

PAID WAR PLOTTERS

CAPT. VON PAPAN RECEIVED MONEY FROM BERNSTORFF FOR "INTELLIGENCE" WORK.

U. S. WILL GET DOCUMENTS

Copies of Checks Showing Payment to Horn, Bridge Dynamiter, and Suicide Spy, Are Sent to Washington From London.

London, Jan. 17.—Photographic copies of correspondence check books and accounts seized from Capt. Franz von Papan when his ship was stopped at Falmouth are on their way to the American state department from Ambassador Page.

The papers show that the German military attaché, who was recalled at the request of the Washington government, made frequent payments to persons implicated or accused in connection with the blowing up of munition works and the Canadian-American bridge at St. Croix, Me.

Several payments were made to Capt. von Papan by Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador at Washington. Most of these were for salaries or bonuses. A number of entries showed payments made by the ambassador to the military attaché for "war intelligence office." One of the payments on this account, made in October of 1914, was for \$2,300.

Von Papan's check stubs, bank books and letters from his bank, the Riggs National bank of Washington, show about 500 items, many of which had to do with routine expenditures. Others, however, revealed payments to various persons who have figured prominently in the activities of German agents in America, and to at least one spy who committed suicide in a cell in an English prison.

One entry shows that Captain von Papan gave \$700 to Werner Horn, who was convicted of blowing up a Canadian Pacific railway bridge at St. Croix, Me.

The day before this check was issued the German embassy paid \$2,000 into Captain von Papan's account.

Another check stub shows that about two weeks before the explosion in Seattle on May 30, 1915, Captain von Papan sent \$500 to the German consulate at Seattle.

In January, 1915, Captain von Papan gave a check payable to Amick & Co., New York, but with the name E. Kuepferle in brackets on the stub. This is believed to have reference to the man named Kuepferle, who, after being arrested in England on a charge of espionage, committed suicide, leaving a written confession in his cell.

GEN VICTORIANO HUERTA DIES

Former Dictator of Mexico Succumbs at El Paso, Tex., After Repeated Hemorrhages.

El Paso, Jan. 15.—Victoriano Huerta, former provisional president of Mexico, died here on Thursday night. Repeated hemorrhages of the lungs followed the administration of the final sacraments and immediately preceded death. The family was at his bedside.

Victoriano Huerta was more typically "Mexican" than any of his rivals for the dictatorship of Mexico. He was of almost pure Indian blood.

He was born in one of the provinces in 1854 and was sixty-two years old. As a youth Victoriano Huerta was sent to the National Military school at Chapultepec, where he took a seven years' course, and was graduated in the engineers with credit.

After a time he was appointed to subordinate commands by President Porfirio Diaz. He was known among the half-savage Mexican soldiers as "a man eater" who ruled with iron.

FIVE INDICTED IN WAR PLOT

Four Men and a Woman Charged With Conspiring to Ship Rubber to Germany.

New York, Jan. 17.—Five persons, including one woman, were indicted by a federal grand jury on Friday, charged with conspiring to ship rubber secretly to the German government in violation of United States customs laws. The alleged conspirators indicted are: Edward Weber, a cousin of Alfred Weber of the Deutsche bank of Berlin; Paul Schmidt, an employee of the Rubber and Geyse company, 108 Water street, New York; Max Jaeger; Mrs. Annie Dekers, a resident of Holland; Richard Wohlberg, a cement dealer living in the Bronx. Jaeger, it is charged, came to the United States as an agent of the German government, planning to ship quantities of rubber through the British blockade. Mrs. Dekers and Jaeger, it was alleged, attempted to ship the rubber to Germany in their trunks as "personal effects," in violation of customs regulations.

Sora Cathedral Is Burned. Rome, Jan. 17.—The cathedral at Sora was destroyed by fire while services were in progress commemorating the earthquake at Avezzano and Sora a year ago. The fire destroyed the statue of St. Restituta.

Turks Occupy Persian City. Constantinople, Jan. 17.—Turkish troops have entered the important Persian city of Kermanshah, according to unofficial reports received here. Kermanshah is a Persian trading center of about 30,000.

THAT HAPPY PAN-AMERICAN FAMILY



(From a Rare Old Wood Engraving Probably Made in 1916)

BETHMANN OPENS DIET DRAFT BILL TO PASS

CHANCELLOR DECLARES PRUSSIAN SPIRIT IS INVINCIBLE.

Says Nation is Marching to Sure Victory—Country Can't Be Starved Out by Enemies.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—"Together with our king and emperor we march toward the turning of the road sure to victory," declared Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg in his address opening the 1916 session of the Prussian diet.

Speaking in his official capacity as prime minister of Prussia, Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg declared that the Prussian spirit is invincible, and that Germany is showing the world that she cannot be starved out.

"As our enemies forced this war upon us they must also bear the guilt and responsibility as the nations fight to inflict wounds upon each other," said Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg.

"Our enemies planned to demoralize Germany by cutting her off from the transatlantic world, but this plan has failed. Our agricultural resources assure the nation of sustenance. We are relying upon the strength of our industries—we are relying upon what we can produce ourselves with which to defend ourselves."

At the conclusion of his speech the prime minister announced that a bill would be introduced increasing the income tax. Railroad building in Prussia will continue, he said.

IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS

New York, Jan. 14.—The new Leyland liner Huroon, from Galveston, was torpedoed off the Irish coast, according to reports in shipping circles.

Washington, Jan. 14.—Austria has assured the United States that no Austrian submarine was responsible for the sinking of the British liner Persia with the loss of two American lives. Following receipt of introductions from his government, Baron Erich Ziwedinek, Austrian charge, went to the state department and filed the formal denial. The charge stated that the Austrian admiral now has received word from every one of its submarines operating in the Mediterranean. None was in the vicinity where the Persia was sunk. None saw the P. & O. liner. The Austrian government suggests that either a mine or an internal explosion was responsible for the loss of the Persia.

Youngstown, O., Jan. 15.—The United States Steel corporation announced that it would spend \$7,000,000 on the construction of ten bar mills at McDonald, near Girard. Work will start on the plant April 1.

17 DIE IN TRAIN CRASH

Collision in Canadian Pacific Railroad Yards at Brandon, Man.—Mercury 46 Below.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 14.—Seventeen workmen were killed, fifteen fatally injured and a score badly hurt in the Canadian Pacific railway yards at Brandon, Man., as the result of a collision between a snow-clearing train and a heavily laden stock train. Sixty men were in the caboose, which was being shifted to another part of the yard. It was 46 below zero at the time.

U. S. Releases Armed Limer.

New York, Jan. 15.—The Italian steamer Giuseppe Verdi sailed for Genoa, after receiving permission from McAdoo to leave port with two guns mounted on her stern. The guns are for defense purposes.

Ask Embargo on Arms.

Washington, Jan. 15.—A monster petition demanding that an embargo be imposed on the exportation of arms and ammunition was presented to the house on Thursday by Representative Bennett of New York.

BRITISH CONSCRIPTION ASSURED BY BIG MAJORITY.

People Are Behind the Government and Cabinet Members Withdraw Their Resignations.

London, Jan. 14.—Following the Irish party's promise of support, military conscription for England was assured beyond the shadow of a doubt when the government's compulsory service bill passed its second reading in the house of commons by 431 to 39. The first reading, at which the Irish opposed the bill, resulted in a vote of 403 to 105.

Previous to the vote Premier Asquith declared in the house that unless the compulsory military bill was passed Great Britain could not do its part in the fulfillment of its obligations to its allies.

The overwhelming majority in favor of the bill shows the country absolutely behind the government's policy, and makes certain the final passage of the bill despite any opposition by labor organizations. That such opposition will be met, both in a political way and through labor strikes, was indicated by union leaders.

The miners' federation, the strongest labor union in the United Kingdom, will vote on a resolution declaring in favor of a national strike against conscription.

The executive committee voted two to one in favor of submitting the resolution to a referendum of all the miners.

The resignations from the ministry of the labor leaders, Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education; William Bruce and George H. Roberts, respectively parliamentary undersecretary for home affairs and lord commissioner of the treasury, have been withdrawn. Hope is expressed that this may mean at least a partial cessation of labor opposition to the bill.

SIX BRITISH FLYERS KILLED

Germans Bring Down Four Aeroplanes on Western Front—Repulse Attack Near Arrmentieres.

London, Jan. 14.—The shooting down of four British aeroplanes, the repulse of a British attack near Arrmentieres and the destruction of German trenches near Lille are the stirring war events chronicled in the official reports.

"Four of our aeroplanes sent out yesterday have not returned," says the British announcement, which also tells of a British repulse of a German "bombing" attack near Givenchy.

A German statement from Berlin says lieutenants Boelke and Immanuel shot down a British aeroplane apiece northeast of Tourcoing and near Bapaume. Another British plane was shot down in an air fight near Roubaix and a fourth near Ligny. Six of the eight British officers on the four aeroplanes were killed; the two others were wounded.

Take U. S. Soldier Off Ship.

Washington, Jan. 17.—It was stated on authority that this government will not take any action as a result of Alfred Clarke of the Fifth United States Infantry being taken off an American ship at Kingston, Jamaica, by the British authorities and examined as to his nationality.

Massacre More Armenians.

London, Jan. 17.—The massacre of 1,500 more Armenians by the Turks in December was reported in a telegram from Erzerum. The men were executed and the women and children drowned in the Euphrates.

Miners to Get Raise.

Duluth, Jan. 17.—All the larger mining companies operating in Minnesota and Michigan iron ranges have announced a pay increase for all miners, to take effect February 1. The increase will be 10 per cent.

AUSTRIA GETS TRUCE

MONTENEGRINS SAID TO HAVE ASKED THE TEUTONS FOR SEPARATE PEACE.

MYSTERY IN LOVCEN FALL

It Was Thought Easily Possible for Italy to Have Prevented Capture of Stronghold—French Aviators Bombed Bulgar Trenches at Strumnitza.

Rome, Jan. 15.—By an armistice agreed upon between Austria and Montenegro, Austria has gained control of the Adriatic sea.

Montenegro also becomes virtually absorbed by the Teuton invading forces, as was Serbia, but this is of minor importance compared with Austria's realizing its object of making the Adriatic an Austrian sea, thus checking Italy's ambition to make it an Italian sea.

Italian authorities declare, however, that it was Austria which proposed the cessation of hostilities, with the purpose of negotiating separate peace.

The armistice followed the capture of Mount Lovcen by the Austrians. By gaining Mount Lovcen, the Austrians dominated Cetinje, capital of Montenegro. It is believed the aged King Nicholas will no longer continue his unequal struggle against the Austrians.

Italy had so much at stake that officials and diplomats had been waiting anxiously for the steps Italy would take to relieve Montenegro and at the same time avert another Austrian extension on the Adriatic. They were aware that Italy had once before prevented Austria from gaining territorial concessions from Montenegro, near Cattaro, by emphatically objecting to the treaty made in 1912. As Italy was then a member of the triple alliance, Austria reluctantly yielded to the Italian objection.

It was believed that dynastic reasons would play a part in Italy's assistance of Montenegro, as King Nicholas' daughter is the wife of the king of Italy, but help from that quarter did not arrive, as the Italian expedition was landed farther south, in Albania, and has not been heard from since.

Athens, Jan. 15.—A squadron of French aviators on Tuesday bombarded the first line of Bulgarian trenches in the Strumnitza sector, wrecking several trenches and killing and wounding a number of soldiers.

OFFER TO RETURN TO G. O. P.

Progressive National Committee Ready to Eliminate Roosevelt as Candidate—Meet in Chicago June 7.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—As a political entity the Progressive party will have no existence in the national campaign of 1916 if the Republicans grasp the olive branch which was proffered to them by George W. Perkins and other Bull Moose leaders in the meeting of the Progressive national committee in Chicago held on Tuesday.

That the Progressives in their peace advances are willing to forego a presidential nomination for Theodore Roosevelt, if amalgamation and harmony can be brought about thereby, was revealed in the following statement by Mr. Perkins, made at the end of the committee's session:

"We are all hopeful that both parties will agree upon someone, and it need not necessarily be Mr. Roosevelt."

This remark was made after Colonel Roosevelt had sent a message to the Progressives in which he asked them to subordinate party to country.

Immediately after the message had been read the committee decided upon Chicago as the place and June 7 as the time for holding a national convention.

Mr. Perkins defined what he regards as the issues in the coming campaign and the relation which the Progressive following holds to them.

He reiterated the party declarations of 1912 and then proclaimed the proposition of national military and naval preparedness as the prime issue of the campaign this year.

CETINJE TAKEN BY TEUTONS

Austrians Capture Capital From Montenegro—King Has Fled to the Mountains.

Vienna, Jan. 17.—The capture of Cetinje, capital of Montenegro, was announced by the war office on Friday. The present location of the Montenegrin capital is uncertain. There have been conflicting reports as to the whereabouts of King Nicholas, but he and the officials of his government probably have taken refuge in the mountains. With Cetinje in the hands of the Austrians, the Montenegrins are hemmed in on almost every side.

Consider Dyestuff Bill.

Washington, Jan. 17.—Scores of experts appeared before the ways and means committee of the house to urge the passage of the bill, the object of which is to establish and foster the dyestuff industry in the United States.

Troops Quell Hawaii Riot.

Honolulu, T. H., Jan. 17.—Honolulu's tenderloin district is under martial law as a result of a systematic raid which was participated in by approximately 500 United States troops of the Ninth cavalry (colored).

CONDENSED NEWS

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

The new Presbyterian church at Wahoo was dedicated recently.

The dates of the Cedar County Teachers' institute have been set for the week of August 21 at Hartington. Omaha's annual Automobile show will be held February 21 to 26. A big and successful show is anticipated.

Farmers of Scottsbluff county the past season harvested the enormous crop of 378,693 tons of sugar beets.

The Ak-Sar-Ben organization of Omaha cleared \$9,890.42 in 1915 above the expenses of the year's festivities.

President Wilson has nominated Frank M. Broome of Alliance, to be receiver of public moneys at Valentine.

The Grace Lutheran church of Hooper has purchased a lot and will build a beautiful new edifice in the near future.

Judge W. H. Westover of Chadron has filed as a non-partisan candidate for re-election to the office of judge of the Eleventh judicial district.

Levi E. Otto of Aurora, and one of the wealthiest men in Hamilton county, was found dead in his garage, where he had been asphyxiated by gas formed in working with his new automobile.

Deposits in the four national banks of Fremont at the close of business December 31, last, show an increase of \$565,157.66 over the same period a year ago, according to the reports of the four institutions.

A report from Adams is to the effect that the recent fires in that vicinity and at Firth are to be investigated by the state fire commissioner. Three fires have occurred in Firth since June.

Figures compiled by a Fremont newspaper in its annual review of the progress of Fremont during the year 1915 show that the total improvements, including residence and general, amounted to \$577,390.

Automobile pilgrims passing through Lincoln on the Omaha-Lincoln-Denver highway next summer will pass under a magnificent electrical arch to be erected in the Capital City, costing in the neighborhood of \$2,500.

Fire destroyed the D. M. Dean mill and electric power house at Valparaiso. The buildings were out of the district which could be reached with water from the mains and the desperate efforts of fire fighters were unavailing.

Roy R. Barnard, editor of the Loup Valley Queen of Calloway has turned over the reins to James C. Naylor and Harry B. Yates. Mr. Barnard has been in the newspaper business for twenty-two years, the last fourteen being spent in Calloway.

The annual meeting of the Nebraska Public Health association will be held in Omaha January 25 and 26. The meeting will be held for the purpose of discussing the questions which arise over the state in regard to the public health and to acquaint the officers with the new rules.

The first of the two annual meetings of the Nebraska Collegiate Press association will be held in Omaha, February 18. Anne M. Johnson, president of the organization and editor of the Bellevue college "Purple and Gold," announced in the January number of that paper.

The Monroe Independent Telephone Co. will absorb the Albion Independent February 1. The company has made application to raise rates and tax the upkeep to the patrons, who are up in arms about it. The Albion Commercial club is endeavoring to stop such proceedings.

County Assessor George Smith was the first to set the political ball rolling in Richardson county this year by asking a filing as a candidate in the coming primaries in April. He filed as a democratic candidate for supervisor in District No. 4, comprising Grant and Liberty townships.

A \$15,000 fire visited the town of Miller recently, completely destroying the M. E. Cruisberry general store. This is the second large fire which has visited Miller within comparatively short space of time. The entire north side of Main street was destroyed by a conflagration late last fall.

The first step to prepare for the sixth annual basketball tournament of the High schools of the state was taken when Athletic Manager G. E. Reed of the state university sent invitations to every high school in the state to participate in the big tournament, which is to be held in Lincoln March 8, 9, 10 and 11.

Nebraska durum wheat, out of which the macaroni is made, has commenced to arrive on the Omaha market in fairly large quantities. Last year it sold at a premium over the other varieties and it is doing the same thing this year. Prices run 1 to 2 cents higher. It now sells around \$1.12 per bushel.

Otto Zuelow of Schuyler has filed an acceptance of a petition nominating him as a republican candidate for congress in the Third district.

With 3,351 names attached to it, the Madison county seat removal petition has been filed with the board of county commissioners at Madison. The petition asks the county commissioners to call an election to submit the matter of relocating the county seat to the voters. The petition contains 97½ per cent of the number of voters who voted at the last general election in the county.

The Elgin Community club is discussing the project of erecting a community building.

The Northwest Nebraska Press association will hold a meeting at Wayne January 28 and 29.

Five candidates have filed for the postoffice at Leigh and will submit to an election for the place.

The public school garden contest will be made a part of the regular work in the schools at Crawford. H. E. Burkett of Hartington has announced his candidacy for the office of district judge on the non-partisan ticket.

The postoffice revenues at Columbus for the past year showed an increase of \$1,200, reaching a total of \$19,234.

Beatrice is interested in the matter of the organization of Boy Scouts. There are fifty juvenile troopers in the company.

The Democratic State Press association at its Lincoln meet and political banquet decided to meet at Hastings in June.

Another mid-summer race meet is assured at Kearney. The dates for the holding of the meet have been set for July 3, 4 and 5.

A Columbus newspaper says that city made permanent improvements in business and residence districts, of more than \$100,000 last year.

Eddie Varner, of Adams, is the leading trap shot of the state in the official averages of the Interstate Trap Shooting association, just issued.

The Burlington has commenced cutting ice for use on the McCook, Sterling and Lincoln divisions at Curtis. Several hundred men are employed in the work.

At a meeting of the directors of the Dodge County Stock Show company it was decided that the annual exhibit be held at Hooper September 19, 20, 21 and 22, 1916.

E. L. Brush of Norfolk was chosen president of the Elkhorn Valley Medical association at its meeting in Fremont. It was voted to hold the next meeting in Norfolk next July.

Fire from a defective flue destroyed the Christian church at North Platte, with a loss of \$4,500. A \$600 piano was ruined by smoke and water, as was also all the church furniture.

Representatives of the Nebraska Jewelers' association were in Grand Island recently making arrangements for their annual convention to be held in that city February 23 and 24.

Fifty-nine conventions were held in Omaha during 1915, according to records kept by the bureau of publicity. A total of 29,389 delegates from out-of-town were enrolled in these conventions.

Owing to the congested condition of Gering schools, the question of providing additional room for the balance of the present season and the building of a new school next year is being agitated.

February 21 to 25 are the dates set for the annual meeting of the Sunday School Workers of the Christian churches of Nebraska, at Hastings. It is expected that about 150 tollers for the purpose will attend.

A ladies' auxiliary to the United Spanish War Veterans, Harry E. Brown camp No. 11, has been formed at North Platte. This is the third such organization in the state and will be affiliated with the national organization.

Falling thirty feet from a windmill turning a complete somersault, striking his leg on a fence and finally ending up by bumping his head on the ground, is the experience of Harold Hughes at his farm ten miles northwest of Hastings. He suffered only slight injuries.

Since November 15 nothing has been heard of Roy Ackley, a farmer, ten miles northwest of Anselmo. Ackley left home that day, saying he was going to his brother's, a few miles away. A search has been made, but no trace of the missing man has been found.

The athletic board of the state university announces that Dr. E. J. Stewart, athletic director at the Oregon Agricultural school, had been selected as all-year athletic coach at Nebraska, and that Dick Rutherford will be his assistant. It also announced that Jumbo Stielm's resignation has been accepted, and will take effect at once.

Because the new dairy building at the state university farm, Lincoln, will be finished and occupied by January of next year, the Nebraska association of ice cream manufacturers at its meeting in Omaha decided to meet in Lincoln in 1917 so that delegates may have advantage of many matters of special interest to them.

Judge Corcoran of Hastings disallowed all heirship claims to the \$100,000 estate of John O'Connor, reclusive and alleged reformed bandit. He took under advisement the jurisdictional question of whether the state's suit to secure title to the estate was prematurely brought, since a suit over a will is pending in the supreme court on appeal from a verdict finding that the instrument was forged.

Architect J. C. Pedersen of Gering has been employed to draw the plans and superintend the construction of a new school building at Bridgeport, which will cost from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Denmark defeated Germany for the tournament championship and side bet of \$500, 2½ inches in 20 minutes. America defeated England, 6 feet in 12:24.5; Sweden defeated Bohemia, 9 inches in 20 minutes; Ireland defeated Italy 5 inches in 20 minutes in the international tug-of-war contest held in Omaha.