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### NO CHANGE IN COURT HOUSE WALL SPECIFICATIONS

January 18, 1917.

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Gentlemen: As there seems to be a good deal of talk on the street in regard to the foundation walls of the new court house, I wish to explain that there has been no change in the plans and specifications for the construction of the walls; except in the change from brick to terra cotta. The best bid for the terra cotta was to be all four inch terra cotta, and in making this change it was necessary to set the foot walls out four inches. This in no wise weakens the building or changes any of the wall specifications.

The construction of the building is not like the plans for ordinary buildings, as all floors and roof are carried by re-inforced concrete columns, 16x16 inches, standing on five foot footings with beams that support the floors and roof. These walls are what are termed curtain walls, and carry no weight except their own.

To any one who will take the time to come up to the court house I will be please to show the plans and explain them in detail.

Yours truly,  
C. G. GILLETTE,  
County Judge

### STORMS RETARD AVIATOR HUNT

Calexico, Cal., Jan. 19.—Even the elements seem to be arrayed against Lieutenant-Colonel Bishop and Lieutenant Robertson, army aviators, missing since January 10. The down-pour of rain for the past 24 hours has been the heaviest in several years and instead of showing signs of abatement, indications today are favorable to an increased precipitation.

As a result, the three army aeroplanes are held at their base camp, 28 miles south of the border, the six aviators impatiently hoping to be able to fly late today to investigate a report that two bodies are under the wrecked aeroplane in the Sonora desert. From meager information received from auto parties searching between Calexico and the Gulf of California, it is believed not a wheel will be able to turn today.

The horses of Mexican cavalry and American civilians are making poor time in the mud and are useless where climbing is unavoidable.

The stories told by Indians of seeing the bodies of two men clad only in underwear, lying near a water hole in the desert, while not accepted as true, strengthens the fears of many that the aviators have been killed by bandits, who may have hoped to realize something upon the aeroplanes, valued at \$7,000.

Following reports from the region in which the missing aeroplane must have landed, reports continue to come regarding bandits. Some officers today no longer attempted to conceal their fears that the missing aviators may have encountered outlaws and been murdered.

One band of 20 outlaws made for that section after stealing horses and supplies from La Bolsa ranch. All are said to be men with prison records and reputations as "bad men."

Command of the aeroplane squad had been taken from the hands of Major Frank Barton, commanding Camp Beacon and transferred to Colonel W. L. Keenly of the aviation school.

Governor Cantu of Lower California is here today, after spending two days leading his cavalry in a search for the aviators. He reports no sign of the men.

evidently yielded his demand for an absolutely closed river, and agreement has been reached that will give united action from the Jackson and Josephine county delegations in the interests of harmony and protection to the fishing industry. The section of the bill relating to fishing on the upper river reads as follows:

"Section 6. It shall be unlawful for any person, etc., to take from the Illinois river or its tributaries any salmon except by hook or line, provided that on Rogue river between the mouth of the Illinois river and Doyle's Rock near the mouth of the Rogue and in the Rogue river between a point on Rogue river one mile below the steel bridge that crosses the Rogue river on Sixth street in Grants Pass, and a point known as Hells Gate, salmon may be taken between the hours of six o'clock a. m. on any Sunday and the hours of six o'clock p. m. on any following Saturday between April 15th and August first on any year with gill nets having a mesh of not less than eight and one-half inches."

### GERMAN CREW.

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ly interfering with South American trade and demanded immediate internment of the Japanese steamer *Huson Maru*, which arrived at Pernambuco under the German flag and a German prize crew, as one of the raider's prizes.

The captain of the British steamer *Radnorshire* in United Press dispatches from Pernambuco, via Rio de Janeiro, today amplified his log with these details:

"We sighted the raiders when about 60 miles off Pernambuco and having in mind the warnings to watch out for commerce destroyers, immediately sent out a wireless call for help, stating our position and the fact that we were pursued. When one of the raiders had overhauled us and was a mile distant she fired a shot across our bows. We lay-to at once. The vessel came closer to us and finally sent over two boatloads of German officers and sailors. They told us to leave with our baggage. Eight minutes later the *Radnorshire* was blown up.

"The German commander particularly questioned me as to the whereabouts of the British steamer *Araguay*."

American Consul General Gottschalk at Rio de Janeiro said today he had as yet received no information of Americans aboard the ships reported captured or destroyed by the German raider.

A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro said it was made known that the British steamer *Yarrowdale*, with a number of other survivors, from eight prizes of the German commerce destroyer, had arrived at St. Vincent, Cape Verde islands.

### BURGLARS MAKE HAUL OF JEWELRY IN PORTLAND

Portland, Jan. 19.—A \$1,000 jewelry robbery was reported to the police today. Mrs. Emily Porter said burglars jimmed a window of her West Park street residence during the night and made away with the family heirlooms.

A classified ad will give results.

Calling cards at the Courier.

### TORPEDO AND SWORD REPLY TO BRITISH

Amsterdam, Jan. 19.—"Our reply to British arrogance, their distortions and menaces, must be the sword and the torpedo," declares an editorial today in the *Cologne Volks Zeitung*, according to dispatches received here.

The expression is almost identical with those in nearly all German newspaper editorials in commenting on the note addressed to America by British Foreign Minister Balfour.

"A new falsification of history, designed to wipe out the bad impression created by the allies' reply to President Wilson," was the comment of the *Cologne Gazette*. "We know now exactly what the entente's aims are," the editorial continued, "and will answer by deeds. Our sword will prove stronger than their lines."

### DOUBLE MURDER IS CHARGED TO COUCH

Oklahoma City, Jan. 19.—With John Couch in the hands of federal officers at Guthrie, to answer a trivial federal indictment, state officials today were anxious to know just how long it would be before Couch would have to answer the charges of murder, made against him after yesterday's double shooting. Couch denies the killing of Rowland Williams, a musician, and Miss Nellie Dunn, a school teacher, a sister-in-law of the accused man.

Interest today centered in the story of Lee Craig, chauffeur, who carried Couch about town, not knowing that death followed in his path. Craig took Couch out to the Wheeler school where Miss Dunn was shot in the head and killed. Couch, according to Craig was not in the school building over 10 minutes. Returning, he told the drive to take him to west Second street, where Couch jumped out of the car and went up the stairs to Williams' office. A minute later Williams was found fatally wounded, but no one could be found who saw the murdered. In the middle of the afternoon, Couch reached Guthrie, 30 miles distant and surrendered to federal authorities on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails.

Craig denied all knowledge of the killings.

Fearing mob violence, Couch last night showed uneasiness in the federal jail.

### SECOND WOMAN IN PEACE NOTE PROBE

Washington, Jan. 19.—The name of a second woman of mystery may be dragged into the house note leak committee hearings.

Mrs. Ruth Thomson Visconti, the first mystery woman, is slated to be a witness before the probe Monday. At that time, with Sherman L. Whipple, noted Boston attorney, as counsel, the committee intends to go to the bottom of her reported story, naming a newspaperman and Secretary Tumulty.

In stripping the mystery from this woman, it is likely the committee will investigate her relations with a second woman even more mysterious than the first. As the rumor goes, this second woman may know even more of the leak situation, and if the testimony shapes up in accordance with the rumors, the hearings will be more pungently spicy than at any time to date.

Just how far Mrs. Visconti will go

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toward confirming Lawson's statement that she told him of an alleged note leak deal, is problematical. But there is no mistaking the gravity that many followers of the hearing attach to her testimony.

Majority members say Tumulty and the newspaperman will be cleared beyond a shadow of doubt. But as the story goes, Mrs. Visconti knows so many newspapermen—and perhaps officials—that she may furnish a real flood of light on the leak matter.

Attorney Whipple will be booked to consult with committeemen today. While he had not formally accepted the position of counsel there was no doubt that his visit meant acceptance and that he would at once set to work studying the line of attack.

Next week the committee plans to have the biggest of the country's financiers as witnesses after which the hearings may be adjourned to New York.

### PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Jan. 19.—Today's market quotations were:  
Wheat—Club 164; bluestem, 170.  
Oats—No. 1 white feed, 36.75.  
Barley—Feed, 40.00.  
Hogs—Best live, 10.60.  
Prime steers, 8.50; fancy cows, 7.50; best calves, 7.00.  
Spring lambs, 11.25.  
Butter—City creamery, 38; country, 28.  
Eggs—Selected local extras 42 @ 43.  
Hens, 17 @ 18; broilers, 20; geese, 12 @ 13.  
Copper, 30.

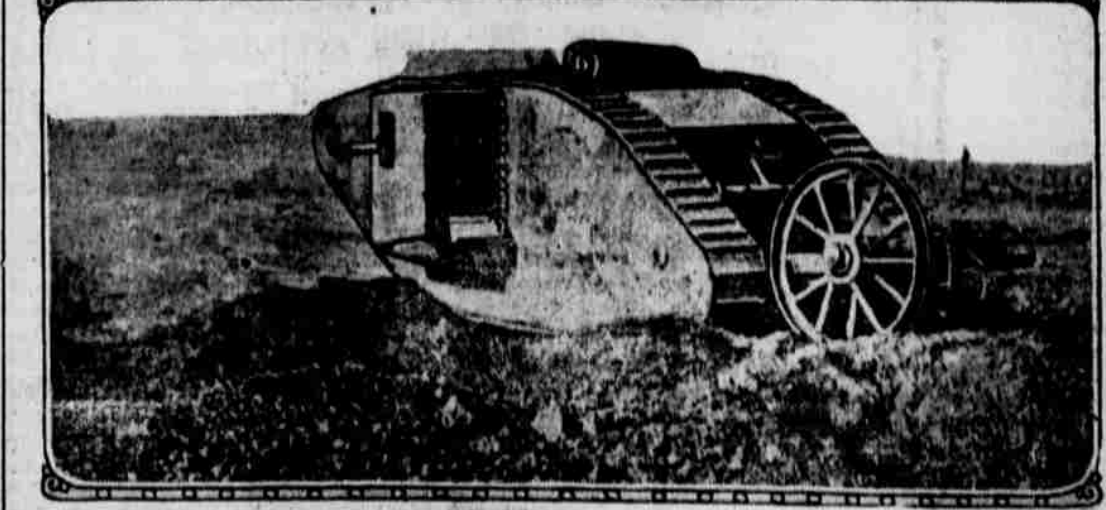
### RUSSIANS CAPTURED MANY PRISONERS IN 1916

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Four hundred and twenty thousand German soldiers and 8,770 German officers were captured by Russian troops during the year 1916, according to figures published by the Service Journal today in reviewing Russia's war achievements for the 12 months past. In addition to these captures of men, Russian forces also took 525 cannon, 1,661 machine guns and 421 trench mortars and mine throwers. Of the booty—both in men and guns—it is estimated that 80 per cent came from General Brusiloff's three-months operation on a 300-mile front.

**SELFISHNESS.**

Selfishness is a mean trait. Selfishness in some form is at the foundation of most of our unhappiness and misery. If we could analyze all the suffering in the world and trace it back to its first cause we should probably find that selfishness was the greatest factor in creating it.

### FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF BRITISH "TANK" IN FIELD



Monster machine which crosses trenches and pushes aside obstructions and took the Germans by surprise when first used in new seldom mentioned in the battle reports.