

KOENIG IS CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY

Hamburg-American Employee and Another Man Indicted for Alleged Plot to Blow Up Canal.

EDMUND JUSTICE IS ALSO HELD

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Indictments were returned today charging Paul Koenig, chief detective of the Hamburg-American line, and Richard Emil Leyendecker, an antique dealer, with conspiring to dynamite the Welland canal. Edmund Justice, a Hamburg-American line watchman, was also indicted with Koenig on charges of conspiring to secure military information for the German government.

The indictments against Koenig and Leyendecker charge them with conspiring to "set on foot in the United States a military enterprise against the Dominion of Canada."

The indictments set forth that a part of this alleged conspiracy was to destroy with dynamite or other means the Welland canal, leading from Port Colborne on Lake Erie to Port Dalhousie on Lake Ontario.

As a part of the plot to destroy the canal, the indictments allege Koenig and Leyendecker planned to secure employment for their agents in various factories and mills adjacent to the canal.

Wetting Admits Buying Potash.

Max Bretling, under indictment with Robert Fay, Dr. Herbert Klenke, Walter Scholz and Paul Daechse on charges of conspiring to blow up munition ships leaving this country, today admitted through his attorney, John B. Stanchfield, that he bought 50 pounds of chloride of potash for \$75. The admission was made when Mr. Stanchfield moved for a separate trial for Bretling.

Bretling purchased the potash, one of the chief components in certain forms of explosives, at Fay's request, Mr. Stanchfield said, and in so doing, acted in good faith and was entirely innocent of any plan to destroy ships. Decision on the motion was put over till January 2, when decisions on similar motions by two of the other defendants will be rendered.

William McCulley, whose name was first given as Robert McCauley, and who was taken to police headquarters at the request of Department of Justice officials, investigating the plot to dynamite the Welland Canal, was released today after having been questioned by federal officials.

Although McCulley admitted having known Paul Koenig, chief of the Hamburg-American line detectives, who is accused by the government of having formulated the Welland canal plot, for five years and having recently been in his employ as a "trailer," federal officials said there was nothing to warrant holding the man.

Declares Germany Crushed So Far as Trade is Concerned

LONDON, Dec. 23.—"As far as commerce is concerned, Germany is a beaten nation, and it is for us to see that it does not revive," Walter Runciman, president of the Board of Trade, told the House of Commons this afternoon in reviewing the steps taken by the board for the reorganization of British industries after the war.

Enumerating the name of subjects which the Board of Trade is specially investigating, among them being German control of oil fields in Europe, Mr. Runciman remarked that this raw material was of such vital interest to Great Britain that the board was taking special steps to see how much of the German control of this product could be transferred to Great Britain so that the latter's interest would be safeguarded.

Continuing, he said: "Germany's trade in South America and the east has received a serious blow, and it is the duty of the board to see that our business men have every advantage."

Mr. Runciman said there was no basis for the reported belief on the continent that Great Britain in thus looking ahead was inclined to think of the return of its commercial prosperity rather than of "knowing ourselves heart and soul into the attainment of the main object."

Judge A. J. Seay, Early Governor of Oklahoma, is Dead

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 23.—Judge A. J. Seay, formerly territorial governor of Oklahoma, died at his home here late last night. He was 82 years old.

Judge Seay was appointed territorial governor of Oklahoma in 1892 and served a term of two years. During the preceding two years he was supreme judge of the territory of Oklahoma.

Judge Seay served a term as judge of the district court of the eastern Missouri district of Missouri, beginning his duties in 1885.

He was born in Amherst county, Virginia. He came to Long Beach about three years ago. He was not married.

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ANTI-SEMITISM IS REVIVED IN BERLIN

Base Defamation of German Jews by Tages Zeitung Provokes Tart Retort from Tageblatt.

MINOR NOBILITY IS BLAMED

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—(Via London).—Anti-semitism, an issue which has been almost dead since the beginning of war, has been revived this week by the Tages Zeitung and other newspapers. In consequence a controversy which may be described as almost bitter has broken out between papers of the Tages Zeitung stamp on the one hand and those like the Tageblatt, which adopted a liberal attitude in regard to the Jewish question, on the other.

Liberals Recent Movement. The more liberal papers resent intensely every anti-Jewish movement, particularly as it is asserted German Jews have borne their share of the war's burdens liberally and are doing their utmost for the fatherland in both a military and in an economic sense.

The present revival of the anti-semitic movement began with a savage attack in the Tages Zeitung against Eugene Dietrich of Jena, who had accused "a Berlin newspaper"—inferentially the Tages Zeitung—of being anti-Jewish. The latter denied it was the newspaper attacked and further roused Jewish feeling by putting the blame on still another Berlin journal.

The Tageblatt entered the controversy, calling the Tages Zeitung utterances "base defamation of German Jews, many of whom died for the fatherland after voluntarily joining the army—in which they were notably different from certain anti-semitic nationalist typewriter heroes, who have not lived up to the war promises they preached for years."

Theodore Wolff of the Tageblatt, who is perhaps the most prominent editor of Germany, declares that notwithstanding the recent revival of anti-semitism the feeling against Jews in Germany is gradually on the wane, existing nowhere to a great extent except possibly among the minor nobility.

"I am glad to be able to say there is absolutely no anti-Jewish movement in government circles or in the high nobility," Mr. Wolff said. "The Jew now has equal rights in the army and may become an officer along with a Christian. In virtually all strata the Jew is found intermingled with all others."

DEATH RECORD.

Mrs. George Smith, KEARNEY, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram).—Mrs. George Smith, aged 79, and a resident of Kearney for twenty-five years, died here early this morning from heart trouble, after a short illness. She had long been prominent in social and church affairs. She was a native of England, and leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters. The sons are prominent business men of this city.

William Heffron, HASTINGS, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram).—William Heffron, hostler at Ingleside and one of the best known horsemen in the state, for a long time proprietor of a livery stable here, died today following an operation yesterday for bladder trouble.

Mrs. L. E. Alee, EDGAR, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Mrs. L. E. Alee, died at her home in Edgar yesterday evening of Bright's disease. She leaves a son, Raymond. Her husband having died thirty years ago.

Heavy Loss in Farm Fire, PIERRRE, S. D., Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram).—A heavy loss of property and a hard fight to save farm buildings, occurred northeast of this city last night when a general telephone call for help aroused the country and took out several automobile loads from this city. Over 100 tons of hay was burned at the Hodge farm, and as much more for B. Bagby with others incurring smaller losses before the fire was brought under control.

GREECE FEARS MORE BULGARS MAY CROSS LINE

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amounted to only one-third as many, according to the statement.

In a magazine in the Golden Horn a quantity of dynamite exploded. Fifty soldiers and ten civilians were killed and a number of civilians were wounded. One house was burned.

German Official Report.

BEHLIN (Via London), Dec. 23.—The war office announced today that the summit of Hartmanns-Werkkopf, captured earlier in the week by the French, had been gained by the Germans.

The text of the statement follows: "Western theater of war: During hot fighting yesterday a brave regiment of the 2d Landwehr brigade recaptured the summit of Hartmanns-Werkkopf. The enemy suffered extraordinarily severe losses and left twenty-three officers and 1,538 men in our hands. We are now busy clearing some portions of a trench on the northern slope which is still occupied by the French."

"The figures given in the French report of yesterday evening regarding the fighting around Hartmanns-Werkkopf on the 21st inst. are exaggerated by at least one-half. Our total losses, including all the killed, wounded and missing, so far as at present ascertained, amount to 1,100 men."

French Official Report.

PARIS, Dec. 23.—The following communication was given out at the war office this afternoon: "The night was relatively calm over the whole front. To the south of Arras in the vicinity of Beaurains our artillery kept up its destructive fire against the positions of the enemy. In Champagne there was fighting at close quarters with hand grenades at the east of Navarin Farm and in the section of Hill No. 38."

"In the Vosges at Hartmanns-Werkkopf, the situation is unchanged on our left. Our right continued to make progress yesterday."

JAPANESE LINER SUNK BY TORPEDO

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arranging to forward them to their destinations. On the passenger list were fifty-one men, fifty-four women and fifteen children, most of whom were British subjects.

The agents in their report say further: "The passengers express great admiration for the skill of the captain and officers, and for discipline of crew. Perfect order was maintained during the disembarkation which was carried out with the greatest promptitude."

IDENTITY OF AMERICAN.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—W. J. Leigh is an American citizen, born in China. His father was a Californian.

Mr. Leigh has spent most of his life in China, but he recently has lived in England. He was returning to China in the Yassaka Maru to take a position with a business house. His family is in London. Mrs. Leigh has received a cable message saying her husband is safe.

Ship Sinks Quickly. TOKIO, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yassaka Maru reached Tokio today and caused great excitement. The advice received here says that the steamship was sunk by a submarine near Port Said. Advice received by the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, states that the Yassaka Maru was torpedoed without warning and that it sank in 49 minutes. This occurred the afternoon of Tuesday and it was midnight when the passengers and crew were rescued by the French gunboat.

HYMENEAAL.

Lowrey-Johnson. AVOCA, Neb., Dec. 22.—(Special).—Mr. Reuben C. Johnson and Miss Lydia M. Lowrey, both well known young people living near Dunbar, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lowrey, near Dunbar, on Wednesday.

BORDEN TALKS TO PILGRIMS

Premier Says Relations Between United States and Canada Were Never Better.

FOUNDED ON SINCERE GOOD WILL

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sir Robert Laird Borden, Canadian premier, in an address before the Pilgrims society in New York at luncheon today, declared his belief that relations between Canada and the United States "were never more firmly founded on true understanding and sincere good will, than at present."

He referred to the relations between Canada and the mother country as "never so closely united in ideal, inspiration and effort as at the present time." He referred to nearly 4,000 miles of unguarded boundary between Canada and this country as evidence of friendly relations.

"During the last half century or more these relations have on the whole been intimate and friendly; during the last twenty-five years they have steadily improved, and I believe they were never more firmly founded on true understanding and sincere good will, than at present," were his sentiments of the relations between the Dominion government and the states. And in that connection he added, "I beg you to consider what might have been spared to humanity during the last fourteen months and in many months to come, if such examples had been followed."

Barney Bertsche and James Ryan Given Liberty by Governor

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 22.—Governor Dunne today freed by commutation of sentence "Barney" Bertsche and James Ryan, whose testimony recently convicted former Chief of Detectives Halpin and other Chicago police grafters.

Bertsche and Ryan received indefinite sentences on the indictments for alleged swindles, which were said to have profited the police as well as themselves. Today's action was in accordance with a recommendation of the State Board of Pardons and fulfills a promise of immunity given the pair in exchange for their testimony.

Ryan is a clairvoyant swindler by his own testimony. Bertsche testified by his own testimony, Bertsche in the payment of money to the police by the "clairvoyant trust."

Revolt in India Reported Spreading

BERLIN (Via Wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.).—The Hamburger Fremdenblatt today printed a Constantinople despatch, which says: "The revolutionary movement in India lately has assumed large dimensions. The British authorities have been unable to suppress it despite most energetic measures. Great bitterness prevails among the native troops, battalions after battalions deserting and joining the insurgents. Native troops which were ordered to attack the insurgents mutinied and attacked the British."

Indiana Starting Boom for Fairbanks

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 23.—Sixty out of the ninety-two counties of Indiana have sent in petitions asking that the name of Charles W. Fairbanks be placed on the ballots for the primary next March for the preferential vote for the republican nomination for president, according to a statement made today by L. W. Henly, secretary of the republican state committee. The primary law requires that the petition be filed not later than January 7, 1916.



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CARDINAL MERCIER RETURNS THANKS

Primate of Belgium Writes Letter of Appreciation of Work of Americans for Belgium.

MANNER OF GIVING IS FINE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium has addressed the following letter to Herbert C. Hoover, chairman of the American committee for relief in Belgium:

"I understand you have so kindly addressed a new appeal to the generosity of your countrymen to provide clothing for our so painfully destitute people. I confess I had much preferred to shake hands with my American brothers in token of thankfulness for what they already have done than that we should again stretch to them the open hand to beg."

"Your country has already done so much for us; it has given us much in food and above all in personal co-operation for our economic rehabilitation; it brings us this help with such a moving and complete spontaneity that we have long desired to convey to your people a full expression of gratitude, un tarnished by renewed appeals to their generous impulses. But you yourself, dear friend, invoke us to appease our scruples and, therefore, I know better than anyone the destitution of our Belgian people should feel myself traitor to my duty as their pastor if, through an exaggerated feeling of national pride, I should refrain from also pleading for those who are suffering."

"Only yesterday tears arose in my eyes when, crossing the street in Malines, I met a party of strong, honest workmen, with stooping heads, their eyes fixed on new clogs. These were men habituated to the support of wives and children through their own labor, but

had been for fifteen months without work. The last of their savings are exhausted. Their shoes were worn out and the relief committee had distributed among them some clogs with the injunction to use the leather rags from the worn-out shoes as linings to keep their feet from dampness.

Manner of Giving Appreciated. "You Americans, who prize highly the value of labor and so possess the natural impulse of earning comfort and success by your own exertions, will well understand the mental suffering of noble souls forced to depend upon charity. Therefore, you also know how to hide your liberalities under anonymous veils and how to distribute them through hands as delicate as they are discreet.

Interpreter of the feelings of the Belgian population, we thank you as much and more for your way of giving than for the gifts themselves. May I add that one of the greatest benefits for which we shall feel eternally indebted to the American people will be the fixing on America of the admiring attention of the Belgians. The Belgian people have learned to know you well, to look at you in a beautiful light, to feel to some extent what they would gain in following your footsteps."

Will Imitate American Virtues. "When the hour of reconstruction comes we will invoke them to keep their eyes on your great land of fecundating initiatives; your land of ambition for comfort not through covetousness of other people's wealth, but through tenacious will to individual endeavor with a patriotism that ignores civil discord and draws its strength from a collective love for national progress; yes, we will invoke our people to imitate your high virtues and we are confident that our benefactors will find in this spreading of their own moral influence their real reward."

"Please accept, dear friend, the expression of my high esteem and devoted gratitude. (Signed) "CARDINAL MERCIER, Archbishop of Malines."

Department Orders.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Special Telegram.—Postoffice at Dome, Sioux county, was discontinued; mail to Morrill instead of Cape May. Mrs. Stella S. McGill appointed postmaster, Mansfield, Albany county, Wyo., vice John O. Steffy, resigned.

THEY DIE OF GRIP IN PENNSYLVANIA

Death Rate So High that Health Commissioner Issues a Public Warning.

MUST KEEP OUT OF CROWDS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—The death rate from the epidemic of la grippe now sweeping the state has been so high that Samuel G. Dixon, state health commissioner, issued a statement at Harrisburg tonight calling attention to the seriousness of the public that if the disease is to be avoided, "sacrifices must be made."

"Keep out of crowded places," Dr. Dixon says, "as one person having the grip may give it to a carload of passengers."

In this city the bureau of vital statistics issued 60 burial permits during the first three days of this week, the majority of the deaths being due directly or indirectly to la grippe. This is more than double the ordinary death rate. It is estimated that nearly 15,000 persons in Philadelphia alone are suffering with the disease, which has been particularly fatal to the very old and very young.

Attendance at all the public schools has been greatly reduced and in several sections of the state schools and colleges have been forced to close. Factories, department stores and other business houses have also been affected by the epidemic and in many instances the number of employees obliged to remain at home has been so great as to seriously curtail operations. Hundreds of firemen and policemen are confined to their homes with the disease while Philadelphia Rapid Transit company reports 49 of its employees on the sick list.

Reports from Camden, N. J., tonight were to the effect that there are at least 1,000 cases in that city.

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