

TWO SLAIN IN HOLOUP

HENRY MUESSEL, WEALTHY BREWER OF SOUTH BEND, IND., AND EMPLOYEE SLAIN.

SON PERHAPS FATALLY SHOT

Bandits Invade Office of Brewing Company and After Vain Attempt to Loot Safe Escape—Eighteen-Year-Old Boy Witnessed Battle.

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 3.—Henry Muesel, general manager of the Muesel Brewing company, and his chauffeur, Frank Chrobot, were instantly killed by two masked robbers who attempted to loot the safe in the brewery office here.

Owing to the prominence of Henry Muesel, reputed to be a millionaire, the entire town was aroused. Posses scoured the districts and the surrounding country throughout the night, but no trace of the murderers was found.

From Robert Muesel, the eighteen-year-old son of Walter Muesel, president of the company, the police gained their most accurate description of the robbers. Robert Muesel was in the office when the bandits entered.

Henry Muesel was one of South Bend's wealthiest and most prominent citizens and was well known throughout northern Indiana.

He owned a large tract of land in the vicinity of his brewery and a number of years ago presented to the city a valuable strip of this property for school purposes. Here a school building, said to be the finest and best equipped in South Bend, was erected and given his name.

MINNESOTA GOVERNOR DIES

W. S. Hammond, Former Representative in Congress, Stricken in Clinton, La.

Clinton, La., Jan. 3.—Gov. Winfield Scott Hammond of Minnesota died suddenly on Thursday in a hotel here from a stroke of apoplexy which physicians said apparently had been superinduced by a recent attack of pneumonia poisoning.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 3.—J. A. A. Burnquist was sworn in on Thursday as Minnesota's nineteenth governor, to succeed Winfield S. Hammond, who died at Clinton, La.

SAFETY FIRST



FRENCH LINER IS SUNK U. S. INDICTS 8 MEN

EIGHTY PERSONS DIE WHEN STEAMER IS TORPEDOED.

Ville de la Clotat Attacked in Mediterranean Without Warning—No Americans on Board.

Paris, Dec. 29.—As a climax to the most serious revival of submarine warfare since Germany ceased active operations on this line in the north, 80 persons lost their lives when the French liner Ville de la Clotat was torpedoed by an unidentified submarine in the Mediterranean on December 24, according to the latest reports received here on Monday.

A British steamer of the Moss line rescued all the passengers and members of the crew who had been able to escape in the ship's boats.

Official announcement of the attack upon the liner was made here. It declared the vessel was attacked without warning, and as only the periscopes of the submarine were seen, it was impossible to determine the nationality of the war vessel.

The Ville de la Clotat was one of the largest vessels sunk in the Mediterranean by submarine attack. She was of 6,300 tons.

All of the indicted men, except Lamar and Von Rintelen, are officers or former officers of the peace council, an organization which, the government charges, was formed and financed by Rintelen to bribe labor leaders to call strikes in munition plants, in furtherance of German propaganda in this country.

U. S. WON'T INTERN AVIATORS?

Secretary Lansing Asked to Hold British Flyer for Violating America's Neutrality.

New York, Dec. 31.—The possible violation of American neutrality by the presence here of Lieut. Melville De Rinzly of the British army and three French aviators is "receiving the earnest attention of the government," says a letter from Secretary of State Lansing, received by George Sylvester Viereck. It has been reported that the government had decided not to intern the aviators.

SOCIALISTS INDORSE THE WAR

French Body Adopts Resolutions Demanding That the Conflict Be Carried to Its End.

Paris, Dec. 31.—The national congress of the French Socialist party before adjourning adopted a resolution demanding that the war be carried on until Alsace and Lorraine are won back by France and the independence of Belgium and Serbia restored.

Music Lessons, \$225,000,000.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Americans spend annually on musical education \$225,000,000, declared President J. Lawrence Erb of the University of Illinois at the opening of the thirty-seventh annual meeting of the Music Teachers' National association here.

Un-equipped for Household.

Washington, Jan. 3.—"Women are more poorly equipped for the profession of motherhood than for any other business," says Ida M. Tarbell, summing up the question of the "Essential education for the average woman."

Slays Four With an Ax.

Danbury, Conn., Jan. 3.—Arthur Steele, a negro hotel employee, committed suicide here after he had brutally murdered four persons with an ax. His victims were his wife, brother-in-law and two step-daughters.

CONGRESSMAN BUCHANAN OF ILLINOIS, AMONG NUMBER.

Fowler and Lamar Also Named in Munition Plot—Peace Council Accused of Conspiracy.

New York, Dec. 30.—The federal grand jury on Tuesday indicted for conspiracy to foment strikes in American munition factories the following men: Congressman Frank Buchanan of Illinois.

H. Robert Fowler, former congressman from Illinois.

Frank S. Monnett, former attorney general of Ohio.

David Lamar.

Jacob C. Taylor, president of Labor's National Peace council.

Franz von Rintelen, a German agent.

H. B. Martin.

Herman Schultze.

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Recalled Naval Attache of German Embassy Blames All to Provisional Journal—Sails for Home.

BRYAN HALTS PEACE TRIP

Reservations on the Liner Rotterdam Canceled Because of Ford's Return.

New York, Dec. 30.—Capt. Karl Boy-Ed, former naval attache of the German embassy in Washington, who was recalled by the German emperor at the request of the United States government because of "improper activities," sailed on Tuesday on the Holland-American liner Rotterdam for Rotterdam.

Before sailing Captain Boy-Ed issued a statement in which he bade farewell to his friends in the United States and in which he defended his action in sending supplies to German warships at sea, and blamed a Providence newspaper for starting what he termed "spy hysteria" throughout the country.

Sailing on the Rotterdam with Captain Boy-Ed were Col. E. M. House, friend and confidential adviser of President Wilson, and Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium.

New Minnesota Head is In.

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Germany's Food Conditions.

Berlin, Jan. 3.—Count Westarp of the reichstag committee which has been investigating food conditions, reported that the existing supply is sufficient to feed Germany's population, no matter how long the war lasts.

TELLS PEACE TERMS

SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWS BUREAU CIRCULATES SUMMARY OF GERMAN CONDITIONS.

\$14,000,000,000 INDEMNITY

No Annexation of French Territory, Separation of Poland From Russia and the Restoration of All German Colonies Will Be Demanded.

Berlin, Dec. 31.—The semi-official Wolff bureau circulated among the German newspapers an exhaustive summary of an article from the Neue Zuercher Zeitung of Zurich, Switzerland, purporting to give in considerable detail the terms upon which, according to the newspaper, Germany is ready to consider peace.

The terms named include the restoration of Belgian sovereignty under certain conditions, no annexation of French territory, the separation of Poland from Russia as an independent kingdom under a German prince, the restoration of all German colonies, the payment of an indemnity which would assume the form of a transfer to Germany of Russia's indebtedness to France, amounting to some 18,000,000,000 francs, and the payment for a term of years of an annual contribution by Belgium equal to the amount hitherto spent annually on the Belgian military establishment.

A similar contribution would be expected from Russia or Poland, this point not being clear in the article.

Whether the Belgian territory would be restored entirely is not specified in the newspaper, but it is stated that the country would be policed—that is, garrisoned—by Germany until the payments of the contribution were ended, and that measures would be taken to prevent Belgium from serving as an Anglo-French outpost, either by treaty arrangements or perhaps through "pledges" turned over to Germany, the latter phase apparently referring to the retention of the Meuse fortresses.

The Wolff bureau is careful to disavow authoritatively that the article is interpretable as a German peace feeler.

SHEVLIN DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Millionaire Football Star Victim of Malady Caused by Coaching Yale Team.

Minneapolis, Dec. 31.—Thomas Shevlin, millionaire lumberman and famous Yale football star, died here on Wednesday of pneumonia after an illness of only six days.

Mr. Shevlin caught cold when coaching Yale football squad last fall, and was unable to shake it off.

Shevlin played football at Yale four years and was captain of the team in 1905, when Yale had the greatest team in its history.

Although in operation only ten months, Hotel Fontenelle, Omaha's new \$1,250,000 enterprise, is already proving such a successful investment for the builders that the Douglas Hotel company, which owns the property, has been able to declare a six per cent dividend.

Alinsworth is to have a new rural route beginning on March 1. It will accommodate about eighty-five patrons. This will make three routes out of the city. An auto will be used in making the deliveries. Autos have been used on the Alinsworth routes for over two years.

Petitions are being circulated in Fairbury and throughout Jefferson county asking that the name of Peter Jansen be placed on the ballot for the primary elections in April as candidate for delegate from the Fourth district to the national republican convention to be held in Chicago June 7.

The Central Power company of Grand Island, which generates its electricity by means of a water wheel at Boelus, has the contract for delivering all lighting and power used in Central City and has commenced the supply. Central City has a plant that will be held in reserve for emergencies.

President George F. Wolz of the Fremont Commercial club has been notified that the moving pictures of the tractor meet taken last August, will be shipped to Fremont to show January 26. The film is 16,000 feet long, requiring about five hours to reel it. The picture will be shown at six other towns in the state.

Stores in the town of Jansen will close during the rest of the winter at 7 o'clock with the exception of Wednesday and Saturdays evenings, which is thought will be sufficient time for farmers to get what they need after field hours. Fairbury closes the general stores at 6 o'clock with the exceptions of Saturday nights and Rock Island payday nights.

The public school athletic field at Hartington has been converted into a public skating rink by flooding it with city water.

While working on an electric light pole to make a connection for a line to attach to a sample whistle which was being demonstrated to the Superior fire department, an employe of hold of two live wires and he was straitened out in view of the on-lookers. His life was saved by the quick action of other employes, who reached a nearby switch and shut off the current.

Big Decline in Wine Output.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Bonvivants who revel in Rialto gayeties will find their wine bills in 1916 mounting higher, because of the heavy decline in French production in the wine output for 1915.

Snowstorm in California.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 3.—Snow began to fall Wednesday night and the ground was covered with a mantle of white. This was the first snowstorm in this city in more than ten years.

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Norfolk has opened up its municipal skating rink at the ball park.

The annual basketball game between the University of Nebraska and the University of Kansas is to be held at Lincoln January 14 and 15.

Two couples of Kearney, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Majors, recently celebrated jointly their golden wedding anniversaries.

The annual state checker meeting will be held at Hastings the first four days in February. Contestants from all over Nebraska will take part in the meet.

The Midwest Retail Implement Dealers' association will hold their regular yearly convention in Omaha, commencing January 18 and lasting four days. A monster delegation is expected.

Regular attendance at Sunday school for six months in the punishment inflicted on six young men of Alinsworth by the Rev. C. P. Stevens of the First Christian church for joyriding in his automobile.

The municipal Christmas tree committee of Hastings announced that the tree was so successful that another will be decorated next year, when it is planned to have a more elaborate program.

It is said that railroads in Nebraska were never in better shape than now to fight snow drifts on the lines west of the Missouri river. The Burlington has a number of new rotary plows ready for service.

At the annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of County Attorneys, held in Omaha, George A. Magney of Omaha was elected president, and A. V. Thomas of David City was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The Nebraska Master Builders' association, organization of building contractors, formed a few months ago, will hold its first annual convention January 11 and 12 in Omaha. More than 400 are expected to attend.

The League of Nebraska Municipalities will hold its seventh annual meeting in Kearney February 9 and 10. That the convention will be the biggest ever held by the association is voiced by Secretary Roscoe Ozeman of Lincoln.

Nebraska Retail Clothiers' association holds an annual convention in Omaha the second Tuesday in February. This is expected to be the biggest meeting ever held by the association.

An epidemic of grippe is raging in and around Harrison.

Nebraska won over Iowa in the two-day chess tournament at Omaha. The final score by points was: Nebraska, 18½; Iowa, 13½.

"Pete" Barron, Nebraska, had the high individual score, winning six games, losing one and drawing one.

Charles H. Baker of Des Moines and T. H. Pollock of Plattsmouth, who are promoting a project for oil and gas in southeastern Cass county, have signed a contract with a Kansas City well firm for the drilling of a test well, and work will commence at once.

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North Platte Catholics are planning the erection of a \$25,000 parochial school.

The sports of Valley have organized a gun club with a charter membership of fifteen.

Beatrice has abandoned the use of gas for street illumination and only electric lights are now in use.

Excavation has been done for the new Lyric theater at Tekamah. Work on the building will begin at once.

William Wilson, an employe of a cigar factory in Hebron, was found frozen to death four miles south of that place.

Citizens of Wayne are trying to get enough young men to join a militia company to fill the vacancy in the Fourth regiment.

Many counties over the state have already named delegates to attend the county assessors' meeting in Lincoln, January 19 and 20.

Bids for the erection of a new federal postoffice building at Aurora have been opened at Washington. They range from \$43,338 to \$86,000.

A community club was organized at Hooper recently for the purpose of lending financial support to the town band and other public enterprises.

Alexander McCarthy, 10, of Norfolk, was made ill with peritonitis, due to the application of the Stecher scissors held by a playmate in a wrestling match.

A spur track will soon be built on the Northwestern tracks at Hooper, which will be used for the unloading of automobiles and other heavy machinery.

Rev. J. J. Hamsey, pastor of the United Brethren church of Hastings, arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct, has been bound over to the district court.

While eating a small piece of steak in a restaurant in Omaha, John Hall, a stone mason, aged 40, choked to death when a piece of th emeat lodged in his windpipe.

The dedication of the new rural high school in district No. 82, Saunders county, will take place on January 11. An elaborate program is being arranged for the occasion.

The famous John O'Connor case is again up in district court at Hastings. There are one hundred claimants for the \$100,000 estate left by the dead reclus, who died in August 1913.

Preparations are going forward for the annual state poultry show at Falls City, January 17 to 22. The entry list is expected to be a large one and a splendid exhibition is anticipated.

Revel meetings under the charge of Rev. W. W. Underkofler are being conducted in the United Evangelical church at Rosedale. There have already been several conversions.

It is said there are five automobile owners among the members of the soldiers' home at Grand Island. An agent who visited the institution a few days ago declares he placed orders for four more.

Football will still continue at Kearney State Normal next year, but any member backward in his studies will not be allowed on the team. Total abstinence from liquor, proper behavior, no swearing and other stringent rules are to be enforced by the athletic board.

It begins to look like Newman Grove is actually going to get a new depot next year. A representative of the company has staked out the location. The new building will be considerably larger than the present one. It will contain two waiting rooms besides the freight room and office and will be a modern building in all respects.

At the meeting of the Iowa-Nebraska-South Dakota race circuit, held at Sioux City, recently, the following dates were fixed for closing entries: Iowa state fair, August 14; Nebraska, August 21; South Dakota, August 23, and Sioux City, September 4. W. E. Mellor was elected president, and C. N. Mellvaine secretary of the association.

Stone quarry work in the vicinity of Weeping Water continues to be brisk. The sand and gravel company has ordered another crusher head to be placed in their plant at the Olsen quarry west of town. They already have two crusher heads at the plant. This quarry has orders that will keep their force of men busy all winter.

The twenty-sixth volume of the Lincoln city directory shows that Lincoln's population has been increased by 3,175 during the last year. The directory contains 35,792 names and, using the multiple of 2 1-4 to represent the names of married women and children whose names are not included, indicates a population of 80,532 at the present time.

Legislators of Nebraska are to banquet in Lincoln February 25 on the occasion of the annual reunion of the members of the Nebraska Legislative league. Secretary Henry C. Richmond of Omaha was there recently and made arrangements with members of the staff of the legislative reference bureau to lend assistance in the preparation of a program for the affair.

The store of Henry Martin of Moore, field was broken into recently and the safe blown open. The thief secured \$50 of Mr. Baker's money and some money of the Degree of Honor, variously reported from \$10 to \$50. No merchandise was taken.

Work has been started on the big drainage ditch which is being constructed in Kearney county, just south of Kearney. The ditch is located about two miles west of that point and empties into the Platte river there. It is a fraction over a mile in length.

SPARKS FROM THE WIRE

Geneva, Dec. 30.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Vienna on Tuesday says: "Chancellor von Bethmann-Holweg is expected in Vienna shortly with the full conditions under which the central powers will accept peace. After discussing the terms with Baron von Burian, the Austrian foreign minister, the conditions will be officially communicated to the allies, Germany suggesting that the first conference be held at The Hague."

New York, Dec. 29.—Ted Lewis defeated Willie Ritchie here last night in ten rounds.

Gatesburg, Ill., Dec. 29.—Fire destroyed the principal business block of the village of Little York, Warren county, causing a loss of \$65,000.

TO ASK BRITAIN TO EXPLAIN

Washington Preparing Protest Against Interference With American Mail To and From Holland.

Washington, Dec. 31.—On the basis of reports received from Consul General Skinner at London, the state department is preparing a protest against British interference with American mail to and from Holland. The protest will be transmitted to the British foreign office as quickly as it can be drafted.

Officials said on Wednesday that the protest will be abruptly worded, and Great Britain will be asked to explain her acts immediately.

Alleged Forger Takes Life.

Sterling, Ill., Dec. 31.—T. N. Childs of this city is alleged to have forged the name of Ed Shurtleff, former speaker of the Illinois house of representatives, for \$500. After his arrest he committed suicide to escape disgrace.

Bernstorff Mail Seized by British.

Washington, Dec. 31.—Mail from the German foreign office to Ambassador Bernstorff has been seized by the British. It is said the mail contains instructions from Von Jagow on the Lusitania case.