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TIDES AT SEATTLE
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CONGRESS TO AIR "POND" SCANDAL GERMANS CHARGED WITH FEARFUL MASSACRE JOHN CLANCY APPEARS TO TESTIFY BEFORE COUNTY GRAND JURY

INQUIRY COMING IN P. O. DEAL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—Congress, at its coming session, is going to look into the purchase by the government of an under-water sub-postoffice site in Seattle for \$169,500, on the recommendation of Congressman Will Humphrey.

When the matter of appropriation comes up, and it is expected this will be early in the session, the matter of the "duck pond" purchase will be given a thorough airing, it was declared today by a member of the house.

Assistant Secretary Newton of the treasury today explained additional objections which had been found in the site bought by the government from one of Humphrey's Seattle friends, after the congressman had given his approval of the deal.

Newton Makes Statement
He gave out a statement, which said:
"In the public buildings bill of 1910 an authorization of \$200,000 was made for a postoffice site in Seattle. In the same year a site was sent to Seattle and reported in favor of the selection of the so-called 'hill site.' THE IMMEDIATE PURCHASE OF THIS SITE WAS RECOMMENDED BY CONGRESSMAN W. E. HUMPHREY. Protests were made from some quarters in Seattle, but in 1911 the then assistant secretary of the treasury accepted the Hill site for \$169,500.

Find Site Is Too Small
"It was later discovered from the maps on file in the supervising architect's office that the plot acquired was too small and condemnation proceedings were instituted for acquiring so much additional land as the balance of the appropriation, \$30,500, would allow.

Meanwhile, an appropriation of \$30,000 had been made for a building on this site.
"In April, 1915, when the supervising architect's office was ready to begin plans for the new building, inspectors were sent to Seattle and discovered that the government's site was on the tide flats in a depression 30 feet or more below the surrounding street grades.

Too Far From Depot
"Further, it was in a location so far away from the railroad stations that the postoffice department reported that it would cost \$19,000 additional annually for the transportation of mail if a building were to be erected at that point.

"In July, 1915, the present assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of public buildings directed that condemnation for additional land be discontinued and the site abandoned as being unsuitable for government use for the purpose of a postoffice or federal building."

U. S. MAY PROTEST BRITISH PATROL

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Renewal of the English patrol along the Atlantic coast last week in a chase of the Danish vessel Vineland to Norfolk within the three-mile limit may result in an American protest and demand for the withdrawal of British cruisers. Recent seizures and searches of vessels, it is said, indicate the existence of a patrol.

ANOTHER PICTURE OF WAR As Furnished by a German Newspaper

FROM translating a file of the daily newspaper of Danzig, Germany, one comes to the conclusion that Germany is a great deal closer to utter exhaustion than anyone who reads English alone would believe.

Danzig is a seaport town of several hundred thousand population near the Russian frontier. The news one gets out of it is not its war telegrams and official reports, but the grass-root stuff that comes right from the people themselves, in the local and neighborhood news.

A DOCTOR wrote to the newspaper saying that the "war bread" of Danzig smelled evilly and tasted badly, and that it was almost fatal to persons suffering from stomach trouble, and that he believed the baking was at fault. The following day a patient followed this up, saying that he could not touch the rye war bread, and that on the "white" rolls he had to strip off the leather-like hull, then content himself with eating a few crumbs inside.

THE NEWSPAPER called attention to the fact that thousands of blackberries were growing wild in the country, dwelt upon the value of this fruit, and gave some recipes.

A MARKET WOMAN sold two liters of potatoes for 35 cents. She was fined 30 marks and sent to jail for 10 days, because the government's fixed price was two liters for 15 cents.

AN ARMY PROCLAMATION called upon all those who had been condemned as "permanently unfit" for military service to report for duty. Those declared "permanently unfit" for garrison service were specifically mentioned as not being exempt from this call. The only exemptions were those pronounced "permanently unfit" as the result of the present war.

A GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION announced the seizure of all the wool in the country, including

woolen manufactures, and also the wool still on the backs of the sheep for the 1915-1916 crop.

A SIMILAR PROCLAMATION seized for the government all cloth of whatever color suitable for military uniforms, providing it had a certain weight per meter.

THE DANZIG KENNEL CLUB held its regular meeting, and the acting president spoke of the troublous times lovers of dogs were having and of the grim difficulties attending the choice between pet dogs and dogs of use.

THE DANZIG CITY COUNCIL made a second appropriation of 300,000 marks for the purpose of aiding tenants to pay rents. There was sharp criticism of the municipal authorities for having forced landlords in a previous distribution of similar funds to make concessions on rents themselves, and the council instructed the authorities "in general" not to call upon the landlords for concessions.

AN ADVERTISEMENT offers to proprietors of farms some sort of "fodder" at so-and-so much per hundredweight, for the use of war prisoners.

MANY NEWS ITEMS indicate that the war prisoners are making a great hit with many German girls and women, and there were probably half a dozen cases where girls and women were hailed before a judge and sentenced for their relations with prisoners. One high school girl got three days in jail because she wrote to a French professor, whose acquaintance she had made while in a prison camp, that she hoped to meet him after the war in France.

THE GOVERNMENT PROCLAMATION seizing all rubber and rubber manufactures, including automobile tires, with metal tread, was interesting. If many these days, you have to write to the imperial high commissioner of rubber matters in Berlin.

IN CONNECTION WITH the necessity of keeping up the gold supply in the Reichsbank, a circular letter was sent to all the Lutheran pastors, by their ecclesiastical superiors, telling them that some people, probably thru ignorance, are undoubtedly withholding gold which would be of much greater value if it were in the treasury of the empire. They are asked to exert themselves to get these hidden pieces of gold into the treasury, and specific mention is made of the small sums of money it is customary among the lower classes in Germany to save up for the purpose of paying their funeral expenses.

MILLIONS ARE SPENT IN PLOT TO HURT ALLIES

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 15.—Charges that between \$35,000,000 and \$40,000,000 has been spent in this country in the last four months for anti-allies propaganda work under the direction of Ambassador Von Bernstorff and Privy Counselor Albert were published today by the Journal.

The Journal claimed to have records of \$10,000,000 actually received in that time.

None of the money, the paper said, went for legitimate purposes.

Much of it was expended in bureaus maintained in getting Teuton workers out of American munitions plants, with a view to crippling production.

FAY TELLS "HIGHERUPS"

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Angered over desertion of his wealthy friends in his hour of trouble, Robert Fay, confessed anti-allies bomb plotter, is expected to reveal a list of "higher-ups" in the alleged nationwide conspiracy to halt munitions exports to the allies.

He has already confessed many details of his work to Chief Flynn of the U. S. secret service. These facts have been given to the U. S. district attorney.

Taken in connection with revelations of Former Austrian Consul Gorlick, Fay's story is expected, when divulged completely, to furnish evidence that may cause vast surprises as to the alleged activities of diplomatic and civilian personages in efforts to hamper U. S. munitions trade.

WILSON REINSTATES MAN FIRED FOR TALK ABOUT HIS WEDDING

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Reinstatement of Assistant Postmaster Burkitt of Winnetka, Ill., removed because he criticized President Wilson's engagement, was ordered today without any "ifs" about it.

The president, distressed at the dismissal, acted quickly while the postoffice department, it is said, was preparing to sustain the dismissal on other grounds.

He ordered that Burkitt be reinstated.

The news that Burkitt had been dismissed because he commented that the president "should wait a year before remarrying" became known at the White House last night.

In announcing the president's course, Secretary Tumulty commented: "This is a free country."

PICK UP LAUNCH IN ROUGH SEA; 5 MEN ABOARD

The C. P. R. passenger liner, Princess Victoria, Capt. B. J. Hickey, bound from Vancouver to Seattle, picked up the power boat Lakewood, as the latter was driving rapidly towards the beach in a heavy storm, at 6 a. m., Monday, off Point Lillooet, on Marrowstone Island, just off Whidby Island.

The Lakewood was half swamped and heavy seas were breaking over her when the Victoria sighted her in distress signals. The Lakewood's engine had broken down. When the Victoria got a tow line to the Lakewood the launch was within a hundred feet of the rocks.

The Victoria had her in tow two hours and turned her over to the Kitsap of the Kitsap County Transportation Co., off Point No Point. The Kitsap arrived at Pier 3 at 10:20 a. m., after leaving the Lakewood at Kingston. The Kitsap crew thinks there were five men aboard, but because of the rough weather, could not communicate with them.

WARN OF COMING STORM

The weather bureau early Monday ordered southeast storm warnings displayed at all sea ports in Washington and Oregon.

The center of the storm is approaching Vancouver Island, moving rapidly eastward. It will cause increasing southeast winds, storm winds along the coast, and a strong gale at interior sea ports Monday afternoon, later shifting to southwest.

Vessels are advised to remain in port.

REPORT SHIP IN DISTRESS

PORTLAND, Nov. 15.—The S. S. Mackinaw, bound from British Columbia for Vancouver, is in distress about 500 miles off the Oregon-Washington coast, according to reports in shipping circles today.

The Puget sound tug Goliath put into Astoria Friday, took on 126 and supplies, and left on a mysterious mission.

It was believed here she went in quest of the Mackinaw.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE

More than 5,000 Blue Lodge Masons will take part in cornerstone laying ceremonies on Thanksgiving Day at Pine st. and Harvard ave., where the new Masonic temple is to be built.

When in doubt, don't do it.

OFFICER SLATED TO TAKE STAND

Prosecutor Lundin and Presiding Superior Judge Gilliam began at 11 o'clock Monday the task of selecting 17 county taxpayers who will comprise the grand jury, called this week to hear evidence of alleged graft in the police department and other matters.

John E. Clancy, proprietor of the Pacific Social club at The Meadows, was a conspicuous figure in the lobby. He will probably be the first witness called.

Another important witness will be Policeman Margett, who said recently he would "split things wide open" and bare to the public gaze some of the hidden secrets of the police department.

From 40 persons drawn on the grand jury venire, Lundin and Judge Gilliam were exercising great care in choosing the 17 who are to serve, questioning each particularly as to whether he or she had any relatives connected with a public office.

It is probable that some members of the grand jury will be women, inasmuch as 18 of the total of 40 are women.

PUGET SOUND'S EXPORTS SHOW BIG INCREASE

Indicating a general return of prosperity, the customs reports of the district of Washington, issued today, show unprecedented gains made in October, 1915, over the corresponding month in 1914.

Collector of Customs Roscoe Drumbheller declares the totals prove beyond question that business is brightening.

The exports from Seattle alone show an increase during October of \$2,602,555 over the corresponding month of last year.

The largest volume of export trade was with the Orient and Vladivostok, Russia.

A gain of \$5,619,206 is shown in imports. The port of Seattle collections show a margin of \$12,677,56 over last October.

The total district imports for October, 1915, were \$10,325,677. The export aggregate was \$7,844,408.

Within 36 hours of each other, the Mara liners from the Orient arrived here, and are discharging \$12,000,000 worth of cargo Monday.

WOMEN ON LONG 'MUSH' IN ARCTIC WITH 2 BABIES

Either marooned at the lonely little trading post of Iethel, on the Kuskokwim river, in Alaska, or mushing over frozen wastes on an 800-mile trip thru winter storms to Seward, are two Seattle women, Mrs. E. P. Frohock, of 1830 Seventh ave. W., and Mrs. J. Boyd.

Mrs. Frohock has with her two children, 1 and 3 years old, respectively.

They were on board the Seattle power schooner Bender Brothers, which has become ice bound on the Kuskokwim, according to a message received here from Capt. Louis Knaflich.

The vessel will be held captive until spring.

Capt. Knaflich's message said the crew would make for Seward. It is presumed the women will accompany them, and are discharging \$12,000,000 worth of cargo Monday.

GOSH, LOOK AT THIS! WILSON'S DAUGHTER NOW CARRIES A CANE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 15.—

The president's daughter Eleanor has just made the capital gawp by carrying a cane.

Now Washington society women are putting in rush orders for walking sticks. The fad is bound to be the rage since the president's daughter and wife of Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has started it.

The cane Mrs. McAdoo carried is an ebony hued piece with a crooked handle inlaid with silver. Sometimes she swings it in her hand and sometimes she hooks it over her arm.

Nearly every afternoon now Mrs. McAdoo dons a smart tailored walking suit, and with Miss Helen Woodrow Boies, President Wilson's niece, goes for a long walk.

Just the other day the president and Mrs. Galt, in a White House automobile, passed the pair. What did Mrs. McAdoo do? Why she laughed and waved her cane at them.

That gave the official stamp to the fad—and so "carrying a cane" is the thing in Washington.

A NASTY TRICK



THEN IT IS THE OBVIOUS DUTY OF THE GOVERNOR TO REMOVE HIM.

The conduct of Dr. Smith has been "unethical," members of the board of trustees of the King County Medical society have found.

At a meeting of the society at the Seattle Press club Monday night, the trustees will ask the society to censure Dr. Smith.

Whether the society adopts the report censuring Dr. Smith for "unethical" conduct or not is purely the society's business, and does not greatly interest the public.

But how the president of the state board of medical examiners performs the duties of his public office is strictly the public's business, and it is, moreover, a legitimate subject for newspaper comment.

Dr. Smith and Dr. Mildred Purman, both members of the society, had a quarrel, which was submitted to the trustees, who are the grievance committee.

The matter was threshed out, settled, and both Dr. Smith and Dr. Purman received a letter from the trustees, "smoothing it over."

Then Dr. Smith preferred charges against Dr. Purman, not before the society, but before the board of examiners (the public body of which he is the head) of unprofessional conduct, in that she betrayed a professional secret.

And how was this secret "betrayed"? And to whom? It was "betrayed" to the trustees of the King County Medical society. It was "betrayed" when she and Dr. Smith appeared before the trustees for the adjudication of their differences.

Dr. Purman will no doubt be set right before the members of the profession, which she adorns. But the public is not made up of doctors.

We who are not doctors—or some of us—who cannot follow the fine, hair-splitting differentiations of medical "ethics," are likely to remember only that Dr. Purman was accused of something, we're not sure what, and it is possible that some of us will jump to the conclusion that "it"—whatever it was—was not Dr. Purman's credit.

Therefore T the Star takes considerable pleasure in reporting to its readers that the board of trustees finds that Dr. Purman did NOT betray a professional secret, and that Dr. Smith deserves censure for saying it. It strikes T the Star as a mean piece of business. We hope Dr. Smith does not "let" Dr. Purman.

SERBIAN WOMEN PUT TO SWORD

By Wm. Philip Simms

PARIS, Nov. 15.—Serbia is being crushed wantonly under the iron heel of German militarism, as was Belgium, is the claim today of Serbian Minister Vesnitch, in an exclusive interview with the United Press.

"We have proof," he said, "that our enemies wish to stamp us out. 'Massacres of inoffensive country folk who were not combatants was actually commanded by the Germans. Troops were ordered to kill prisoners and to finish the wounded. The orders were executed mercilessly."

Women Slaughtered
"Helpless women and children and decrepit old men were slaughtered."

The minister wiped his eyes, moist with tears.

"Still, despite the invaders, I believe the presence of neutral but humanitarian Americans would have a restraining influence," he said.

"American aid is badly needed. 'If hundreds of thousands of lives are not to be sacrificed, America must come at once to Serbia's aid,' the minister said.

Half Million Fugitives
"At least 500,000 homeless, hungry fugitives," he said, "are fleeing to Montenegro, Albania and Greece. They are too poor to care for the refugees.

"Soon it will be as cold as a New England midwinter. Typhus is sure to break out, along with other diseases caused by exposure. Many of the refugees are from the districts recently swept by typhus.

"The American relief has generously promised help, but I wish the world to know our need.

Tells What Is Needed
"The babies suffering is the hardest to bear. The prospect grows worse as Christmas approaches. Clothes, blankets, medicines, flour, meats and children's foods will save thousands, if sent quickly."

Headquarters of the commission confirmed this statement that aid has been promised. They intend to appeal to Washington. Contributions will be accepted at New York headquarters.

CHILLY IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE, Nov. 15.—Forty inches of snow lies over some parts of Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, with temperature ranging between 16 degrees above zero and 2 below.

Monthly Clearance Sale of Furniture

Starts at the Grote-Rankin Furniture Exchange tomorrow morning. Some very attractive bargains are offered in used furniture. Full details will be found in their large ad, on page 2.