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ENTENTE'S REPLY TO GERMANY IS READY SEATTLE OFFICIALS IMPLICATED

HIGHER-UPS IN SEATTLE GIVEN BOODLE MONEY

Confession of Famous Bootlegger Involves Officials of City of Seattle.

PAID FOR PROTECTION Made Fortune Selling Liquor but Has Only Small Amount of It Left.

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—There is great anxiety among many officials here and private citizens following the confession made by Bootlegger Logan Billingsley to District Attorney Clay M. Allen.

It was stated today by District Attorney Allen that Billingsley confessed that he had made over \$200,000 by bootlegging in Seattle since the first of the year but he spent all but \$2,700 in fighting the laws and "buying protection."

His confession and subsequent statements implicating certain high officials, District Attorney Allen said, would be investigated. "There is revealed an appalling situation," said Allen.

Names of officials will not be revealed by Allen at the present time as special investigators are working on further disclosures.

Pleading Saves Wreck.
SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The police last night removed 200 plums and eight gallons of alcohol and whiskey from the drug store of Charles E. Kelly, formerly known as the Closson-Kelly store at the corner of Occidental avenue and Washington street. The wrecking trustees of the city jail were ordered out to demolish the place but they refrained from doing any damage owing to Kelly's pleading with Chief of Police Beckingham.

CITY OF SEATTLE WILL SAIL TONIGHT FOR ALASKAN PORTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—The City of Seattle, sailing tonight, will have as passengers for Juneau Fathers O'Reilly and Meaghan, Dr. C. D. Carter and H. S. Wather.

MERCANTILE FLEET TO BE MOBILIZED BY DUTCH PEOPLE

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 29.—Holland may mobilize her entire mercantile fleet for bringing foodstuffs from overseas. The Dutch minister of commerce states that 200,000 tons capacity for human food and fodder is needed monthly, which, owing to delays and other causes, involves regular employment of 470,000 tons of shipping.

CANADIAN PACIFIC INVOLVED IN NEW STEAMSHIP DEAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—It is rumored in London that the Cunard line is about to absorb the Canadian Pacific's Atlantic fleet, and that the Canadian Pacific is considering the purchase of the Union Steamship Company, of New Zealand as a step toward developing its Pacific trade.

MEN SHELLED ESCAPING IN BOATS ON SEA

British Transport Was Torpedoed by German Submarine and Four Are Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Admiralty announced today that the British steamship Westminster, proceeding in ballast from Port Said, has been sunk without warning by a German submarine. Four of the crew were killed at the time and others were shelled while escaping in open boats.

ALIBI MAY BE ESTABLISHED IN BILLINGS CASE

Man Sentenced to Life for 'Frisco Parade Bomb Case May Be Set Free.

CHANCES FOR FREEDOM

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—Microscopic study of a print of a photograph taken here during a preparedness parade, July 22, is counted upon to establish an alibi for Warren K. Billings, under life sentence for murder, Robert Minor, spokesman for the International Workers' Defense League, announced here.

Billings' conviction was in connection with a bomb explosion which killed ten spectators and wounded forty during the parade.

According to Minor, a print of the photograph now in possession of the defense, shows Tom Mooney and Rena Mooney, his wife, both under indictment for murder, on the roof of a building, while a street clock shows the time to be 2:01.

A witness in the Billings trial swore that he saw Billings and Mooney at the scene of the explosion, many blocks away, at approximately that time. According to Minor, if it can be proved that Mooney was not there, the presumption is that Billings was not, Minor said.

THREE HUNDRED PERISH WHEN A BOAT WRECKED

TOKYO, Dec. 29.—Three hundred, mostly Chinese, perished in the wreck of the San Kaka Maru, according to estimates today. Three were killed by Chinese pirates who boarded the grounded ship and plundered the passengers.

JAPANESE ARE NOT FOR PEACE OWING TO CERTAIN PHASES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A Tokio special says that Japan will not entertain a thought of peace as long as the restoration of the ante-bellum status is insisted upon by the Berlin government as a basis of settlement. The restoration of Kiaochow is not considered a possibility.

STOCK QUOTATIONS

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Alaska Gold closed yesterday at 10 3/4. Alaska-Juneau at 7 1/2. American Zinc at 35 3/4. Butte & Superior at 45 1/4. Ray at 25 1/4. China at 52 1/2. Utah Copper at 36 1/2. Copper metal was quoted at 30.

GERMANS GAIN IN FIGHTING ON VERDUN FRONT

Occupy Positions of the French on Hills and Capture Men and Guns.

BERLIN, Dec. 29.—On the Verdun front the German troops transferred from the Somme front have entered the French positions on Hill 304 and also the southern slope of Dead Man Hill, the war office announces. The Germans advanced to the second and third French positions, capturing seven machine guns and 200 men.

BRITISH FORCES ARE IMPROVING NEW POSITIONS

Offensive Operations on a Large Scale Are Planned in Region of Kut-el-Amara.

GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The British forces on the Tigris front have improved their positions in the last two days, although no resumption of offensive operations on a considerable scale is indicated in official reports on these operations. The gains made below Kut-el-Amara last week were achieved with comparatively small losses, the statement says.

"During the past week Gen. Maule extended his hold over the Hal river and consolidated the line Magasik-Kal-Haji-Fahan, while the enemy positions were bombarded with good results," the announcement says.

"Cavalry reconnaissances during the day disclosed the fact that the Turks are constructing a new pontoon bridge west of the Shatran bend of the Tigris, some six to eight miles west of Kut-el-Amara. Several large parties of Arabs have been driven off by shell fire.

"The total casualties to date are inconsiderable, a large proportion of the wounds being slight."

BOND ISSUE FOR NATION AGREED UPON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Wilson today tentatively agreed with administration leaders on a bond issue to meet part of the treasury deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1918, which is estimated at \$180,000,000.

WANT PASSPORTS TO BE GIVEN TO VON BERNSTORFF

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—At a meeting to protest against the deportation of Belgians, James M. Beck demanded that the United States hand Count von Bernstorff his passports "unless Germany gives prompt assurance that forcible deportation of Belgians to Germany shall immediately cease." "The time may come," he said, "when England and France can no longer contribute millions to the relief of the starving people of Belgium. Why should not our government, with the consent of the belligerents, loan to Belgium, to be administered through an American commission, a fund to feed those people until the end of the war?"

LAW TO PROTECT CREDITORS WILL BE CONSIDERED

Alaska Legislature Will Be Asked to Pass a "Bulk Sales Law."

FAILURES CATCH MANY TRANSFERS OF BUSINESSES IN BULK LEAVE MANY UNSATISFIED DEBTS.

Wholesalers and others engaged with business firms in Alaska will submit a "Bulk Sales Law" to the Alaska Legislature for consideration at its next session. The law is designed to protect creditors when a business house is sold out in bulk—that is where the proprietor sells his store or other business as a whole. Such a law is now in effect in practically every State in the Union.

A committee of the credit men of Seattle wholesale houses had a meeting the other day with Alaska members of the Legislature who are in Seattle and some Alaska business men at the Hotel Washington at which this matter was discussed. The need for such legislation was testified to by the Alaskans present, and the advantage of such a law to wholesalers is obvious.

OUTLINE OF LAW

The following outline of the proposed law, which is similar to the law now in effect in the State of Washington, was submitted to the Alaskans who were present:

"Any sale or transfer of a stock of goods, or merchandise out of the usual or ordinary course of business or trade of the vendor, or whenever substantially the entire business or trade conducted by the vendor sells or conveys an interest in his business, is desired by the law to be a sale in bulk. It is made the duty of the purchaser to demand and receive from the seller, before paying any part of the purchase price, and before giving any security for payment, where the sale is on credit, a written statement showing the names and addresses of all the creditors of the seller, together with the amount of the indebtedness due or owing, and to become due to each of such creditors. This must be signed and sworn to by the seller or his agent, or, if the seller be a corporation, by the president, vice-president, secretary, or managing agent. If any person buys without demanding and receiving the statement of debts, and without paying, or seeing to it that the purchase money is supplied to the payment of the bona fide claims of the creditors of the vendor, as shown by the statement (share and share alike), the law declares that he is guilty of perjury, and punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary for not less than one nor more than five years, or by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars.

"Any sale or transfer of a stock of goods, wares or merchandise, or all or substantially all, of the fixtures and equipment used in and about the business of the vendor, out of the usual or ordinary course of business or trade of the vendor, or whenever substantially the entire business or trade theretofore conducted by the vendor shall be sold or conveyed, or whenever an interest in or to the business or trade of the vendor is sold or conveyed, or attempted to be sold or conveyed, shall be deemed a sale and transfer in bulk in contemplation of this Act: Provided, however, that if such vendor produces and delivers a written waiver of the

SUES BROKER FOR DIVORCE



MRS. HENRY P. PERRY.
(NEE LOUNSBERY)

RAIDER TAKES STEAMER TOLL ON THE OCEAN

Five British Boats Now Overdue Believed to Have Been Sunk by German Craft.

CRUISERS SEARCHING UNKNOWN SHIP DAMAGED

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Five British freighters, long overdue, are believed to have been sunk by a German raider which is now and has been for several weeks operating in the mid-Atlantic ocean. This is the belief expressed here today among marine men and following the receipt by Lloyds that the freighters have been posted as lost by the London office.

Two French cruisers have been trying to locate the raider for the past two weeks but their efforts so far have proven futile. Last night a wireless message was caught at Sayville that a French cruiser, 600 miles from the American Atlantic coast had sighted a mysterious ship during the late afternoon but before the identity of the unknown could be learned the darkness of night fell. The wireless message also stated that the rambler either fled or all lights were extinguished.

MODIFICATIONS IN BLACKLIST MAY COME SOON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Members of the Administration are convinced that the ascendancy of Lloyd George will smooth out some of the trade difficulties between the United States and Great Britain. The Administration felt an impasse had been reached in dealing with Sir Edward Grey.

ALASKA BOAT RAMS ANOTHER IN DENSE FOG



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STEAMER NORTHWESTERN IN ACCIDENT ON HER FIRST TRIP TO 'FRISCO FROM PORTLAND

SEATTLE, Dec. 29.—A wireless received here this afternoon states that the Steamer Northwestern, of the Alaska Steamship Company, proceeding on her first voyage from Portland to San Francisco, rammed an unknown schooner in a dense fog this forenoon. The schooner was reported to have been damaged severely but owing to the fog it could not be located afterwards.

TWO NATIONS SEND A JOINT NOTE TO THE BELLIGERENTS ON PEACE

London, Dec. 29.—The Scandinavian governments have sent a joint note to the belligerents supporting the peace note sent to both neutrals and belligerents by President Wilson of the United States. Official announcement of the contents of the note is left to the belligerents to make public.

CARRANZA'S REPLY GIVEN TO SECY. LANE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The reply of Provisional President Carranza of Mexico, has been received here and handed to Secretary of the Interior Lane, a member of the American-Mexican peace commission. This reply will be disposed of at the meeting next week of the commission.

END OF WAR TO BE A BLESSING TO THE NATION

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Frank A. Vanderlip's statement that American industry will go over no precipice with the return of peace expresses the sentiment of a number of industrial leaders.

BRITISH HAVE DRAFTED NOTE FOR GERMANY

Make a Full Statement Regarding Proposals for Peace by the Central Powers.

GOES TO ALL ALLIES Dispatch of Note will Be Delayed Until Other Nations Give Consent.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The Entente reply to the German note for peace proposals was completed today, according to an official announcement made by Prime Minister David Lloyd George and Chancellor of the Exchequer A. Bonar Law. This note could go forward today or tomorrow except for the reason of the necessary formality of transmitting it to Italy, Russia and France particularly. The British government desires that all points of the reply be discussed and approved by the Allies before final delivery is made. This means that the German reply will not be sent to Berlin until some time next week possibly not before next Friday or Saturday.

No information was given out regarding just what the reply carries but it is known that complete reparation and guarantee for the future are undoubtedly stated in no uncertain terms. It is also known that the terms made by the Imperial government of Germany are vague in many respects. This part of the German note will also be magnified.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS and Mail Information

NOW BOUND NORTH Alameda will be due tomorrow at 6 a. m. Has five days' mail.

SCHEDULED SAILINGS City of Seattle is scheduled to sail from Seattle tonight. Princess Sophia is scheduled to sail from Vancouver tomorrow. Spokane is scheduled to sail from Seattle next Tuesday. Mariposa is scheduled to sail from Seattle Tuesday. Dolphin is scheduled to sail on Wednesday.

SOUTHBOUND SAILINGS

Admiral Watson and City of Seattle should be in Juneau southbound on Wednesday, January 3rd.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Charles E. Hughes was last night elected President of the Legal Aid Society.

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