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BERG DOLL FIGHTS TO EXCLUDE PUBLIC AT COURT-MARTIAL

Military Counsel for Slacker Demands Secrecy, but Judge Advocate Protests

ATTEMPTS TO CORRUPT TESTIMONY ALLEGED

Attitude of Press is Detrimental to Draft Dodger's Case, Says Capt. Campbell

By a Staff Correspondent
Governors Island, N. Y., March 9.—Attempts to "fix" government witnesses and "biased" newspaper reports injurious to the defense "flew back and forth today in a sensation effort by the defense from the court-martial of George Cleveland Bergdoll.

The request to bar the public was made in writing by the draft-dodger himself. It was introduced into court by Captain Bruce R. Campbell, military counsel, and instantly attacked by Lieutenant Colonel Charles C. Cresson, trial judge advocate in charge of the prosecution.

Bergdoll's case, Captain Campbell contended, was being immorally injured by the attitude of newspapers. He quoted one reporter as having said he would "take great pleasure in shooting Bergdoll in open court." Captain Robert E. Hannay, associated in the prosecution.

Captain Hannay Protests
"Filibuster is merely an attempt to hold secret sessions so that the defense may introduce perjured witnesses who would be afraid to give their lying testimony in open court," Captain Robert E. Hannay, associated in the prosecution.

The move to exclude the newspapers was a sudden one, and engendered a great deal of comment. It is directed at radicals, Bolsheviks, citizens, rights and other matters.

"May it please the court," Captain Campbell said, "the defense suggests that the court-martial be held behind closed doors.

"The presence of the press," he said, "is very detrimental to the accused, due to the attitude of the press. It is directed at radicals, Bolsheviks, citizens, rights and other matters.

"The regulations provide for an open court," he said, "and I shall read what was sent by C. Clarence Giboney, one of the defense counsel.

"The colonel quoted the message sent yesterday by Giboney, inviting congressional Royal C. Johnson to attend the court-martial for information relative to Johnson's bill for a revision of the court-martial procedure.

"I am for the fullest publicity in this case," he said, "and I will see that the fullest publicity is given to the case. I will see that the fullest publicity is given to the case.

"The present condition is only temporary, and when it has passed these features which this paper is regretfully omitting now will be immediately restored.

Meanwhile, as before, the Evening Ledger will present all the news, which will lose none of its interest in the progress of the trial.



AIR BOMBS BREAK SUSQUEHANNA ICE; FLOOD IS HALTED

Army Fliers Shatter 30-Foot Gorge at Port Deposit, Md., With Wartime Missiles

LIKE EUROPEAN AIR RAID; WHOLE DISTRICT SHAKEN

De Havilland 4 Plane Drops 112-Pound TNT Charges—Big Bombing Type Will Be Used

From a Staff Correspondent
Port Deposit, Md., March 9.—Army aviators, hovering at an altitude of 500 feet, bombed huge ice gorges in the Susquehanna river this morning to save the town from flood.

A De Havilland Four, carrying eight TNT bombs of 112 pounds each, flew up and down the river, releasing the powerful high explosives at regular intervals.

The first one, dropped at 9 o'clock in the middle of a gorge in the Susquehanna at Port Deposit, was tipped to penetrate the ice before it exploded. When it hit the whole countryside was shaken and the welded ice hurled hundreds of feet in the air, was shattered over an area of half a mile.

At noon, a Martin bomber, measuring nearly 100 feet from tip to tip, will check in the arch of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bridge, which crosses the Susquehanna two and one-half miles below Port Deposit.

The river is one mile wide at Port Deposit. The break-up of the ice, which is from eighteen inches to two feet thick, closed in the arch of the Pennsylvania and Baltimore and Ohio Railroad bridge below Port Deposit.

The freshest of last week sent great flows of the ice booming down the river, to pile up in one of the worst gorges experienced. Serious damage and possible loss of life was threatened.

Tom's Institute, on the hill just below the town, which has a population of 2000, lined the river banks, as did residents of Lapidum, on the opposite side of the river. At Perryville and Havre de Grace, business was interrupted by a midnight luncheon in which the town indulged and forced him to lock himself in Miss Jones' study.

Doctor Jones and Miss Jones returned home shortly before midnight and found the floor of the front hall covered with motor cars. They investigated and discovered that the door to Miss Jones' study was locked. Further investigation revealed that Doctor Jones' revolver was missing from his study.

Realizing that the person in the room was armed, Miss Jones summoned the police. Patrolman Kelly, who was on duty, and Patrolman Geisler, of the Sixty-ninth and Woodland station, procured a ladder and ascended to the window. The father watched the door. Patrolman Geisler, of the Sixty-ninth and Woodland station, procured a ladder and ascended to the window.

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PASTOR CAPTURES MIDNIGHT RAIDER

Bethany M. E. Church Minister and Daughter Surprise Intruder at Luncheon

LOCKS HIMSELF IN STUDY

After surprising a burglar in their home at midnight, the Rev. J. Edwin Jones, of Bethany M. E. Church, and his daughter, Metta, trapped the intruder in a room and caused his capture.

They live at Seventy-sixth street and Buist avenue. A man, who gave his name as Leroy Bailey, twenty years old, Seventeenth street between Diamond and the Sixty-ninth and Woodland station, procured a ladder and ascended to the window.

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MRS. JOHN HANNUM DIES

Pneumonia Fatal to Mother of Attorney General Schaffer

Mrs. John B. Hannum, mother of Attorney General William I. Schaffer, died this morning of pneumonia at her home, Fourteenth and Walnut streets, Chester.

She was seventy-five years old and was ill only two days. She was the wife of John B. Hannum, a widely known lawyer in Chester.

Mrs. Hannum was born in Lewistown, Pa., November 16, 1844. A daughter of General William H. Lewis and Mary Edmonston Irwin. Her father was for many years adjutant general of Pennsylvania. He commanded a brigade in the Civil War and fought in all the battles of the Army of the Potomac.

Mrs. Hannum was twice married, the mother of ten children, eight of whom survive. Besides Attorney General Schaffer, she has a son, John B. Hannum, Jr., former district attorney of Delaware county; Mrs. L. Hazleton Mirkil, of 2204 E. Lancy street, this city; Mrs. George M. Carter, Howard E. Hannum and Miss Elsie B. Hannum, of Chester; Mrs. George L. Davis, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Wharton L. Donaldson, of Scarsdale, N. Y.

She was a prominent member of the First Presbyterian Church of Chester and greatly admired for her Christian kindness and good deeds.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a. m. tomorrow at the home of the deceased, 1414 Walnut street, Chester.

Interment will be in the cemetery at Chester.

Survivors include her husband, who is in the hospital, and her children, Mrs. L. Hazleton Mirkil, of 2204 E. Lancy street, this city; Mrs. George M. Carter, Howard E. Hannum and Miss Elsie B. Hannum, of Chester; Mrs. George L. Davis, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Wharton L. Donaldson, of Scarsdale, N. Y.

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UNPREPARED NAVY PROLONGED WAR, CHARGED BY SIMS

Admiral Declares Failure to Act Promptly at Start Jeopardized Outcome

3000 LIVES-LOST DAILY AND \$100,000,000 SPENT

Denies "Attacking" Anyone and Praises "Magnificent" Work of Our Ships in 1918

By the Associated Press
Washington, March 9.—Rear Admiral Sims today told the Senate committee investigating the navy's conduct of the war that the failure of the Navy Department to act promptly on recommendations and to place at the disposal of the Allies within six months after the United States entered the war prolonged the struggle for at least four months. He added that it also unnecessarily jeopardized the outcome.

Declaring that 3000 lives were lost and \$100,000,000 spent every day of the war, he said that the conclusions from his statement were obvious. Admiral Sims said his criticisms were directed at the navy's work in 1917 and 1918, and that he was not attacking anyone.

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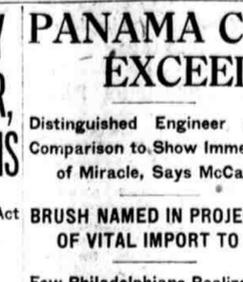
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PANAMA CANAL ALONE EXCEEDS HOG ISLAND

Distinguished Engineer Made Comparison to Show Immensity of Miracle, Says McCain

BRUSH NAMED IN PROJECT OF VITAL IMPORT TO CITY

Few Philadelphians Realize Size of Facilities of Greatest Shipyard in World

By GEORGE NOX MCCAIN
NEXT to the Panama Canal, Hog Island is the greatest undertaking on this hemisphere.

The comparison was made by a distinguished engineer in conversation a few days ago. He was discussing the proposal that the city, or private Philadelphia capital, take over the island. He said that the island is of vital importance to the port of Philadelphia.

For months plans have been maturing among some of the great financiers and industrialists of the city. A handful of Philadelphia capitalists are interested with a combination of New York and Boston men. Their designs are very closely guarded.

With or without his consent, the name of President Matthew C. Brush, of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation, has been connected with this project. Mr. Brush has demonstrated such high executive ability and power of organization that it is natural his name should be put forward in any connection. He knows more about Hog Island, its present value and vast possibilities than any other man. He has lived with it for a year and a half.

His name has also been connected with other great financial concerns, notably a high official place in the National City Bank of New York. Four-fifths of the Philadelphians who

glibly talk about the purchase of Hog Island know nothing about it. Their impression is that it is a great shipbuilding plant. They associate it with the launching of vessels and a lot of shipbuilding by thousands of grimy workmen.

They don't know whether they drive rivets down there with electricity or compressed air, or both. A few, however, are beginning to get a better idea of what the project is all about. They are beginning to get a better idea of what the project is all about.

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EFFORTS TO BRING COMPROMISE OF TREATY CONTINUE

Wilson's Letter Fails to End Moves, but Prospects of Agreement Are Small

WILSON DRAWS UP ISSUE FOR POLITICAL CAMPAIGN

Modified Draft of Article X Accepted by Some Republican Leaders

(President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock explaining his attitude toward treaty reservations is published on Page Six.)

By CLINTON W. GILBERT
Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger
Washington, March 9.—The President's letter to Senator Hitchcock will not end efforts at a compromise designed to bring about ratification of the peace treaty. The motions which have been made for some time past will continue, probably with more signs of yielding on the part of the Republicans. But these motions have been largely gestures for political effect and there will be henceforth even more gestures for political effect.

Of real prospects of compromise there remain none. President Wilson has really fired the first gun of the political campaign. It is as if the resolutions committee of his party convened at San Francisco had already reported. The party doctrine has been declared. And Democratic were the matter now anxious they may be to get the treaty out of the way, have to bear in mind San Francisco in every step they take. They will have to be regular and, the test of regularity is an unmodified Article X.

In the negotiations Senators Watson, Republican, and Simmons, Democrat, are carrying on the Republican work on the point of yielding a little. The party position on Lodge's reservation was that this country should assume no obligations under the League of Nations on the point of narrowing that declaration by enumerating the obligations which the United States will not assume under the article.

Republicans Yielding Slightly
The enumerated obligations, it is true, include all the obligations of Article X, and it is a little difficult to think of the obligations that the United States would be left free to assume. Still the Republicans were the point of yielding a little. The party position on Lodge's reservation was that this country should assume no obligations under the League of Nations on the point of narrowing that declaration by enumerating the obligations which the United States will not assume under the article.

Political that is their game to play. They wish to establish the fact in the voter's mind that not they, but Wilson, was the obstacle to compromise; that they offered compromise, and Wilson refused to have them. They wish to establish the fact in the voter's mind that not they, but Wilson, was the obstacle to compromise; that they offered compromise, and Wilson refused to have them.

On the other hand, the Democrats will continue to resist. They will wish to say, "but we listened to all the Republicans had to offer and what they offered was nothing. Even with their utmost concessions, they meant to kill the League of Nations."

How long these negotiations will go on it is impossible to predict. Probably these negotiations will continue until the Senate acts to get the treaty out of the way. Unless the Republicans see some hope of ratifying the treaty and offering a compromise, they will probably be glad to lay the treaty aside and seek to pass a resolution declaring the war with Germany ended.

The object of such a resolution is to separate the League of Nations question from the peace question and to force Mr. Wilson to take the responsibility for preventing peace if he chooses to reject the resolution. The passage of such a resolution is not impossible, though improbable.

Chances of Agreement Faint
Only Mr. Wilson has prevented a ratification of the treaty. The latest Lodge compromise, enumerating the obligations this country declines to assume, had brought the treaty, in the absence of word from the President, to within three votes of ratification. But while Democrats like Senator Simmons, who were conducting the negotiations, profess to see no reason why they should not vote for the treaty, they are not Mr. Wilson has solidified his party as well as the Republican party in the Senate and the chances of an agreement are slight.

President Wilson's letter is a campaign document. It is a declaration of his party's position in the coming national election, and in making his issue the President has done well to make it broad. The negotiations in the Senate were narrowing the question down to mere verbiage. Mr. Wilson kept out of these negotiations and was free to sweep them aside.



CHESTER WILL GET HUGE DRYDOCK

Sun Shipbuilding Company Advises Mayor 600-Foot Structure Will Be Built

"TO AID PORT," SAYS MOORE

Officials of the Sun Shipbuilding Co., of Chester, told Mayor Moore today that the company would soon construct a drydock of from 570 to 600 feet.

John G. Pew, president of the company, and J. N. Pew, Jr., chairman of the board, were conferred with the Mayor this morning. They are now sure of one in addition to those now in use in the upper part of the city.

The Sun Co. is to be given credit for pointing the way. It is a part of our general agitation and as one shipyard has followed another on the Delaware river we may now expect one drydock to follow another, until these much-needed appendages to our port are provided for all the ships that come and are in need of repairs.

"Good morning, Judge!"
Mrs. Thompson Gets Pointers From Tom Cunningham

"Judge" Tom Cunningham, president of the Republican Alliance, was enjoying a fat cigar, with his feet on the table and his hat at a rakish angle, when a fashionably-clad woman entered the headquarters of the Republican state committee, at 506 South Broad street, this afternoon.

The "Judge's" feet came down and he held the cigar aloft.

"I am Mrs. Walter S. Thompson, chairman of the Women's Republican Club," she said, "and I have come for practical pointers."

Mr. Cunningham recommended a real organization division, ward and city committees. And what's more, he is going to co-operate with the women every way he can. He has invited them to come back and meet the ward leaders, Magistrate Campbell, Jimmy Carey, Andy Froese and the rest.

Mrs. Thompson said they would come. Before they do, "Tom" Cunningham will banish certain office pictures of dancing nymphs and such.

FLIER SAFE AFTER FIRE
Captain C. F. Christie, 2043 North Twelfth street, who was believed to have been a guest at the Chamberlain Hotel, Old Point Comfort, Va., which was destroyed Saturday night by fire, was located today. Fear for his relatives here when he was not heard from following the fire. The aviator was located at Langley Field, Old Point Comfort, by telephone by his mother.

Rapid Transit Problems and League Island Loop Service Discussed
Thomas E. Mitten, president of the Rapid Transit Co., was with Mayor Moore for two hours today, conferring on proposed improvements to transit service. They discussed the League Island loop service and proposed extension to serve the Roosevelt boulevard section.

Following the conference, Mayor Moore said: "Mr. Mitten and I have been going over traction matters, and have been discussing extension to lines, including the proposed new line along a part of the Roosevelt boulevard, and the League Island service."

Mrs. Thompson has further talks, hoping some conclusions may be reached with respect to extensions. We did not see fully into the Frankford "L" subject today.

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