented on a Salem stage. There was a stately group of officers and sailors grouped about a gigantic Uncle Sam in the center.

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## MAY DECLARE WAR ON TURKS AND BULGARS

### Consideration of Foreign Relations Committee Hoped for by Senators Backing King Resolution

### MINISTER IS THOUGHT INSTRUMENT OF GERMANY

### Yesterday Spent in Debate— No Vote Taken. Many Reasons for Step Given.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—War on Turkey and Bulgaria was discussed today in the senate with several senators announcing their willingness to vote for such a declaration. No action was taken.

The debate came up on a resolution by Senator Brandegee of Connecticut, Republican, calling on the foreign relations committee for action on a war resolution introduced by Senator King of Utah, Democrat. Senator Brandegee readily accepted a substitute by Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, asking President Wilson to inform the senate, if it be not incompatible with public interest, whether a declaration of war on Germany's two allies by the United States is not desirable. There was no vote, senate rules requiring the matter to go over for a day, and Senator Brandegee said tonight, he would not renew the discussion tomorrow, believing publicity given the question would cause the foreign relations committee to give it early consideration.

Sensors who spoke on the two resolutions drew attention to the fact that the Bulgarian minister in Washington is enjoying his usual diplomatic immunities and some openly charged that valuable military information the minister is able to obtain finds its way to Berlin.

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