

A. MITCHELL PALMER HOLDER OF GREATEST TRUST FUND IN WORLD

(By Associated Press)
 WASHINGTON, April 8.—Now that congress has enacted a law which provides that all the great German holdings of property and investments in the United States shall be sold to the highest bidder, the alien property custodian already invested with probably the greatest trust funds in the world, will undertake the task of breaking up these outposts of Kultur which in the years gone by have been nothing less than agencies of the German military and diplomatic system.

The same law authorized the president to take title to the great German steamship piers and wharves at Hoboken, New Jersey. During the war these will be used by the army and navy. What will become of them afterward had not been entirely planned.

But the auction of German property interests and investments will put on the market some of the "nest eggs" held in America by many prominent German statesmen and even by the German emperor. His holdings are said to be "gilt edge" and although held in some cases through other persons, they are sure to be uncovered by the relentless search of the alien property custodian.

Combating every device to conceal German ownership in American concerns, probing into the facts regarding every suspicious company, seizing wherever there is evidence of an enemy alien ownership, the value of stock in American corporations so far taken over by A. Mitchell Palmer, the alien property custodian, is enormous.

The possession of the stock in these corporations carries with it the

control of large lumber companies, cement concerns, brewer, establishments, chemical works, trust institutions and manufacturing plants of all kinds. In all of these the alien property custodian, having the majority of the stock, has placed a majority of directors to represent the government during the period of the war and so long afterward as may be necessary.

More than fifty large companies ranging in value as high as \$15,000,000 each, are already under government control in this way, and a heavy interest in many other concerns has been taken over through the operations of the alien property custodian's office. The purpose is to maintain and continue the production and development of these corporations for the advancement of American industries. Thorough and permanent Americanization of these corporate industries is proposed under the power of sale given by the amendments to the urgent deficiency appropriation act.

Inquiries coming into the alien custodian's office from every direction indicate that the exact scope of this arm of the government, with its ramifications not only throughout continental United States but into Hawaii, the Philippines, Porto Rico, the Virgin Islands and elsewhere, is not clearly understood. It seems to be a bit puzzling to many how an American corporation, existing under the United States laws and doing business in the United States, can be seized by the alien property custodian as if the corporation were an enemy alien. The custodian frequently announces that he has appointed a board of directors of some large American corporation, despite

the fact that there seems to be no provision in what is known as the "Trading with the enemy act" which gives him any such authority. This procedure, however, is simple, effective and altogether regular.

The trading with the enemy act, under which the office of the alien property custodian is created, requires every corporation in the United States to transmit to him a full list of its stockholders who are known to be, or whom it has reasonable cause to believe to be, "enemies." When these reports disclose that a majority of the corporation's stock is "enemy held," the custodian issues a demand on the corporation, or on the person holding the certificates for such stock in this country, to cause to be transferred to him in his official capacity all the enemy-held stock. Upon compliance, the custodian becomes the holder of the majority of the stock, with right to ask a representation of the board of directors proportionate to his holdings, and through the installation of these government nominees the corporation's affairs are conducted or supervised under the government general direction.

All the right, title and interest of the enemy in the stock so demanded becomes vested in the custodian and the urgent deficiency law, through its amendments which were fought over in congress, empower him to sell the stock. Being sold to American citizens, this will effectually Americanize all these corporations that heretofore have been German controlled and the question after the war, it is announced, will relate to the distribution of the proceeds of the sale and not to the restitution of the stock itself.

NOTES ON SPORTING EVENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, April 8.—Lack of thorough organization alone is keeping the California Fair and Racing circuit from being the most notable circuit in the country next only to the Grand Circuit. This is the opinion expressed by Joseph Waddell, secretary of the coast organization.

"We not only have a great many of the best trotters and pacers in the United States but all the natural conditions are conducive to the best results," said Mr. Waddell. "There are no marked differences in the altitude or the temperature between the various points in our circuit. These items always affect horses there are few of them which will not be more or less affected during a season which brings about many differences along these lines."

"Last but not least is the fact that California's dry season during the summer precludes the possibility of rain and resulting wet tracks, which are the bane of the eastern circuits. We did not have a single postponement on this account last season."

One of the first requisites toward organization, according to Waddell, is the necessity for holding an annual meeting of the circuit members during December, or not later than early January, in order to allow of sufficient time to begin the line up of the season's program.

"There is a great deal to be done and sufficient time to do it thoroughly has been lacking in the past," said Waddell. "It also would be advisable to give more encouragement for the holding of stock shows in California. Additional incentive should be given stockmen of other states to show their products here. By this means California would be a great gainer. There is an unprecedented demand for horses since the war broke out. Recent sales of horses show that the demand is far in excess of the supply and everything should be done to encourage breeding and this can best be effected by arranging to cut down on the cost of service."

"I believe that we are on the right track and that the horsemen of California are gradually coming to realize the necessity for putting the business on a thoroughly efficient basis. When one considers that the value of horses alone in California amounts to approximately fifty million dollars it is self evident that an industry of such proportions is worthy of the best thought and endeavor."

not yet. But the better known Willie Ritchie, former lightweight champion, has hopes of getting him in the ring yet. Boxer Ritchie is trying to make everybody in camp a boxer.

KILLS HIS PARENTS WIFE AND HIMSELF

(By Associated Press.)
 MEXICO, Mo., April 8.—Derby S. Atkins, 24 years of age, yesterday shot and killed his father-in-law, Nolan McGowan; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Ruby McGowan, and his wife, Mrs. Gladys Atkins, 17 years of age. He then shot himself, dying instantly. The tragedy occurred on a farm ten miles south of here and is said to have been caused by domestic difficulties.

GERMANS BOMBARD FRENCH POSITIONS

(By Associated Press.)
 PARIS, April 8.—The Germans Saturday night renewed their attacks on the French positions in the region of Chauny and Barisis, on the Oise front, in which sector the French earlier in the day had withdrawn to prepared positions, the war announced yesterday afternoon.

West of Noyon, a German detachment which had gained a foothold in the advanced French line, was ejected by a counter attack.

A German attack on the French lines in the region of Grivesnes, northwest of Mont Didier was repulsed. Rheims was violently bombarded by the Germans Saturday night. The text of the statement reads:

"Saturday evening the French repulsed a German attack in the region of Grivesnes.

"In the course of the night the artillery of both sides displayed great activity between Mont Didier and Noyon.

"West of Noyon, a German detachment which has succeeded in gaining a foothold in the advanced French trenches was immediately ejected by a counter attack.

"On the Oise front the Germans renewed their assaults in the region of Chauny and Barisis.

"A German attempt to raid the French lines north of the Chemin des Dames was unsuccessful.

"Rheims was violently bombarded in the course of the night."

ASSESSMENT NOTICE NO. 8

CASH BOY CONSOLIDATED MINING COMPANY

Location of principal place of business, Carson City, Nevada. Location of mine and works, Tonopah, Nye County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors, held on the 20th day of March, 1918, an assessment of one cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to E. H. Mead, secretary, at the company's office, room 201, Nixon building, Reno, Nevada.

Any stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 23rd day of April, 1918, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before, will be sold on Monday, May 27th, 1918, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

By order of Board of Directors.
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GOLD ZONE DIVIDE MINING CO.
 Assessment Notice No. 1

Location of principal place of business, Tonopah, Nevada. Location of mine and works, Gold Mountain, Esmeralda County, Nevada.

Notice is hereby given that at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gold Zone Divide Mining Company, held on the 28th days of March, 1918, an assessment of one cent per share was levied upon the capital stock of the corporation, payable immediately, in United States gold coin, to F. A. Burnham, Secretary, at the company's office, Tonopah, Nevada.

All stock upon which this assessment shall remain unpaid on the 10th day of May, 1918, will be delinquent and advertised for sale at public auction, and unless payment is made before will be sold on Monday, June 10th, 1918, to pay the delinquent assessment, together with the cost of advertising and expenses of sale.

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RUSSIANS GET SAMPLE OF MAILED FIST FROM KAISER'S GENERAL

(By Associated Press)
 PETROGRAD, April 8.—One of the first requests put before the Russian delegates at Brest Litovsk, according to the Petrograd newspapers, was a demand from Emperor William for the safe-guarding of the former Russian Empress Alexandra Ait. The following account of this incident is taken from the Wozny Courier:

At the first meeting, after the representatives of the Bolshevik government and the delegates of the Russian army had assembled in the large room which had been devoted to the meeting, General Von Hoffmann with his staff came in. The two parties bowed to one another and the Russians sat down at the table.

General Hoffmann remained standing and addressed them. "I speak to you," he said in a stern voice, "not as the representative of the German army, nor of General Hindenburg. I speak to you as the representative of the four central powers. I request you, therefore, to stand while you hear what I have to say."

The members of the Russian delegation looked at one another, there was a little hesitation, and they stood up.

General Von Hoffmann continued: "Before proceeding to any negotiations respecting an armistice, I think it necessary to make the following statement. Within the area of Russia, in circumstances threatening her personal safety, is living a most august relative of my sovereign master, the Emperor William, namely Princess Aitx, your Empress Alexandra, with all her family.

"I demand that most decided measures be instantly taken for the safe-guarding of her person and for her transfer to Germany under a reliable guard. I request your immediate reply."

The members of the delegation did not know how to reply, and asked that they should be given time for consideration, and for consultation with Petrograd over their direct wire.

Scarcely had an interpreter translated these words than General Von Hoffmann said, with a great show of temper, "I demand an instant reply," and struck the table with his fist. "This demand," he continued, "is in the nature of an ultimatum. In the event of your not accepting it, the negotiations will cease forthwith, and hostilities will be at once recommenced by us."

There remained nothing for the members of the Russian delegation to do but to give their consent to the demands made.

The Petrograd correspondent of the London Morning Post asserted in a dispatch sent to London on February 22 that "the former Empress Alexandra, as the guardian of her son, is the favorite German candidate for the (Russian) throne."

Unconfirmed reports that both the former empress and former Emperor Nicholas were to be taken from Tobolsk, Siberia, to the Ural district were received recently from Petrograd.

The second Ritchie is not a boxer.

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