

CARDINAL MERCIER SUSPECTS TRICK

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WITH THE BRITISH ARMY IN BELGIUM, Nov. 22.—Cardinal Mercier, famous Belgian prelate, who defied the German military authorities, gave out a remarkable interview upon the deliverance of his country. The cardinal radiated happiness. He said that he had never lost hope, although at times his heart was very much troubled. The cardinal, after recalling his arrest in 1914, when he was not allowed to leave his home for two days, inquired after Cardinal Gibbons, whom he called a "grand old man and a noble figure."

The prelate was deeply shocked to learn of the death of Cardinal Farley in New York. It was the first time he had heard of it.

"I am not a politician," said Cardinal Mercier, in referring to Germany; "but the change in that country seems too sudden to be lasting. It looks more like a 'camouflage of democracy.'"

The conclusion of the war in the way it has gone is a triumph for justice," continued Cardinal Mercier.

"We in Belgium knew that the Kaiser's appeals to God would not be listened to. Today I have but one thought, justice and God."

The cardinal praised the British, French and American soldiers, calling them the saviors of civilization. He was particularly anxious to know all about the tanks. When told that they had won the war, the cardinal said: "Yes, and also the fact that the allies had right on their side."

Wants Divorce From Wife Who Brings Too Many Suits Against Him

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Nov. 24.—George T. Barner, of the Barner-Mead Lumber Company, asks common pleas court to grant him an absolute divorce from his wife, Mrs. Rosamond S. Barner.

His principal cause for action, according to the petition, is that his wife, by the frequency with which she brought suit against him and others in court, has "made a by-word" of the name of Barner.

"Barner vs. Barner has become a jest in the courts," the petition relates. He also alleges that his wife has a bad temper and even threatened to shoot one of her own attorneys. They were married April 5, 1911, and she has had nine suits in court during that time.

SAYS POLAND WILL SOON BE REPUBLIC

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—Poland will soon be a republic with liberty and equality assured every citizen, Ignace J. Paderewski, representative in the United States of the Polish national council in Paris, declared in a statement issued before he sailed for Europe on the steamer Magantic yesterday.

Paderewski said that the Polish republic would adopt a constitution based on the principles of American democracy. Catholics, Jews, and Protestants will all enjoy equal rights as they will all fulfill equal duties, he explained.

"I am profoundly grateful to the United States for the generous assistance she has given to the entente powers in their gigantic struggle," thus hastening the triumph of freedom and justice," Paderewski said. "I am thankful to all Americans who, in their kindly solicitude for the oppressed peoples, include my own country and nation."

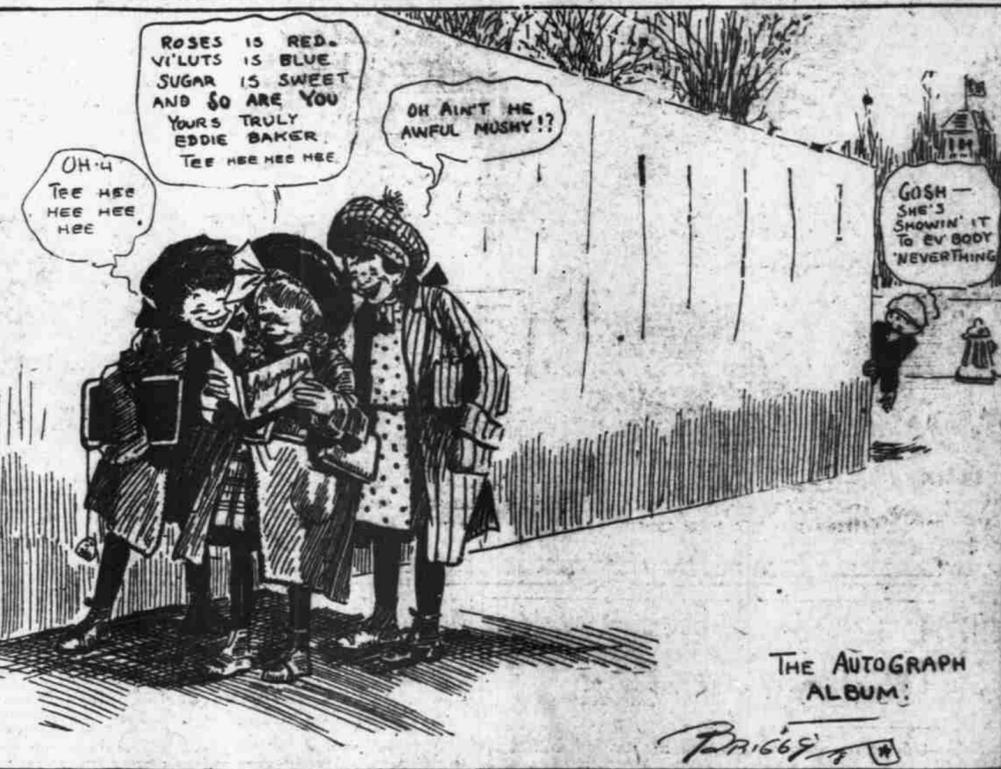
DIGNITARIES TO ATTEND THANKSGIVING MASS HERE

Bishop Frederick W. Keatinge of North Hampton, England; Archbishop John Bonzano, and James Cardinal Gibbons, will be present at the annual Thanksgiving mass to be held at 10 o'clock Thanksgiving Day, at St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. William J. Kerby, professor of sociology of Catholic University. Cardinal Gibbons will participate at the mass.

Representatives of nearly all the South American countries, together with prominent Government officials, are expected to be present.

Cadets from St. John's College will form a guard of honor. Singing will be under the direction of Miss Jennie Gleeman and C. A. Benson.

The Days of Real Sport



17-YEAR-OLD D. C. PRIVATE IS KILLED

Private Alfred Cherner, only seventeen years old, went straight from short trousers into Uncle Sam's army and was killed in action on the fields of France on October 15.

Alfred is the son of Mrs. Hetty Cherner, who is the proprietor of a grocery store at 1302 Seventh street, northwest. The young soldier was born in Russia and never saw the country for which he died until he was eleven years old. In the five years that followed he stored up the patriotism which finally led him to offer his life for his new home land.

Took Mother's Word.

One day in February, 1917, he went to his mother and said in a half-joking way, "Mother, I think I'll go and enlist." His mother thought he was really joking and said to him "to go ahead." Within two days he was in the army and was on his way to training camp.

He stayed in this country but a short time after entering the army and left Camp Merrick, N. J., for France shortly after Easter. Before he left, his parents tried to get him

ALA. JUDGES CITED IN PROHIBITION RAID

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 24.—Approximately \$1,500 worth of prohibited liquors were taken by officers in a raid late Friday on the Southern Club, one of the most prominent social clubs of the city.

W. T. McGaughey, secretary of the club, was arrested on charges of violating the prohibition laws. Two negro porters also are held. Two judges, the police allege, were drinking liquor in the club when the raid was made, and will be called as witnesses.

More than 100 quarts of whiskey were taken. Whiskey sells for from \$12 to \$15 a quart here.

Stole \$600; Convicted And Paroled in the Custody of His Wife

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 24.—Henry Sinclair will be his wife's prisoner, and, besides, too, for an entire year. He pleaded guilty to the theft of \$600 from a woman acquaintance. His wife appeared to ask for leniency. He was sentenced to the county jail for one year and then paroled to Mrs. Sinclair.

"Your wife will have the same control over you as my father," was the court's warning to the prisoner. "The first time you fail we will send the patrol wagon and you will go to jail."

Sinclair left the courtroom on his wife's arm. He displayed an apparent affection for his new jailer.

NAVY CAMOUFLAGE SAVED MANY SHIPS

John Olsen, shipboard seaman on board a United States merchant marine ship 500 miles at sea, gaged; his eyes bulged, and a end of tobacco rolled unnoticed from his mouth.

Men of long maritime experience do not hesitate long in an emergency, and John leaped to the forecastle deck and changed the lookout bell. "Ship heading straight on our starboard," shrieked John.

The first mate on the captain's bridge merely grinned.

John mentally corroborated Sherman's famous statement about war. True, this was his first time on deck since a very large day on shore, but no matter what his condition, he had always been able to tell which way a ship was going—the mate must be a German.

One More Look.

John took one more look to confirm his first impression, countermanned a lifebelt, and shut his eyes to await the crash.

Half an hour later, when he opened his eyes, the ship was still "heading" on our starboard," but was still the same distance away as when he first saw it. This was his first time on deck since occurred in the United States merchant marine as the result of the camouflaging of navy convoys, a practice that has exacted numerous shipboard sacrifices from sailors.

The Shipping Board yesterday made public a description of the camouflaging and convoy system of the navy, written by a merchant marine officer.

Contrary to the popular belief, marine camouflaging is not used as it is by the army, to lessen an object's visibility, the officer's article points out.

Every American ship crossing the ocean is ordered to be camouflaged for the purpose of deceiving submarines as to the true course of the ship. The submarine always figures out the course and speed of the ship in order to choose the right time and place to emerge if it perceives and fire the torpedoes. If directed as to the course and speed of the ship, it will invariably emerge in a position from which a torpedo shot is impossible or impracticable.

Footed the Unlucky.

The American navy and merchant marine have frustrated German submarines by this camouflaging system. "The effect of good camouflaging is remarkable," writes a marine officer. "I have often looked at a fellow ship in the convoy, sailing on our quarter on the exact same course we were, but on account of the camouflaging she appeared to be making right for us on a course at least 45 degrees different from the one she was actually steering."

"It is not hard to see why the convoy system has been effective," continues the article. "The usual convoy formation was in columns in a rough square. This was the most conspicuous, and the inside ships were practically immune from attack. The convoys circled the convoys, it is necessary, and the outside ships camouflaged, but only on the assumption that covered"

WOMEN OF FRANCE REFUSE FOE PLEAS

French women have answered the plea of German women for alleviation of the armistice conditions by a cool, determined refusal to budge an inch.

Our pity is first for the innocent victims, for our wretched prisoners whose numbers have been so sadly reduced by typhus and famine, and for our reconquered populations," the French women declared.

"Let German women but remember, and they will understand our attitude. Again, we should we intervene today against conditions which have but one object: to render impossible the resumption of the war."

BAVARIAN PALACE TO BE SANITARIUM

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Bavarian government has notified Berlin that it intends immediately to publish documents dealing with the origin of the war, according to a Munich dispatch to the Daily News.

The situation in Munich is said to be good. The authorities declare there is no chance of Bolshevism succeeding in Bavaria.

Kurt Eisner, head of the present Bavarian government, said in an interview that "there never will be another king in Bavaria." He said the royal palace will be turned into a sanitarium.



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NEXT CONGRESS TO PAY D. C. ATTENTION

All the indications are that in the next Congress, the Sixty-sixth, which will come into existence March 4, the affairs of the District of Columbia will receive more attention than they have received at the Capitol in recent years.

The enactment of important District legislation may be anticipated in the next Congress and Washington will undoubtedly participate in the benefits of the mass of reconstruction lawmaking which will be put on the statute books.

Partly because of the fact the country has been at war and partly because personal antagonisms have obtained between Chairman Johnson of the House District Committee and some of the Senate District Committee, much needed District legislation for some time has been hindered.

In the new Congress, it is as good as settled that Congressman Mapes of Michigan will be chairman of the House District Committee. He is now a member of that body, and has taken an active part in the business of the committee. In the Senate, if Senator Dillingham of Vermont will consent to it, he will be chairman of the District Committee. It is believed he will consent. He has long been a member of the Senate District Committee and has given close consideration to questions relating to Washington. Few men in the Senate are more familiar with District affairs than he is.

Both Senator Dillingham and Congressman Mapes are believers in the development of Washington as a great city, and will without question do what they can to insure its progress.

Congressman Mapes, when asked recently about District affairs and what legislation he would urge if he became chairman of the District Committee, said he did not want to express his views for the reason that he did not wish to assume he was sure of the chairmanship. He pointed out the committees had yet to be made up.

Nevertheless, it can be said that Mr. Mapes is taking a keen and close interest in District questions, and friends of his in the House say he is slated for the chairmanship. They predict, too, he will stand for the best public interests of the District and for soundly progressive measures.

Senator Dillingham is known as a conservative in the Senate, but he is, nevertheless, in favor of Congress dealing liberally with Washington and making the Nation's capital a great one.

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BEATTY IGNORED REDS, SAYS BERLIN

LONDON, Nov. 24.—The Berlin Vorwarts says:

"Information has been received that Admiral Beatty refused to negotiate with delegates from the Soldiers' and Workmen's Council because they are not representatives of any recognized government. Furthermore, we learn that food supplies, of which the United States had held out a prospect will be temporarily held up in Rotterdam and Copenhagen because the American government intends to wait and see whether Germany is able to give the securities demanded by America for fair distribution of supplies."

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