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DIGGER OF GRAVES TELLS OF STRUGGLE AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY
OVER SMALL WAGE FAILURE, PARIS SAYS TRIAL ON SATURDAY
Arlington Cemetery Employee Before House Committee Hearing on Nolan Bill.
LIVES ON \$40 A MONTH
Lists Expenses at Request of Committee—Wife Takes in Sewing to Help.

From Arlington Cemetery—where earthy monuments tower above the resting places of a nation's heroes, where patriotic speeches occasionally inspire great multitudes to cheers, and where the pomp and ceremony of military burials are staged—there came today, before a House committee, an humble gravedigger with a story of how he tries to support a family on \$40 a month. This gravedigger, paid from the Treasury of the United States, had clung to a worn-out suit and rindown shoes, the clay from new-made graves. It was raining without—but graves must be dug whatever the weather may be. During his faltering story he told the House Committee that there were five graves to be dug at Arlington today—by men who get \$40 a month.

Crushed and Discouraged.
The gravedigger was a big man, gruffly, his mind beset by the form of the conspicuous thing in a committee room filled with the advocates of the Nolan bill which requires that the rich United States Government shall pay no employee less than \$3 per day. Despite the physical strength of this gravedigger, however, he was at heart crushed and discouraged. His story was interrupted by a choking feeling in his throat; his lips quivered and the tears came to his eyes. Congressman Nolan, at this juncture, aided the witness to regain his composure by talking to him of the comparative cost of housekeeping now and a few years ago.

Story of Struggle.
Out of this \$40 a month, he testified, there must be paid \$8 per month for what is called a house near Falls Church. An additional \$5 per month goes for car fare for the journeys to and from his home. Out of the remainder must be furnished food, clothing, and medicine for a family of four. The cheapest things he can get to eat, he said, the gravedigger when Mr. Nolan questioned him, "is navy beans and hominy." That is what we are bringing up the children on, I remember when beans were 8 cents a quart; now they are 20 cents per quart. "Get your wife to make out a statement of what it cost to keep your household when you were first married," said Mr. Nolan. "Then have her mark down the price of some of the things you have used, and some of the things you need now."

Protests 10 Cent Telephone Tolls
H. P. Jones Complains and Asks Ruling by Public Utilities Commission.
Protest against a charge of 10 cents for a local telephone message sent from a hotel was filed with the Public Utilities Commission today by H. P. Jones. Mr. Jones says it is his understanding that there are three hotels in Washington which charge a uniform rate of 10 cents for local messages. He asks whether, under the public utilities law, this is not a discriminating charge. Under the rate schedule filed with the commission by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company the charge for a local message is 5 cents. While the question has not yet been referred to him officially, Conrad H. Byne, general counsel, said today that it might be possible for the commission to order the telephone company to discontinue the service furnished a hotel whose charges exceed the rate filed with the commission.

Reichstag Fight May Not Develop
Agreement Between von Tirpitz and Bethmann-Hollweg
Factions Hinted.
BERLIN, March 22.—Open debate in the Reichstag over the government's submarine policies and relations with America may be suppressed by agreement between the von Tirpitz and Bethmann-Hollweg factions, it was hinted today. A special committee of the Reichstag met this afternoon to consider the resolutions directing the chancellor to enter into no agreement with foreign powers restricting the use of U-boats. It was reported that consideration of the resolutions may be indefinitely postponed.

GERMAN OFFENSIVE AT VERDUN ENDS IN FAILURE, PARIS SAYS
Military Critics See Shifting Attack as Confession of German Disaster.
LOSSES REACH 200,000 MEN
Allied Conference at Paris Believes Disaster Greatest Since Marne Defeat.

BERLIN, March 22.—Russian troops commanded by General Kuropatkin continue their violent assaults against von Hindenburg's front on a wide sector south and southeast of Riga, the war office announced this afternoon. All Russian attacks, however, have been repulsed. German troops have captured more trenches in the Avocourt woods, northwest of Verdun, the war office announced.

Drive Has Ended.
PARIS, March 22.—The third and probably the last phase of the Verdun battle has ended, according to dispatches received here today. The German successes in Avocourt wood were of minor importance, French military men declare, constituting only an admission of German failure elsewhere.

Cyclone Derails Speeding Trains
Passengers Have Nightclothes Whipped Off by Gale in Indiana.
MARION, Ind., March 22.—Twenty-seven Pullman passengers narrowly escaped injury today when a wind of cyclonic force swept three cars of a Clover Leaf passenger train down an embankment near here. Three trainmen received minor injuries. The wind lifted a heavy steel sleeper from the rails as the train was speeding to make up lost time. The sleeper was dropped down the side of the embankment, but did not turn over. Excited passengers who rushed out of the cars had their nightclothes whipped off by the gale.

Oliver Replies to Reed Insinuations
Admits to Owning 1,000 Shares Steel Preferred—Denies It's Worth \$500,000.
Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania today skated close to the edge of the "short and ugly" in a brief speech replying to Senator Reed's alleged insinuations yesterday that Oliver's ownership of \$500,000 worth of steel stock may have influenced him in opposing the Government armor plate plant.

German Ship Sunk; Flew Two Flags
Black Sea Steamer's Crew Is Captured by Russian Warship.
BUCHAREST, March 22.—The 7,000-ton German steamer Esperanza, carrying food supplies to Constantinople, was torpedoed and sunk by a Russian warship off the Rumanian port of Kalakra, Sunday, according to delayed dispatches received today. The crew has been imprisoned. The Esperanza was flying the Spanish and Rumanian flag.

"VICE SQUAD" ARE READY TO STAND TRIAL ON SATURDAY
Howes and Elliot Accept Service of Warrants at District Attorney's Office.
PERSONAL BONDS TAKEN

Detective Mason L. Howes, acting head of the "vice squad," and John H. Elliot, temporarily assisting in the vice squad, will be tried in the United States branch of the Police Court Saturday on the charge of unlawfully entering the residence of Mrs. Rose Kennett, 291 and 329 Delaware avenue northeast. The officers, against whom warrants were issued late yesterday afternoon, appeared in the office of Assistant District Attorney Ralph Given, in the Police Court Building, at 11:30 today and accepted service of the warrant.

Confer With Laskey.
The charge against the officials received after a conference held in the office of United States District Attorney John E. Laskey yesterday, at which Mrs. Kennett, her young daughter, Gloria, and her attorney, J. C. Foster, were present.

Officers Are Retained.
When asked if they had retained counsel to resist the action, the officers were noncommittal. Questioned as to whether they were authorized specifically to enter the Kennett home the men refused to answer. When asked if they had a warrant for that address in Delaware county, the defendants still maintained their innocence.

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126 GERMAN U-BOATS CAPTURED BY BRITISH
Nearly 5,000 Trawlers Engaged in Snagging Submarines.
One hundred and twenty-six German submarines have been captured by the British admiralty, according to an official report which has reached the United States Coast Guard Service. The report states that nearly 5,000 English trawlers are engaged in snagging submarines, and that each transatlantic liner, leaving the English coast has a path swept for it by a fleet of trawlers with steel submarine nets.

VILLA'S PURSUERS IN GRIP OF TWO EPIDEMICS
Many American Soldiers Drop Out With Pneumonia and Dysentery.
MEN NOT USED TO CLIMATE
Returners Tell of Suffering as Columns Push Through Semi-Tropical Country.

EL PASO, March 22.—American soldiers, unaccustomed to weather conditions south of the border, are dropping out with pneumonia and dysentery. Seven soldiers who reached El Paso today for treatment in the Fort Bliss military hospital, told how sickness was thinning the ranks of Pershing's column.

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Above—LIEUT. ROBERT H. WILLIS.
Below—LIEUT. EDGAR S. GORRELL.

FIFTH CAVALRY OFF FOR MEXICAN FRONT
Crowds of Relatives and Well-wishers See Troopers Leave Fort Myer.
Under the most cheerless conditions for leave-taking, but with crowds of relatives and well wishers surrounding them, the officers and troopers of the Fifth United States Cavalry left Roswell, Va., en route from Fort Myer to "somewhere on the border," today.

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