

CAPTAIN VON PAPAN LEAVES FOR HOME

Recalled German Attacks Denies that He Violated Any Rules of Diplomatic Etiquette.

GLAD TO GET INTO BATTLE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Captain Franz Von Papan, Germany's recalled military attaché, left New York for Rotterdam today on the steamship Noordam, bearing a safe conduct to Germany from the entente allies. Departing, he issued this final statement to the American people:

"In leaving this country, where I have received so many proofs of kindness and hospitality from Americans and others, I am in my duty to thank all those who did not permit their friendly personal feelings to be poisoned by the talk created by the war among the nations.

"My thoughts turn back today especially to those unforgettable days when I had the honor and good fortune to spend some time with the expeditionary forces at Vera Cruz where I learned to admire the splendid soldierly quality and devotion to duty of the United States army.

"Personally speaking, no greater satisfaction could be given to me than the fulfillment of my ardent desire to be called home, where soldiers are far more urgently needed than here.

History With Vindictive Him.

"I leave my post without any feeling of bitterness, because I know too well that when history is once written it will establish our clean records despite all the misrepresentations and calumnies spread broadcast at present.

"The New York world which certainly is not open to the suspicion of harboring any friendly feeling for my country, since Mr. Kelly, who dismissed me, would not allow the matter to be settled the fact and it is emphasized that the state department made no charges against Captain Von Papan and Captain Boy-Ed, who remained in similar positions on their home as officers. Certain newspapers have made reckless charges which could not be supported by evidence, but the United States government never intended that it should be charged to be true.

"I go home with the unshakable conviction that no efforts, however insistent they may be, will accomplish the severance of our ties, and to cement our country with this great nation. Our mutual relations will, and must, on the contrary, inevitably and gradually improve as it becomes clear to every intelligent and clear-minded American that Germany is engaged in a fully justifiable and heroic fight for existence and the very life of the nation."

Glad to Get Into Action.

Although Captain Von Papan declined to answer any of the questions of reporters after he handed out his statement, in saying goodbye to a German friend, he said:

"I am glad of the opportunity to go to the trenches for my country."

"I wish to assure all that I feel most grateful to the great number of German-Americans in this country for their support and sympathy."

"I have been charged with lots of things, but when this war is over you will see that everything will come out all right. I am sure I have been here for my country and I have tried to serve it, but I have not done anything against diplomatic courtesy, and I leave here feeling grateful that I did at least be among the real actors in the trenches."

"The captain chatted with friends while his baggage was being examined. The examination of all baggage going aboard ship was put in force for the first time today by the Holland-American line. Officials of the line declined to give any specific reasons for it."

Wrote About Idiotic Yankers.
Captain Von Papan was appointed military attaché of the German embassy in December, 1911. Public attention was directed to him in September last when a letter which he wrote to his wife was found among the papers seized by the British government from James F. J. Archibald, who he was carrying them to Europe. In this letter, Von Papan alluded to "idiotic Yankers," which was the title of "The Yankers." He said that the letter was applied to New York newspapers, and in whose papers his activities had been criticized.

His wife and the Captain Boy-Ed, the German military attaché, was requested by Secretary Lansing December 2.

It is reported that Captain Boy-Ed will leave here for Rotterdam December 23 on the steamer Rotterdam.

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PASTOR WHO PERFORMED WILSON WEDDING CEREMONY

At the right is Rev. Dr. Herbert Scott Smith. At the left is one of the wedding gifts received by Mrs. Wilson—a replica statue of the great Pocahontas monument erected on an island in the James river by the National Pocahontas Society.



BRITONS ABANDON SICK AND WOUNDED

Berlin Report Says So-Called Orderly Retreat Was Head-Over-Heels Flight.

PANIC REIGNS AT SALONIKI

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—(By Wireless to Bayville.)—Advises received here from Constantinople reiterate the assertion that the British forces which quit the Dardanelles retired in great disorder.

"According to Constantinople reports," according to the Overseas News agency, "the British left their sick and wounded behind. The retreat, which they pretend was carried out systematically, in reality was a head-over-heels flight."

Panic Reigns at Saloniki. The Overseas News Agency says: "Private reports from Saloniki indicate that a state of panic reigns there. The Greeks are hostile to the English, who behave arrogantly. The French and British are on bad terms."

Nearly fifty members of the Serbian Parliament are living in a hotel there. They have formed a provisional Parliament and play cards during the night while Serbian refugees are starving in the streets. The people of Saloniki are anxiously awaiting liberation by the central powers."

Turks Win in Caucasus. CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 22.—(Via London.)—The Turkish war office has given out the following statement:

"There was local fighting on the Irak front (in Mesopotamia) at Kut-E-Amar. A hostile attack against the tenth sector on the Caucasus front was repulsed."

"On the Dardanelles front hostile ships violently bombarded, until late in the evening different camps in order to destroy the booty abandoned by the enemy. The bombardment failed to achieve its purpose. Hostile attacks at Seddul Bahr repeatedly were repulsed."

"The counting of the war material and military equipment left behind by the enemy at Art Burnu and Amfaria has not yet been completed. Among the booty near Art Burnu were two heavy guns, one Schneider field gun, a great quantity of ammunition, especially cartridges, rifles, a great number of mules, ammunition carts and tents filled with provisions and telephone material."

ADVANCE IN RATES BEFORE OFFICIALS OF FIVE STATES

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Commissioners and their attorneys are not a unit on whether an appeal will be made and before they do anything they will go into all the legal phases of this question.

What May Be Done. If it is decided that an appeal be taken the case will go direct to the United States supreme court. At the time of starting proceedings an injunction will be applied for restraining the railroad from putting into effect the new tariffs increasing the passenger rates.

Some of the attorneys for the commission are positive that an appeal can be taken, while others are just as positive that one would not be considered by the supreme court.

In support of their contention the attorneys who are fearful that an appeal would be thrown out of court take the position that if the decision had been against the railroad there would be no question about their rights to appeal. On the other hand, they maintain that each state being a part of the United States and the Interstate Commerce commission a creature of the United States government, a state or its officers would not have the legal authority to step in and attempt to overthrow a decision by this commission. The contention is that the authority of the Interstate Commerce commission exceeds that of any state railway commission, and that therefore there could not be an appeal.

Bandits Executed in City of Mexico

GALVESTON, Tex., Dec. 22.—Six members of the bandit gang recently captured in Mexico City were publicly executed today, according to a message received by Juan T. Burns, Mexican consul here. Four others condemned to death were given a reprieve at the last moment. Five women arrested with the gang have been given long prison terms, the message says. The bandits had been able to avoid capture for some time by means of forged documents, which made the police believe they were army officers.

Today's message says that an official announcement regarding the government's policy toward the redemption of outstanding notes by banks will be published shortly.

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DOUBLE LEASE OF LAND IS LEGALIZED

Federal Court Rules Surface and Lower Strata Can Be Separately Rented.

OIL CASE FROM OKLAHOMA

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 22.—An opinion regarding the leasing of land was handed down in the United States circuit court of appeals here today. The opinion legalizes the granting of two different leases on the same piece of land, one for the surface and the other for lower strata.

The opinion upheld the seizure by the Midland Oil and Drilling company of half an acre of land from the leasehold of O. Kammerer, a farmer of Nowata county, Oklahoma, to enable the oil company to develop its leasehold in the oil and natural gas deposits beneath the land.

Company Seizes Land.
On June 1, 1913, John B. Woodward, a Cherokee Indian, leased forty acres of land which he owned to Kammerer for agricultural purposes for five years at \$20 a year. Later he leased the oil and gas rights in the land to the Midland company. The oil company invaded Kammerer's farm, seized half an acre of land on which to install a drill and began operations.

Kammerer obtained an injunction against the oil company, but this was dissolved by the United States district court for the eastern division of Oklahoma. Today's decision affirmed the order dissolving the injunction. The opinion was written by Judge Smith and was concurred in by Judge Adams. Presiding Judge Sanborn dissented from their views.

Judges Divide.
Judge Smith and Adams hold that the owner of the land has complete dominion over every part of it, from the sky above to the center of the earth beneath it. He has not only the right to dispose of it in vertical sections, but also in horizontal sections. Therefore, it is said, if the owner, after leasing the top strata of his ground for agricultural purposes, discovers that in the underlying strata are deposits valuable to himself, he is at liberty to dispose of that strata, irrespective of the other leases.

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LAST OF VILLISTA ARMY WIPED OUT; NO QUARTER GIVEN

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Military organizations in the surrendered Villa territory and Coahuila in command of former Villa troops.

Villa Seems Swallowed Up. The mystery surrounding General Villa's whereabouts baffled military authorities, State department representatives and local police. Last night Villa was expected to reach Juarez at dawn, according to reports to the American consulate at Juarez. For several days the report has been current that Villa was at the Bustillos ranch west of Chihuahua City. For four days commercial wires south of Juarez have carried no message from the deposed northern chieftain.

The departure from Juarez of American Consul Edwards coincident with the first news of Villa's retirement caused speculation whether he had received instructions to receive Villa at a point agreed upon east of here, possibly Sierra Blanca. Edwards said he intended taking a brief rest, but it was pointed out that he would hardly leave for such a reason when Mexican affairs might develop peril to Mrs. Edwards at Juarez. Mrs. Edwards scouted the published reason for his absence and declared he left on business, the nature of which and his destination she would not discuss.

Juarez is Unsettled.
The reported arrival of Trevino at Chihuahua and Coahuila, ratifications of the surrender places Villa if still in Chihuahua state between hostile forces. Should he seek to reach the United States he is likely to come to the border, east or west of Juarez as that city is unsafe because the surrender specifically excluded Villa and his brother, Hipolito.

Normal conditions prevailed today in Juarez. The embargo in effect early in the day against the travel of Americans across the Rio Grande was rescinded and subsequently American border patrols returned to camp. However, some apprehension was apparent among business men in Juarez which was noticeably relieved upon receipt of information that General Alvarez Obregon had left Nogales and was expected to reach Juarez tonight.

Washington Optimistic.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Optimism was expressed in official circles tonight regarding the Mexican situation. The surrender of General Obchoa, commanding the Villa garrison at Juarez, and his acceptance of a commission under the de facto government was one of the chief reasons for the hopeful feeling among officials, who expressed the belief that Obchoa's capitulation put an end to Francisco Villa as an actual menace.

Villa might remain at large, they said, and continue troublesome, but without an army it was believed he could do little to disturb border peace.

No interest was manifested in Villa's ultimate destination.

KRUPP WORKS IN TURKEY WRECKED BY AIR BOMBS
COPENHAGEN, Dec. 22.—(Via London.)—The National Tidende prints a statement of a Dane from Constantinople that the Krupp works outside of Constantinople have been destroyed by bombs dropped by British aircraft.

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