

BRITISH ILLEGALLY SEIZE AMERICAN SHIP

"ALIENS MUST OBEY LAWS OF UNITED STATES"

Four Officials of Hamburg American Line of Steamers Found Guilty by Jury.

SENTENCE HAS BEEN DEFERRED

Argument for Rehearing Will Be Made; Appeal Will Immediately Follow.

New York, Dec. 2.—Three high officials and a subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American line were found guilty tonight in the federal district court for having violated the laws of the United States for sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic in the first few months of the war. The jury returned a verdict of guilty in each of the two indictments.

Two Years' Penalty. The specific charges of the defendants were conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States. The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years and \$10,000 fine.

Sentence was not imposed tonight, and because of the late hour when the verdict was reached, Judge Howe deferred sentence until tomorrow morning, when a hearing on the formal motion of the defendants to set aside the verdict and arrest judgment will be argued. A date for passing sentence will be fixed tomorrow.

On First Bail. In reaching its decision, the jury is reported to have taken only one ballot and this after several hours' discussion of the case in minute detail. The jury was given the case at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon. Its formance, George W. Palmer, announced the verdict at 10:10, seven and a half hours later.

Will Appeal Case. An appeal, it seems certain tonight, would be made to the federal court of appeals and, in case the verdict is upheld, to the supreme court of the United States. In the meantime the defendants will probably remain at liberty under \$5,000 bail each, as it is the present intention of the government not to be asked that the bonds be increased.

All Prominent Men. The four defendants affected by the verdict are Dr. Karl von Buzenz, manager-director of the Hamburg line in New York; former German consul general here, George Kottler, general superintendent of the line; Adolph Hachmeister, general purchasing agent, and Joseph Poppinghaus, a former officer in the German navy, and at present a second officer in the employ of the Hamburg-American line. The four defendants took the verdict calmly.

Must Obey Laws of United States. The defendants' counsel was silent as to the verdict. Roger B. Wood, assistant United States district attorney who conducted the case, said: "This verdict means only one thing—that the laws of the United States must be observed by citizens or all the belligerent powers; that if laws are violated by any one of them, and the American government finds it out, they will be prosecuted."

JESS WILLARD TO MEET FULTON

Bout To Be Staged in New Orleans; Complete Arrangements Not Announced.

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—Jess Willard will meet Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., in a twenty-round bout here March 4, for the heavyweight championship of the world, according to an announcement made by promoters of the match. Willard's contract calls for \$32,500 with choice or draw terms. Arrangements with Fulton were not announced.

DEAD SINCE NOVEMBER 16

Fergus Falls, Dec. 2.—Earl Kruger, an early resident of this county, was found dead in his home eight miles north of here, in the town of Elizabeth, in a twenty-round bout here March 4, for the heavyweight championship of the world, according to an announcement made by promoters of the match. Willard's contract calls for \$32,500 with choice or draw terms. Arrangements with Fulton were not announced.

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So. American Sports Seeking Mill With Jess

Have Plans for Great Bout in Buenos Aires to Take Place Next Spring.

New York, Dec. 2.—Millionaire South American sportsmen are planning for a pugilist carnival in Buenos Ayres, next spring, in which the fist championships of the world will be contested.

Large Sum Deposited. Within the next two weeks the sum of \$125,000 will be deposited in a local bank to be divided later into four purses and the additional sum of \$75,000 to cover traveling, training and advertising expenses of pugilists and promoters.

Big Jess in Schedule. The bouts as outlined at present will bring together Jess Willard and the best heavyweight that can be obtained; in the champion middleweight, Mike Gibbons of St. Paul and Lee Darcy of Australia; lightweight, Freddie Welsh of England and Charley White of Chicago; bantamweight, Kid Williams and Johnny Erle of St. Paul. Each bout, which will be for the championship of that class, will be for 25 rounds, or more.

AUSTRIA WANTS INFORMATION

As to Position of United States in the Matter of Gorick Statements.

Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department has a dispatch from Austria-Hungarian government formally inquiring regarding the statement recently issued at the department of justice, which is being considered by the Austrian government as being a confirmation of the charges made by Dr. Gorick, a former Austrian consular agent.

Austria's inquiry asks whether the department of justice had issued such a statement in regard to the charges made by the former Austrian consular agent, and upon what grounds it based the charges which appeared confirming it, and its nature.

FOUR DEFENDANTS ARE FOUND GUILTY

Of Deceiving and Defrauding the United States, by a N. Y. Federal Jury.

New York, Dec. 2.—The jury in the United States district court tonight returned a verdict of guilty against four defendants of the Hamburg-American line charged with conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States government by obtaining clearance papers for relief ships laden with coal and other provisions for German vessels in the Atlantic and other ports in the early beginning of the war.

MAY DIE ANY TIME. Sioux Falls, S. D., Dec. 2.—Asserting he swallowed three bichloride of mercury tablets in an effort to end his life, Ullyses G. Smith, a Sioux Falls painter, puts in part of his time about the streets, apparently unconcerned as to his fate. Physicians say that if he swallowed that number of tablets, he will not live a week and may die in a day or two.

WANT SIX FOOT WATER CHANNEL

Quincy, Ill., Dec. 2.—At the closing session this afternoon of the Upper Mississippi River Improvement association, Thomas Wilkinson of Burlington, Ia., was elected president of the organization.

La Cross, Wis., was awarded the 1916 meeting of the association. At this afternoon's session resolutions were adopted affirming the support of the organization of the government plans to construct a six-foot channel at low water mark at Minneapolis to the mouth of the Missouri river.

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APARTMENT HOUSE WILL BE BUILT

F. W. Murphy Will Erect Thoroughly Modern Building in the Coming Spring.

THERE WILL BE EIGHTEEN FLATS

Structure Will Be on Corner of Broadway and Third, Facing East.

Bismarck is to have a modern apartment house.

F. W. Murphy, one of the leading business men of the city, has just received from Architects Ashelman & Gage, of Fargo, complete plans for an eighteen-story apartment house, which will be located on lot 20, block 64, original plat of Bismarck, across the street from the new government building. The structure will cost \$28,000. Contracts have not been let.

Three Stories. The building is to be of brick and three stories high, 140 feet in length north and south, and 25 feet wide. Each suite will have outside light and the place will be heated with steam from a central plant. Electric lights and electric plates for cooking will be built in the various rooms, and in every way the building will be absolutely modern and fire-proof.

Finish of Golden Oak. The woodwork will be of hardwood throughout and the finish will be in golden oak. The floors will be equal in finish to the best structures that are built anywhere in the United States.

Work on the structure will begin about as soon as the spring opens up and it should be ready for occupancy by July 1, 1916. Already the many flats have been engaged so that as soon as the building is done, it will be immediately filled with people.

To Remodel Dakota Block. Messrs. Flanagan and Murphy, who own the Dakota block, will remodel that building and change it into a number of modern flats. This work will be taken up so soon as the estimates for it are completed. The cost of this latter work has not been arrived at thus far, but it will mean a considerable sum.

NOT TO JOIN ENTENTE. Pekin, China, Dec. 2.—The Chinese government made formal denial tonight that it had considered the possibility of joining with the entente powers or had been requested to do so.

"DINAH FAINTED" SAITH REPORTS

When Lady With Intent to Kiss Relative Planted Osculatory Effort on Porter's Lips.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 2.—When the Rock Island flyer pulled into Joliet last night a crowd surged and fought to board it. Mrs. F. Milton Collins of Sioux City, Ia., with five bags and suit cases and three children, was in the jam at one of the rear coaches. Half way up the steps she remembered she had forgotten to say goodbye to a relative. Turning hastily, she reached down and planted a kiss squarely on the lips of "Dinah" Brown, a colored porter. Mrs. Collins fainted.

WHITE VS. WELSH. New York, Dec. 2.—Freddie Welsh of England and Charley White of Chicago, through their managers, signed an agreement here today to meet in a twenty-round bout within six weeks for the lightweight championship of the world.

SANATORIUM WORK IS NEARING COMPLETION

Work has started this week on the construction of the residence for the superintendent of the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium, at Dunseith. All other work at the institution has been practically completed, and the erection of the superintendent's residence marks the last of the construction work.

HE WILL PASS ON NAVY INVENTIONS



Capt. William S. Smith.

Capt. William S. Smith, U. S. N., is to hold down a new job just created by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He has been given the task of sorting the wheat from the chaff in the thousands of suggestions for naval inventions that have been pouring in since the outbreak of the European war. The suggestions of K. D. by Captain Smith will be turned over to the Edison advisory board for investigation and final approval.

"HAS HOMICIDAL INCLINATIONS"

So Court Acquitted Priest of Assault With Intent to Kill; Will Go to Asylum

Winona, Minn., Dec. 2.—Father Louis F. Lesches was insane when he shot and seriously wounded Bishop Patrick R. Heffron of the Winona diocese last August, a jury in the district court here decided early tonight, acquitting the priest of the charge of assault with intent to kill, for which he had been on trial for two days. The verdict reached after 45 minutes of deliberation, means that Father Lesches will be committed to an asylum for the criminally insane. The principal testimony was that of several alienists who testified that the defendant was "insane and has homicidal tendency."

MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN PLANS

Open Evening at Commercial Club Topic of Discussion in Every Place.

Interest already exhibited in plans for the Commercial club's open night at the club rooms next Tuesday evening indicate a big attendance. Social features of this nature for which the club has stood sponsor in the past have been uniformly successful, and the large committee in charge of arrangements is making an especial effort to make next Tuesday's affair more than ordinarily enjoyable.

Committee on Arrangements. The committee on arrangements includes Messrs. F. E. Young, Sam Thompson, A. J. Arnot, Joseph Breslow, F. L. Conklin, G. V. Cunningham, H. S. Dobler, Ben Lenhart, A. W. Epfinger, P. L. Fields, John Graham, W. L. Gross, W. L. Miller, Irving V. Van, M. G. Hagen, F. S. Henry, C. M. Henry Holst, C. N. Kirk, J. L. Larson, W. P. Lomas, B. C. Marks, Wallace Woodruff, J. A. Hancy, A. B. Mead, H. F. Murphy, C. A. Baker, L. M. Sather, H. V. Semling, Lem W. Sperry, L. K. Thompson, B. Thilston, E. H. L. Vespermann, Milan Ward, R. M. Watson, Phil Webb, Jr., J. P. Sell, A. J. Pellowsky, T. C. Madden and T. E. Flaherty.

"Something Doing All the Time." There will be "something doing every minute" Tuesday evening. Ladies who have longed to prove their expertness with the cue are to be given an opportunity, as the billiard tables will be reserved for their special benefit. Disciples of the new dances will be given a chance to "watch their step" while devotees of the time-tried older measures will be amply cared for. For those who care for neither of these diversions there will be bridge, five hundred and straight whist, and everyone there will be an abundance of hospitality and good fellowship.

Careful Music Selection. Extraordinary care has been exercised in the selection of the music, and the numbers to be played by Turley's orchestra are expected to provide one of the most pleasurable features of the evening.

RUSSIANS START OFFENSIVE MOVE IN EAST GALICIA

Grecian Situation Becomes More Favorable to Entente Powers Daily.

RUSS CROSSED THE ROUMANIAN BORDER

Heavy Artillery Duels Feature Western and Italian Fronts During Week.

London, Dec. 2.—Italy, through her foreign minister, Sonnino, has announced her adherence to the treaty of London, whereby the allied powers undertake not to conclude a separate peace, and at the same time has declared her intention of sending help to the Serbian army in the Balkans.

Entente Allies Gaining Ground. This news is the most important for several weeks, and will go far to clear the situation, especially in Greece, where negotiations are still proceeding between King Constantine, his cabinet and the ministers of the quadruple entente. These negotiations have been protracted owing to Greece's unwillingness to allow the Allies free use of the railway and the right to police Greek waters against submarines. They have not yet been completed, but the latest advices indicate that they are likely to end in complete satisfaction to the entente powers.

Situation in Greece Unchanged. The assurance that Italy and Great Britain, France and Russia is to give military support to the Serbians in their effort to regain their lost territory makes the case of Greece assistance stronger. Otherwise, the situation in the Balkans remains unchanged. The Serbians still hold Monastir, but their position is almost hopeless as the Bulgarians have cut communications between that city and the Greek frontier and the Serbian troops still there must, like the army of the north, retreat into Albania when their resurre becomes too strong.

Russ Reported in Roumania. There is a report that the Russians have crossed the Roumanian border and are making through that country to Bulgaria. This, however, lacks confirmation and such a movement is hardly likely to occur unless Roumania gave her permission, paramount to joining the Allies.

Institute Big Offensive. Another report credits the Russians with directing their best Bessarabian army towards Galicia, where a big offensive is to be undertaken. This likewise is unconfirmed.

Heavy Artillery Duels. On the other front, Italian, French and Russian artillery bombardments are the order of the day. The British, French and Belgian guns have been particularly active as have the airmen in Flanders and the German positions there have been given a rather severe battering. British monitors took part in the operation suggesting that this may be the point where the next offensive will be undertaken.

BERLIN'S STATEMENT. Berlin, Dec. 2.—The Overseas News agency today gave out for publication the following concerning the fighting between the British forces and the Turks in Mesopotamia: "The Turkish headquarters' report of December 2, says the Turkish troops on the Iraq front are pursuing the British in order to make their defeat more complete. "Soldiers Fled For Shelter. "The British losses in the engagement from November 23 to November 26 exceeded 5,000 men and officers. The soldiers, demoralized, left their regiment and fled to neighboring points. "The British one day carried off about 2,000 wounded. Among the wounded is the political agent in the British headquarters, Sir Komek. "On the Toboggan. "The British were unable to stop their retreat in the town of Azizli. The sudden Turkish attack the nights of November 20 and December 1 forced them further back in the direction of Kut-el-Mara, 172 kilometers (105 miles) south of Bagdad. "Britons Suffer Defeat. "The Turks took Azizli and in neighborhood large stores of food, ammunition and war material. Turkish patrol captured 100 camels belonging to the British. The enemy was unable to set fire even to a small part of his war material. The British left the personal belongings of the officers behind. This proves the magnitude of their defeat. "Threw Ammunition in Tigris. "The Turks captured a water motor boat lighter with food stuff and (Continued on Page Four)

Cloture Is in Doubt in Senate

Members of Majority Party in Washington Are Battling Over Limit on Debate.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Democrats in the senate failed in conference to reach an agreement on a proposal to limit debate. They will resume discussion of the issue tomorrow, but several senators intimated that no cloture agreement could be reached in conference and that a rules fight would develop on the floor of the senate when congress opens Monday. Such a continuance, it was admitted, might delay organization of the senate and prevent the holding of the joint session of the house and senate today to hear the president's message.

May Delay Joint Session. Administration leaders express confidence that some agreement on rules would be reached Monday. Beside the cloture fight the conference tomorrow will decide on a candidate for president pro tempore. Senator Pomerene of Ohio is a candidate against Senator James F. Clarke of Arkansas, who seeks re-election.

DISPLEASED WITH GERMANS' ACT

Austrians Do Not Like Plan of Turning Over Internal Government to Prussia.

London, Dec. 2.—There is still a good deal of talk in the neutral press of peace based upon reports from Germany on activity of the socialists and from Austria as dissatisfied with alleged German attempt to take control of the internal administration, as has been the case in military affairs.

Have German Leaning. It is considered significant that all the new Austrian ministers are men with German leanings, which, it is said, mean that the German party has been successful.

PEACE PARTY PLANS NOT OF GOVERNMENT

Disclaimer Made by Secretary Lansing to Inquiries From Europe.

Washington, Dec. 2.—It became known tonight that since the publication of the plans of the peace party which is to sail upon a vessel chartered by Henry Ford, several European nations, neutrals as well as belligerents, have made inquiry of the state department informally regarding the position of the United States. A statement made public at the state department tonight said that in each case where inquiry was made Secretary Lansing replied that the American government not only had no connection with the expedition, but that the administration assumed no responsibility for any activity and made no negotiations on the part of those engaged in the movement.

75 Passports Granted. Application for passports by members of the expedition have been subjected to the closest scrutiny at the department and passports have been granted only for travel in neutral countries. Seventy-five were issued late today. In several instances passports were refused on account of improper application or because the applicants were not American citizens.

STEBNER DEPORTED TO WINNEPEG, CAN.

Grand Forks, Dec. 1.—C. Stebner, of Winnipeg, who has been held in the county jail for the past month and a half, was deported last evening back to Canada as an undesirable alien.

Stebner is alleged to have entered the United States from the Dominion without having passed inspection. He had been working here for some time before he was arrested. During the past month quite a number of foreigners have been sent back to Canada for very much the same reason.

AMERICANS ARE ASTOUNDED AT PROCEEDINGS

United States Demands That Case Be Immediately Taken Up in Prize Court.

BRITONS CLAIM RIGHT UNDER ORDER-IN-COUNCIL

Protests as to Illegality of the Seizure of the Vessel to Be Made.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Official announcement that the American steamer, Hocking, has been requisitioned by the British government without the formal order of prize court proceedings, was received by the state department late today from Consul Young at Halifax, where the ship had been detained since she was seized by a British warship while on the way from New York to Norfolk.

Contest Proceedings. These proceedings will be vigorously contested by the United States government as being illegal and in violation of recognized rights under international law. Officials of the department, who have been more or less skeptical regarding unofficial reports of the intention of Great Britain, expressed amazement when they learned that the Hocking actually had been requisitioned.

The United States, it is said, will demand that the ship be detained in prize court on the charge that she is partially German-owned and that the prize court will act promptly in the case.

Will Take Over Other Vessels. Confirmation of unofficial reports regarding the action of the Hocking case led officials here to believe that Great Britain intends to take over, for its own use, other vessels of the fleet owned by the American-Trans-Atlantic Co., if it has not done so already.

Attorneys acting for Great Britain in the case say they acted on a motion for requisition upon a British order-in-council issued April 29, which the United States is not prepared to accept as in accordance with international law.

Await Ambassador's Report. The state department now is awaiting a report from Ambassador Page at London who, after the department had received unofficial intimation of the intention of the British government, was instructed to inquire into the matter and enter a vigorous protest, if he found requisition was contemplated.

MRS. N. C. YOUNG IS TO GIVE SPEECH

North Dakota Leader to Address Anti-suffrage Association Meeting.

Minneapolis, Dec. 2.—The annual meeting of the State Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women will be held Monday, Dec. 6, at the new headquarters, 301 1/2 Meyers arcade, 920 Nicollet avenue, from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m.

Mrs. N. C. Young of Fargo, N. D., president of the North Dakota anti-suffrage association, will be the principal speaker. Mrs. Young is widely known for her work as a prohibitionist and her opposition to woman suffrage. Several times she has been a delegate from her state to national meetings of those opposing the extension of the ballot to women. She is the wife of Judge N. C. Young.

The meeting next Monday will be in charge of a committee including Mrs. Edmund Pennington, Mrs. Alfred F. Pillsbury, Mrs. W. W. Sykes, Mrs. Hiram Stevens and Mrs. E. C. Stringer. The business session will begin at 2 p. m.

Tea will be served at 5 p. m. by Mrs. Louis K. Hull and Mrs. Hovey C. Clark of Minneapolis and Mrs. A. H. Lindeke and Mrs. William Davis of St. Paul.

BOLD AUTO THEFT THURSDAY NIGHT

Late Thursday evening a Ford runabout belonging to Dr. Griebenow was stolen from in front of the Auditorium and the thieves made their getaway without detection. An overcoat and case of instruments were in the car at the time of the theft.