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RIGHTEOUS INDIGNATION

The people of Washington are naturally exasperated over the killing of three officers of the law by a fiendish negro in that city this week, and again demand the enactment of laws which will, at least, minimize danger from the negro and his pistol. A Washington paper yesterday contained a picture representing irresponsible persons entering shops for the purpose of purchasing firearms.

While some white men are occasionally caught with pistols in their pockets, the large majority of such lawbreakers in southern cities are negroes. They began to purchase pistols as soon as the emancipation proclamation went into effect. This was especially observable in Alexandria when "contrabands," as they were called, began to refuse to this city. Labor was scarce at that time, as it is now, and the government employed negroes in the quartermaster's and commissary departments. Most of their pay was spent in banjos, fiddles, cheap watches and pistols. The latter were looked upon as essentials. It is so now with a large number of blacks, and such weapons are still regarded as indispensable by such.

Chairman Ben Johnson, of the House committee on the District of Columbia, yesterday introduced a bill providing drastic penalties for persons carrying pistols. The Johnson bill would prohibit any person other than officers of the law from carrying firearms in the District of Columbia, the penalty being from one to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for the first offense, double that sentence for the second offense and life imprisonment for a third offense.

POOL ROOM HABITUÉS

In these days, when demands for the enforcement of the vagrant laws are becoming more loud, cases which come before the Police Court occasionally show the total unconcern of some people for their duties toward God or man. The only case before the court this morning was that of a young man who was charged with striking a boy. The evidence showed that the trouble occurred in a pool room and was the result of a dispute over a game. The man and the youth quarreled until ugly epithets were exchanged and the assault followed. The accused was fined \$5.

After the case had been disposed of a woman advanced to the desk and swore out a warrant against the man for defrauding her of a board bill of \$24. He will be held until he shall have made satisfactory arrangements with his landlady.

Members of the police alleged that the defendant was improvident and was not working at a time when labor is in great demand. It was also stated that he was but twenty years old, a married man, having a wife in Winchester.

He and the youth with whom he had the difficulty are patrons of a pool room. And it may be stated here that regular habitués of such places, at a time when the country is calling for the services of all able-bodied young men, should be arraigned and made to give an account of themselves. The authorities of every city and town are vying with the military in attempts to diminish dangers to soldiers from the vicious, and crusades against loiterers should be conducted with as great energy.

NOTHING SACRED TO THE HUN

Does the Hun regard anything with reverence? asked a contemporary, which says, truly, he certainly has no regard for priceless works of art, nor shrines sacred to God and to men, nor to age, nor innocence nor helplessness among foes. Now it seems he is devoid of right sentiment at home. For the young and immature are to be forced to marry, and the childless married couples to be punished for their childlessness.

The birth rate is falling off seriously in Germany, and infant mortality has become very high, and the All Highest will not stand for it there.

fore the order goes forth, but differently toned from the words spoken by God's holy prophet, "Be fruitful and multiply." That was for a righteous seed, to occupy the land for God. This is for the extension of kultur, and to occupy lands for the kaiser.

But this is self-defeating. Not even docile, Kaiser, kultur-ridden Germany will mate without the glamor of romance and the sweet justifying influence of a pure home life, at least for long enough to raise another generation of military puppets for the Hohenzollerns.

HORRORS OF HUN VICTORY

Dr. H. T. Randolph, of Wilmington, Del., in an address at the meeting of the Methodist ministers in the Wesley building, Philadelphia, Monday, drew a picture of the United States if the Kaiser were victorious. To prevent this alternative, he said, "denominational lines should be forgotten and petty differences ignored, to the end of defeating forever the dangers of the prevalence of Kaiserism here or in any other civilized country."

The present war was a religious war, a war between the spiritual and material powers, the speaker said. He quoted an interview in which Ambassador to Turkey Morgenthau said that the kaiser in 1914 had said to his army: "I am the instrument of the Almighty. I am His sword, His agent. Woe and death to those who are opposed to my will; woe and death to those who do not believe my mission; woe and death to all cowards, let them perish. All the enemies of the German people, God demands their destruction. God. Who by my mouth, bids you do His will."

The speaker said nothing could be imagined which could have such dreadful results as the victory of Germany; with a ruler having such barbarous ideas of rule and religion.

DENIES HE CONFESSED

Man Accused of Poisoning His Bride Denies Admitting Deed to Reporter

Richmond, Va., May 23.—Dr. Lemuel J. Johnson, dentist of Middlesex, N. C., on trial here for murder of his wife, who it is alleged, was poisoned by him, yesterday denied pointblank that he had ever made a confession to Cloyd Gill, representative of a Washington newspaper, as testified by Gill Tuesday. He entered the denial in jail shortly before he went into court. At first he refused to reply to questions in regard to the alleged confession, saying: "I will answer them when I go on the stand." He admitted having been interviewed in jail by Gill, but was positive in his assertion that he did not confess.

Johnson became acquainted with his mother-in-law just before Easter of 1917. It was testified by Mrs. George E. Knight, mother of Mrs. Johnson, when she resumed the stand at yesterday morning's session. She said that Johnson came to her house in company with her daughter, Alice, who introduced him to her. Johnson took supper Easter at the Knight home, she testified.

"Do you mind me making a tarheel of Alice?" is the way Mrs. Knight testified Johnson asked for the hand of her daughter. The testimony of the mother, given calmly and connectedly, weighed against the assertion of the defense and of Johnson that the dentist was laboring under a misapprehension when he married his wife.

"He told me that he wanted to make her happy. I told him that all I wanted was to have Alice happy," she said.

Reaching the night of the death of her daughter, Mrs. Knight said that the last time she saw her daughter alive was about 6 o'clock that evening. Her daughter's last words to her were: "Mamma, I will take my bath in the morning." Before objection could be offered by Mr. Smith, witness, in answer to questions, said that Tuesday, December 11, her daughter declined to eat any supper, after being out with Johnson, and complained of an intense burning sensation in her stomach. This was the night, it was testified, that Johnson sent her home from the railroad station in a taxicab.

After the marriage, she said, Johnson asked her to keep the secret, adding: "He said that the reason was that his father wanted him to marry an old maid school teacher in North Carolina." Mrs. Knight said that September 18 her daughter and Johnson came to the Knight home and told her they had been married, producing the marriage certificate.

She explained that after she found out Johnson was in the draft and subject to call she had advised her daughter not to marry him, though she had previously voiced no objection.

Notice.

All members of the Good Samaritans are requested to meet at the Shiloh Baptist church, Duke street, next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

GERMAN RUTHLESSNESS

Disregarding Rights of Smaller Nations—Latter Forced to Brink of War.

London, May 23.—Once more German ruthlessness in disregarding the rights of smaller nations is forcing three neutral countries to the brink of war.

They are Holland, Norway and Switzerland.

The Dutch crisis, recently regarded as settled through concessions made by the Dutch to Berlin's demands for railways through the little country, has been reopened by the submarine warfare.

The Dutch government has sent a naval convoy to protect a small fleet of merchant vessels on their journey to East India. In so doing it has acted within its rights under international law.

The warships in the convoy have been instructed to resist any piratical attempt to interfere with the merchant ships. If a German submarine

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Common Council.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council, of the city of Alexandria, Va., held May 21, 1918, there were present: Howard W. Smith, Esq., president, and Messrs. Matter, Ruben, Armstrong, Kaufmann, Wattles, Desmond, Pohl, Burke, Ballenger, Lawler and Devers.

An ordinance to authorize the Washington Southern Railway Company to construct, maintain and operate a spur track from a "point" on its line of railway where Fayette street intersects the north line of Oronoco street, northwardly along and across the east side of Fayette street, and into the property of the Alexandria Hay and Grain Company, Incorporated, was received from the Board of Aldermen, and read the second and third time and passed. Ayes, 12; noes, none.

An ordinance for imposing and collecting licenses within the city of Alexandria, Va., for the year commencing on the first day of June, 1918, and ending on the 31st day of May, 1919, was recommended by the committee on finance and read the second time and amended and read the third time and passed. Ayes, Messrs. Matter, Ruben, Armstrong, Kaufmann, Wattles, Desmond, Pohl, Burke, Ballenger, Lawler, Devers and Mr. President (12); noes, none.

An ordinance for imposing and collecting taxes on persons, property, etc., within the city of Alexandria, Va., for the year commencing on the first day of June, 1918, and ending on the 31st day of May, 1919, was recommended by the committee on finance and read the second and third time and passed. Ayes, 12; noes, none.

A petition from Mrs. Lydia L. Spofford for a deed for certain land purchased in George Washington Park was referred to the committee on finance.

A petition from Leo P. Harlow, chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, requesting to erect flag pole and display the honor flag and the American flag on the city hall was referred to the committee on finance.

A report of Dr. James Garvey, deputy health officer, was received and referred to the committee on health.

The following was received from the Board of Aldermen under date of May 14, and their action concurred in.

A communication from Gilbert J. Cox, clerk of the Alexandria City School requesting an appropriation of \$34,226 to run the public schools during the year of 1918 and 1919.

Also a resolution for temporary loan of \$30,000.

Also a petition from the Alexandria Amusement Company for permission to make alterations to the building known as the Surprise Theater.

Also a report from Dr. James J. Garvey, deputy health officer, on conditions of courts and alleys.

Also an act to appropriate a part of the city revenue for the fiscal year ending May 31, 1919.

The Board then adjourned.

Howard W. Smith,
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Teste:
Daniel R. Stansbury,
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is encountered, there is likely to be a battle, and if there is a battle there will be war.

Norway also is facing war over the U-boat question. The kaiser's divers have renewed their unrestricted warfare on Norwegian fishing vessels in the North Sea and the Arctic ocean.

Five Norwegian vessels have been torpedoed and sunk. Fishermen saved from them report that the U-boat commander told them he was under orders to sink every ship he met, particularly Norwegian vessels.

As for Switzerland, a crisis exists between Berlin and Berne over the coal question. It is similar to the recent controversy which nearly forced Holland into the war.

Following the German threat to stop sending coal to Switzerland, the directors of the Swiss federated railroads demanded the return of 4,000 Swiss freight cars now in Germany.

But Germany needs freight cars for troop movements. They have not yet been returned.

In the meantime the Swiss have reached an agreement with the allies whereby the latter will supply them \$5,000 tons of coal a month for \$30 a ton. This was a stroke of allied diplomacy. It relieves the Swiss of any immediate necessity for agreeing to the German demands.

But when little nations don't agree to German demands, the kaiser sends Mackensen to crush them.

Another nation which is having arguments with Germany over the submarine question is Spain.

CRUCIFIED FIFTEEN MEN

Returned American Corporal Tells of German Atrocity.

Chicago, May 23.—Corporal James Irving Parker, of Chicago, who recently returned from the western front, where he drove an ambulance truck for the French army, but who now is an enlisted man in the United States Signal Corps, relates a story of German atrocities culminating in the crucifixion of fifteen Canadian soldiers.

"We were moving forward in the Chemin des Dames drive last October on the heels of the fleeing Huns," said Corporal Parker. "A crowd of truck drivers was billeted for a few hours' sleep in one of the French chateaux which the Huns, in their flight had failed to destroy.

"We were congratulating ourselves on the excellence of our quarters when a poilu appeared and said in broken English: 'Americans, come with me.' We followed him up a broad, winding staircase and entered a room that must have been 30 feet square. On the walls of that room hung 15 crucified Canadian soldiers. Five hung on each of three of the walls.

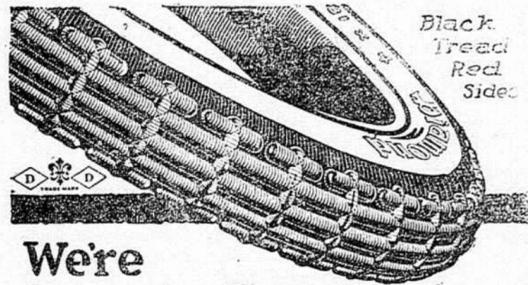
Four spikes to a man were used in the crucifixion, one through each wrist and one through each ankle. The victims were 13 privates and two officers, all in full uniform. There were

no wounds on the bodies of the men other than those made by the spikes." A Canadian regiment had been placed at this point of the Chemin des Dames sector about two weeks before to relieve the war-worn poilus, Corporal Parker explained, and a few days before the drive 20 of them had mysteriously disappeared.

U-BOAT RISK DECREASED

Life Insurance Rate Drops \$1 Per \$1,000.

Washington, May 23.—Danger from submarines has decreased to such an extent that the bureau of war risk insurance has recommended a reduction from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per \$1,000 the insurance rate on lives of officers and crews of merchant vessels passing through the war zone. This is in line with the recent lowering of marine insurance rates on vessels and cargoes from 3 to 2 per cent.



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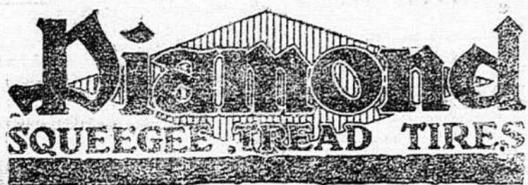
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