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GERMANY WARNS WORLD

(United Press Leased Wire.)

BERLIN, via Sayville, wireless, Jan. 31.—Germany formally served notice on America and on the neutral nations of the world today that she has been forced to "do away with the restrictions which have been imposed upon her fighting means on the sea." This is effective tomorrow.

At the same time, the imperial government urged America's co-operation in impressing upon her adversaries the inhumanity of their starvation blockade.

America was also urged to warn Americans against taking passage on ships plying the danger zones. The attempt of the Teutonic powers to bring about

peace, the note continued, failed because of the "lust for conquest of their adversaries."

Waters about all allied countries (the entente powers) are declared barred zones.

The two most important paragraphs of the note follow:

"The imperial government therefore is also forced

to do away with restrictions which until now it has impressed upon use of its fighting means in the sea."

The government refers to the details of the planned war measures at sea herewith annexed and at the same time begs that the American government will warn American ships against entering barred zones described in the annex.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PREMIER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

DERBY, England, Jan. 31.—A poison plot against Premier David Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the empire's war council was revealed today in the arraignment at Guildhall of three women and one man, charged with "conspiracy to murder."

Crown Prosecutor A. H. Bonkin, who appeared against the quartet, declared that a poison plot had been hatching between Dec. 26 and Jan. 30.

It was also stated that Scotland Yard and the government secret service had been working on the case since Saturday when the conspiracy was first unearthed.

Three Women Involved.

The four defendants are: Mrs. Alice Wheelodm, Miss Harriet Wheelodm, her daughter, Mrs. Wilfred Mason, another daughter.

Albert Mason, a chemist.

Mason is the husband of one of Mrs. Wheelodm's daughters and is one of a number of individuals in England who have sought to evade military service because of "conscientious scruples" against war.

The three women are supposed to be suffragettes.

General Indignation. Publication of the charges against the four persons arrested created an immediate sensation, coupled with general indignation that England's "man of the hour" should have been the object of such a plot.

The fact that the chief inspector of Scotland Yard should have assumed personal charge of the case was regarded as evidence of the gravity with which it was regarded.

Although existence of the plot was discovered Saturday, no information concerning it became known to the public until the arrests had been made.

DONNELLY HAS A LIVELY FIRE; LOSS IS \$1,000

Fire starting from defective wiring cause \$1,000 damage early Wednesday morning to the Donnelly hotel.

The fire started on the second floor near the chimney, and swept up to the upper floors.

More damage was done by water than the fire. The guests were wildly excited, and many a nightie and pajama was seen scurrying around.

Firemen had the blaze under control quickly.

MERCURY AT 14 DEGREES

The lowest point this winter was reached by the mercury Wednesday morning at 6 o'clock, when it stood at 14 degrees.

The weather shows signs of relenting at present, however, according to the forecast, which is for "snow and rain."

Water pipes which have not been wrapped are making trouble Wednesday.

The city's pipe line, however, is not affected. Local trains are running on time, but all through trains are late, owing to cold weather in the middle west.

The T. R. & P. Co. has been able to keep the street car schedules up well.

Almost every hill in the city had its delegation of coasters Tuesday evening, and the fun was not limited to the children.

TODAY'S CLEARINGS

Clearings \$398,539.72

Balances 130,467.44

Transactions 809,041.34

Sit Tight; That's All

There is an ancient tradition among bankers that publicity in regard to the failure or pending failure of one bank is detrimental to all other banks.

The Times is willing to concede there is some foundation for that feeling. But, on the other hand, we know oftentimes far more harm is done through suppressing such news. An attempt to cover up such events breeds fear and foreboding.

For our part we are going to tell the story of what is happening in Seattle, just as we would tell any other news. It is the safer way—and the more honest to our readers.

Seattle is passing through an unpleasant, regrettable experience. It appears to have been brought on by the financial incompetence of the managers of one of the smaller institutions.

The Seattle failures are due to that purely, and are all the more incongruous, coming as they do in the midst of good times. SEATTLE TODAY IS AS SOLID AS MT. TACOMA; SO IS THE WHOLE NORTHWEST.

How far the evil effect will carry only the next day or so will disclose. The Times hopes and believes that the larger banks, backed by the state and national governments, soon will bring about normal conditions.

In any event, this much is certain, as The Times ascertained by careful inquiry this forenoon—Tacoma has nothing whatever to fear.

Our banks are not involved in the Seattle trouble and are in sound condition. All Tacoma needs do is sit tight until the Seattle storm passes.

ANOTHER BANK IS FAILURE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The German-American Mercantile bank failed to open its doors today.

It was closed following the failure yesterday of the Northern Bank & Trust Co.

FLURRY SUBSIDES

(Special to The Times.) SEATTLE, Jan. 31.—The bank flurry of yesterday has largely subsided today.

A few people are hanging around the banks that have closed their doors.

At most of the banks there is no excitement.

The federal reserve board of San Francisco has offered the Seattle National bank, which is the federal reserve bank here, over \$50,000,000, and the Seattle Clearing House association has pooled in guaranteeing up to \$130,000,000.

U. S. BANK TO AID

(United Press Leased Wire.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—The federal reserve bank of San Francisco at noon today offered to support from its treasury to any member banks of Seattle desiring to avail themselves of it.

John Perrin, chairman of the federal reserve board here, sent the following telegram to all Seattle member banks:

"The federal reserve bank of San Francisco stands ready to act instantly in support of member banks in exchanging for their commercial, industrial or agricultural paper of the member banks of Seattle if they should desire it. Besides \$20,000,000 of gold we have \$20,000,000 of federal reserve notes in San Francisco and \$28,000,000 additional available for immediate shipment from Washington."

YEGGS MAKE HAUL IN COUNTRY BANK

(United Press Leased Wire.)

MODESTO, Cal., Jan. 31.—The safe of the Bank of Ceres was blown during the night and a large amount of money is reported missing. Sheriff Davis has gone to the scene.

PACIFIC AVENUE

HOTEL MAN FINED

Joseph Wilson, proprietor of the Palace Hotel, was fined \$100 and costs in police court Tuesday for running a place used for disorderly purposes. He appealed the case to the superior court.

Department store detectives were on the curb, scanning women in the crowd.

"The stores were flooded with checks on this bank yesterday," one of them said. "We began to get Reary late in the day."

A head of red hair will admit its owner to Pantages theater Friday afternoon—that is, if the burnished locks are worn by a woman or girl.

All that is necessary for a "sunset blonde" to see the show, is that she call at The Times editorial rooms Thursday or Friday and apply for a ticket to the show.

Tickets will not be given unless the owner of the "brick-top" adornment come for them in person.

The feature act at Pantages this week is known as "The Red Heads," because the eight girls in the chorus all have red hair. Manager Sexton claims that he has the finest assortment of ruddy tresses in captivity.

There are no specifications as to the shade of hair worn by the applicant for tickets, except that the owner must frankly proclaim it to be red.

Don't Go "Good Fellow" Route, Advises Actress



MISS LOLA MERRILL

(Newspaper Enterprise Association.) SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 31.—Don't be a "good fellow." It will win you nothing in the end.

This is the advice of Miss Lola Merrill, a sister-in-law of George M. Cohan, who took time to indulge in a little philosophy of right living while appearing here in a popular comedy.

"Men pay for their goodfellowship with their money, but women usually pay for it with their lives," she said.

"Men can stand the strain of late hours, champagne and cocktails, cigarettes and all that goes to make up this world of goodfellowship, but few women can keep up the pace. It is a killing one, being a woman and a 'good fellow'."

"Don't try to be a good fellow—it's a delusion and a snare. There's nothing to it."

HOW INSANE WOMAN DIED

The statement of Miss E. G. Simmon, 226 St. Helens av., Tacoma, corroborating the story of cruelty at the asylum, described the water treatment administered to Leone Peck.

She declares she was an eye witness to the alleged torture described by Miss de Monte.

Describing the water treatment, in which she said the patient was dragged under the cold shower by the hair, she said:

"As I passed the back section room door on the morning of June the 18th, I looked in. Leone, in a straight jacket, face fever flushed and eyes unnatural, turning from her back to her left side, fell right out of bed, striking her forehead against the edge of the door. Her face was livid in a moment."

"There was a great dent in her forehead, and she did not move. I tried to lift her but could not, and called for help. Kate Knowles came, and with Mrs. Nordstrum carried Leone

to the bathroom.

"Then I went to the clothes room just opposite, where I could see what was going on without attracting attention."

"Miss Sawyer was there with Kate Knowles. They had turned on the shower. Leone was sitting in a chair. Kate Knowles, standing behind her, was pulling her by the hair saying, 'Get up and get under there.'"

"But Leone could not move, and her head fell back helplessly against the back of the chair. Miss Sawyer told Kate Knowles to drag the chair. She did so, and when the water fell into Leone's face and into her open mouth all she could do was to turn her head from side to side and struggle feebly against strangling."

"Miss Sawyer was drawing water from the bath tub and throwing it into her face."

"I went away to find Mrs. de Monte and tell her what was happening. When we returned, Leone was lying on the bath room floor. They were loosening her straight jacket. A little later they carried her, undressed, into the 'back section room.' I saw her once more, lying silent and quiet."

"Later when we returned to the back section room, it was empty and Leone Peck's name and belongings had disappeared from her compartment."

"Mrs. Quinn came and sent us from her room where we were locked crocheting. But I listened at the door and heard her telephone for them to come with the stretcher from the morgue for Leone Peck, who was dead."

Story of another eye-witness on page two.

LEGISLATORS HEAR STORY OF TORTURES

(Special to The Times.)

OLYMPIA, Jan. 31.—Stories of alleged tortures inflicted by attendants on patients at the Western State Hospital for the Insane at Fort Steilacoom, told by former patients who have since been declared sane, have started a sweeping investigation of the institution today by the senate committee on state charitable institutions.

Dr. William N. Keller, superintendent of the hospital; Dr. Frank D. Wilt, assistant superintendent, and an inmate attendant, Kate Knowles, have been summoned to appear before the committee this afternoon.

They are wanted to explain what they know of the death of Mrs. Leone C. Peck in the institution on June 18 last, when, it is alleged, she was beaten, dragged by the hair and tortured under a cold shower bath.

An account of the alleged cruelties was given the committee yesterday afternoon by Miss E. G. Simmon, 226 St. Helens ave., Tacoma, and Mrs. M. de Monte, of Gig Harbor, both of whom were eye-witnesses, they say.

Both are former inmates, who have entirely regained their sanity. They declared they did not appear to make charges against anyone in particular, but only to see that the patients, whose sufferings they described, were given humane treatment at the hospital.

Different Story. John R. Peck, of Malton, father-in-law of the dead woman, also appeared, declaring that the explanation given him by the hospital officials had not been satisfactory.

In the report given him the doctors said Mrs. Peck had met her death as the result of a fall from a bed, and that it was "unavoidable."

This statement was backed up by Clara F. Sawyer, a nurse.

Demands Inquiry. Following the hearing this afternoon, the entire situation will be placed before the senate by the committee, with a recommendation for a sweeping investigation, according to Senator R. A. Hutchinson, chairman of the committee.

"If the senate refuses to take action, I intend to place the evidence in the hands of the prosecuting attorney of Pierce county," Hutchinson declared.

Sounds Plausible. All the members of the committee agreed that the account of the cruelties, some of them almost beyond belief, which were given by the former inmates, appeared to be connected and reliable. Mrs.

City Librarian Kaiser's attempt to induce the state legislature to pass a bill permitting libraries to receive three-fourths of a mill levy from taxation, or nearly double the present Tacoma library appropriation, is doomed to disappointment.

Mayor Fawcett informed the city council Wednesday that such a law would be unconstitutional and that the legislature could not pass it.

Judge Snell of Tacoma, president of the State Taxpayers' league, started an investigation of the bill through Attorney J. T. S. Lyle, and notified Fawcett Wednesday that there was no chance for Kaiser's pet to pass.

The council unanimously considered that such a law would be an injustice to the taxpayers, as the increased library appropriation would mean a reduction in funds of other departments.

Will Booz represents the Mutual Life in Carthage, Ill. Here's how!

The Sartorial Uplift in Kansas. (From the Wellsville Globe.) As far as can be learned there is not a full dress suit in Wellsville. But a number of the business men, and some of the younger crowd are seriously considering buying Tuxedos, half brothers to the full dress suit. There are many advantages to the Tuxedo, which can be used at informal as well as at most formal occasions, and which will answer for a good Sunday suit. Several who would like to have and wear these suits have agreed to buy one if as many as fifteen or twenty others will buy at the same time. To further the good cause a local merchant has agreed to let the buyers have them at cost, if a considerable number will join in an ordering.

Anyhow we're going to have warmer snow now, according to the w. m.

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The Donnelly this morning had no such good luck.

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It is now the red-heads' turn to smile.

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