

TO DECEIT THE ALLIES

PLEA OF NOT GUILTY ENTERED BY DEFENDANTS IN FALSE CLEARANCES CHARGES.

SUPERCARGO SEFFNER, INVOLVED, DISAPPEARS

TRIAL OF HAMBURG-AMERICAN OFFICIALS BEGINS TOMORROW—PAPERS OF ONE VESSEL FOUND IN SHARK'S BELLY.

NEW YORK, November 20.—One hundred and five witnesses to testify against high officials of the Hamburg-American steamship line at their trial on charges of conspiracy, which begins next Monday, have been summoned by the government. It was announced today.

Accused Supercargo Disappears

The defendants are Karl Buntz, managing director of the line, in control of a great fleet of German merchantmen and liners which sailed under the Hamburg-American house flag; Adolph Hochmeister, purchasing agent of the line; Joseph Pophaus, a second officer in the line's employ; George Kotter, superintendent of the line, and Felix Seffner, alleged supercargo on one of the vessels which sailed with supplies to the aid of Italian crusaders. Seffner has not been found.

A charge unique in American jurisprudence is that the government by obtaining clearance papers on false representations. To facilitate the trial, the government has chartered certain ships and sent them with supplies to the German cruisers Karlsruhe and Wilhelm and the Italian merchantmen of war active in the Atlantic in the late summer and early fall of 1914, as charged, but denied that fact.

Preparations Before War

So well did the German agents know that war was inevitable, the government charges, that some of the fifteen ships involved were chartered weeks before the war began and secretly before the war began and secretly before the war began and secretly before the war began.

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Cigarettes and Sauerkraut Included

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VIRGINIA BAPTISTS

WAY PLAN HOSPITAL Suggestion Discussed and Laid Over for Fuller Consideration.

NEED OF SCHOLARSHIP AS AID TO CHRISTIANITY

Dr. J. F. Love Suggests They Should Go Hand in Hand—Homes Where Bible Is Not Read.

Special Dispatch to The Star. CLARENDON, Va., November 20.—Plans for building of a Baptist hospital in Virginia were discussed at length at tonight's session of the ninety-second annual meeting of the General Association of Virginia Baptists at the new Baptist Church here.

Committee to Solicit Funds

If the suggestion is adopted as recommended, a committee, to be appointed, will be authorized to take the necessary steps for starting a fund for the hospital.

Greater work through the Baptist Young People's Union was urged by Rev. W. W. Hamilton. He recommended the good work some young Baptists have done.

Pedagogue Vs. Demagogue

"If we do not use scholarship and Christianity together, scholarship will be the greatest enemy of Christianity in days to come. If the two are combined, the pedagogue is going to preach the funeral of the demagogue in the southland."

Women Will End Place

"In this aid to the military establishment, we believe that it is the duty of every woman to find her place. There are many ways in which we think our society can help to bring this about and render efficient aid. With other patriotic organizations we intend to help in preparing the proper physical training of our boys. We advocate suitable exercises and military drills, and such things as the great growth of converts by which the last few years have been marked will show a similar growth."

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TEXAS TOWN UNDECIDED WHETHER TO ACCEPT CHRISTMAS GIFT

SAN ANGELO, Tex., November 20.—J. D. Sugg, wealthy citizen here, has offered the entire San Angelo street railway system, valued at about \$100,000, to the city of San Angelo as a Christmas gift, according to an announcement today. City authorities are undecided as to whether the gift should be accepted. The car system, it is understood, has been unprofitable for several years.

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FLEEING STUDENTS TRACED

THIRTY-ONE DESERT COLLEGE BECAUSE SCARLET FEVER DEVELOPED. HARRISBURG, Pa., November 20.—State health department officers today ordered the locating of thirty-one students of Gettysburg College who left that institution last night when two cases of scarlet fever were reported among the students.

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TEUTON SOLDIERS WAITING ON THE SHORES OF THE DONAU TO EMBARK FOR THE SERBIAN WAR ZONE.



A scene along the Donau where an embarkation point has been established by the Teuton forces. A division of cavalry is seen here waiting to start for the Serbian war zone, which lies right across the river. The equipment of the men is packed on the backs of the horses and the packs are covered with tarpaulin to prevent the equipment becoming damaged by water.

CAPITAL WOMEN TO AID IN PREPAREDNESS WORK

Strong Branch of National Society Is Expected to Be Organized in Washington.

A branch of the National Aid Society for Preparedness, in which many prominent New York women are interested, may be organized in this city as the result of the visit here of the president, Mrs. William Alexander. In a statement issued by her at the Shoreham last night, the purposes and scope of the society were outlined, one of the interesting details being the plan of the organization to supply "Plattsburg kits" to young men who cannot afford to pay for them, but who wish to take advantage of the government's policy to give military training to every one who can spare the time.

Wild Rioting Is Denied

"Usually the stories are something like this: 'Mobs running through the streets shrieking and smashing shop windows; regiments arrive; they fire at the crowd and the mutiny. These gloomy reports, of course, are clumsy inventions. As a matter of fact, no where in Germany is there lack of public order, and if Ireland and India had always had as much to eat as Germany has in these parts of the world."

Explains Cologne Incident

"An interesting instance of the manner in which harmless facts are perverted into anti-German sensations is furnished in the reports concerning Cologne. It was asserted that at the time cards to regulate the consumption of fats were distributed a huge crowd collected and became unruly, and that troops drew the sword and attacked the mob, women fainting. In reality the events at Cologne were commonplace. The municipality decided to issue fat cards after the pattern of their assertions. These measures were printed in several different offices. In two cases the cards were delivered to the public at a later time than had been expected, and consequently crowds were waiting for two or three hours. Nothing else happened, except that one woman was admonished for disorderly conduct."

GERMANY NOT MENACED BY GRAVE DANGER OF FAMINE

So Declares Semi-Official News Agency, Which Says Stories Are Circulated to Counteract Allies' Reverses.

BERLIN, November 20 (by wireless to Tuckerton).—The semi-official Overseas News Agency gave out today a statement designed to set forth actual conditions in Germany and controvert what it terms false reports spread by enemies of this country. The statement follows: "For some time now the English and French press and wireless services have been hard at work attempting to counterbalance the bad impression made on the whole world by the military and diplomatic defeats suffered by these nations in the Balkans. For this purpose wild stories about famine in Germany have been invented."

Alleged Purpose of Stories

"Reports of this nature are always issued by Germany's enemies when, having been defeated on the battlefield or in diplomatic negotiations, they feel the necessity of encouraging their own people and deceiving neutrals as to the real situation. These reports are just as trustworthy as the stories about Germany's desire for peace, which always looms up under the same circumstances to report."

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WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED

ITALYAN STATEMENT. Italian war theater: The fighting in the Gorizia district continues. The bridgehead at Gorizia was again unsuccessfully attacked at several points. The town was vigorously bombarded for one hour; the fire later relaxed.

FRENCH STATEMENT

PARIS, November 20: On several points of the front the concentrated fire of our artillery has obtained results of an established efficacy, particularly in Belgium, in the region of Boesinghe, where German works were shattered. This is a sequel to their activity in the strike of 2,500 workmen at the war order plant of the Theodor Kundtz Company here, into which bribe charges had been injected.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT

VIENNA, via London, November 20: Russian war theater: The army of Archduke Joseph Ferdinand repulsed a Russian attack northwest of Olyka; otherwise there is nothing new.

CITY OFFICIALS GET OUT

Cleveland Commissioner Quits Following Bribery Charge in Strike Situation.

CLEVELAND, November 20.—Louis Loeb, city immigration commissioner, and Louis Ripplich, his assistant, both Hungarians, resigned today. This is a sequel to their activity in the strike of 2,500 workmen at the war order plant of the Theodor Kundtz Company here, into which bribe charges had been injected.

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BOYADJIEF (Bulgarian) in the sector of Gosh plain.

Yesterday by force of arms the three allied armies of the enemy were driven from the last portion of old Serbian territory.

TURKISH STATEMENT

CONSTANTINOPLE, November 20: On the Dardanelles front artillery firing on both sides is in progress with hostile armored cruisers participating. During a violent downpour the night of November 18 two landing bridges of the enemy were destroyed, one of them nine large barges were stranded.

GERMAN STATEMENT

BERLIN, November 20, by wireless to Saville. In the Balkan theater of war: Novavaros, Senica and Raska have been occupied. In the Ivar valley, the Drin and east of the mountain region Prepolac have been reached. Two thousand and eight hundred Serbians have been made prisoners and four cannon taken.

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MONTENEGRIAN STATEMENT

PARIS, November 20: The media-montenegrin communication as received here reads: The enemy bombarded our positions on all fronts November 17 and 18, but without result. Bad weather has interfered with the infantry operations.

PAN-AMERICAN NIGHT OPENS WHITE HOUSE

(Continued from First Page.) and these in turn bring friends, for whom the President has decided to extend the hospitality of the White House last night, it is said, the President has decided to extend the hospitality of other announcements of the reopening here of a number of famous residences this winter which will be open to the public.

FOR STRICT EUGENIC LAW

HEALTH OFFICERS OF NEW JERSEY TO WORK FOR STATE ENACTMENT. NEW YORK, November 20.—The Health Officers' Association of New Jersey today began a movement for the enactment by the next legislature of a strict eugenic marriage law. A statute proposed by the association provides that no marriage shall be permitted without presentation by both bride and groom of a health certificate in the form of an oath made by their physicians.

RED CROSS ASKS THE CHURCHES FOR AID

The American National Red Cross has issued the following appeal, addressed to "The Churches of the United States": "For more than a year, from our homes of security and peace, we have been looking on with horror at the horrors of the most frightful war in history. We have come and gone safely in all the affairs of life, while our neighbors in Europe have seen their strongest men slain, their homes destroyed, their families scattered, their lands bathed in blood."

FIGURES FROM CENSUS NOT YET TABULATED

Prediction Made That Population of the District Will Show But Little Increase.

It is expected that the police census will be completed by the latter part of next week. The work of the enumerators is about finished, and the figures are being tabulated at the several stations before being sent to headquarters.

DECREASE IN FIRST PRECINCT

It is stated that the figures in the first precinct show a decrease. This precinct comprises much of the business section of the city—a section in which dwellings are constantly making way for business enterprises and where, it is stated, the police naturally expect a decrease.

REPORT FROM FIFTH PRECINCT

It was stated last night that the returns for the fifth precinct, embracing the southeast section of the city, show a decided falling off in population. The police believe that large increases in the population of the fifth precinct, especially in the seventh, ninth, tenth and eleventh precincts, which embrace the suburban sections.

RIVERS CONGRESS WILL REPLY TO ITS CRITICS

Speakers to Answer Attacks Made Recently Upon the Waterways Appropriations. The further development of waterways as a means of national defense is the keynote at the convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress which is to meet in Washington, December 8, 9 and 10.

HEADQUARTERS OPENED

In his general orders National Commander Lake calls attention to the fact that complete national headquarters has been permanently established in this city, at 1320 New York avenue northwest, with offices for the national commander and the adjutant general and quartermaster general. He says that the headquarters were established in this city two months ago.

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