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## ASKS RECALL OF GERMAN ATTACHES

### Sec. Lansing Tells Ambassador von Bernstorff That Boy-Ed and von Papen Are Persona Non Grata in U.S.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Secretary Lansing formally announced this afternoon he had advised German Ambassador von Bernstorff that Naval Attache Boy-Ed and Military Attache von Papen are persona non grata with this government.

Lansing asked that Germany withdraw them from service here "because of their objectionable cumulative activities in connection with naval and military matters."

"We have requested the recall of both attaches as they are no longer acceptable to this government," said Lansing.

Von Papen some time ago got into the administration's bad graces by an alleged quotation referring to Americans as "idiotic Yankees."

This was contained in a letter he had transmitted through American Correspondent Archibald, message bearer for Austrian Ambassador Dumba.

Boy-Ed was named in the Hamburg-American officials' trial as disposing of German money in the United States to supply German raiders at sea and as knowing fully of the activities of supply ships.

Similarly, his name has cropped up in other alleged activities of German propaganda. The two men had gradually become displeasing to the government in view of their extreme activities in behalf of their fatherland.

Following so soon after the recall of Dumba, upon request of the American government, this new move was taken as positive evidence that the administration intends to make a clean sweep of any agents of foreign powers engaged in activities detrimental or displeasing to this country.

Recent reports had indicated that Austrian Consul General von Nuber at New York might lose his official head because of his work for Austria and his reported connection with the subject of causing strikes of Austrian workmen in American munition plants.

The state department is prepared to request from the allies a safe conduct for both attaches back to their own countries. While Lansing said there is no precedent covering the recall of attaches, it was pointed out that by allowing their return the allies would be a party to adding to the enemy's forces. Hence it can not be predicted as to the outcome of the department's request.

It was considered, though, that England might make an exception in favor of the United States. If she refuses to grant the safe conduct, the two attaches might remain here during the war, but this is unlikely, and it was generally believed they will quit the country soon and return to Germany.

New York, Dec. 3.—"I have nothing to say," commented Naval Attache Boy-Ed at his office this afternoon when questioned concerning the administration's request for his withdrawal from service in this country.

## BRITISH ARE ROUTED SOUTH OF BAGDAD

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Dec. 3.—Rout of the British south of Bagdad was claimed by the war office today. Five thousand British, it was said, fell on the Irak front from November 5 to 25.

## FOUR OFFICERS OF STEAMSHIP LINE FOUND GUILTY

New York, Dec. 3.—The possibility of two years imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine stare four Hamburg-American officials in the face today as a result of their conviction on charges of customs violations. Sentence, however, was deferred by Judge Howe until tomorrow, when he will simultaneously entertain a motion for a new trial.

The convicted men are Dr. Karl Buens, managing director of the line; General Superintendent George Kotfers, General Purchasing Agent Hochmeister and Joseph Poppinghaus, a second officer of the line.

All four took their conviction quietly and expressed the belief that the ultimate verdict will be in their favor.

The case undoubtedly will be fought up to the United States supreme court if necessary.

The defendants were permitted their liberty on bonds furnished after their indictment. Defense Attorney Rand asked care in drawing the pleas to put aside the verdict. He will claim insufficient evidence and errors in instructions and argument.

W. T. Jerome, associated with the defense, commented: "We have lost only the first line trenches. You can't make war without losing once in awhile. This has been just a skirmish. The battle will come later."

## TRIO OF BANDITS MAKES BOLD DASH AND ESCAPES POSSE

Rhineland, Wis., Dec. 3.—While posess had their lines drawn taut about a big swamp to capture three desperadoes, the latter boldly dashed out of their hiding today and escaped.

As the bandits ran they kept up a running fight against their pursuers, but no casualties resulted. The trio, wanted for shooting two deputies Wednesday, bided their time. When they heard a Soo freight train rumberling in the distance they made their dash for freedom. Selecting an open spot, they made their way to it, but were spied from a distance by a cordon of guards, who were trying to "smoke them out." A fusillade of shots followed. The pursuers, were too far distant to make capture possible and meantime the three swung on to the fast freight to safety. Officers within a radius of 50 miles were notified and they stopped all trains, searching for the men.

## BELGIAN COMMISSIONERS ARRIVE IN AMERICA

New York, Dec. 3.—Belgian commissioners, planning to purchase supplies and possibly secure an American loan for King Albert, arrived here today.

## REICHSTAG WILL DISCUSS PEACE TERMS DECEMBER 9

London, Dec. 3.—The German reichstag today set December 9 for discussion of peace terms in accordance with socialist demands, according to a Paris dispatch today.

The socialists have arranged to ask that the chancellor discuss the basis on which Germany would hearken to peace negotiations. Berlin papers have inclined favorably toward such discussion, though some suggest that even the mention of peace suggests to Germany's enemies a weakness on Germany's part.

## ARGENTINE TO JOIN IN PROTEST

### South American Country Expected to Call Upon England to Explain Seizure of Ships by That Government

Washington, Dec. 3.—The United States and Argentine, it was forecast here today, will join hands in protesting to England over the latter's ship seizure policy. Seizure of the American ship Hocking and the Argentine ship Mitre recently on the ground of "enemy ownership" is the basis for such possible joint action.

The American case is aggravated by news from the American consul at Halifax that England has requisitioned the Hocking without the formality of prize court proceedings. This course is bound to provoke a strong protest from America. State department officials hold that England's course is arbitrary and far beyond her rights under international law.

At the same time, it is generally believed that England intends to requisition all the ships of the American Trans-Atlantic company. The concern has reported seizure of other ships, and frankly believes England intends to go the limit with all their vessels.

The cases of other ships of this line will probably be mentioned in connection with the proposed protest.

England has agreed to turn over to the prize court funds to cover the Hocking seizure in the event the case finally goes against her. This government, however, is not satisfied with such procedure and will insist the ship go back into prize court.

## FOLLOW TRAIL OF DETECTIVE CROWLEY TO GERMAN HEADQUARTERS IN EAST

(By United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 3.—That the trail of C. C. Crowley, detective, and alleged anti-ally bomb plotter, led to Cedarhurst, L. I., the German ambassador's summer headquarters, was the veiled hint from well informed authorities here today.

Whether Crowley's confessed work for the German consul here led him to visit the ambassador or Attaches Boy-Ed and Von Papen there, was not revealed. Nor would officials admit they had traced any letters passing between Crowley and any of these persons.

The tip, however, that one of these three German officials had in some manner been implicated—not necessarily criminally, of course—was unmistakable and from an unquestionable source.

Persons familiar with the situation believed that the information was dragged from the lips of Louis J. Smith, alleged understudy of Crowley, when he testified before the grand jury today.

Still another startling development today was semi-official announcement that the government intends to lay a new charge against Crowley—that of fraudulent use of the mails in soliciting the aid of the Russian Ambassador's wife in exporting shipments of "dried fruits" aboard munitions steamers out of Tacoma. The government, it is declared, proposes to prove, as the Providence Journal charged, that Crowley actually solicited such aid. But authorities will try to show that the

## WATER BOND ORDINANCE DEFEATED

### Proposal to Bond the City for \$80,000 to Build New System Fails to Get Votes Enough to Pass Council

The ordinance providing for the submission of the question of voting bonds in the sum of \$80,000 for the building of a new municipal water system was defeated at the session of the council last night. There were only six members of the council present, four voting in favor of the passage of the ordinance, and as five votes are necessary for the passage of an ordinance, it was therefore defeated. Two votes, those of Councilmen Demaray and Herman were cast against the ordinance, Davis and Trimble being absent. It was explained that inasmuch as the time for getting the question on the ballot for the regular city election was past, even if the ordinance was passed, it would either have to await another election or be submitted at a special election.

Mayor McKinstry informally presented a report from the city engineer to clear away the situation regarding the repair of the old dam, owned by Morris Brothers, across the Rogue below the steel bridge. The mayor said that reports had been circulated, evidently for campaign purposes, that this work had been done by the city and the bills allowed by the city, such report being false. The statement presented by the engineer showed that the repairs had been done under his direction, and payment made from funds raised by popular subscription. The entire

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## ATTORNEY DUNNE PLEADS CASE FOR ESPEE RAILROAD

St. Louis, Dec. 3.—Separation of the Central Pacific and Southern Pacific, as sought by the government, would eventually lead to an increase in rates from the Pacific coast, according to Peter Dunne, special Southern Pacific counsel, in his closing argument here today. He pointed out that the absence of disgruntled shippers is an indication that the merger has not cost them anything. A ruling in the case is expected this month.

## SANTA CLARA CAPTAIN GUILTY OF CARELESSNESS

Portland, Dec. 3.—Pleading guilty to charges of carelessness and negligence in that he knew that the steering gear of the steamer Santa Clara was faulty before he left port on the trip which resulted in the vessel being wrecked on Coos Bay recently, Captain Lofstedt's license was revoked today by B. B. Whitney and Harry Lord of Seattle, inspectors of hulls and boilers, who sat as judges in the hearing.

Captain Lofstedt's old license as master of steam vessels expires next month and he will have an opportunity to apply for new papers then.

## NORTHWEST MILLS ARE PREPARING FOR INCREASED OUTPUT

Raymond, Wash., Dec. 3.—From 1,000 to 1,500 workmen will be required on Willapa harbor, in addition to those already employed, if present indications of lumber revival are borne out early in the new year. All men now on the harbor are employed. There is a log shortage for the first time in years.

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 3.—More than 400 men will be employed in the camps of the Chehalis County Logging and Timber company which will open soon near Montesano after a shut-down of more than three years.

Centralia, Wash., Dec. 3.—Of the huge tie order placed recently with mills of the northwest by the Union Pacific Gray's Harbor mills were awarded contracts for 540,000 ties. Orders for a total of one million ties were placed in the northwest.

## DEPARTMENT IS ISSUING PASSPORTS FOR PEACE PARTY

Washington, Dec. 3.—Passports for Henry Ford, Judge and Mrs. Ben Lindsey and a number of others, prospective passengers aboard the Ford peace ship, were issued today by the state department.

The department is planning a night shift to take care of the number of passport applications coming in day and night.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Europe is at least curious as to the Ford peace ship and congress plans. This was shown today by continued inquiries at the state department as to whether the expedition has, in any way, the sanction of the United States government. To all such queries the department has given a negative answer.

The passport bureau is busy grinding out papers for the ship party. These permit transportation only to neutral countries. Some have been rejected because of faulty application.

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## ELECT CLARKE PRESIDENT OF SENATE

### Democratic Caucus, 28 to 23, Names Senator From Arkansas Leader Pro Tem of Upper Branch of Congress

Washington, Dec. 3.—Despite the fight waged against him, Senator Clarke of Arkansas was today re-elected president pro tem of the senate by the democratic caucus.

Clarke's opponent for the honor was Senator Pomerene of Ohio, who charged in his hot fight that the Arkansan is a reactionary. Clarke won 28 to 23.

Washington, Dec. 3.—President Wilson's intervention to heal the growing breach over the proposed re-election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas as president pro tem of the senate and on the deadlock over the cloture question is imminent.

The senate democratic caucus resumed its session today, still at odds over both subjects. If the senators fail to agree on the cloture proposal, advocates of the measure announced, it will be carried to the floor for an out-and-out fight, in which assistance is expected from progressive republicans.

When the caucus closed last night, the conferees had failed to reach an agreement. Both sides were fighting strenuously for their cause. The prospect of failure to organize in time for the joint session of the house and senate Tuesday to hear the president's message seemed more imminent, but leaders suggested today that if President Wilson takes a hand the danger of such a situation will be eliminated.

On the question of selection of a president pro tem, the caucus is split, members said, rather evenly. A strong fight against Clarke and in favor of Pomerene of Ohio is on.

Meantime, the republicans held a get-together session, with "Uncle Joe" Cannon on the job with his old-time enthusiasm bubbling forth. Harmony was the watchword within the ranks. Minority Leader Mann, however, served notice that the administration preparedness program will not go through without hearing from the republicans. While the republicans agree preparedness is vital, they declare that methods and amounts may not be exactly right as slated in the Wilson program. With this in mind, Mann announced that the republicans will fight any effort to jam the program through as a cut-and-dried affair.

Mann was again chosen minority leader, being placed in nomination by "Uncle Joe" Cannon.

## COAST SHIPPING HUNTING COVER DURING BIG STORM

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—High winds, lashing the coast from San Francisco to Eureka, caused the weather bureau to issue storm warnings today. The wind raced past Point Reyes at 47 miles an hour and appeared growing in velocity.

Coastwise vessels hurried to cover. The barometer was far down, indicating that the gale was to be of unusual severity. Rain lashed the coast and bade fair to grow even worse.

In the high waters of the bay one oil barge was swamped and another crashed into its slip early today.