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### Storm Is Sweeping Cottages From Foundations

# MICHAELIS OUT; HERTLING NEW 'CHANCELLOR'; UDINE CAPTURED BY AUSTRO-GERMAN FORCES; BRITISH LAUNCH ANOTHER DRIVE IN FLANDERS

## WOMEN'S WORLD HIT BY NEW TAX ON ALL TRINKETS

If They Wear Garters Made With Metal Clasps They Must Pay a Tax and Even Their Eyebrow Pencils, Meshbags, Lorgnettes, Rouge Cases Are to Be a Source of Revenue For the Government—They Have Taxed Men's Suspenders, Emblems and Gold Pins and Even Their Watches.

Madam, do you wear garters made of precious or imitation metal? If so you will have to pay a war tax. With the men you are now about to shoulder the burdens of war. The government has taxed your mesh bags, lip salve cases, lorgnettes, vinaigrettes and last but by no means the least you will have to pay for owning that pencil which you use to lend a black, coquettish arch, to your eyebrows. War is surely all that Sherman said it was.

The girls who smoke must pay a tax on the cigarette cases they carry, and the accompanying metal match box is also taxable. Your wrist watch will result in your paying revenue to the government, as will every trinket which you wear from a jeweled comb to the string of pearls—real or imitation—which adorn your neck.

The mesh, however, do not escape. They are to be taxed on their suspenders, watches, chains, gold knives and all shirms, emblems and gold pins and in fact every piece of jewelry which adorns their person.

The following notice has been received by the Collector of Internal Revenue, and bears the heading "Excise Tax—October 8, 1917," from Commissioner Daniel C. Roper at Washington:

1. All articles which have been specifically classified as jewelry by the Board of Customs Appeals shall be taxed as jewelry under the present act.
2. All ornaments worn for personal adornment only are classified as jewelry.
3. All precious stones and pearls, both real and imitation, whether cut or uncut, which are set and ready to wear in condition sold are classifiable as jewelry and subject to tax. Precious stones cut but not set will be regarded as subject to tax when sold by the importer, or, if cutting is done in the United States, when sold by the manufacturer or dealer for whom the cutting was done. Pearls, matched, drilled and temporarily strung on silk thread, without clasps, will not be

## WILSON'S CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE INVITES OPPONENT TO OBSERVE STATE CORRUPT PRACTICES LAW

Lynn W. Wilson, continuing his fight for honest election, has invited Schuyler Merritt, Republican candidate for Congress, to refrain from that improper use of money which Wilson declares has been a grievous offense in the Fourth district for many years.

Wilson has designated a committee of influential citizens to aid him in the abatement of corrupt practices. The chairman of this committee is Don C. Sells, business manager of the New York World and one of the most famous American journalists, and a resident of Cos Cob, Conn.

Other members of the committee are Floyd Tucker, publisher of the Bridgeport Evening Farmer, Hon. Zalmon Goodsell, of Bridgeport, and former Congressman Robert E. DeForest of Bridgeport. The following letter addressed to Milton Fessenden, Esq., is self-explanatory.

"The committee of Democrats appointed to further the interests of Hon. Lynn Wilson in the by-election for Congress, which takes place on November 13th next, desires to lay before the Republican committee a proposition which we trust will meet with their approval and acceptance.

"It is a matter of regrettable fact that in previous contests for member of Congress in this district, large sums of money have been raised and disbursed in shameless disregard of the very stringent corrupt practices act of the state of Connecticut. We do not intend to place the blame upon anyone for this violation of law and misuse of money, although evidence exists furnishing ample proof of the correctness of our statement.

"What we desire is that such practices cease and that candidates should go before the public solely on their merits and rely for election upon the impression they make individually and from the platform. We therefore pledge our committee and Mr. Wilson to an agreement that we will raise no money to be used in any way whatsoever for influencing the result, but leave the voter entirely free to form his own conclusion as to the merits of the candidates and the value of the issue.

"This is peculiarly a time of times to do away with the evil methods of the past. The country is facing grave conditions. The voter will be called upon to bear great burdens. He

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## UNIONS LOSE DECISION TO HATTING CO.

Judge Curtis in Superior Court Refuses to Permit Union Hatters to Do Picket Duty at Factory of the United States Hat Company.

Judge Howard J. Curtis of the superior court in a decision handed down today in the case of the United States Hat Co. of Danbury against the Hatmakers' and Hat Finishers unions of Danbury, their officers and members, denies the claim of the unions for a modification of an injunction recently granted, and decides the main issues must be tried out in court before any change in the order can be considered.

Several weeks ago the hatmakers in Danbury went on strike in the shops of the United States Hat Co., a combination of several independent concerns and picketed the shops. Application for an injunction to restrain the picketing was made on the ground that officers and members of the union were interfering with the business of the company. After a hearing Judge Curtis granted a temporary injunction restraining the practices complained of.

At a later session of court application was made by counsel for the unions to have the injunction dissolved or modified. Judge Curtis heard the argument, and refused to make any change in the original order until after a hearing upon the merits of the case.

## SMELTER, PUBLIC MENACE WILL BE HELD DURING WAR

Declared a public menace Paul Smelter of 459 Herral avenue was placed under arrest on a Presidential warrant today by Charles H. Lane, special agent of the Department of Justice, and Policeman P. Arthur Salmonson of the traffic police, and will be interned for the period of the war. He is the first arrest on this particular charge in the city.

Smelter was born in Verdal, Germany, June 24, 1886, and was brought to this country in 1898, residing since then in Bridgeport. Investigation by department of justice agents developed that he is a chauffeur, is known as a reckless driver, is addicted to intoxicants, and has a violent temper. He has never taken out citizenship papers.

Under the law requiring alien enemies to take out permits Smelter made application for a permit, but never completed his application nor secured the permit. The investigation of his character shows that he is violent, and that his continued liberty would be dangerous to the good of the community.

There will be no formal proceedings against Smelter. He will simply be turned over to the proper Federal authorities and sent to some place selected where he will be interned until the war is over.

## SUIT IS BROUGHT BY CRUCIBLE CO.

Alleging breach of contract suit has been filed in the superior court by the Bridgeport Crucible Co. of Bridgeport against the Seymour Manufacturing Co. of Seymour claiming damages of \$35,000. The case is returnable to the November term of court.

The complaint alleges that under a contract entered into September 25, 1916, the defendants agreed to purchase crucibles from the Bridgeport company, and did receive 1,600, but refused to take any more. The plaintiff set their loss at \$30,000 and claim damages for \$5,000 in addition.

THE WEATHER.

Rain this afternoon, clearing early tonight, much colder; Wednesday fair and colder; strong west to north-west winds. Warnings for high winds are displayed along the coast.

## HEAVY SEAS ARE POUNDRING HOMES INTO SPLINTERS

Reports From Milford and Other Sections Along the Sound Indicate Tremendous Loss to Property As a Result of the Storm Which is Sweeping the Coast; Sea Wall at Sea Side Park Threatened With Total Destruction; Piers Have Been Swept Away By Seas; Vessels Have Not Dared to Venture From Home Ports.

A heavy southwest storm sweeping over southwestern Connecticut is leaving widespread damage in its wake and raising havoc along the Bridgeport shore front and adjacent towns today. Heavy damage is reported from Fairfield, Lordship and Milford, where cottages are being swept from their foundations. The sea wall between Seaside park and Fayerweather Island which was damaged to the extent of \$50,000 last week is threatened with complete destruction.

The sturdy little steamer, Park City, which has braved all sorts of storms during the last 25 years, failed to put into port on scheduled time today, causing much concern, but report was received at noon that Captain C. E. Tucker refused to risk the unmanageable sea. Many small craft anchored along the shore were smashed to pieces and a score of vessels put into the Bridgeport harbor for shelter.

Several cottages which were partially wrecked last week were swept from their foundations and demolished. One house on a sand bar between Charles Island and Myrtle beach was blown from its foundation into the sea. Many others have been unsettled. Much rubbish was washed onto the trolley tracks on the shore line in Milford greatly delaying traffic.

City Engineer Alfred H. Terry viewed the seawall at Seaside park today and although unable to ascertain the damage because of the high tide, believed that section damaged last week would be completely destroyed and that the section escaping damage would be somewhat injured. Terry believes there is not sufficient "friction" in back of the wall to afford protection.

## CORONER DECIDES TO HOLD FICHTL

Coroner J. J. Phelan has made a finding in the death of Valenty Janakowsky of Church street, who died October 29 last, as a result of stab wounds in the back, finding Leopold Fichtl, 1051 Barnum avenue, as responsible for the death through his criminal act. The killing was the result of a quarrel in a saloon at Pembroke and Church streets in which several men were concerned. Janakowsky was stabbed through the back by Fichtl, who returned to the saloon with a knife after he had been ejected in the first row.

Coroner Phelan has found that there is no criminal negligence on the part of any one in the death of J. Clinton Hoyt of Stamford, Saturday afternoon in Westport in a collision of his automobile with a truck owned by Daniel Massello. Hoyt was driving up the hill, and collided head on with the truck, which was going slow.

## BEDS PROVIDED FOR TROLLEYMEN

After being repeatedly attacked by Bridgeport newspapers for its failure to provide sleeping accommodations for conductors and motormen who work late "runs" the Connecticut company has obtained a lodging house permit and will lodge employees free of charge at 105 Congress street. Twelve white enamel beds have been installed in the new dormitory.

Previously men operating cars on the late runs were forced to either walk to their homes or sleep in trolley cars or any convenient place in the car barns.

## Lieutenant in Signal Corps Injured in Leg by Shell Splinter—Was in Communicating Trench Near Front Line—British Force Ger- mans Back Nearly 1,000 Yards on Ypres Front—Huns Heading for Plains of Northern Italy— Michaelis Made Prussian Prime Minister.

With the American Army in France, Monday, Oct. 29—(By the Associated Press)—The first American wounded in the trenches arrived today at a base hospital. He is a lieutenant of the signal corps. He was hit in the leg by a shell splinter while working in a communication trench near the first lines. The wound is slight.

The weather was clear and cold today in the American sector.

Amsterdam, Oct. 30—Count George von Hertling, the Bavarian prime minister, has been appointed imperial German chancellor. Former Chancellor Michaelis has been named prime minister of Prussia.

Berlin, Oct. 30, via London—Udine, the former Italian headquarters, has been occupied by Austro-German forces, army headquarters announced today.

The Austrians and Germans are pressing forward irresistibly in the northern Italian plains toward the course of the Tagliamento river, the statement says.

Austro-German troops, advancing from the Carnia Alps, have reached Venetian soil on the whole front and are pressing forward against the upper course of the Tagliamento. The retirement of the defeated Italian army is being stemmed at the few crossings of the river, which is greatly swollen.

## BRITISH ADVANCE IN YPRES

London, Oct. 30—The British attacked on the Flanders front early this morning. Good progress is reported by the war office.

The announcement follows: "At 5:45 this morning we attacked north of the Ypres-Roulers railroad. Our troops are reported to be making good progress."

London, Oct. 30.—The Germans have been driven back in places to a depth of nearly 1,000 yards in today's British drive on the Ypres front, Reuters correspondent at British headquarters reports.

The principal fighting is taking place toward the outskirts of Passendale and in the region of Pevelcappelle. The British are reported to have fought their way along several important spurs of the great system of ridges. The Canadians quickly gained a great part of their objectives.

British Front in Belgium, Oct. 30—(By the Associated Press)—At an early hour today the Canadians had taken a stand in the neighborhood of the famous Crest farm only 400 yards from the heart of the town of Passendale.

## MORTGAGING THE HOME.

The government requires meatless and wheatless days. It demands thrift, so that the people can buy Liberty Bonds.

But Mayor Clifford B. Wilson, promises on every bill board a riot of expenditure.

There are to be many contracts and plenty of pavement, but no letting, and no bidding.

Debt has increased six millions in six years. Every dollar of debt is a mortgage on every Bridgeport home.

Citizens of Bridgeport, do you prefer to mortgage your own homes, or do you want Cliff and John to do it for you? The credit of the country is shrinking. War is producing strange changes. Are you satisfied to go without bread and meat so that a political ring can wallow in ill-gotten gains? Mr. Kirk has worked hard all his life. He is a successful business man, but he doesn't run an establishment in Washington, doesn't maintain a suite of rooms in the Belmont Hotel all the year round, doesn't operate a camp in Maine and has but a modest establishment in Bridgeport. Mr. Kirk never broke a promise that he would not waive competition and bidding, and he never signed Waccusette contracts for a million and a half, more or less.