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PAINTER ENDED LIFE IN WATERS OF CORPUS BAY

A. CHRISTOFFERSON, AGE 35, COMMITTED SELF DESTRUCTION BY DROWNING IN BAY—BODY FOUND SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

HAD LIVED HERE THREE YEARS

Body is Being Held By Dunne Undertaking Company Pending the Receipt of Advices from Brother Residing in California.

Seeking surcease from troubles that never kind either real or imagined, A. Christofferson, painter and decorator who has lived in Corpus Christi for the past three years, sometime Thursday night or Friday morning leaped from the Sothery wharf and perished in the waters of Corpus Christi bay.

As stated in the Caller in its Saturday issue a fast part of snow and a coat, the latter containing papers belonging to Christofferson were found in an early hour Friday morning by Mexican fishermen on the Sothery wharf. Immediately after finding the articles of wearing apparel the fishermen turned them over to a son of Joe Fischer.

Chief Fowler learn that Christofferson had left his apartments in the Kleberg building at 1:30 Friday morning and he started a number of officers and the health committee for the purpose of having it ascertained that the man had committed his own destruction and that no body might be found in the place to the dragging waters.

The body was first dragging in the bay at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon by Mr. C. F. Hover, who resides about one-fourth of a mile north of the Alta Vista Hotel. Mr. Hover immediately phoned the police department and friends of Christofferson notified were sent out and identified the body.

The remains were turned over to the Dunne Undertaking Company and are being held pending the receipt of advices from a brother residing in California. This brother is the only living relative in America, sayeth of the deceased residing in Denmark.

Christofferson was 35 years of age and a native of Denmark. He was a member of the Painters, Paperhangers and Decorators Union of this city, also a member of the Loyal order of Moose.

ANDERSON GIVEN CONTRACT TO HAUL 325 CARS OF PIPE

LOCAL CONTRACTOR TO HAUL CAST IRON PIPE FOR WATER WORKS IMPROVEMENTS.

Ben Anderson, a local contractor, yesterday secured the hauling contract ever given in South Texas. He entered into a contract with Louis Lock, who has the contract for building the waterworks improvements for the city, whereby he will haul from the R. R. the local depot to the places where needed approximately 325 carloads of cast iron pipe.

The pipe will be distributed between the standpipe in the city and the pumping plant at Calallen, a distance of thirteen miles. The pipe is 12 inch and will reduce light and fire insurance that have been in service since 1882.

Mr. Lock is now in the city and states that he will be ready to start work by March 1. He announces that the cast iron pipe shipments will be by rail instead as water as first announced and that the first shipment will be made from the mills within the next few days.

In connection with the waterworks improvements City Attorney Bryant yesterday morning received a telegram from the Austin National Bank of Austin stating that the waterworks bonds had been expressed to Dowell Garard and Company of Chicago who have bought the entire issue at par and accrued interest.

As the goods are sent "collect" the proceeds without doubt will be on deposit with the Corpus Christi National Bank, city treasurer, by next Saturday.

Washington University, St. Louis, will get $1,000,000 of the stock of the Alton from the home of William N. Dickinson whose mother made the donation to the university.

TEXAS LOSES TO IOWA THE TITLE BANNER CROP STATE

IOWA IS NOW FIRST WITH ILLINOIS SECOND AND TEXAS THIRD.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Iowa is the thirteen principal crops valued at $1,000,000, Iowa has wrested from Texas the title of banner crop State. Illinois also leaves Texas which had a long world $100,000,000. Cheap cotton is the cause of the low valuation of Texas crops.

...AVE WOMEN OF YEOMANRY CORPS

Two of the lovely women of the Queen's Yeomanry corps carrying a wounded soldier from the firing line in the battle in every sense.

CARRANZA EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH CAPITAL AT VERA CRUZ DISPLEASING

Diplomats Object To Moving Mexican Capital From Mexico City To Vera Cruz—"Mexico For Mexicans" Slogan at San Antonio

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Carranza's efforts to establish the capital at Vera Cruz, and to compel the foreign diplomats to go there, was discussed at one of the general conferences in the Mexican situation by Washington officials and foreign diplomats.

It is understood that the United States will express displeasure to Carranza over his proclamation to diplomats who it is now believed will not leave Mexico City.

Carranza today informed that he will not treat with any factions. All must acknowledge his authority, he will call in commanding point the rebels to submit.

By Associated Press.

SAN ANTONIO, Feb. 6.—A Mexican peace conference was here and adjourned this afternoon after calling to the military chiefs to Laredo there hurried and met chiefs. They will try to hold unless conference is at Laredo and not the chief to attend.

Will address to be the subject of great capital was raised by Venustiano Carranza, Carranza's minister of foreign relations, when he said "Mexico is a house for Mexicans and Mexicans only."

NOVEL EMPLOYMENT SCHOOL ESTABLISHED IN LONDON

ATTEMPT TO RELIEVE CONDITION OF UNEMPLOYED IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—One of the most interesting employment experiments in England is a trade training school for workmen men, starting form to shift from a trade temporarily slackened people in war, like one where skilled labor is urgently needed. The experiment is being carried out by the Prince of Wales Relief Fund, and if successful may be indefinitely extended.

Numerous men one of the most advantageously affected by the war and a large number of skilled furniture workers have since become skilled leather workers, on military equipment.

The School was opened December 7, in the first five weeks of its existence it enrolled 120 men, 64 of whom have already graduated and obtained employments as leather workers.

Men that had for men placed have been over forty years old, and the report of the first five weeks work in the school states that men over forty, "and indeed over fifty," are quite as quick and adaptable as the younger men.

Because a "nightlight" outlawed prince goes did their own distilling, the old New England delicacy has become popular in the "dry" sections of the country.

SENATE FAVORS DIVISION TEXAS INTO 2 STATES

STATE OF JEFFERSON AMENDMENT YESTERDAY FAVORABLY REPORTED BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

NINE JUROR BILL IS PASSED

House Passed Bill Which Allows Conviction in Felony Cases Upon Vote of Nine of the Twelve Jurors—State Capital News

Caller-Herald Staff Special.

AUSTIN, Feb. 6.—The Senate favored the State of Jefferson amendment to the constitution, and has voted out favorably the resolution of Senator Johnson. Senator Hall gave notice that he would attempt to have his bill dividing the state into three states substituted on the floor.

The Senate also voted for the constitutional amendment decreasing the homestead from 200 to 100 acres and the value from $30,000 to $10,000.

The House voted out the civil service bill giving civil service for all department officers of the state except the heads of departments. It also passed a resolution requesting the attorney general to sue for the recovery of such money as would have been spent by the mission for economic not merited treatment.

It also passed the nine juror bill which allows conviction in felony cases upon a vote of nine of twelve jurors.

The governor today drafted his message to the Legislature regarding the Rockefeller law repeal. He also refused to commit himself on the granting of $15,000 appropriation to the Railroad Commission to gather data on the freight rate revision hearing.

SOLDIERS EFFECTS INSURED

(Correspondence of Associated Press.)

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Board of Trade has prepared a scheme to insure the effects of officers and soldiers in the mercantile marine who have suffered heavy personal losses owing to sinking since the war broke out. The idea is that for a small premium of eighty shillings per one hundred pounds sterling, that such policy should be issued for six months and the maximum sum to be insured by security the goods for explaining fifty for officers and one extra rates for expects, seamen and firemen.

The suggested government "flat rate" of eighty shillings per one hundred pounds per annum, will do much to relieve the sufferer of those who are performing a national service in relinquishing supplies over seas.

BELGIANS LONG FOR LIBERATION FROM GERMAN AUTHORITY

GERMAN MILITARY GOVERNOR TALKS TO ASSOCIATED PRESS CORRESPONDENT.

DEFENDS INVASION BELGIUM

By Associated Press.

BRUSSELS, Feb. 6.—"The Belgians are politically undisciplined children," General von Hissing, the new German governor of Belgium, today told the Associated Press. "They believe that liberation from German rule will come any moment. When a favorable wind brings the sound of cannonading, they think the long looked for day has come. On several occasions the very date for King Albert's return has been set, and an number of disappointments seems to crush their hopes.

Von Hissing has the appearance of a man very fine but very severe. He is 71 years old, and built very sturdily. Asked if the Belgians tried to throw obstacles in his way, he said "Only in petty ways to pinprick here and there." He said that some Belgian officials tried to cooperate in governing the country, but that others refused to have anything to do with the Germans.

Von Hissing made his only emphatic gesture when he replied to the question if it was a political and military error to have invaded Belgium.

"It would have been a grave mistake not to have invaded Belgium," he said, and added, "Great Britain and France had some sort of secret understanding with Belgium. They would have entered Belgium, and would have put Germany in great danger."

MISS GENEVIEVE CLARK

Speaker and Mrs. Clark have announced the engagement of their daughter, Genevieve, to James M. Thomson, owner and publisher of the New Orleans Item.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—For East Texas, West Texas and Oklahoma: Fair Sunday and Monday.

DISTRICT COURT OF NUECES COUNTY TO START ON MONDAY

FIVE WEEKS' TERM OF COURT JUDGE HOPKINS PRESIDING

Court to Meet in Courtroom of New Courthouse—Grand and Petit Jurors Summoned.

District court of Nueces County will convene now morning at 9:00 o'clock sharp for the February term which is to last five weeks, Judge W. H. Hopkins presiding. It will be the first session of district court in the new courthouse and the court will find itself quartered in what is without doubt the finest courtroom in Texas.

In preparing plans for the building the architect looked into the future and planned for three district courtrooms. The main court room is located on the east side of the third floor and the other two are on the south and north sides the latter for the present being left in an unfinished or rather unfurnished condition.

Grand Jury Summoned.

Sheriff Wright and his deputies during the past few weeks have been summoning the grand jury for the term and the petit jurors for four of the five weeks of court, the first week being devoted to the trial of non-jury cases.

Grand jurors summoned to report tomorrow morning at 9:00 o'clock are: H. W. Rowe, J. D. Cage, William Clarkson, H. M. Stockton, Herman Pontiere, Robert Ritter, W. E. Wood, Nat Rose, M. P. Wright, H. M. Bickel, Robert Langhlin, T. C. Hunter, Otho Anker, J. B. McKelvey, Louis C. Wells and J. P. Chambers.

Dockets are Crowded.

The grand jury will be selected during the morning and charged with immediately begin their deliberations.

Both the civil and criminal dockets are crowded and a busy session of court is expected. On all dockets nearly five hundred cases are now docketed and when the grand jury adjourns docketed many cases will be added.

The term will preclude to the bar under the present twenty-eighth district, as you probably the new court bill will be enacted into law before the present session ends. The new court bill will give to Nueces County 24 weeks of court each year instead of the 15 weeks now given.

VIOLENT BATTLE IS RAGING ALONG THE VISTULA IN RUSSIAN POLAND

Petrograd Official Statement Says Russians Have Not Only Maintained Positions But That They Have Assumed The Offensive

GERMANY SENDS NOTE ON BLOCKADE OF ENGLISH WATERS

Memorandum Says That Great Britian Has Repeatedly Violated All Sections of International Law and That Drastic Measures Are Now Necessary

By Associated Press.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 6.—An official statement says the battle in lower and upper valleys of East Prussia, have assumed a more violent character. It declares the battle front on the left bank of the Vistula in Russian Poland is spreading out under a very heavy artillery fire and in spite of German counter attacks the Russians are not only maintaining positions where they crossed the Bzura river near its junction with the Vistula, but have undertaken the offensive and captured important support of Germans near Bolimow.

The statement says the Russians captured considerable German trenches and a part of the second line of trenches. The official report from Caucasus says nothing notable has occurred there. Unofficially it is reported that thirty thousand Germans died before the Russians crossed Bzura.

By Associated Press.

BERLIN, via Wireless to Sayville, Feb. 6.—The German memorandum concerning the blockade of British waters says that Great Britain, trying to starve Germany, has continuously violated international law, by placing articles not used in war on the contraband list, by seizing all objects destined for Germany, by taking German property from neutral ships, and by imprisoning Germans of military age found on neutral ships, "neutral powers contenting themselves by mild protests, and under British pressure preventing goods going to Germany."

"Germany therefore endeavors energetically to protect life and interest by blockading England. A fortnight's delay will give merchant ships necessary time to make arrangements."

WASHINGTON INTERESTED.

By Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—Official Washington tonight awaited with interest the German memorandum to which Ambassador Gerard referred, for it outlines the steps which German commanders will take to verify the character of vessels flying neutral flags and assures the United States that they will make every effort to save passengers and vessels carrying contraband in the war zone.

Officials here feel that there will be little ground for protest.

Officials read with interest the press reports that the Louisiana flew the United States flag in the 16th Sea.

FRENCH STATEMENT.

By Associated Press.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—The official statement issued here tonight states that the only noteworthy events reported tonight are slight French progress in Champagne and efficient Allied artillery fire in Belgium and the Alsace valley.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT.

By Associated Press.

VIENNA, Feb. 6.—The official statement of the war office tonight says that fighting continues along the Carpathian front and in Bukowina. The situation is unchanged in Poland, west Galicia and Servia. The Austrians, the statement says, repulsed the Russians on the Loposzoma near Kielce.

GERMAN CHEMISTS DECLARE FEAR NO COMPETITION

SAY GERMAN INVENTIVENESS WILL WIN BACK TRADE AFTER THE WAR.

COLOGNE, Feb. 6.—The German exports of chemical products, in the manufacture of which that country undoubtedly led the world, have been virtually entirely cut off since the outbreak of hostilities. Last year they attained the enormous figure of about $250,000,000.

German experts in this trade, however, express no fear as to the future. They are of opinion that the competition which has started in other countries will after the cessation of the war only tend to sharpen the edge of the inventiveness of German chemists, who will, they say, be able to make further chemical discoveries that will place them in a position at least equal to that which they have hitherto held.

PAPERS WERE QUIETED.

VENICE, Italy, Feb. 6.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Although Vienna newspapers are not allowed to mention any details of the bread riots which occurred there during the third week of January, it is published that a special Ministerial Council was called to consider measures for provisioning the city. An official communique was later issued stating that "The government has decided to take 165 wagon loads of flour from the stores kept for times of necessity, and place it at the disposal of the city for immediate distribution in answer to complaints of starvation made by the populace."

FRANCE WILL INDEMNIFY CITIZENS FOR DAMAGE

$60,000,000 APPROPRIATED TO COVER DAMAGES BY GERMAN OCCUPATION.

PARIS, Feb. 6.—By a decree appropriating $60,000,000 to be applied to individual indemnities for damage to property caused by the German occupation, the French Government is held to have adopted the principle of such indemnities, though heretofore no law authorized them. Heretofore the state has declined all responsibility for damage to private interests as the result of invasion. Excesses committed by an enemy were considered in the same category as losses by storm or fire.

In June, when there was no thought of war, Deputy Louis Marin introduced a law recognizing the principle of national responsibility for individual losses in such cases. The Chamber however did not consider the discussion of this law urgent and it was deferred.

SEVEN BROTHERS CALLED.

GENEVA, Feb. 6.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press.)—Seven sons of an elderly blind Frenchman named Chopard, of the village of Chauffont, near the Swiss frontier, were called to the colors last August and marched away to war. For a long while the father heard nothing from them. Recently distressed he applied for assistance to the bureau here for the exchange of information regarding prisoners of war. One by one letters from the French headquarters arrived in Geneva. The seven sons had been killed leaving fourteen children and four widows.

AMERICAN FLAG WAS HOISTED BY LUSITANIA CROSSING IRISH SEA

British Steamer Sought "Safety First" By Flying Flag Of Uncle Sam

Associated Press.

LONDON, Feb. 6.—The Cunard liner Lusitania, which arrived at Liverpool today, flew the American flag while crossing the Irish sea.

Will Irwin, writer and other Americans vouched for this. The captain of the Lusitania in reply to a question of one passenger said he had a right to fly a neutral flag for the protection of neutral mails and neutral passengers aboard.

The Lusitania had been warned by wireless of the presence of two German submarines. While no official comment was made here, a high British official today pointed out that the British merchant shipping Act of 1894 grants to ships of other nations the right to use the Union Jack, provided its use is only to escape capture by an enemy.

It was suggested Great Britain ought to have the same privilege.

While crossing the Lusitania was delayed by heavy storms, which raised the seas decks high and injured eleven passengers.

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