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WHITEHORSE MURDERER SHOT AND KILLED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ESCAPE

WHITEHORSE, Y. T., Feb. 16. — While trying to escape at the change of his guards Sunday night, Romilo Caesari, reprieved murderer, was shot by Northwest Mounted Police and received wounds from which he died last night.

The first bullet struck Caesari in the leg. The wounded man rose, and continued his flight. When about 100 yards from the barracks, a second shot passed through him, penetrating his stomach. Caesari fel and was brought back to the hospital, where he died twenty-four hours after his break for liberty. The body will be interred here.

It was at 6 o'clock Sunday evening when Caesari's dash was atempted. He assaulted one of the guards and shoved him from the corridor into the cell, threw a coat over the head of the other guard, and made a break for liberty. He was in his stocking feet and had on neither hat nor coat.

Constable Hayes, one of the guards, pursued Caesari, who was making for nearby woods. Hayes fired two shots in the air, but the flying man did not stop. The constable then began firing point blank at the escaping assassin. Two shots took effect. One entered the left side of the back just above the pelvis, passing through the intestines. One struck him in the thigh. The shots brought him down, and he was taken to the hospital and died there at 10:30 o'clock last night.

Caesari made no statement before he died. The man whom Caesari was convicted of having killed was Dominico Mella. The slaying took place here a year ago.

The prisoner had been convicted on circumstantial evidence. The imposition of the death sentence was followed by the construction of a scaffold, Sheriff George Brimstone of Dawson coming here to execute the prisoner. On Feb. 1, four days before the hanging, a reprieve was granted Caesari, by the Dominion government from death sentence to life imprisonment at New Westminster, B. C., penitentiary. The prisoner was to have been taken to the prison on the next boat for Victoria.

The belief exists in Whitehorse that Caesari was mentaly unsound. He had hallucinations on the subject of perpetual motion.

M'CONNELL SEEKING RELIEF FOR STEFANSSON

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Private Secretary McConnell for V. Stefansson is now here making an effort to get funds for a relief expedition to be sent in search of Stefansson. He is also seeking to aid the Canadian government in the premises.

SEATTLE GIRL IS ACCIDENTALLY KILLED

LESTER, Wash., Feb. 16.—Miss Lena King, of Seattle, was killed here yesterday as the result of the accidental discharge of a rifle which she was handing to E. J. Bassett, her fiancee.

STANFORD'S PRESIDENT RENDERS RESIGNATION

PALO ALTO, Calif., Feb. 16. — The resignation of President Brenner, of Leland Stanford, Junior, University, has been accepted by the trustees of that institution. The resignation is effective July 21.

SPOKANE WOMAN KILLS HUSBAND AND HERSELF

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—Abraham Binnard, a Spokane business man was shot and perhaps fatally wounded by his wife Monday morning, while he slept. Mrs. Binnard then took her own life.

WELL KNOWN SEATTLE TAILOR KILLS HIMSELF

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—Herman Stender, a well known tailor in this city, committed suicide yesterday.

THE WEATHER TODAY.
MAXIMUM—26.
MINIMUM—13.
CLEAR.

NEW LINER FOR ALASKA SERVICE

SEATTLE, Feb. 16.—Vice-President and General Manager R. W. Baxter, General Freight and Passenger Agent John H. Bunch, of the Alaska Steamship company, who are now in San Francico, have practically completed the purchase of another vessel of large tonnage for the Alaska service of their line. The name of the vessel purchased has not been disclosed at this time. Such is the announcement made at the offices of the Alaska Steamship company in this city to day.

It is understood that the vessel will be ready for the Alaska service with the opening of the spring business, and that she is larger than any vessel now employed in the Alaska service.

RUSSIA REQUIRES AMERICAN COTTON

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—Russia will absorb large quantities of American cotton as coon as there are facilities for shipping it from the South to the interior between $50,000,000 and $75,000,000 in the past month.

SPANISH FAVOR GERMANY TO SPITE AMERICANS

LONDON, Feb. 16.—A curious phenomenon in national psychology is being witnessed in Spain, according to an English resident of that country now visiting in London. Spanah opiuon outside the restricted court circle, where King Alfonzo's personal influenco is predominant, and also outside of the official governmental limits where requirements of strict neutrality are understood, is strongly, almost overwhelmingly pro-German. Spanish pro-Germanism is, he says, the outcome of the Spanish American war, and chiefly arises from the belief that the United States favors Great Britain.

Buys American Submarines.

MADRID, Feb. 16.—The Spanish parliament has authorized the government to purchace four submarines for the Spanish navy from a builder in the United States.

ALASKA GOLD.

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Alaska Gold closed today at 29¼; Utah Copper, 52½.

Americans Sell Projectiles

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 16.—The Carbon Steel Company, of Pittsburgh, has received orders for $1,125,000 projectiles for the British army.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—Commencing on Monday, more than 2,500 workers of the American Thread Co., of Willimantic, Conn., began work on full time for six days a week. The factory has been running four days a week for the past several months.

Cubans Buy Potatoes.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—Potato shipments to Cuba have increased more than 300 per cent within the last few months, due to the weekly service between this port and Cuba which was recently inaugurated by the United Fruit Company and other lines.

American Shipments Congested.

ROME, Feb. 16.—At present there are 40 cargoes of grain valued at $12,000,000 waited to be unloaded at Genoa. These include 25 ship loads from the United States and 15 from South America.

Chicago Gets Money.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—It is estimated that Chicago banks have received from the interior between $50,000,000 and $75,000,000 in the past month.

NO CHANGE IN MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — President Woodrow Wilson said today that he had received no confirmation of the reports that Spain has addressed the powers on restoring order in Mexico.

The President told callers that there has been no material change in the Mexican question.

Up to Diplomats.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — Secretary of State William J. Bryan today announced that foreign diplomats in Mexico City had been instructed to use their own discretion about leaving that place.

NAME ATTORNEY FOR RAILROAD BOARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16. — George Rublee, of New Hampshire, has been appointed counsel for the Alaska Engineering commission, and is examining the title that could be conveyed by those who are offering to sell the Alaska Northern railroad to the government.

Last September, during the debate on the trade commission bill, Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, branded Rublee as a tireless lobbyist.

HOLLAND WORRIED OVER EUROPE'S WAR

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—A special from The Hague to the Chicago Herald shows the embarrassment of the Dutch government as a result of the war. Holland does not want to fight, but it realizes that it is on the verge of hostilities. In what is known as the Maestricht district, which projects directly against territory occupied by Germany, there are soldiers patrolling the frontier. These men are in constant contact with German sentries. Holland's sympathies are largely with the Allies, not because of sentimental reasons, but on account of the fear that if the Dutch government should become involved against the Allies England will seize the great Dutch colonies in the East and West Indies.

Reports have been current that England may at any time demand the right to pass up the Scheldt in order to operate against the Germans in Belgium. These reports receive no credence at The Hague.

The Dutch government has notified England that any attempt to pass through the territory under its control by any belligerant will be followed by warlike action against the forces of the belligerents.

Holland has its entire army and navy ready for action and will flood the country by opening the dikes the moment it enters into the war.

U. S. CUTTER SERVICE WANTS MORE BOATS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The United States Coast Guard Cutter Service, through the efforts of Commandant E. R. Bertholf, is seeking an increased appropriation from this Congress. It is urged to appropriate $350,000 for a new cutter for the California coast, $110,000 for an anchorage patrol for use in New York harbor and $350,000 for a vessel for duty on the Panama Canal. Revenue cutters of the United States saved 476 lives and gave assistance to 210 vessels, valued, with their cargoes, at more than $9,000,000 during the fiscal year which ended June 30 last. For every dollar expended by the service it aided in saving probably property worth $3.72. Commandant Bertholf's report shows that during the year 28,787 vessels boarded, 968 were seized or reported for violations of the law and fines and penalties amounting to $204,310 were incurred by those so reported.

ACCUSED PRIEST IS ACQUITTED

CHICAGO, Feb. 11.—Rev. J. J. Mulen, former priest of the Church of the Holy Rosary, was acquitted of murder by a jury last night. He told friends today that he intends going to the Precious Blood Seminary—to which order he belongs—at Carthagena, O., and then enter a monastery to spend the remainder of his life.

The jury which acquitted him deliberated five hours. The verdict was that Father Mullen was insane at the time he killed Thomas Patterson, postmaster at Hillside, Ill., but since has entirely recovered from the attack of insanity.

ITALY WILL BE IN WAR VERY SOON

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The prophecy that Italy will mobilize her army within a fortnight was made here tonight by Ricotti Garibaldi, the Italian patriot. He said that unless the Italian government decides to participate in the war in behalf of the Allies against Germany and Austria there will be a revolution.

REVOLUTION LOOKED FOR IN TURKEY

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—A Bucharest special to the New York Herald says the authorities there are convinced that a revolution in Constantinople is probable in the immediate future and that it will bring about the withdrawal of Turkey from the war. The erstwhile Sultan, Abdul-Hamid, is advising the advocates of peace to allow the Allied fleet to pass the Dardanelles and thus put an end to the German domination.

Roumania Preparing to Intervene

Although everything is quiet in Bucharest, the preparation for active intervention is proceeding energetically.

ARMENIA READY TO HELP RUSSIA AGAINST TURKS

PETROGRAD, Feb. 16.—Armenian leaders state that if Russia will give promise of autonomy after the war, her army of 50,000 will be raised for the use of the Russians to assist in operations against the Turks.

NEW SHIP BILL UP IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16—The House Democrats in caucus at 2:30 o'clock this morning committed itself to the administration compromise ship-purchase bill.

The bill was launched in the House with the opening of the session this morning with a special rule, which was promptly adopted without debate, limiting the debate on the bill to six hours—three hours to each side.

The leaders in the House confidently believe that they will have a completely new ship-purchase bill in the Senate before the close of today.

The new shipping bill is a combination of the Weeks' bill and the Gore substitute which is now pending in the Senate.

The Democrats are continuing their efforts to secure the passage of the cloture rule through the Senate.

N. P. R. R. OFFICIALS REVENGE'S VICTIM

SEATTLE, Feb. 16. — Charles O. Dryden, assistant claim agent of the Northern Pacific, was killed, and R. E. Patton, timekeeper, dangerously wounded by Richard Imento, a crippled Greek section hand, and the latter was fatally wounded while resisting arrest. The killing was an effort on the part of Imento to get revenge for injuries sustained while he was working on the Northern Pacific railroad.

Imento, in resisting arrest, was made the tarket for a fusillade from the police. Seven shots took effect, and he cannot live.

Imento has been calling on Northern Pacific officials demanding settlement for his injuries. The matter has been in the hands of the legal department.

Imento had thought of his grievances so much that he is believed to have become insane.

GARY LIKES WILSON'S RECENT STATEMENTS

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Chairman E. H. Gary, of the Steel Corporation says: "The recent utterances of President Wilson concerning his attitude toward business, and his approval of co-operation among business interests for the development of trade, will have a good effect and will result in much benefit if practical aplication is made of the suggestions offered."

The Empire circulation leads. Try advertising in it.

DYNAMITERS KILL HIGH BULGARIANS

BERLIN, Feb. 16—Two members of Sofia's aristocracy were killed, and ten others injured when a bomb was exploded last night at a masked ball. The ball was attended by representatives of the most exclusive society of the Bulgarian capital.

JAPAN SELLS WAR MUNITIONS AN DMATERIAL

TOKIO, Feb. 16.—Japan is said to have sold $41,000,000 of war materials to the Allies, principally Russia.

GERMANS CAPTURE POLISH TOWN

LONDON, Feb. 16. — Dispatches from the east say that the Germans have captured the Polish town of Plock. The realstance was slight.

Berlin dispatches say that the German advance in east Prussia has been continuous.

RUSSIANS ON DEFENSIVE.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The largely reinforced German army in east Prussia is gradually forcing the Russian army back toward the Russian border. The admission from Petrograd that the Russians are preparing for retreat in the province of Suwalki is taken to mean that the raid in the north will not be pressed further for a while.

The indications are that there has been no change in the situation in Poland, Galicia, the Carpathian mountains or Bukowina. Russia is sending reinforcements to Lemberg and Warsaw.

GERMANS BECOMING PANIC STRICKEN

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—An Amsterdam dispatch to the New York Herald says: "The Germans are getting panicky." That is the remark I have heard from every neutral I have met on his arrival from Germany in the last few days. The Germans are becoming frightened at what lies ahead of them. The complete absence of raw stuffs is killing Germany's industry, and the plight of that countray could not be worse if the battle were really raging within her own borders. All along the Rhine, in the district once humming with industry, factories are silent and workingmen are idle."

Germans Preach Economy.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—The German government is sending throughout the country a number of speakers instructing the people in the economy of eating and of preparing food.

Austria Feeds Starving.

ROME, Feb. 16.—An official communique has been issued at Vienna stating that "the government has decided to take 165 wagon loads of flour from stores kept for times of necessity and place it at the disposal of the city for immediate distribution in answer to complaints of starvation made by the populace."

Austria Raises the Price of Bread

ROME, Feb. 16.—An official decree issued in Trieste raises the price of a two-pound loaf of bread from 12 to 16 cents. The grain markets in Austria are in a desperate condition. The war-bread that is being sold is composed largely of substitutes for flour.

ENGLISH PRISONERS GET THE WORST TREATMENT

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A letter from a French soldier in a German war prison said to have been smuggled past the censor says that everyone is fairly well treated except the English, whom the Germans regard as "dogs" or "pigs." He says the food is poor and very limited in quantity. Sentries assert that this is owing to the pressure for food throughout Germany. French Mohammedan troops have been sent East, he says, to aid Turkey "in the defense of the holy cause of Islam," which is the second time this statement has been made in a prisoner's letter.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND GERMANY PREPARING FOR SUBMARINE WAR

AMERICAN PEACE NOT IN DANGER

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The Lokal Anzeiger, in an admittedly inspired article, says that the differences between the United States and Germany will be settled without difficulty. It not only so quotes German Cabinet members, but it quotes American Abmassador James W. Gerard as saying:

"The disputed questions between the United States and Germany will be solved satisfactorily to both the Americans and the Germans."

ASQUITH LOOKS FOR WAR TO BE SHORT

LONDON Feb. 16—From latest available authoritative information it is manifest that both Germany and Austria are on the threshhold of facing a serious problem in food shortage.

Premier Asquit in his speech before the House of Commons alluded to this situation confronting Germany and Austria as a new phase of the war, indicating as its effect a possible short duration of the great conflict in which the European natons are now engaged.

War To Last Another Year.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The president of a big manufacturing house engaged in the manufacture of shoes, has just returned from abroad where has has been successful in landing substantial contracts for army shoes, says that the consensus of opinion among the business men and bankers in England and France is that the war will last a year longer. The Englishmen inclines to the opinion that it will be of somewhat greater duraton while in France the idea is that it will be shorter.

"From the standpoint of the business man, however,' 'said he, "it is the assumption that it will at least continue six or seven months longer, which for practical purposes is far ahead as he needs to look in laying the basis for his calculations.

"The belief that the struggle will be protracted is based on the fact that there is unlikely to be any great decisive battle either on land or sea to bring the war to an end. Germany may retreat, but she retreats only to stronger entenchments.

"The Allies know that the Gemans are doggedly determined fighters and that it is extremely difficult to defeat them on the field of battle. The Allies have, therefore, come to the conclusion that the problem is to block and starve out Germany. They are waiting for her to run short of some essential commodity or commodities. It may be copper, it may be wheat, or it may be something else. That is the only obvious way of bringing her to her knees."

CANADA PROFITS SOME FROM WAR

OTTAWA, Feb. 16.—It is estimated that Canada's textile mills have profited to the extent of $16,000,000 by the war.

Canada Ignores War Zone.

MONTREAL, Feb. 16—The Canadian Pacific, Allen line, Donaldson and the Canadian Northern Railroad Companies will make no changes in sailings as a result of the German admiralty's announcement.

Amsterdam Imports Wheat.

SYDNEY, Feb. 16.—In order to enable Australian wheat to be used as seed for the next crop, the Victorian government has arranged to import 1,500,000 bushels of Argentine wheat.

GERMANY PREPARES TO FLOAT ANOTHER LOAN

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 16.—A second German war loan will probably be issued at the beginning of March.

Joint Loan May Issue.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The belief is prevalent in London financial circles that any joint war loan which may be issued by the Allied powers will be floated in New York, Petrograd, Tokio Paris and London. The loan will be on the basis of 4 per cent, guaranteed bonds by Russia France and Great Britain, and possibly by Japan.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Absolute prohibition against foodstuffs destined for Germany will be formally proclaimed by Great Britain tonight or tomorrow, according to present expectations. The government proposes to starve Germans.

The British government has decided to adopt retaliatory measures against the threatened attack on merchant shipping. The new measures, which have not been made public yet, will be put into effect immediately.

ALL NEUTRALS MUST STAY OUT OF WAY

ROTTERDAM, Feb. 16.—The Chamber of Commerce here has received a communication from the German consul in which is reproduced a note from Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg in which he says in most cases the German submarines will be unable to distinguish between neutral and British vessels when encountered in the war zone, and that, therefore, all merchantmen will run the risk of destruction. In order to avoid losses it is urgently necessary, the note states, for neutral ships to remain out of the war zone.

GERMANY WARNS AGAINST ENGLAND.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—The German government fears that Great Britain, in its effort to create friction between Germany and neutral nations, will go to the length of sinking neutral ships and represent that the sinking was done by Germans. This fear was the cause of the issuance of a special official statement today. The statement follows:

"Inasmuch as it is in the interest of Great Britain that conflict arise between Germany and neutral powers it is thought in German shipping circles that English submarines, in order to bring about this end, may purposely sink one or more neutral ships. It is known, also, in shipping circles, that Great Britain has laid large quantities of mines against German submarines."

GREAT BRITAIN WILL TRY TO CRUSH ENEMY

LONDON, Feb. 16.—That the full strength of the British navy will be exerted to crush the German sea power and put her submarines out of business is the substance of a statement made in the Commons last night by First Lord of the Admiralty Winston Churchill.

The British steamship Wavelet struck a mine yesterday in the British channel and twelve lives were lost. The vessel was beached.

The Royal Dutch Steamship line, operating between Amsterdam and Havre, will cease running vessels on account of the risk from mines in the English channel.

War Will Be Costly.

Chancellor of the Exchequer David Lloyd-George said that the combined cost to the Allies for maintaining warfare on the extensive plans contemplated by the commanding generals for twelve months will be approximately $10,000,000.

To Plant Mines.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The German Ambassador notified the United States yesterday that among its plans for the destruction of British commerce will be to sow mines about the British coast.

Ask for Release of Wilhelmina.

The State Department has formally asked the British government to release the Wilhelmina and permit her to continue her trip to Germany, representing that the rules of international law would permit her to do that in the absence of a blockade of German ports, as her cargo of conditional contraband is going to non-combatants.

JACKLING OPTIMISTIC ON COPPER OUTLOOK

BUTTE, Feb. 16.—Col. D. C. Jackling, while in Butte with Bruce Mackelvie, said no time had been set for the beginning of the increase of production by the Utah and other copper properties, but hope is that conditions will continue to improve and that production can be restored to normal before long. There was a slightly increased output in January.