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(All Day at Byrd's Feed Barn)

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(All Day at Stover's Livery Barn)

Clinton, Mo., Wednesday, December 19, 1917
(All Day at Bennett's Livery Barn)

BUTLER, MO., Saturday, December 22, 1917
(All Day at Garrett's Livery Barn, The Old Bus Barn)

P. J. HULEN

KANSAS CITY HORSE MARKET

'GERMAN ARMY' IN U. S.

Correspondence Found in Suit Cases of Otto Merkel Shows Lines of Communication Leading Directly to Gen. Mackensen.

New York, Dec. 8.—A "German army" in the United States with its lines of communication extending directly to the headquarters of General Von Mackensen and the Teutonic military staff, has been revealed by federal authorities upon their examination of suitcases full of correspondence belonging to Otto Julius Merkel, a German, who has been arrested as a spy.

According to the officials making the examination, this "army" includes many prominent German-Americans, whose names cannot yet be revealed, who had an organization for the purpose of "defense," and established its arrangements with the military staff in the Central empire by means of letters addressed by Merkel to his "mother" in Berlin. Some of the letters captured contain direct evidence that the German military were in on the plans. These are now in the possession of Agent White of the army intelligence bureau.

Upon information gained from Merkel—who under the guise as secretary of the German University league, was spreading an extensive

German propaganda among American universities, raids were made by federal officers upon lodging houses within New York's barred zone. Several aliens, some of them alleged members of the "army" were arrested.

FREE PRISONERS TO PREACH PEACE

Austria Also, in Exchange, Will Get Millions to Fight.

Italian Army Headquarters in Northern Italy, Dec. 7.—Austrian prisoners taken in the last few days say that the release of the Russian prisoners held in Austria began ten days ago. Austria took the initiative in this without waiting for Russia to release Austrian prisoners. Each Russian prisoner was schooled carefully in Austria's desire to end the war and the whole body of these Russian prisoners was returned to Russia as a sort of propaganda for terminating the struggle.

Russia is believed to hold nearly 2 million Austrian and German prisoners. The release of these men will swell the forces against the Entente to the extent of all the able bodied men among them, without a corresponding gain by the release of Russian prisoners.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, } ss.
County of Bates, }
In the Circuit Court of said County, ad Sate, February, 1918, Term, In Vacation December 5, 1917.
L. M. Calhoun, Plaintiff,

vs.
W. A. Downey, William Page, Charles B. Hadsell and the unknown consorts, heirs, devisees, donees and aliases of Mark L. Meek, Marcus L. Meek, Daniel Hightower, Isaac R. Holman, David B. Hamilton, Waldo P. Johnson, A. Hamilton, Sarah Haun and D. L. Clayton, Defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorneys and files his petition under oath alleging, among other things, that the defendants, W. A. Downey, William Page and Charles B. Hadsell, are each non-residents of the State of Missouri and can not be served by the ordinary process of law herein.

And further alleging that he verily believes there are persons interested in the subject matter of the petition, whose names he can not insert therein because they are to him unknown, such unknown persons being the consorts, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases or immediate, mesne or remote, voluntary or involuntary grantees of Mark L. Meek, Marcus L. Meek, Daniel Hightower, Isaac R. Holman, David B. Hamilton, Waldo P. Johnson, A. Hamilton, Sarah Haun and D. L. Clayton, all of whom are deceased, by reason of the facts set out in his petition as follows:

The said Daniel Hightower entered the hereinafter mentioned real estate from the United States government about the year 1814, as shown by the plat book of original entries on file in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Bates County, Missouri, and became the patentee thereof and did not convey said real estate in his life time.

That Waldo P. Johnson held a tax deed to the hereinafter described real estate, which is of record in Book "K" at Page 288 of the records aforesaid. The said Mark L. Meek secured a deed which is of record in Book "D" at Page 158, and did not convey the title in his life time, unless he did so in and by the name of Marcus L. Meek, by deed of record in Book "R" No. 1 at Page 601, which last named grantor, plaintiff avers, to be one and the same person as Mark L. Meek, who is now deceased and has been more than fifteen years, last past, Isaac R. Holman secured a deed of conveyance which is of record in Book "Z" at Page 16 and such interest as he acquired thereby, he did not convey in his life time so far as shown by the records of said county.

That David B. Hamilton held a deed purporting to convey to him a portion of the real estate hereinafter described, which is of record in Book "X" at Page 155 of the records aforesaid and did not convey the interest so acquired to anyone in his life time. That A. Hamilton has no interest so far as shown of record but some of his reputed heirs asserted title by conveyance to one Charles B. Hadsell, defendant herein, and are made defendants because of the claim so asserted as to all those who did not make conveyance. Sarah Haun, as the wife of Washington Haun, held some title or interest in the premises on account of the decease of her husband, and made no conveyance of such interest she may have had by virtue of the decease of said husband and his ownership or claim to the real estate. That so far as shown of record D. L. Clayton, whose unknown heirs are joined herein, had no interest as shown by the records, but some of his reputed heirs asserting title thereto, made conveyance after the decease of said D. L. Clayton. The books and papers referred to above are those kept in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Bates County, Missouri.

The plaintiff claims the absolute fee simple title in and to the real estate hereinafter described, and the interests of defendants and whence derived can not be more specifically set forth.

Whereupon, it is ordered by the Clerk, in vacation, that said defendants be notified by publication that plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court the object and general nature of which is to obtain an order, judgment and decree of said court determining and adjudging the right, title and interest of the plaintiff and defendants severally in and to the land described in his petition, to-wit:

The west one-fourth of the Northeast quarter and the West half of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section thirty-four (34), Township forty (40) Range thirty-three, (33) in Bates County, Missouri,

and by its said judgment and decree quiet and set at rest the title of plaintiff in and to the aforesaid land as against the claims and interests of each and all the defendants herein named and mentioned. And unless said defendants be and appear at this court at the next term hereof to be begun and held at the court house in the city of Butler in said county, on the first Monday of February, 1918, and on or before the first day of said term answer or plead to the petition in said action the same will be taken as confessed and judgment will be rendered accordingly.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in The Butler Weekly Times for the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

H. O. MAXEY,
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the (Seal) seal of the Circuit Court of Bates County, this 5th day of December, 1917.
H. O. MAXEY,
Circuit Clerk.

Judge James R. Hamilton of the Austin, Tex., criminal district court Saturday dismissed the embezzlement charge against former Governor James E. Ferguson on the motion of District Attorney John E. Shelton.

9 CONVICTED OF DRAFT CONSPIRACY

Two Years in Prison and Fines Imposed on Eight Men—Woman Fined.

Kansas City, Dec. 6.—After fifteen minutes' deliberation a jury in federal court here this afternoon returned a verdict of guilty against nine of the ten defendants charged with conspiracy to obstruct the operation of the selective draft. Judge A. S. Van Valkenburgh sentenced the eight convicted men to terms of two years each in the federal penitentiary and fines of \$1,000 each and costs and fixed the punishment of the one woman, Mrs. Lenora Warnes Moore, a former Kansas City school teacher, at the same, but without the prison sentence.

The nine defendants were Mrs. Moore, her husband, Raymond I. Moore, Thomas R. Sullivan, Elea Lubschek, William Browder, Ralph W. Browder, Earl Browder, Edward Fagan and Harry Doile. The case against Harvey D. Kleinschmidt, a tenth defendant, who was used as a government witness, was continued.

The prison sentences of William Browder and his brother, Earl Browder, and Thomas R. Sullivan are to begin at the expiration of their present one-year sentences, imposed for failing to register for the draft.

Bond was fixed at \$5,000 for each of the defendants, which amount they furnished and were released.

The maximum penalty for the offense charged is two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$10,000.

The conspiracy with which the ten defendants were charged consisted in the organization of the "Federation for Democratic Control," the avowed purpose of which was to defeat the passage of the selective draft law and, failing in this, to carry a test case through the courts to test its constitutionality.

"This court does not desire to set the precedent of sending infants to jail," said Judge Van Valkenburgh in pronouncing sentence on Mrs. Moore. "We leave the improper treatment of babies to the enemies of our country in this war. But I consider Mrs. Moore the most guilty of all the defendants."

Mrs. Moore had her four-month-old child with her much of the time in the courtroom during the trial.

Order of Publication.

State of Missouri, } ss.
County of Bates, }
In the Circuit Court of said County and State, February 1918 Term, In Vacation December 7th, 1917.
Frank Nolin, Plaintiff,

vs.
The unknown consort, heirs, devisees, donees and legal representatives of John Paul, deceased, Defendants.

Now at this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorneys, and files his petition under oath alleging, among other things, that there are persons interested in the subject matter of his petition or who appear to be interested therein, whose names plaintiff can not insert in his petition, because they are to him unknown; such persons being the consort, heirs, devisees, donees, aliases or legal representative or representatives of John Paul, who is deceased, and derive their interest in the subject matter through the said John Paul, deceased, who was named as mortgagee in a certain mortgage deed executed by Marcus Nolin and his wife, Emily Nolin, securing the payment of the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Said mortgage deed and note being dated December 20th, 1899 and is shown of record in the office of the Recorder of Deeds in Book 4 at Page 32, which mortgage deed was never cancelled of record and remains an apparent lien in and upon the real estate therein and in the petition described as follows, to-wit:

The Northwest quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section ten (10), Township thirty-eight (38) of Range twenty (20) in Bates County, Missouri.

And further alleging that the interests of such unknown parties and whence derived can not be more specifically described or set forth in his petition.

Whereupon, it is ordered by the Clerk, in vacation, that the defendants be notified by publication, that the plaintiff has commenced a suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to obtain an order and judgment of this court cancelling and annulling the note mentioned in the mortgage deed and secured thereby and releasing and discharging the mortgage deed of record and removing the cloud cast thereby from the title to the real estate above described and for all proper relief.

And unless the defendants be and appear in this court at the next term thereof to be begun and held at the court house in the said city of Butler in said county, on the first Monday of February, 1918, and on or before the first day of said term, answer or otherwise plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed and judgment entered accordingly, cancelling said note and releasing said mortgage deed of record.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published in The Butler Weekly Times, for the time and in the manner required by law.

H. O. MAXEY,
Circuit Clerk.

A true copy from the record.

Witness my hand and the (Seal) seal of the Circuit Court of Bates County, Missouri, this 7th day of December, 1917.
H. O. MAXEY,
Circuit Clerk.

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with myself. One day a friend told me about Town Talk Tablets and I told her I would try them. I got a bottle, and the effect they had upon me was wonderful. Almost immediately the pimples commenced to disappear and my skin became clearer. I continued until I had taken six bottles and I was thoroughly cured. My general health, too, improved from the beginning, and today I am a healthy, happy woman, with a clear skin, free from sores or disfigurement, a proof of the far-reaching effects of Town Talk Tablets."

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AT WAR WITH AUSTRIA

With Scarcely Any Debate the Resolution Against Austria Passed Both Houses.

Washington, Dec. 7.—President Wilson signed the resolution declaring the existence of a state of war between the United States and Austria-Hungary at 5:05 o'clock this afternoon. The state of war dates from that time.

The declaration of war on Austria was passed by both houses of Congress today with brief debate. The House accepted the Senate resolution.

The vote was 363 to 1. Representative London, the Socialist, casting the only negative vote.

Miss Jeannette Rankin of Montana voted for the resolution.

Within a few minutes after the House voted Speaker Clark and Vice President Marshall signed the resolution and sent it to the White House for the President's signature.

Before the vote was taken, by unanimous consent, the House substituted the Senate resolution for its own. The House resolution by that action was discarded.

Washington, Dec. 7.—With less than an hour's debate the Senate today passed the resolution declaring war on Austria-Hungary.

The resolution was adopted by the Senate unanimously, 74 to 0.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin left during the speech making and did not cast his vote.

Senator Grosvenor of North Dakota, Senator Norris of Nebraska and Senator Vardaman of Mississippi, who voted against the German war declaration, supported the resolution.

Meanwhile there was every indication that the resolution would pass in the House with only one dissenting vote—Representative London, Socialist. Members were so sure of that they deserted the chamber in droves to escape the speech making and return later for the voting.

In presenting the Senate resolution and moving its immediate adoption Senator Stone said, beside the reasons that Austria is Germany's active ally, and as such had committed warlike acts against the United States, there was the further reason that inasmuch as Italy France and Belgium comprised one battle front American troops might at any time be facing Austrians.

Senator Stone made no reference to Turkish or Bulgarian relations.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, ranking Republican on the foreign relations committee, followed Senator Stone and gave reasons for favoring declarations of war against Turkey and Bulgaria, but said unanimity of action was essential. For that reason he opposed amendment of the resolution to include the two lesser powers.

Senator Lodge scored the Turkish government and said that to secure unity, Bulgaria also should be recognized as a foe.

Airplanes Chase Wild Ducks.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Wild ducks and geese have almost entirely disappeared from Lake Worth and from ponds in this locality, and hunters say that they have been frightened away by the many airplanes that manuever in the upper air daily and that frequently skim along the surface of the lake close to the water.

The aviators, hunters assert, often encounter large flocks of ducks and geese flying thousands of feet above the earth and give chase. The wild fowls, although swift flyers, are easily outdistanced by the machines and are so badly frightened that they do not pause in their flight until they are many miles beyond Lake Worth.—Dallas News.

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