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DOZEN KILLED AS ZEPPELINS SHELL ENGLISH TOWNS

Thirty-Three Injured in Night Attack By German Fleet on Many Towns—Women and Children Among Victims of Forty Bombs Dropped by Aircraft—One Whole Family is Wiped Out and Much Property is Destroyed.

London, March 6.—Twelve persons were killed and 33 injured in last night's Zeppelin raid. Three Zeppelins took part in the attack. This information was given out officially today.

The statement follows: "The number of Zeppelins which took part in last night's raid is now believed to have been three. "After crossing the coast, the airships took various courses, and from the devious nature of their flight apparently were uncertain as to their bearings. The area visited included Yorkshire, Lincolnshire, Rutland, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, Norfolk, Essex and Kent.

"As far as is known about 40 bombs were dropped altogether. The casualties, so far as ascertained, amount to: Killed, three men, four women, five children; injured, 33. The material damage was: Two terrace houses practically destroyed, one office, one public house, a cafe and several shops partly destroyed and a block of almshouses badly damaged."

The censor permits publication of a few incidents in connection with the Zeppelin raid. In one of the principal areas visited a block of workmen's dwellings was demolished. A woman and her four children, all under nine years, were killed. The woman's husband was taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

In another case a doctor's house was destroyed but the doctor and his family had left the building before it was struck. In another case a pensioner 90 years of age, was burned to death in his bed.

Some of the bombs dropped by the aircraft were incendiary and some explosive. In one instance a fall of snow had just preceded an attack and the Zeppelin overhead was seen to remain stationary above the spot for several minutes.

An official statement issued in London last night said two hostile airships had crossed over the northeast coast of England. At that time their movements had not been defined clearly. Some bombs had been dropped, which fell into the sea near the shore.

The number of casualties reported is much less than that of the previous Zeppelin raid, in which 57 persons were killed and 117 persons injured. This raid, made on Jan. 31, was over the middle eastern towns.

British Steamship Masunda Torpedoed

London, March 6.—The British steamship Masunda has been sunk. All the members of her crew were saved. The Masunda was on her way to England and had arrived at Colombo, Ceylon, on Feb. 7. Her movements since that time have not been reported. She was 4,952 tons gross, was built at Glasgow in 1909 and was owned by the Glasgow United Shipping Company.

MAYOR ON CALL TO BREAK TIE IN CHARITIES BOARD

Commissioners in Annual Meeting Not In Agreement on Candidates.

ELLIS OPPOSES MOVE TO OUST DR. BEAUDRY

Walter Garrity, Bridgeport Brass Co. Clerk, to Succeed Thomas F. Cox.

This is the slate which the board of charities is likely to elect, at its annual meeting, which was called for late this afternoon at the police and charities building:

Superintendent, Spencer R. Gordon, re-elected for one year. Clerk, Walter Garrity, 505 Park avenue, to succeed Thomas F. Cox.

Investigator, Alexander F. Moriarty, re-elected. Outside poor physician, Francis P. Carroll, Bridgeport hospital, succeeding Dr. George B. Garlick, Superintendent of Lakeview Home, Dr. John J. MacDonald, re-elected.

Stenographer, charities headquarters, Miss Elizabeth Merry, re-elected.

Family visitor, Mrs. Mabel L. Goldman, re-elected.

Family visitor (new), Mrs. Johanna Silvey, 153 Lewis street.

Children's agent, stationed at Fresh Air Home, Excelsior, Miss Clara Foucher, re-elected.

Druggist, Alexander MacPherson, at present transfer ambulance driver and assistant pharmacist.

Ambulance driver, Aubrey F. Burlison, re-elected.

Eye and ear specialist, Dr. D. C. DeWolfe, re-elected.

Emergency hospital nurse, Miss Kathryn Healy, re-elected.

Night ambulance surgeon, Dr. E. B. Weldon, re-elected.

Day ambulance surgeons, John F. Canavan, succeeding Dr. Joseph H. Beaudry; Dr. George B. Garlick, succeeding Dr. John H. Finnegan.

Lakeview Home staff, no changes.

It is understood that there are several of these offices in which the commissioners are not wholly in accord, and that there is a likelihood of the calling of Mayor Wilson to break the tie, especially in the case of Dr. Joseph H. Beaudry and of the clerkship, scheduled to be filled by Garrity.

There will be a new order of things in the ambulance staff. A physician of the ambulance staff will work six days a week. Dr. George B. Garlick will be the chief of staff, and will regulate the substitution of physicians for members of the regular staff.

The clerkship vacancy grows out of the ousting of Clerk Thomas F. Cox. Cox is both pharmacist and clerk of the Bridgeport Brass Co.'s office. He is a resident of Bridgeport and has not worked in harmony.

The salary of Cox is \$1,425 annually. This salary will be split between Garrity, a young man, at present employed in the Bridgeport Brass Co.'s office, and MacPherson, who, though employed as transfer ambulance driver, has been acting in the pharmacy under Cox.

MacPherson has had experience on pharmaceutical work. He is not a licensed pharmacist, but the commissioners have been advised, that it is not compulsory for them to employ a licensed pharmacist. When prescriptions are called for, the pharmacist will not compound, they will be filled at the drugstores near the emergency hospital and dispensary. Garrity and MacPherson will share a portion of the salary, and the remainder will be used towards defraying the expense of a new family visitor.

The post for which Garrity is slated has been sought on behalf of several young women. It is not unlikely that one of these will be nominated this afternoon.

The possibility of a tie vote on several of the positions looms large. President F. W. Behrens and Mrs. M. H. Ford, according to report, are favorably inclined to Canavan for Beaudry's post. Commissioner Ellis is not likely to look with favor on this plan. Commissioner Harris' views are not known, but it was reported this afternoon that he planned to attend the meeting, in spite of ill health, to cast his vote for Dr. Beaudry. This will make a tie vote, and it may be necessary to break the tie through the intervention of Mayor Wilson.

Another position which may precipitate trouble is that of physician for outside poor. For this Dr. Ellis, of the ambulance and emergency committee, is favorably inclined towards Dr. Edward W. Paine, 871 Park avenue. Dr. Carroll is said to be the choice of President Behrens. Dr. Carroll is a Hartford man. He is on the Bridgeport hospital staff.

This forenoon Mayor Wilson, President Behrens and Alexander J. H. Robinson, the city clerk, and chairman of the Republican town committee, spent several hours in conference.

The salaries of the positions are: Superintendent, \$2,400; investigator, \$1,600; stenographer, \$780; outside poor physician, \$1,500 (raised by tax board at last meeting from \$1,200); family visitor, \$750; superintendent of lakeview, \$1,500; children's agent, Fresh Air home, \$750; day physicians at emergency hospital, \$750; night physician, \$800; emergency hospital nurse, \$780; ambulance driver, \$1,150; eye and ear specialist, \$300.

SHELTON STRIKE QUIET

Shelton, Conn., March 6.—Conditions at the corset goods factory of the R. N. Bassett Company, where a riot of striking girl employees occurred last week, were quiet today. Few of the strikers, it was said, appeared near the factory today.

MYSTERY ABOUT \$2,500 GRAB FOR CITY'S HISTORY

Taxpayers Must Give Col. Pease Fortune to Boom Administration.

N. Y. NEWSPAPER MAN AFTER THE COIN

His Volume Will Be Called, "Bridgeport, 1916, The City Marvelous."

Three thousand, five hundred dollars is the amount the taxpayers must give for having the Republican administration tell how great it is and what wonderful results and improvements have been accomplished since Mayor Wilson and his colleague took office. Of this sum \$1,000 will be paid for mailing circulars to electors telling the advantages, particularly the \$1,400,000 bond issues that are proposed.

The remaining \$2,500 apparently was slipped over on the unsuspecting public by a canny gentleman who does not live in Bridgeport, but who saw here a chance to get some easy money. This sum is to be paid for a book setting forth the history of the city and its advantages, under the present administration. A mysterious concern known as the Pease Publishing Co. of New York City has engaged to do the work unless some of the aldermen step in and block it. No one seems to know just who the "Pease Publishing Co." is but Col. J. M. Pease, formerly a New York newspaper man, put the deal over in Bridgeport.

The resolution went before the common council on Dec. 6, introduced by Alderman Malcolm MacFayden. He made no explanation of the purpose of the resolution at the time simply asking for unanimous consent of that body for its immediate passage. No mention was made in the resolution of any cost for the work, and in consequence it was unanimously adopted. It was approved by Mayor Wilson Dec. 8.

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DIDN'T SHOOT TO KILL, MARSHALL ADVISES CORONER

Pulled Trigger Only To "Frighten" Peter Deas, is Negro's Testimony.

"I didn't shoot to kill him. I shot to frighten him. I was told he had a gun and I was afraid he would kill me."

This is the statement made today to Coroner John J. Phelan, by Joseph Marshall held for killing Peter Deas during a row last Saturday night in the shack at 584 Iranistan avenue.

Continuing Marshall told the coroner that a fight started between Mrs. Violet Diggs of 1320 Chapel St., New Haven, and her brother, Robert Valentine because the latter would not pay his weekly room rent. All three were in a beating at the hands of his brother, Deas struck him with a lighted lamp.

He said he was knocked down on his bed and he thought Deas was reaching for a revolver when he drew his own revolver from beneath his pillow and fired. Marshall is held without bail. Mrs. Diggs, who says she did not see the shooting, is held in \$500 bail. The bonds for her brother are \$1,000. They have not been able to obtain bail. The cases have been continued for trial until after the coroner's investigation.

Charles Coleman and Albert Peterson, who were witnesses of the shooting, agreed in the main with Marshall's story. Marshall fired twice into Deas' left temple. After the shooting Marshall fled from the house and went to a lunch room where he ate a hearty meal.

Sergeant John O'Connell caught Marshall. He with Policemen Jeremiah Lavin and Thomas Walsh were in the barn in the rear of the house when about an hour later Marshall returned. Sergeant O'Connell grabbed him and the latter handed over the gun and admitted that he had done the shooting. He was taken to police headquarters where he made a confession.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15, IS DATE FOR BOND ELECTIONS

Thousand Dollars Worth of Circulars Soon Will Flood the City.

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NEWTON D. BAKER, FORMER CLEVELAND MAYOR, TO BE NEW SECRETARY OF WAR

NO PROSPECT OF PEACE IN SIGHT YET, REPORTS COL. HOUSE ON RETURN

Washington, March 6.—Colonel E. M. House, who returned yesterday from Europe, is understood to have told President Wilson today that he found no more prospects for peace during his recent visit to the capitals of belligerent nations than he did on his visit last spring.

Col. House parried questions as to the status of the armed ship controversy with the statement that those in Washington know more about the subject than he does. He absolutely refused to discuss any pending diplomatic questions.

When Col. House left for Europe reports were persistent that he went abroad to investigate the peace situation but was emphatically denied by both President Wilson and Secretary Lansing.

HOUSE TO LIMIT DEBATE ON ARMED SHIPS ISSUE; VOTE COMES TOMORROW

Washington, March 6.—The House rules committee today agreed on and will bring into the House tomorrow a special rule for four hours debate on the McLemore resolution warning Americans off armed ships of the European belligerents. This action puts the much-discussed resolution into a parliamentary position where administration leaders are confident they can kill it.

President Wilson had an engagement to confer with Representatives Bennett of New York, and Lenoir of Wisconsin, members of the rules committee, which is to pave the way for a vote on the armed ship issue, while Mr. Bryan had a luncheon engagement with Representative Bailey at a hotel within a stone's throw of the capitol.

Administration leaders said they were assured of a full Democratic vote in committee and a majority on the floor to table the resolution. They declare there was a substantial rally-

ing to the colors in the President's congressional camp.

Although Mr. Bryan has declared that he would not actively participate in the armed ship fight, his luncheon engagement with Representative Bailey at a hotel within a stone's throw of the capitol, was interpreted as an endeavor to get a vote on his warning resolution. Administration leaders backed by Republicans who support the President in this crisis plan to force the resolution on the Senate calendar, there to remain for the remainder of the session.

DUNN HEIRS TO TAKE FIGHT TO SUPERIOR COURT

Appeal From Admission of Will of Man Who Got Fortune From Property.

Two children, and a widow of another child, of the late William Dunn entered an appeal, today, in the probate court, from the decision of that tribunal admitting Dunn's will to probate.

Dunn was a milk dealer in the East End for many years. He obtained big prices for pieces of property now included in the tract held by the Remington munition plants. His estate has been estimated at \$300,000. All that he left to his widow, Mrs. Margaret, was designated as executrix.

Nellie and William Dunn, children of the testator and Anna, widow of John Dunn, another son, appealed. Anna Dunn, who has several children, lives in Shelton. Anna Dunn asserts that her deceased husband helped the testator lay the foundation of the funds with which he bought the property now occupied by the Remington plant.

STATE DEPT. GETS GERMAN EVIDENCE UPHOLDING PLANS

Reasons For New U-Boat Policy Cited in Documents Before Lansing.

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Capital Learns That Place Has Been Tendered Him and That He Has Accepted—White House Does Not Confirm or Deny Report.

Was Offered Cabinet Portfolio When President Was Inaugurated But Declined—In Accord With Policies of the President on U. S. Defenses.

Washington, March 6.—Newton D. Baker, former Mayor of Cleveland, has been selected by President Wilson as Secretary of War.

Mr. Baker has accepted the position and is now arranging his affairs in Cleveland preparatory to coming to Washington to take up his duties.

Mr. Baker formerly was mayor of Cleveland. His name had been mentioned in connection with the position several times. He was offered a place when the cabinet was formed but declined.

The selection of Mr. Baker is understood to have been discussed by President Wilson with Col. E. M. House soon after the latter's arrival here this morning.

When President Wilson was making up his cabinet in 1913, he offered the place of secretary of the interior to Mr. Baker twice. Mr. Baker then was mayor of Cleveland and declined for that reason. The President and Mr. Baker have been close friends for some time and have corresponded frequently.

Mr. Baker is said by his friends to be in close sympathy with the President's policies, and is known to have had the support of some members of the cabinet for the war office.

When President Wilson recently was touring the middle west on his preparedness program, he saw Mr. Baker at Cleveland, and had a long talk with him. Mr. Baker has been in Washington frequently of late and on his last visit he said he had been offered the post of secretary of war and did not believe he would be. Ever since Lindley M. Garrison resigned, the President has been seeking a middle western lawyer for the place.

At the White House today it was neither officially confirmed nor denied that Mr. Baker would be selected. Officials strongly encouraged the use of his name and it was understood that Mr. Baker had been definitely selected.

The 50-day period for which Major General Hiram Scott, chief of staff, was designated secretary of war ad interim, will expire March 11. It is believed Mr. Baker's nomination will be sent to the Senate before that time.

Mr. Baker is 44 years old. He was born in Martinsburg, W. Va., and at the age of 25 was appointed private secretary to Postmaster-General William C. Brewster. He held this office for 10 years until his election as mayor. In 1914 he was re-elected mayor for a two year term. Mr. Baker in July, 1902, married Miss Elizabeth Leopold, of Pottsville, Pa.

Mr. Baker has received degrees at Johns Hopkins and Washington & Lee Universities. For years Mr. Baker has been closely identified with the reform movement in Cleveland and has taken an active part in the street railway controversy.

Second Panel Drawn For Month's Trials Because of Business

Because of the great amount of jury business at the present term of the civil superior court and the fact that some of the present jurors have served more than two months it has been found necessary to draw a second panel for this month's trials. There are a sufficient number of cases assigned to furnish business for two months more.

Those chosen for the new panel are: Bridgeport, William Shaughnessy, John P. Baum, Jacob Borstelman, Martin J. Brady, Fairfield, Charles R. Banks, Clifford S. Banks, Greenwich, Joseph L. Colgrove, Sr.; New Canaan, William A. Davenport, Gardner A. Hoyt; Newtown, H. M. Greenman; Norwalk, Minot S. Smith; Stamford, Louis S. Beget, Louis F. Barry; Trumbull, Burr P. Beach, George Clark, Charles J. Thorp, Samuel G. Seeley; Stratford, Axor Bradley, Frank E. Blakeman; Westport, Frank B. Dayton, Frederick S. Gorham, John P. McCormick.

THE WEATHER

Fair and warmer tonight. Tuesday rain or snow and warmer, winds becoming south and increasing.

REV. G. M. BROWN AS SUCCESSOR TO DR. GOODENOUGH?

Bridgeport Pastor Prominently Mentioned For Head of District.

A meeting most interesting to all Methodists in this city and the district which includes New York city will be held at the First Methodist church in Bridgeport tomorrow when the New York District Ministers' Association, of the New York East Conference will be carried out in three sessions.

The present session is particularly interesting from the fact that it is the last district meeting under the superintendency of Rev. Arthur H. Goodenough, D. D., who will retire from his office in April after six year term.

It is also interesting in that Bishop L. B. Wilson, D. D., of New York city will attend directly after his return from attending a conference of the Protestant churches on the Isthmus of Panama.

It is expected that reports upon the progress of the forward movement of the Methodist churches in this district will take a prominent place in the active upon "The Methodist Ministry."

There will be three sessions beginning at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, at 1:45 p. m. and again at 7:30 before which a supper will be served by the ladies of the church.

The aspirations of many well known churchmen who are desirous of appointment to the superintendency will be discussed informally at this conference. Among the names mentioned as a successor to Dr. Goodenough are Rev. George M. Brown, pastor of the First Methodist church, Bridgeport, Dr. R. E. Bell, of Brooklyn, Dr. John H. Maynard, of Brooklyn, and Dr. H. B. Newman of New Haven. Mr. Brown's candidacy will receive a marked boom in the church.

The morning session, after devotions by Rev. Arthur B. Sanford, pastor of the Boston Road M. E. church, New York city, will be addressed by the bishop upon "The Methodist Ministry." Greetings from the district will be made by Superintendents E. A. Dent of the New Haven district, F. B. Upham, Brooklyn North district, and W. A. Layton, Brooklyn South district.

A response will be made by District Superintendent A. H. Goodenough of the New York district. After the appointment of committees a business session an adjournment will be taken at 12:30.

The afternoon program beginning at 1:45 p. m. includes: Devotions, led by the Reverend Isaac A. Marsland, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church, Danbury, Conn.

Address—"The Union of Methodism," Dr. James R. Joy, Editor of the Christian Advocate.

Addresses—Fifteen minutes each on definite general conference legislation: "Unifying Our Benevolent Boards," the Rev. Raymond L. Forman, Mount Vernon, N. Y.; "The Time Limit," the Rev. Everett A. Burnes, Bridgeport, Conn.; "The Bishop's Veto," the Rev. H. B. Beatty's New Rochelle, N. Y.

A discussion upon the topics will be held prior to the supper intermission.

The evening session beginning at 7:30 p. m. includes devotions by Rev. Charles E. Barto, pastor of the (Continued on page 4)

PURDY-WATTS CASE ASSIGNED FOR 3RD TRIAL

Jury Will Pass on Evidence In Sensational Suit, Before Judge Gager.

The sensational will case of Samuel A. Purdy, administrator, against Stanley Watts, an employe of the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., a suit which has already been tried twice in the superior court, is assigned for its third trial here tomorrow when Judge Gager and a jury will pass upon the evidence.

Purdy, representing certain heirs of Sidney Watts, who died in Westport several years ago, claims Stanley Watts failed to properly support his father during his lifetime. Young Watts was given the deed to his father's Westport property and the present action against him is for \$25,000 damages.

It was claimed that the elder Watts was addicted to drink and that he was unduly influenced by his son to sign the deed by which the young man received the property. Sidney Watts committed suicide. In the first trial of the present suit a jury set aside the verdict and that time the deed was held valid. It was decided that the question of damages should be tried as a separate issue.

The next trial was held before the court alone and that time the deed was held valid. It was decided that the question of damages should be tried as a separate issue.

RUSSIAN FLEET EXTENDS SCOPE OF ITS ACTIVITY

Petrograd, March 6.—The Russian Black sea fleet is extending the scope of its operations far to the westward of Trebizond and has bombarded the mouth of the Terna river, where a fleet of sailing vessels had taken refuge. The Terna is 210 miles west of Trebizond.

Thirty miles east of the Terna, the fire of the warships destroyed barricades and depots and many Turkish craft. Along the coast line, included between these two points, the Russians during the last few days, have sunk more than 30 sailing vessels laden with war supplies.

The civil population of Trebizond is reported to have virtually left the city, those remaining falling victims, according to advices received here, to the demoralized Turkish soldiers who are said to be looting stores and houses and creating a reign of terror.

The Russian fleet southward of the Caucasian theatre extends for a distance of 270 miles. Military critics emphasize the caution and deliberation which are characterizing the advance along this whole front, the difficulties of which multiply daily with the increasing distance from the Russian base in contrast with the impetuosity of the earlier days of the campaign.

FIRE IN GRAIN ELEVATOR

Peoria, March 6.—Fire destroyed the Iowa elevator containing 750,000 bushels of wheat today, causing \$1,000,000 loss.