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# WIRE TAPPING EXPOSE LEFT TO SWANN; 'MAYOR OVER EXCITED,' SAYS THOMPSON

## HEIR TO AUSTRIAN THRONE HURRIES TO THE FRONT TO DIRECT INVASION OF ITALY

Field Marshal Von Holtzendorff Chief of Staff in Charge on Tyrolean Line.  
Gen. Cadorna, Commander in Chief, Trying to Stem Tide of Austrian Advance.

ROME, May 20.—Following the example of the German Crown Prince, Arch Duke Otto, heir to the Austrian throne, has arrived at Trent and is directing the campaign against Vienna, the Verdun of the Northern Italian front.

Field Marshal Conrad von Holtzendorff, Chief of the Austrian General Staff, has joined the array of Generals on the Tyrolean front. It is reported here that Gen. Cadorna, Italian Commander-in-Chief, will move his headquarters to the Trentino front.

Though last night's official statement from the Italian War Office admitted further retreats, there is every confidence here that the Austrian offensive is about to come to a halt. Despite heavy sacrifices in men and ammunition, the Austrians thus far have crossed the Italian frontier at but one point—the Arco Valley. At no place do their lines approach nearer than twenty-two miles to the important strategic position of Verona, reported to be the goal of the present offensive.

Between 200,000 and 250,000 Austrian troops are engaged on the front leading eastward from the Arco Valley. It is admitted that the losses on both sides have been very heavy, though no figures are available at the present time.

LONDON, May 20.—Interest in the ferocious fighting on the Verdun front took second place to-day to the Austrian offensive against Italy and the announcement that, for the first time since the Austro-Italian war began, Austrian troops have penetrated Italian soil on the Costabella Ridge.

At least 400,000 Austrian troops are engaged in the drive which resulted in driving the Italians back five miles and has thus far resulted in the capture of 7,300 prisoners, thirty-one cannon and thirty-five machine guns, according to Berlin reports.

The Austrian attacks are extending along a line of forty-five miles, from Monte Jori, to the west of Lake Garda, to Cini Dodici, east of the lake. They are employing thousands of cannon of all calibers and are supported by a line comprising forty permanent forts, all of which are participating in the action.

Thus far all the actions have been fought on Austrian soil, except for a short front near the Aisio torrent. The Austrian losses are reported from Rome to have been immense, but Vienna explains that they have been "surprisingly small."

### MAN SICK, BURGLAR GOES.

Beaver Falls, Pa., May 20.—Confronted by a man who had been caught in the morning, Mrs. Charles F. Bond pleaded with him not to steal anything and to leave the house quietly because her husband was seriously ill. After receiving a promise from Mrs. Bond not to start the neighborhood or to inform the police, the man left.

ALBANY CITY MEN MEMORIAL DAY. Albany, N. Y., May 20.—The Albany City Men's Memorial Day committee is holding a public hearing on the proposed bill to observe Memorial Day on the 30th of May.

## GOVERNOR SIGNS 80-CENT GAS BILL, IN EFFECT JULY 1

Measure Advocated by The Evening World Will Give Rate Relief to Brooklyn.

Gov. Whitman to-day signed the legislative enactment giving 80-cent gas to the Thirtieth and Thirty-first Wards of Brooklyn, for which The Evening World had contended on behalf of overcharged consumers of that section. The new vote becomes effective July 1.

Nearly six years ago the agitation was started by residents of the southern section of Brooklyn to obtain this relief but their efforts were blocked by repeated delays before the Public Service Commission. As a final resort the Legislature was called upon to pass a mandatory rate bill, which it did for the first time since the system of rate regulation by the commission was inaugurated. The bill had the support of the newly appointed commissioners, who found themselves handicapped by legal procedure in taking immediate action.

## WON'T LET GERMANY PUNISH WOLF VON IGEL

State Department Holds He Must Be Prosecuted Here Unless He Can Prove Innocence.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—Wolf von Igel, indicted former secretary of Capt. von Papen, recalled German Embassy Attaché, will have to submit to the course of justice in American courts unless he can establish his right to diplomatic immunity, it was learned at the State Department to-day.

The German Embassy had proposed informally that he be recalled by Germany and punished there, if the legal proceedings against him were dropped. It was intimated such an offer would not be favorably received at the department.

## HUGHES LEADS IN OREGON.

Justice Far Ahead of Cummins and Barton in Primary.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 20.—Justice Charles E. Hughes was the overwhelming choice of the Republicans of Oregon as Presidential nominee on the face of early returns to-day from yesterday's Statewide Presidential preference primary. Scattering returns indicated that Hughes had carried the State over Burton of Ohio and Cummins of Iowa, with a tremendous majority. Senator Cummins ran second.

On the Democratic side, President Wilson had no opposition. The Progressive nominated Col. Theodore Roosevelt, who also received many votes for the Republican nomination.

LONDON OFFERS BANKRUPTCY BILL. WASHINGTON, May 20.—Representative London of New York, the only Socialist member of the House, to-day introduced a bill to guarantee payment of wages to an employer who goes into bankruptcy. The bill is designed to prevent bankruptcies to result from the dockworkers' strike in New York.

## PRESIDENT PLEADS FOR AMERICANISM THAT IS UNTAINTED

Wilson Appeals for Pure Patriotism in Address at Charlotte, N. C.

IS CHEERED BY 100,000. Declares World Finally Is Falling Back on Moral Judgment of Mankind.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., May 20.—"Untainted Americanism" was President Wilson's answering cry to-day to Col. Roosevelt's insistent demand for "Americanism."

Speaking to a crowd of 100,000 gathered here to celebrate the 141st anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, he sprang this phrase amid vociferous cheers.

"What kind of a fire are you going to keep burning under the melting pot of America to turn out untainted Americanism?" he asked of the descendants of the Irish-American patriots who signed a declaration of independence more than a year before that signed by the American Colonies in 1776.

Mayor Kirkpatrick, despite appeals from the crowd to "sit down" occupied twenty minutes introducing Gov. Craig of North Carolina, who presented the President. The President was cheered for five minutes.

"I do not know whether I can interpret the spirit of the occasion," the President said. "But it is necessary for us to take counsel as to just what it is we wish to celebrate.

"There were only 3,000,000 people in the United States when the Mecklenburg declaration was made; now there are over a hundred million. But the same elements were present then that are present now. The United States always has been in process of being made and there always have been the same elements—a high and handsome passion for human life."

"This country has devoted practically all of its attention in past years to the material side of its life. It is now a great deal more important to determine what we are to do with our power. What kind of fire are you going to keep burning under the melting pot of America to turn out untainted Americanism?"

"While we were in the midst of this process there came this great cataclysm of war. Almost every nation in this world became involved in the great struggle. What are the elements that brought about this struggle? It is a competition of standard national traditions and national policies. Men of the same and different nations were growing closer to each other."

"While these processes of fermentation and acquaintanceship were going on men were getting to know each other better, and now the melting pot is greater than America. It is the world."

"Now there is room for a co-ordination and co-operation of interests. These had things bring to the fore the necessity of getting together and taking counsel. Here in America we should take pride in the spirit which prompts all the world to get together in terms of co-operation and peace."

"Now the world outside America is asking what are you going to do with your power? Are you going to transform it into force or into peace and the good of the rest of society?"

"Isn't it the sign of a new age that the world is about to fall back on the moral judgment of mankind?"

"It is an interesting circumstance that the processes of the war stand still. These hot things that are in contact do not make very much progress."

## POOR GIRL'S CLAIM 'HEIR' IS WAR BABY GETS COURT TEST

Judge Orders Mrs. Matters to Produce Child in Fight for Estate.

TAKEN FROM HOSPITAL. Canadian Young Woman Says Infant She Supposed Dead Was Stolen.

CHICAGO, May 20.—Federal Judge K. M. Landis accepted the task of Solomon to-day and made the Matters baby case an international problem.

On the plea of Margaret Ryan, a Canadian backwoods girl, the principal witness against Mrs. Dollie Ledgerwood Matters, accused of foisting a suppositious heir on the courts in a contest over the estate of her millionaire husband, Judge Landis issued a writ of habeas corpus, directing Mrs. Matters to produce the baby in court next Friday.

Pleading that the infant was her "war baby" that had been stolen from her side at the hour of its birth at Misericordia Hospital, Ottawa, Canada, Margaret told the Judge she wanted the child back. Her counsel convinced Judge Landis that an international immigration agreement between Canada and the United States prohibits the emigration of a child without the consent of its parents.

In the Circuit Court a story has been unfolded which the State contends proves the Matters baby the child of Margaret, who did not consent to the child's removal to the United States.

Margaret was engaged to be married to a young shoemaker she had known from childhood, when Great Britain's call for volunteers was sounded in Canada. In the turmoil of emotions and sacrifice, in common with many other young lovers in war stricken countries all over the world, they forgot all considerations except their coming separation, which might be forever.

The shoemaker was in the trenches in France when Margaret Ryan found she was to be the mother of a "war baby." Her mother took her to the Misericordia Hospital at Ottawa, paying \$25 out of her savings to have the girl cared for.

A frequent visitor to the "free ward" where Margaret and other girls had their cots was Mrs. Matters. She had a private room, luxuriously furnished, in the hospital. The poorer patients spoke of her as "The Millionaire Lady."

July 24 Margaret was told her child had been born dead. She was moved to a private room and was attended by special nurses.

"Sometimes," she said, "they brought in the babies for me to see. It made me feel bad, but they thought they were cheating me up. On Aug. 3 they brought me a beautiful baby all dressed in lace and soft embroidery. This time I cried; I couldn't help it."

Four months after she left the hospital, Margaret said, another girl told her of reading in the newspapers that Mrs. Matters was charged with claiming as her own a "war baby," born July 24 in the Misericordia Hospital.

"I ran out of the house," she said, "straight to the hospital. I could not find any of the nuns I had known. They told me they had gone. Nobody would tell me the truth about my baby. They all said they did not know."

"I do not hate Mrs. Matters," said Margaret before Judge Landis. "I want that distinctly understood. She has been good to my nuns. But I am its mother and want to have it for myself."

## 'War Baby's' Mother and Woman She Says Passed Child as Heir



MRS. DOLLIE LEDGERWOOD MATTERS



MARGARET RYAN

## CHURCH WOULD PUT BAN ON SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS

Presbyterian Assembly Condemns Sabbath Golf, Baseball, Movies, Concerts, and Even Dinners.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., May 20.—Sabbath observance was the chief topic of the one hundred and twenty-eighth annual convention of the Presbyterian General Assembly here to-day. The New York synod presented a bill urging all members of the church, as citizens, to campaign in every state for the enactment of laws to invalidate any contract of marriage of a party forbidden by decree of a court to remarry. This was referred to the Committee on Christian Life and Work without discussion.

Sunday golf was placed in the same class as baseball and condemned along with Sunday moving pictures, concerts, entertainments, elaborate dinners, social functions, Sunday newspapers and the buying of anything.

Resolutions were adopted requesting all school and college faculties to hold no Monday morning sessions in order that Sunday studying by students would not be necessary. The Saturday half holiday was also endorsed.

## COMMUTES SENTENCES OF ROFRANO WITNESSES

Antonio and Joseph La Falle, Sentenced for Life, Will Get Off With Seven and a Half Years.

ALBANY, N. Y., May 20.—The life sentences of Antonio and Joseph La Falle, two witnesses in the Hofrano case, who were convicted of second degree murder in New York in April, 1915, have been commuted by Gov. Whitman, it was announced to-day, so that their prison terms may expire at the end of seven and one-half years.

The commutations were made on the recommendation of District Attorney Swann of New York, the Governor said.

Abreska Goes to Vera Cruz. WASHINGTON, May 20.—The battleship Nebraska, in reserve at the Boston Navy Yard, today was ordered by Army Chief to move the Kentucky, which has been assigned to the usual duties of New York City, Brooklyn and Jersey City for summer maneuvers.

## POLICE TAPPED THE WIRES BECAUSE MORGAN WANTED IT, STATE SENATOR DECLARES

District Attorney Says He Is Still Waiting Further Notice From the Inquisitors and That He Can't Get Seymour to Make a Complaint.

## MARSHALL SAYS POLICE THOUGHT THEY FOUND PLOT

Senator George F. Thompson, Chairman of the Legislative Investigating Committee, declared again to-day that there was no trace of national or international affairs in the Seymour wire-tapping case, and that the criminal authorities ought to go after the private individuals who invaded the Seymours' office in the Equitable Building.

## ROUMANIA NEAR BREAK WITH ALLIES, WASHINGTON HEARS

This Action May Result From Commercial Treaties With Germany and Austria.

WASHINGTON, May 20.—A rumor was in circulation in diplomatic circles this afternoon that Roumania is near a break with the allies as the result of her recently negotiated commercial treaties with Germany and Austria. One report said that the French Minister to Roumania had been recalled. The information was contained in a private despatch to a brokerage house interested in Balkan affairs.

The German semi-official news agency yesterday declared that the Russian Government had taken steps to learn exactly what was contained in the treaties negotiated by Roumania, suspecting that they were of political importance. The Berlin agency said the Russian Foreign Office had authorized a statement to this effect.

"Have you received any warning from the Federal authorities against investigating the Seymour wire-tapping?" the Senator was asked.

"No," he answered. "The Mayor is over-excited, and in his over-zealment he is telling a lot of things that haven't happened. I haven't had any warning from the U. S. Government. The only warning I have received was from the Mayor himself. For the past two days he has been saying that if I did not admit that the Seymour wire-tapping by Commissioner Woods was justified he would issue a statement naming me."

## BRITAIN NOW ADOPTS DAYLIGHT SAVING PLAN

Joint the Rest of Northern Europe in Conserving an Hour a Day—Hungary Too.

LONDON, May 20.—The hands on all clocks on British railroads, post-offices, newspaper offices, police stations and other places where business is conducted throughout the night will be pushed forward at 2 o'clock to-morrow morning to 2 o'clock, in accordance with the daylight saving act. The general public will put their clocks and watches one hour ahead before going to bed to-night or will awake to find themselves late for breakfast. The new schedule will run until Sept. 30, when clocks will be stopped for an hour.

CHRISTIANIA (via London), May 20.—The Legislature has passed the daylight savings bill, advancing the clock one hour to go into effect on Monday.

The new time system now is adopted by all northern Europe. Hungary also has joined in the movement.

"This talk about national and international issues involved makes me sick," Senator Thompson said. "There is not one fact to suggest it. They say that Detective William J. Burns is in Columbus, O. If I were the District Attorney of this county I'd know where he is."

"There's nothing international in the case. The thing is just this: Mr. Burns went into the office of Seymour & Seymour because J. P. Morgan & Co. employed him to do it. And the police made a tap of Seymour & Seymour's wire because J. P. Morgan & Co. wanted it. There were two taps—the police telephone tap and the Burns detectaphone tap running into the next room."

"Some one annoyed Morgan—then the wire-tapping."

"Will we examine the Mayor on the stand? We won't call him. If he isn't satisfied with his position, but wants to involve himself deeper, he is welcome, and the committee will hear him. We have already shown what the whole story is. There is no international aspect to it. The whole thing is there on plain as can be. Somebody was annoying Mr. Morgan, and they all went into the Seymours' office and did what they liked."

"They've tried to tell me that they were warranted by the fact that there was a spy in the Seymours' office, and now I've spoiled the whole thing by securing him away. First they said he was a German spy; now they say he was a Russian."

"Look at the facts: We have examined everybody in the Seymours' office. There wasn't and there isn't a spy of any nationality among them. Everybody who has been in that office during the last six months is there still; not a change. And there's no trace of a spy. And now they say my publicity is spoiling their work. Why are they seeking publicity?"

"Will you call Martin Egan of J. P. Morgan & Co. to the stand?"

"No," replied Senator Thompson. "We have cleared up that case."

"Will you call the Rev. William B. Egan?"

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