

### Big Shakeup in Naval Officers Expected Soon

#### Sweeping Changes in High Command Expected to Follow Return of Admiral Denby.

Washington, April 13.—Sweeping changes in the high command of the American navy are expected to follow Secretary Denby's return today from his visit to the fleet. Recommendations for the readjustment were on the secretary's desk when he reached the department and he has been urged to expedite action.

It is understood the suggested changes included the following: Admiral Robert E. Coontz, now chief of naval operations, to command the combined fleets, succeeding Admiral Hilary P. Jones, who would go to the general board.

Eberle on List. Admiral E. W. Eberle, commanding the battle fleet, to be chief of naval operations.

Rear Admiral Thomas Washington, chief of the bureau of navigation, to command a foreign squadron, probably the Asiatic fleet. He would be succeeded by Capt. Richard Leigh, now assistant chief of the bureau.

Command of the battle fleet held for the present in abeyance, with Admiral S. S. Robeson, a member of the general board, heading the list of officers recommended.

May Command Scout Fleet. Rear Admiral W. V. Pratt, also a member of the board, and one of the two advisors to the American arms conference delegation, to command the scouting fleet.

Rear Admiral Charles B. McVay, chief of ordnance, to command a battle ship division.

Changes in command of most of the individual battleships also are in prospect, and several have been announced.

#### Bandit Kills Jewel Clerk Slow to Obey Commands

San Francisco, April 13.—Ernest Endahl, a jewel clerk, was shot and killed last night by an unmasked bandit when he was a bit tardy in obeying the command of the intruder to hold up his hands.

The bandit was captured a few minutes after the shooting by a traffic officer.

Smith entered the store of the San Francisco jewelry company and asked to be shown some wedding rings. He selected one and paid for it with a \$10 bill. As Joseph Mandelkern, another clerk, was ringing up the sale, Smith ordered "hands up!"

Mandelkern and Hill Goldwater, the proprietor, obeyed the command promptly, but Endahl appeared a little too slow for the bandit and he fired point blank at him.

#### Five Held on Liquor Charge

Norfolk, Neb., April 13.—Thomas Lowell, Fred Haines, Peter Hansen and his son, Peter, and Thomas Mackey, all of Nebraska, were bound over in federal court here on a charge of selling liquor to Indians. They were released on bonds of \$500 each.

### German Payments to Allies Equivalent to About \$20,000,000,000

Washington, April 13.—Germany has paid the allies in cash, ships, lands and materials of various kinds, a total of 100,000,000,000 marks, equivalent to about 20,000,000,000 American dollars, according to figures by the German treasury department and transmitted to Washington.

Included in this total is an allowance for the relinquishment of Alsace-Lorraine. Other items included in the compilation are:

For deliveries from material on hand since the armistice, 29,334,000,000 gold marks; payments and deliveries from national capital and current production, 14,113,000,000; cash payments, 2,149,000,000; other payments and deliveries, 2,371,000,000; expenditures and losses within Germany, 10,482,000,000.

### Millions Sought as Whisky Tax

#### Government Plans Campaign to Force Bootleggers to Disgorge Wealth.

Washington, April 13.—The government today decided to launch a campaign to force illicit whisky dealers to disgorge millions of dollars alleged to be due the government in taxes on liquor sales. Internal revenue collectors, co-operating with prohibition authorities have been ordered to dig into the records gathered in raids and seizures for evidence to compel payment of the hidden revenues.

The new drive grows out of sensational disclosures of a ring of Georgia bootleggers. Bank accounts and other records that show the extent of their operations have been opened to the government's experts. The evidence gathered in this case is being followed up in a score of states at this time by revenue collectors, for it developed that the Georgia "ring" of whisky dealers was affiliated with other rings in almost every important "wet" stronghold.

### Local Insurance Agents Hold Meeting at York

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee.

York, Neb., April 13.—The annual convention of the Nebraska local insurance agents convened in the Elks home here for a two days' session. The meeting was called to order by the president, T. B. Martin of Omaha, J. E. Sebastian of North Platte, secretary, made an interesting talk on the state association and its needs. Practical suggestions on where to find surety business and how to develop it, particularly in smaller communities were given by Spencer Welton, vice president of the Fidelity and Deposit company, Baltimore, Md.

### Germany Urged to Assume Offense on Reparations

By Associated Press.

Berlin, April 13.—Germany should assume the offensive on the reparations problem by exercising all possible efforts for the reaching of a solution as soon as possible, declared Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, democratic member of the reichstag and former cabinet member, in an article in the Tageblatt.

### Slayer Priest Justifies Act

#### Kalamazoo Divine Shoots Fellow Prelate to Death After Argument.

Kalamazoo, Mich., April 13.—"God Almighty justified it; otherwise He would not have permitted me to fire the revolver," Rev. Charles Dillon said today, confessing the slaying of Rev. Father Henry O'Neill.

Father O'Neill, pastor of St. Augustine's Roman Catholic church here, was shot six times by Father Dillon last night at the supper table, dying instantly. Father Dillon alleged Father O'Neill persecuted him.

Father Dillon will not be brought into court today to face a murder charge, it was announced. Further investigation into Father Dillon's alleged mental torture at the hands of Father O'Neill will be made before any charge is preferred against Father Dillon.

"I would do the same thing over again under the same circumstances; I am willing to pay society's price for the act," said Father Dillon, according to authorities. "Give me a life in Jackson prison. I am sorry I shall not be hanged or electrocuted."

"I am not insane. I can pass any mental tests," he told city and county officials, according to police today. "I killed Father O'Neill deliberately. He persecuted me; he belittled me; he did not even call me Father; he treated me like a boy; he refused to let me visit families of the parish or to take part in the life of the parish except that of the meanest and most humble."

Father Dillon said he had "been drinking during the day," a medicine of the name of which he did not know, containing alcohol, the police announced today.

"There was between 15 and 18 per cent alcohol in it," Father Dillon is alleged to have told the police.

#### Life Picturesque.

Father Dillon's life has been picturesque and as a traveling missionary he has visited many countries.

Discussing his differences with Father O'Neill, Father Dillon said, according to police:

"I protested in vain against his overbearing attitude, and last night when we quarrelled regarding the matter, he ordered me to pack up my belongings and leave."

"I obeyed and went upstairs and 'packed' but a revolver, not a suitcase. I then went downstairs to the dining room again. I had intended to give Father O'Neill a chance to repent before I killed him but as I advanced into the room, holding the revolver extended in one hand, I saw Father O'Neill grab for a salt cellar to hurl at me."

#### Says He Fired Twice.

"Thereupon I fired twice. After that I do not recall very well what happened."

Father Dillon is 57, a year older than his victim. Police said that he spoke as a man apparently sane. He was not a member of the Detroit diocese but was a visiting priest helping out at different places.

If you like The Bee, tell your neighbors about it.

### Tariff Commission Report on Sugar Situation Delayed

Washington, April 13.—Difference of opinion among tariff commission members as to the language to be used in their preliminary report on the sugar situation, prevented submission of the report Thursday to President Harding as planned.

The commission was in executive session much of the day, but its understanding to have adjourned over night, still widely held as to the statement of some conclusions. Some members expressed the hope that an agreement would be reached Friday. They declined to go into detail as to the points in dispute.

The president has a tentative engagement with the commission for a conference Friday at the White House to discuss procedure. It was indicated the meeting with the executive might be postponed.

### Two Attempts Made to Murder Mussolini

By Universal Service.

Paris, April 13.—Two attempts have been made to assassinate Premier Mussolini of Italy, the news of which was censored and not allowed to get out of Rome, according to last night's Weekly Aux Ecoues.

The first attempt was made in Chigi palace while the Italian dictator was holding a cabinet meeting. A trooper of the Royal guard fired at the premier, but missed him.

The second occasion was when Mussolini was in his car alone at night on the outskirts of Rome. A trooper lurking by the road fired at him at short range, but without wounding the premier. Mussolini whipped out his revolver and shot at his attacker, inflicting a severe wound, resulting in the capture of his assailant.

#### Uruguay Cabinet Resigns.

Montevideo, Uruguay, April 13.—All the members of the cabinet who held office by virtue of appointment by the national administrative council, one of the two branches of the executive system, prevailing in Uruguay, resigned yesterday.

### Divines Deplore Church Attacks

#### Issue Protest Over Attitude of Soviet Russia Toward Christianity.

London, April 13.—The attitude of the soviet government toward the Christian church of the world as manifested in the recent execution of Vicar General Butchkavitch and the condemnation of Archbishop Zelplak, forms the subject of an indignant protest issued over the names of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of York, Cardinal Bourne, Rabbi Herzl, General Bramwell Booth and other religious heads representing nearly every sect in England.

Addressed to "all men and women of good will," the document exhorts those who have at heart the well-being of the world and the maintenance of religious liberty to register their condemnation of the soviet's actions.

"The last few weeks," says the protest, "have witnessed a portent which has filled all generous-hearted men and women with horror. The ruthless warfare which the soviet government has long carried on against all forms of religious belief has come to a head. Hundreds of thousands of religious people and the ministers of religion of all ranks and creeds have been subjected to savage prosecution, the express purpose of which has been to root religion out of the land. The central facts for which religion stands have been systematically outraged and insulted. The most sacred of religious festivals (Easter) has been made the occasion of blasphemous travesty. The bolsheviks themselves have not disguised the purpose they have in view. In their own journal they declared: 'We must carry on our agitation against religion just as systematically as we do

### Million-Dollar Oil Fire Damages American Yacht

London, April 12.—The luxurious yacht Wisdom II, owned by Edward Salisbury of Los Angeles, has been seriously damaged by fire at Savona, Italy, say a Central News dispatch from Genoa. Flames starting in the petrol stores, destroyed much of the machinery, art objects and gifts which royal personages had made to Mr. Salisbury. The damage is estimated at \$1,000,000.

### Bishop, Two Nuns and 17 Passengers Drowned

Mexico City, April 13.—The bishop of Belize (British Honduras), two nuns, and 17 other passengers were drowned when a motor boat carrying them to Payo Obispo, territory of Quintana Roo, Mexico, sank on Wednesday, during a sudden storm, according to delayed advices reaching here Thursday evening.

Fifty other persons are reported to have been saved. Further details are lacking.

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