

BERG TELLS OF FIGHTER MOEWE

GERMAN OFFICER HAS NO FEAR THAT BRITISH WILL CAPTURE HER.

LONE IN THE ATLANTIC

Tells of the Battle in Which the Clan Mac Tavish was the Victim.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 8.—Lieut. Hans Berg, who with a crew of forty-two Germans, brought the captured British liner Appam to Hampton Roads after a voyage of over 3,000 miles from the Canary Islands, talked of the German raider that captured the vessel and the voyage of the Appam. He declined to give a description of the Moewe.

"She is a good vessel," he said. "She is better than the average craft we call freighters. I would feel as safe on her as I would on a cruiser. She cannot be sunk easily and she can fight—oh, she can fight terribly."

"Did you really come through the Kiel Canal on the Moewe?" he was asked.

"That, my friend, is a war secret. Do you think a vessel with guns fore and aft, with mines, torpedoes and ammunition of many kinds on board, could get by many enemy warships? If you believe it is possible to do that, then I will say we came from Kiel. We did not grow in the Atlantic ocean. We did not find guns on the shores around the Canary Islands, and what ammunition we got off captured ships would not have sunk one of the vessels we captured."

"We were in the Atlantic long before we sank the seven ships you have heard of. You will hear of others that have gone down from shells fired by the Moewe."

"But don't you think the British fleet will capture and sink the Moewe?"

"They will not know her. She has flown the British flag and passed British warships before. She has answered their signals. She has told them that there were no German ships around. She can give any name she likes. She has no name that they can see."

"If they chase her it will be a fine race. I would like to see it. She will run them perhaps all the way to America. She is so fast she could have captured the Appam if we had advised Capt. Harrison ten miles away that we were coming after him."

"We had the most excitement on January 11, when we sighted the British steamers Corbridge and Farringford almost at the same time. We decided to take both ships at once, and we started first for the Corbridge. We signaled the vessel to stop and fired at her. We went for the Farringford. We kept our forward guns trained on her and after guns in the Corbridge. The Corbridge was nearer and we were sure of taking her. The Farringford tried to get away, but we ran her down about 4 o'clock in the afternoon. We were dropping shells near the Corbridge all during the chase, and did not stop until she hoisted a signal of surrender."

"We brought both vessels near and sent a boarding party to each. We blew up the Farringford with a few mines. The Corbridge was still afloat when I last saw her. She had a good supply of coal and we needed it."

"The capture of the other steamers was not important. We were disappointed in most of them and lost one of the ships we wanted most."

"We sighted the Clan McTavish on Sunday night, January 18. It was warm and the sea was not rough. We showed no lights and she was easy to overtake. We had the Appam then and we darkened all lights on her. The McTavish appeared about five miles off our starboard bow when we first sighted her. We had heard her wireless long before that. She had been in communication with the Appam and we brought her nearer than she might have come. She did not know the Appam was our prize. We were upon her before we

showed our lights and did not anticipate a fight. She opened fire, however, as soon as she found she had been trapped. The fight was lively, but it was short. We shot away the bridge on the McTavish with the first two shells. The Moewe did not have much to fear. She is too well protected and the shells from the McTavish bounced away.

"We dropped half a dozen shells near the guns on the McTavish's afterdeck and silenced them before twenty shots were fired. We had planned to give her a torpedo in case we did not sink her by shell fire."

"The McTavish could have been saved but for her own crew. We wanted the vessel for the cargo she carried, and we requested that she surrender without a fight. Had she done this her officers and crew would have been landed here with the others."

"Her officers were taken on board the Moewe, along with probably ten men of the crew. I only know of my own knowledge that two men were killed. One of them died on the Appam the second day after the battle. We landed three other wounded men here."

"The Moewe had one man killed. When we left her, her crew was happy, and there was plenty of food and coal. The Corbridge, which was with her, is the best of the freighters we captured. She appeared to be a new vessel and her decks are heavy and well protected. She should be armed as a commercial destroyer."

INTERVENTION IN MEXICO FAVORED

BY GERMAN MINISTER, ACCORDING TO LETTERS TAKEN FROM PAPERS.

London, Feb. 8.—Interesting additions to the Von Papen correspondence are contained in a Parliamentary paper which gives the translations of all the documents taken from Captain Franz Von Papen, the former German military attaché at Washington, and the full entries of his bank account, with fac-similes of checks and stubs.

The only revelation historically important is that Admiral Von Hintze, who was German minister to Mexico, in the spring of 1914, favored international intervention.

Captain Karl Boy-Ed, the former German naval attaché at Washington wrote to Captain Von Papen opposing Admiral Von Hintze's view and strongly defending President Huerta.

Colonel Herwarth, of the German staff, wrote that the American military attaché at Berlin, Major Langhorne, who left Germany early in 1915, was the bearer of letters to German officials in America.

A letter from Edward Lyell Fox, an American correspondent in Berlin, contained an unfavorable opinion of the American ambassador, James W. Gerard.

Prince Hatzfeldt and Rhid Seidenburg, of New York, wrote concerning the "stupidity and idleness of Americans" whom the latter termed "Yankees."

SOCIETY WOMEN WHO GAMBLE "LOOK OUT"

Madisonville, Ky., Feb. 8.—Society was "slapped right in the face" yesterday. Hopkins Circuit Court convened in Madisonville and Judge Carl Henderson, of Marion, in giving his instruction to the grand jury, urged that body to investigate society gambling.

He said much gambling was carried on in the homes and members of bridge clubs take home prizes won in the game. Judge Henderson said this was gambling and told the grand jury to investigate every case and to "indict every woman found guilty of the act."

The Judge told the grand jury too much was wasted on petty cases of the poor negro crap shooter while society gambling was passed over. It was the society woman who could influence the citizenship more than the other class and it was the card table in the home that should be tabooed.

"Investigate this, indict them, and then go after the poor negro, and this lawlessness will be stopped," he said.

HIGH OFFICIALS TO BE ARRESTED

GERMAN CONSULAR AND OTHER OFFICERS INDICTED AT SAN FRANCISCO.

VIOLATE NEUTRALITY

Federal Jury Makes Investigation And Many Arrests Will Follow as Result.

San Francisco, Feb. 9.—Fifty-nine Federal indictments—thirty-two charging violations of American neutrality, directed against German consular officials here, the Turkish consul general and steamship agents, and twenty-seven against immigration officials in connection with the attempted smuggling of eighty-six Chinese into the United States last November from the Pacific mail steamer Mongolia—were in the possession today of the United States District Attorney's office. It was said they would be returned in open court tomorrow, when arrests would follow.

The indictments against the German consular officials, who include Franz Bopp, the consul general, were voted yesterday by the Federal grand jury as a result of a nation-wide investigation by the Department of Justice into bomb plots and neutrality violations, which involved interference with shipments of munitions of war to the allied governments and the furnishing of coal supplies to German warships in the Pacific.

The indictments are the first the government has attempted to obtain against official representatives of any foreign powers in connection with its efforts to curtail the activities of persons engaged in the alleged plots.

Searching Inquiry.

The indictments voted against immigration officials and steamship men followed a searching inquiry into reports that a wholesale traffic in contraband aliens was being carried on with the help of steamship officers and the connivance of Federal officials. United States District Attorney J. W. Preston said that W. F. Boyce, Assistant United States Immigration Commissioner; four immigration inspectors, W. H. Thornley, customs house broker; M. H. Hunt, Robert Paul, J. J. Richards, W. S. Scott, officers of the Mongolia, as well as fifteen Chinese, were among those indicted.

While the indictments against the consular officials were not unexpected here, some surprise was manifested today over the large number of true bills, which indicated that the government had completed the San Francisco investigation of the conspiracy plots. The following were among those against whom indictments were voted:

Franz Bopp, consul general of Germany; Baron E. H. von Schack, vice consul for Germany; H. W. E. Kaufman, chancellor for the German consulate; Maurice H. Hall, consul general for Turkey; Frederick Jobson, former owner of the steamer Mazatlan; Johannes H. von Koolbergen, alleged agent for the German consulate; John and Julius Rothschilds, wholesale grocers; George and James Flood, steamship agents, and Robert Capelle, general agent of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company.

Boston Used As Base.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Federal authorities were engaged today with reports that Boston was being used by German sympathizers as a base for the direction of hostile activities in Canada.

Reports of this character have been current for a long time, but lacked official confirmation. Today for the first time it was admitted by a government employe that typewritten copies were made of dictagraph records alleged to have been obtained at a meeting place of men under suspicion. This admission was coupled with the assurance that it would be denied if the identity of the author was made public.

George W. Anderson, United States District Attorney, went to Washington on Monday. Yesterday Edmund Billings, collector of the port, followed Mr. Anderson to the capital. Their local offices would

not disclose the nature of their missions.

According to the reports which led to the admission regarding the dictagraph records, the movements of about 100 men have been watched with the result that a dictagraph was installed in a Milk-street office to determine if any of these men were conspiring to commit or influence the commission of acts of war against Canada.

BOND BROTHERS BUY BIG TIMBER TRACT

What is said to be the finest timber tract in Western Kentucky was purchased last week by Bond Bros., of this city.

It lies near Greenville, in Muhlenberg county, and contains 2,600 acres. The price is withheld but is known to be at a high figure. Bond Bros. negotiated for the property several years before consummating its purchase.

Nearly all of the timber is fine White Oak that is very valuable. The price amounts to many thousand dollars.—Elizabethtown News.

Pardons Wife Shooter.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 8.—Governor Stanley today pardoned Albert Spratt of Campbell county, serving a sentence for shooting his wife, on whose testimony he was convicted.

The Governor said he had before him Mrs. Spratt's confession that her testimony was false.

NEW POST OFFICE RULES IN FORCE

OWENSBORO DESIGNATED AS DISTRIBUTING POINT FOR SIX COUNTIES.

The Owensboro postoffice has been designated as the central distributing point of general supplies for Daviess, Hancock, Butler, Ohio, McLean and Muhlenberg counties. This order became effective on last Tuesday, but was not announced officially by Postmaster Laswell until Saturday.

Mr. Laswell stated that this same service was being put into effect in all of the larger postoffices throughout the country. Heretofore, the general supplies for these counties have been sent direct from the department at Washington, but under the present arrangement the postmaster at Owensboro will furnish the supplies from the local office. There are 128 fourth-class and nine third-class postoffices which will receive supplies from the Owensboro postoffice.—Owensboro Inquirer.

INDIANA MAN FINDS ANIMALS FROZEN TO PLOW

Seymour, Ind., Feb. 8.—When Tullard Able, a trapper and fisherman, entered an implement shed on a farm in the lowlands, north of here he discovered six rabbits, five minks and one weasel hanging by their fore feet from a section of steel on a plow. Being unable to understand why they did not scamper away upon his approach he investigated and found that their feet were frozen to the steel.

The shed was partially filled with water during the recent flood and it is believed that the little animals took refuge in the building from the high water. When the water reached the place where they remained they were compelled to swim and finally put their front feet on the steel bar of the plow to keep their heads above the water. While in that position and before the water subsided there was a sharp drop in temperature and as their feet were wet ice quickly formed, holding the animals securely.

Able decided to take one rabbit home with him, but when he attempted to remove it the fore legs were torn off, so securely did the ice hold them. He intended to return the following day, but during the night the weather moderated. The ice was melted and the animals released. When he returned they were gone.

Marriage License.

E. L. Toms, Dundee, to Cordie May Lee, Hartford, R. I.
Luther Liles, Beaver Dam, to Nellie Chauvin, Beaver Dam.
V. G. Morris, Horse Branch, to Mary Aldridge, Horse Branch.

NEW RULING MADE BY JUDGE SLACK

WITNESSES WHO FAIL TO APPEAR HEREFTER WILL BE SUBJECT TO FINE.

CIRCUIT COURT CONVENES

Nothing Sensational Yet Developed in Postum Hunter Cases—Big Crowd Yesterday.

The Ohio Circuit Court convened in the opening session in the court hall Monday morning for the first time under Judge Slack and the Judge has made a good impression by the able manner in which he has handled all cases thus far called. He shows no partiality in his rulings and is exceedingly well posted on the law. Commonwealth's Attorney Smith and County Attorney Crowe are handling the prosecutions with credit. A large crowd was in town yesterday to witness the postum hunter trials, but most of these will come up later.

On account of the continued absence of witnesses Judge Slack announced to the attorneys yesterday morning that hereafter when witnesses failed to report he would issue attachment and have witnesses brought into court and fined for refusing to obey the court's procedure. This ruling seems to meet with the approval of practically all local attorneys.

The following named gentlemen were empaneled as grand jurors for the February term: Ira Whittinghill, Alva Carter, Jno. Barnard, Lefe Grant, Homer Lindley, Seth Payne, Tom D. Duke, Worth Tichenor, G. M. Johnson, W. M. Flenor, Mr. Geo. M. Johnson was designated by the court as foreman of the grand jury. After elaborate instructions by Judge Slack, the jury retired to the jury rooms, where Mr. Alva Carter was chosen as clerk and Mr. W. M. Flenor sheriff of the grand jury.

The following named gentlemen who had been summoned to appear Tuesday, second day, for petit jury service were empaneled for this term, viz.: Carson Park, Len C. Leach, Clinton Rowe, Elvis Smith, William Howard, C. C. Moseley, O. R. Tinsley, Durard Tichenor, Elvis Austin, Geo. Early, James Carter, Newt. Baise, Joe H. Ford, Jno. Leach, Steve Lee, James Baise, Jewell Shultz, Layton Williams, Cecil Cooper, Thomas Anderson.

No cases were set down for trial for Monday, the first day. This time was taken up in preliminary motions, &c. The cases set on second day's docket have been disposed of as follows: Filed away with leave to reinstatement: Com'th. vs. Hardin Tanner, Whaltn King, Will Duke, (5 cases), Chester Loyd, Everett Guy (6 cases), Lee Loyd, Robert Hillard—continued, John Render—continued.

The following Com'th. cases were continued for process: Otis Ament, Porter Evans, Everett Guy, Fred Sweeney, and Shelby Morris, et al. Com'th. vs. John Nelson, et al.—default judgment entered against Hershael Nelson for \$20.

Com'th. vs. Mrs. Geo. Ford—stricken from docket.

Com'th. vs. Lon Lindsay (2 cases)—same order.

Com'th. vs. Bill Taylor—peremptory instructions by the Court at the conclusion of Com'th. evidence and defendant discharged.

Com'th. vs. John Durham, et al.—continued. Same vs. Wm. Combs, same order. Same vs. Archie Awtry, same order.

Cases of the Commonwealth vs. following named parties, result as given below:

Mrs. Geo. Ford, stricken from the docket.

Lon Lindsay, same order.

Jerry Clark, statement filed and stricken from docket.

Bill Taylor, verdict of jury, not guilty.

The following cases were continued: Otis Ament, Porter Evans, John Render, Everett Guy, Fred Sweeney, Shelby Morris, et al., Ira Cook, Arthur Duncan, Horace Pierce, Rufus Minton, Arthur Cooper, Alton Parris, Goebel Parris, Claude Graves, Murray Crowe, Lorenzo Hamilton,

Perry Crowder, Claude Allen, Lefe Crawley, Claude Graves, Murray Maddox, Mary Long, Elzie Allen, Charlie Fulkerson, Ross Whittier.

John Durham, Sr., et al., continued, on account of smallpox in vicinity of defendant.

Bruno Frey, continued pending decision of Court of Appeals.

Same, continued on motion of the court.

Ep Risinger, dismissed.

Robert Daugherty, dismissed.

John Tom Edwards, dismissed.

Following set over till Saturday: Jesse Fulkerson, et al., Clarence Durall, Robert Greene, Harry Woodburn, Claude Graves, Clayburn Wilson.

Herman Morris, set for 14th day of term.

Claude Allen, et al., set over to 6th day.

Oscar Durall, continued, with attachment for witnesses.

Red Tom Autry, verdict of jury, not guilty.

Same, dismissed.

John Frog Autry, dismissed.

Charley Alvey, hung jury—11 to 1 for acquittal.

Plays to be Given for Men in Trenches.

Paris, Feb. 8.—A company from the French National Theater left for the front today to give a series of productions just back of the lines for the entertainment of men from the trenches. The programme is largely comic.

DEAF MUTES SING HYMN AT FUNERAL

MINISTER PRAYS WITH FINGERS WHILE 100 MOURN IN SILENCE.

One hundred deaf-mutes, friends of Miss Ivey J. Meyers, gathered to weep in silence at her funeral services at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday afternoon. Not a word was spoken, but their grief was expressed in the language of signs, the only means given to them to communitate their feelings.

The service was conducted by Rev. James H. Cloud, also deaf, who extolled the dead woman with the language of the mutes. Tears usually shed with cries of grief were accompanied only by the sorrowful gestures.

As Rev. Mr. Cloud prayed with his fingers the mutes bowed their heads. As he began the hymn, "nearer, My God, to Thee," from his finger tips, they joined in the anthem.

An interpreter stood beside Mr. Cloud and translated the movements of his hands into words for the few mourners who could hear.

Miss Meyers died Friday in Sulphur Ok., where she was an instructor in a school for the deaf and dumb. Rev. Cloud prepared her for college in Washington, D. C. and later recommended her for the position which she held in Oklahoma.—Globe Democrat.

HE SUGGESTS SHOOTING FEEBLE-MINDED JURORS

San Francisco, Feb. 5.—Shooting of "some of our feeble-minded jurymen" was suggested today by Judge Frank P. Dunne when a jury in the Superior Court freed Mrs. Malvena Dyott, tried for the second time for wounding her husband, Samuel Dyott in a quarrel.

Judge Dunne recognized among the jurors several who recently acquitted in his court Mrs. Mary Parnias, charged with killing Michael Weinstein, a crippled peddler, who she charged, had insulted her.

"If some of these feeble-minded women who go around shooting men would turn their weapons upon some of our feeble-minded jurymen the world would be better off," he said when he received the verdict.

Still is Captured.

Middlesboro, Ky., Feb.—Deputy United States Marshal W. H. Garrett, assisted by C. J. Thompson, captured a "moonshine" still in the Craks Creek section of Bell County today. The still was brought to Middlesboro and placed in the basement of the new postoffice. This makes the seventh "moonshine" still found in that section within the last year.