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AUSTRIANS ESTABLISH ADRIATIC WAR ZONE

Admiralty Orders Fleet to Sink All Merchant Vessels in Region.

U. S. DOES NOT REPLY

Germany Not Held Officially Accountable for Sinking of Evelyn.

By United Press.
PARIS, Feb. 22.—The Austrian Admiralty ordered the fleet to sink every merchant vessel in the Adriatic, establishing a war zone similar to that of the Germans around England, according to a dispatch from Geneva this afternoon.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Germany it not to be held accountable for the destruction of the American steamer Evelyn at Borkum, according to the administration. Only civil redress against Germany after the war ended is prescribed for private ship owners, if it can be proved that German mines were the cause of the ship's destruction. While the incident complicated the already delicate situation, it cannot be considered as a German transgression of the American warning because it occurred outside the death zone and it was not known who sowed the mine.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—It is officially announced that this government will not reply at present to Germany and England in regard to the war zone and flag situation. The officials said that replies would hurt American prestige, but added that the government intends to stand pat on the warnings.

The American embassies investigated the destruction of the Evelyn, though the incident is considered of small moment officially.

TESTS GIRLS IN STATE HOME

Dr. W. H. Pyle Issues Report on Those in Industrial Institution.

By Special Correspondence.
JEFFERSON CITY, Feb. 22.—A series of experiments conducted by Dr. W. H. Pyle, of the department of educational psychology of the University, shows sixty-five per cent of the girls in the State Industrial Home for Girls are normal, mentally and physically. The results of the experiment are published in the ninth biennial report of the State Board of Charities and Corrections which has just been issued by J. L. Wagner, of Columbia, secretary. About 99 per cent of the delinquent girls in the school are three years or more behind the normal for their age. The dividing line between the normal girls and the delinquent varies.

Doctor Pyle's report concludes: Certainly the training of an abnormal child, particularly one who has gone wrong, demands the highest knowledge and skill. State institutions that deal with society's unfortunates, should be removed from the realm of politics and brought within the realm of science.

A DESCENDANT OF WASHINGTON

Mrs. Cora Davenport of Columbia a Granddaughter of His First Cousin.

Few will observe the anniversary of Washington's birthday today with any more feeling than a Columbia woman, Mrs. Cora B. Davenport, 610 College avenue, who is a descendant of George Washington. Mrs. Davenport is a great granddaughter of George Custer, who was a first cousin of the "Father of His Country."

Before her marriage Mrs. Davenport's name was Gans. She was born in Pennsylvania. For several years she lived with her father on the old Gans place, on Ashland Gravel. She was a student in Christian College in 1875. In 1878 she married Dr. H. H. Davenport in Pennsylvania. After his death in 1885 she returned to Columbia. One of Mrs. Davenport's daughters, Sarah, is a graduate of the University and at present holds a government position in Washington.

Wilson Names Trade Commissioners.

By United Press.
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 22.—President Wilson nominated Edward Davies of Wisconsin, Edward Hurley of Illinois, William Harris of Georgia, William Perry of Seattle, George Ruble of New Hampshire, members of the Interstate Trade Commission.

Marriage License Issued.

A marriage license has been issued to Mansel Sims, 23 years old, of Sturgeon, and Miss Hattie May Gulick, 21 years old, of Clark, Mo.

FRENCH AVIATOR WRITES HIM

W. T. Diaz, M. U. Student, Hears From Friend in Allied Army.

How a French soldier is learning to fly, so he can catch German airships, because his cavalry division had little to do, is told in a letter just received by W. Theodoro Diaz, a student in the College of Agriculture. His friend, who has been transferred to the aviation division, is Lieutenant Maurice Tetu.

Mr. Diaz, who lives in Chile, met the French soldier at Buenos Aires last summer and went from there to Paris with him. There they parted, the soldier to go to the front.

The letter, written in French from Pont-Long, February 2, follows:

"I should have written you before, but since the day I left with the 11th of Hussars I have had little time to write letters, save the few lines I sent to my family.

"Then, also, I did not have your address in the United States of America.

"After six months of war I am still alive. I have had many adventures and escapes, though I never was wounded or taken sick. The cavalry has little to do these days, and I had to transfer to the division of aviators. "I am learning to fly and in a little while I shall be ordered to fly over Boches to drop bombs, and catch the Tauben airships, etc. In the meantime I am passing the winter in Pau, one of the most picturesque regions of France."

Mr. Diaz had some rather interesting experiences in France, too, at the beginning of the war. He was taken for a German spy once and attacked by a mob at his room in a Paris hotel. The tri-color, however, turned the threats into cheers.

He is writing a story of his travels, which is being translated into English by V. R. Marfori, a student in the School of Journalism.

SYMPHONY PROGRAM TONIGHT

Recital at Stephens Will Include Thursday's Numbers.

A recital which will include the numbers to be played by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra at its concert in the University Auditorium Thursday evening will be given by Basil Gauntlett and Miss Fannie May Ross, at 8 o'clock tonight in the auditorium of Stephens College.

The compositions have been arranged in duet form for the piano. The recital this evening is to be given primarily to enable a better appreciation of the program of the same music in its original form by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, according to Mr. Gauntlett.

NEW FEATURES IN ALUMNUS

C. H. Williams Has Article on Work of Extension Division.

The next issue of The Missouri Alumnus, which will be out Wednesday, will have several special features, according to Hugh MacKay, University Publisher. There will be an article by Charles H. Williams, secretary of the University Extension Division, on the work of this division.

There will also be a Harvard Division containing the names of the 35 university graduates at Harvard, and a list of about 400 graduates whose addresses the alumnus has been trying to get for some time.

TICKETS OUT FOR BANQUET

Commercial Club Annual Event Friday—Women Will Attend.

The Columbia Commercial Club will hold its annual banquet in the basement of the Broadway Methodist Church at 6 o'clock next Friday evening.

Tickets may be obtained at the Missouri Store, the Co-Op and any of the local banks, or from L. M. Defoe, E. S. Stephens, James W. Schwabe, E. C. Clinkscales and Nelson H. Trimble. Each ticket will cost \$1. Several women will attend. One woman will respond to a toast.

GERMAN AMBASSADOR OUT!

Believed to Have Been Driven From Mexico by Carranza.

By United Press.
GALVESTON, Feb. 22.—Von Esckardt, German ambassador to Mexico, accompanied by his suite, arrived from Vera Cruz this noon.

Despite his denial it is believed they were expelled from Mexico by General Carranza.

Defendant Wins Suit for Wages.

The jury in Justice of the Peace Henry G. Sebastian's court this morning unanimously returned a verdict for the defendant in the suit of A. O. Blackmore against A. C. Dickerson for \$7.02, wages claimed for work in a local laundry agency. A counterclaim by the defense for \$12.11 was not allowed.

GERMANS STARTING NEW MOVE IN EAST

Russian Defeat in Mazurian Lake Region Greatest of War.

STRATEGY PRAISED

Kaiser's Men Capture 70,000 and Surround 10,000 Near Augustow.

By United Press.
(By Von Wiegand.)

HEADQUARTERS OF GENERAL VON HINDENBURG, Feb. 22.—With 70,000 Russians already captured and 10,000 surrounded a few miles from Augustow, the Russian reverse in the East Mazurian Lake region today bids fair to become the record disastrous defeat of the war.

The Germans praise the Russian bravery and strategy, by which they sacrificed the infantry to save the most of the artillery when the airmen gave warning of the German advance. The Russian losses were enormous. The dead, unburied, are corrupting in the wake of the fighting armies. The Germans are caring for the wounded in the field hospitals.

Another important movement whose nature is concealed is developing. Large bodies of troops are being transferred to participate in this movement.

By United Press.
BERLIN, Feb. 22.—Seven captive Russian generals and 100,000 men are now en route to German prison camps. Hundreds of others are reaching the frontier towns, swelling the total number of prisoners. The Germans have captured 150 cannon.

The German pursuit ended with the Russians entrenched and a new battle developing near Augustow. The French evacuated trenches east of Ypres. The Germans repulsed attacks east of Verdun.

GRADUATE SPEAKS TOMORROW

Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch of Columbia University Here on Motor Tour.

Prof. Walter Rautenstrauch, who is making a motor tour of Western universities, arrived in Columbia yesterday. He will speak on "The Opportunities in Engineering Practice and Research" in the lecture-room of the Engineering Building at 7:15 o'clock tomorrow night. Prof. Rautenstrauch was graduated from the School of Engineering of the University in 1902. He is now professor of mechanical engineering at Columbia University, New York. His lecture will be non-technical and of interest to students in any line of scientific work.

PHI DELTA PHI TO INITIATE

Legal Fraternity Gets Seven New Members—Banquet, Too.

Phi Delta Phi, an honorary fraternity in the School of Law, will hold its annual mid-year initiation in the clubrooms in the Virginia Building tonight. The new members are: Gardner Smith, W. B. Cunningham, J. W. Travis, J. H. Pierson, J. A. Clay, W. A. Brookshire, Homer E. Rich, Clarence Brummall, Paul H. Arthur, Raymond S. Davis and Brice T. Sutton. The seven members of the law faculty who are members of this fraternity will attend the initiation. Following the initiation there will be a banquet in the Virginia Building Tearoom. Dean Eldon R. James will act as toastmaster. Short talks will be made by members of the faculty.

and Fayks Speak at Marshall.

P. J. Quinn, councilman from the Third Ward, and M. E. Fawks, superintendent of the water and light plant, went to Marshall, Mo., today to speak tonight at a meeting of supporters of municipal ownership. An election to decide municipal ownership in Marshall will be held tomorrow.

Academics and Farmers Will Play.

The Academics and Farmers lead in their respective divisions in the inter-department basketball series. These teams will play preliminaries in the Kansas games Wednesday and Thursday, and another will be played later if necessary, to decide the championship.

POMMER TO EXPLAIN DVORAK'S SYMPHONY

Professor of Music Will Talk on Composition of St. Louis Orchestra Program.

AMERICAN MELODIES

Phi Mu Alpha Brings Zach's Musicians Here Second Time This Season.

The possibilities of an American school of musical composition will be explained by Prof. W. H. Pommer at the Archeological museum at 7:30 tomorrow night. Some of the orchestrations which will be played by the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra Thursday night will be explained and played.

"Twenty years ago Anton Dvorak was the head of the National Conservatory of Music at New York," said Professor Pommer. He was delighted with the American folk songs and negro melodies and was surprised that they had not been used as a basis for an American school of composition. He wrote these simple tunes into his symphony, "From the New World," which has delighted audiences in this country and in Europe.

"The orchestration is a delightful combination of well-known lullabies and classical music. One familiar with the negro airs can readily pick them from Dvorak's composition."

Professor Pommer will explain and analyze this symphony tomorrow night and he and his daughter, Miss Sibyl Pommer, will play it, in order that those attending the concert Thursday night will have had previous knowledge and be better able to appreciate it.

After the lecture, which is free to the public, the audience will be given an opportunity to examine the new exhibit at the museum. This exhibit consists of a collection of bronze and a collection of original illustrations by American artists.

The St. Louis Symphony orchestra, which appears here Thursday night under the auspices of Phi Mu Alpha for the second time within four months, is considered one of America's three leading orchestras. When the organization appeared here last November the stage at the University Auditorium had to be enlarged to accommodate the seventy-five musicians.

The orchestra's conductor, Max Zach, is regarded as one of the leading conductors and program-makers of the country. His interpretation of the world's greatest composers is artistic but never sensational.

In the concert here Thursday night the St. Louis orchestra will play three orchestral groups of numbers and one solo. The orchestra will give Tschalkowsky's "Marche Slav" as an opening number. Dvorak's "From the New World" in four movements will follow this. Ludwig Pleier, first cellist, will play, as cello solo, a Volkmann Concerto. As a last number the orchestra will play, without pause, the Rimsky-Korsakov "Caprice-Espagnol" in five movements.

BUSINESS MEN IN RELAY

Athletic Carnival Will be Held at Gymnasium March 5.

A relay between two teams of Columbia business men will be one of the principal events in the Annual Athletic Carnival which is to be held the evening of March 5 at the gymnasium. One team composed of six men south of Broadway, will be captained by W. W. Garth, while H. A. Collier will lead a team of six men north of Broadway. Each man will run one lap on the indoor track.

While the list of events for the carnival is not complete, Coach Schulte, who is arranging the affair, promises several innovations. There will be many athletic exhibitions, including relay races, boxing, wrestling and pole vaulting. There will be dancing after the events of the carnival have been finished.

She Has a Position at the Capital.

By Special Correspondence.
JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Feb. 22.—Miss Myrtle Conklin, formerly stenographer to William Hirth of Columbia, is on the House stenographic force here. She will enroll in the School of Journalism for the summer session.

Columbia Visitor From Lawrence, Kas.

Miss Julia Hoss of Lawrence, Kas., is the guest of Miss Martha Downing at 205 College avenue. Miss Hoss came to Columbia to attend the Phi Beta Pi dance. Today she was a dinner guest at the Sigma Chi house.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Rain this afternoon and tonight, probably turning to snow and colder on Tuesday. Temperature 30 or lower.

THE CALENDAR

February 23.—Lecture on Possibilities of American School of Musical Composition, by Prof. W. H. Pommer, in Archeological Museum at 7:30 p. m. tomorrow.
Feb. 23.—Address by the Rev. Hugh Black, University Auditorium, at 3 p. m. Tuesday.
Feb. 23.—All-freshman election in University Auditorium at 4:10 p. m. Tuesday.
Feb. 24.—Address by the Rev. Hugh Black, University Auditorium, at 3 p. m. Wednesday.
Feb. 24.—Meeting to discuss plans for Missouri Magazine, Room 214, Academic Hall, at 7 p. m. Wednesday.
Feb. 24-25.—Basketball games, Tiger and Jayhawkers, Rothwell Gymnasium, at 8 o'clock Wednesday and Thursday nights.
Feb. 25.—Phi Mu Alpha concert, by St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, University Auditorium, at 8 p. m. Thursday.
Feb. 25.—Address by the Rev. Hugh Black, University Auditorium, at 10 a. m. Thursday.
Feb. 26.—Address by the Rev. Hugh Black, University Auditorium, at 11 a. m. Friday.
Feb. 26.—Annual Commercial Club dinner at Broadway Methodist Church, Friday.
Feb. 27.—Try-outs for Westminster debaters.
March 1-2.—Basketball games, Tiger and Kansas Aggies, Rothwell Gymnasium, at 8 p. m. Monday and Tuesday.
March 1.—"My Divinity," three-act musical comedy at Christian College, Monday.
March 11.—Democratic primary election.

PLANNING TO BEAUTIFY CITY

Civic League Would Make Columbia Clean and Adorn it With Flowers.

The City Beautiful Committee of the Civic League at a meeting at the home of Mrs. A. M. McAfee last week, discussed plans for the seed and plant sales and for the garden contest in the spring.

One of the town merchants has ordered a large quantity of seed of popular flowers, such as nasturtiums, which the Civic League will put into penny packages for the school children to sell at wholesale prices. They have also ordered shrubs at wholesale, to be sold at less than the regular retail price. All money made will be spent on civic improvements such as cleaning up the streets. Seeds of hardy perennials for porch boxes will be given out to members of the Civic League so that they may have plants ready for sale about the first of May.

The school children will have an essay contest, the two subjects chosen being "How Dirt Carries Disease" and "How to Make Columbia Beautiful." Prizes will be given for the children writing the best essays, and the winning essays will be put in the new bulletin which the Civic League intends to send out.

Members of the City Beautiful Committee are: Mrs. E. W. Stephens, Mrs. J. M. Batterton, Mrs. C. H. Eckles, Mrs. M. P. Thompson, Mrs. W. D. Brickley, Miss Margaret Carter, Mrs. W. B. Nowell, Mrs. D. A. Robnett, Miss Francis Denny, Miss Julia Sampson, Mrs. H. S. Lansing, Mrs. W. G. Manly, Mrs. Arthur Collins, Mrs. E. D. Bulck, Mrs. Rosa Ingles, Mrs. R. H. Gray, Mrs. J. Kirk Fyfe, Mrs. J. T. Cahill, Mrs. J. G. Babb.

The members of the Civic League will hold a business meeting in the Y. M. C. A. at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon. Dr. M. P. Ravenel will talk on "Some Factors of Public Health."

ANTI-ALCOHOL LECTURE AGAIN

Prof. A. W. Taylor Will Give Second of Series Tomorrow Night.

Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Missouri Bible College will give the second of his series of illustrated lectures on the temperance problem at 6:45 o'clock tomorrow night in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium. His subject will be "The Influence of Alcohol on Mental Efficiency and Scholarship."

The lecturer will trace the effect on the nerves and mind, especially in regard to business efficiency, and will put the question if a student or business man can afford to drink even lightly. In regard to hand workers, such as stenographers, he will show the results of actual scientific tests.

Professor Taylor also will show how alcohol weakens the ability to avoid accidents and how it interferes with memory work. Conclusions will be drawn on the slides.

BERNHARDT HAS OPERATION

Aged Actress Submits to Amputation of Her Right Leg—Will Recover.

By United Press.
BORDEAUX, Feb. 22.—"For the sake of my art," Madame Sarah Bernhardt today submitted to amputation of her right leg at the knee by Professor Denuce of the faculty of the College of Medicine of the University of Bordeaux.

Despite her age, Professor Denuce said that the actress withstood the operation with unusual vigor and would make speedy recovery.

Columbian Married to Hallsville Man.

John Hedges of Hallsville and Mrs. A. E. Fritz of Columbia were married at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the Rev. A. B. Coffman, 205 South Sixth street. Mr. Coffman performed the ceremony. The couple left this morning for Hallsville, where they will make their home. Mr. Hedges is 69 years old and the bride is 55 years old.

SCOTCH LEARN RIGHT HISTORY, SAYS BLACK

New York Theologian Delivers Annual Washington's Birthday Address.

"NO CHERRY TREES"

First President Equals Cromwell in British Mind, He Explains.

"It is well to remember the men who bore the burdens of the world," said the Rev. Hugh Black of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in the annual Washington's Birthday address at the University Auditorium this afternoon, "but it is not well to de-humanize them by over-respect. The mere name of Washington in the United States suggests a hatchet."

Mr. Black referred to the way in which the American boy was taught the story of Washington in contrast with the way the story is taught to the boy of Scotland.

"I had nothing to unlearn about American history," he said, "when I came to this country. The story of Washington is taught to the Scotch boys as a part of the great struggle for the independence of the people of England. Washington is placed beside Oliver Cromwell and the other great leaders in the fight that has been fought from the time of Magna Charta to the present. He is not considered as a foreigner or as an enemy, but as an English Constitutionalist. The loss of the American Revolution would have meant the defeat of the Constitutionalist party in England.

"The Washington that I was taught as a boy to know," he continued, "is worth more to me than the one that the average American boy knows. If American history had been taught so that the Revolution was one of the steps in the course of events leading to the freedom of the English world, and if the struggles were taught as a struggle led by men, it would be of more benefit than to put the leaders on a pedestal and remove them from the ranks of humanity.

"Washington, as other leaders, was a man—a great man, but still human. He need not be pictured as lady-like, but, as a contemporary describes him, 'a man with a nose that indicated the use of much Scotch' and with other faults that ought not to be diminished, although he was able to rise above them.

"Like Alexander Hamilton, Washington was not a democrat, although often called the father of the democracy of America. A study of the Constitution of the United States and of the records of his administration as President will show that he feared the people. Taken from the viewpoint of universal history, the story of Washington would be different and much better than that which has, until the last few years, been taught in America."

The University cadet band opened the exercises. The cadets of the Military School attended in companies.

WRITERS' MEETING TO BE EARLY

Gives Those Who Attend a Chance to Reach Kansas Game.

The meeting of students interested in starting a literary magazine at the University will be called promptly at 7 o'clock Wednesday night, to allow those who attend time to get away and find seats at the Missouri-Kansas basketball game the same night. The room will be No. 305, Academic Hall.

All who signed the ballots distributed in the English classes and all others interested in the magazine project are invited to attend.

Plans for starting and conducting the publication, the editorial policy, the dates of issue, the number of issues and the submitting of manuscripts will be discussed. The recent poll, conducted only in the English department, showed 470 students in favor of the magazine.

All-Freshman Election Tomorrow.

The All-Freshman election, which is to be held tomorrow will be presided over by the Student Council. A list of all-Freshmen enrolled in the University has been prepared. The balloting will be secret. An election board of Student Council members will count the ballots.

Freshman Pre-Commerce Meeting.

There will be a meeting of freshman pre-commerce students in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium at 7 o'clock tonight to elect class officers and decide how to vote in the all-freshman election tomorrow.