

OMAHA GAMES TAKE HEAVY TOLLS

First Step in German Rail Plan

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Earnings Pass Estimate

New York, Nov. 27.—First steps in financing Germany's railways, as reconstituted under the Dawes plan, were taken today by American and British bankers, who placed a credit of \$15,000,000 at the disposal of the German State Railway Company.

One-third of the loan will be in pounds sterling and will be underwritten by a London banking group headed by J. Henry Schroeder & Co. The New York banking syndicate headed by Speyer & Co., includes the Equitable Trust company, the Chase Securities corporation, Blair & Co., the Bank of the Manhattan company, and the J. Henry Schroeder Banking corporation.

World's Largest System

Organized in accordance with the Dawes plan to take over the operation of German railroads under private management, the German State Railway company constitutes what is said to be the largest railway system in the world, having 33,000 miles of road. Two-thirds of the equipment, consisting of 31,000 locomotives, 70,000 passenger cars and 750,000 freight cars, is less than 10 years old.

The original cost of the system, extending into every part of Germany, was \$8,200,000,000. Present capitalization consists of \$3,095,000,000 common stock, issued to the German government or the German states, and \$2,420,000,000 first mortgage bonds, guaranteed by the German government, which have been issued to a trustee appointed by the reparations commission. The company also is authorized to issue \$476,000,000 in preferred stock and \$22,500,000 second mortgage bonds, which will be pledged as security for the \$15,000,000 credit.

Earnings Grow

First indications that the railway provisions of the Dawes plan are operating successfully are given in a report to bankers, which says that net earnings of the system promise to exceed the estimates of the Dawes commission. The experts estimated that the profits from the first year operation would total \$95,000,000, but, according to the latest official information, net earnings for the first 15 months, beginning October 1, 1924, now are expected to reach \$250,000,000. This would represent an annual return almost as large as in the last year of operation.

Body of Princess Missing

Brescia, Italy, Nov. 27.—Contrary to the report current yesterday, the body of Princess Scipione Borghese drowned Tuesday in Lake Garda, has not yet been found. The search for the body is being kept up.

We Have With Us Today

H. W. Griffis, Commercial Agent, New York. Although only 28 years old, Mr. Griffis holds one of the most responsible positions in the vast Western Union telegraph and cable system. He is general commercial agent, succeeding the late A. C. Kaufman in that position.

Not so many years ago Mr. Griffis applied for and got a job with the Western Union at Atlanta, Ga., where he made a \$25 a month salary and the promise that he would have three days to make good. He did, and eventually became manager of the Atlantic office. Mr. Griffis is a pianist of no mean ability.

Woman, 54, Kills Rival, 67, for Love of Boy, 19

By O. D. TOLICHUS, Universal Service Staff Correspondent. Berlin, Nov. 27.—A woman of 54 is on trial in Vienna on the charge of murdering a woman of 67 out of jealousy over a 19-year-old boy. The trial reveals one of the strangest reactions of the "eternal triangle" on record. The accused is Francesca Pruscha, who lived with her alleged victim, Marie Ebel, a widow of 67. The object of the strange love of the two women was Ernest Melche, a high school student, who lived with them. The prosecutor charges the younger woman strangled the older to do away with her as a rival. She then robbed the victim so that she might have money to spend in order to hold the boy's love. The boy has denied the charge. The boy has been liberated of any part in the murder.

Plan to Speed Up Courts Outlined by Justice Taft

Continuance of Cases to Accommodate Lawyers Criticized; Limitation of Postponements Sought.

Washington, Nov. 27.—Important changes in rules for the transaction of business in the federal courts throughout the country, which are expected to speed up the conduct of trials, are outlined in letters just sent to all federal district judges by Chief Justice Taft.

The proposed changes were worked out at the recent judicial conference here of senior circuit judges who considered them vital as a means of expediting the orderly transaction of all federal litigation and preventing the clogging of the court dockets.

Chief Justice Taft as chairman of the conference, in transmitting the recommendations to the judges, expressed the opinion that they would contribute largely to the practical dispatch of business in the federal courts.

Must Be Cause for Continuance. To force prompt disposition of all cases, the district judges are urged to adopt a rule providing that when any case might have been brought to trial, but has not been within one year, the counsel and the parties to such proceedings shall be given notice of the first term of court following January 1 each year, 30 days in advance of its opening, and if no action is taken in such cases within that period of grace, the court shall, upon opening the term, enter an order of dismissal.

The district courts are urged to adopt a rule which would prevent the continuance of cases to another term by agreement of counsel. Other engagements of counsel should not be accepted as grounds for continuance, it is held, and no continuances should be allowed except for good cause shown by affidavits, such as sickness of a party or unavoidable absence of an important witness.

Fix Hearing Times. It is also suggested that the courts at frequent intervals fix times for the hearing of motions and the settlement of cases. Postponement of matters on such calls should not be permitted, the conference agreed, except for causes that would justify continuance of a case set for trial.

Another suggestion, designed to prevent delay frequently incident to the selection of a jury, is the adoption of a rule by the district judges, whereby the examination of prospective jurors would be made by their clerks, should counsel on either side desire additional inquiry to determine juror's qualifications beyond that conducted by the judge, the new rule would require that he submit the questions to the judge for presentation at his discretion.

AMERICAN WOMEN MISSING IN CHINA

Shanghai, Nov. 27.—Two American women—Misses Elizabeth Berglund and Ingeborg Hyatt—attached to the Augustana synod mission at Juchow, Honan province, 550 miles west of Shanghai, were missing today after their town was captured by Chinese bandits, according to a message received here from Hankow. All other foreigners excepting the two women escaped to Kialshan, 25 miles away.

Leaders of Egypt Held as Plotters

Four Prominent Members of Premier's Party Arrested; Led Conspiracy Against Assassinated Sirdar.

London, Nov. 27.—The British authorities in Cairo have taken into their own hands drastic measures to suppress possible nationalistic plottings by the arrest of four prominent members of the party organization headed by former Premier Zaglouli Pasha.

Those arrested were Nekrasch Bey, a secretary in the ministry of the interior in Zaglouli's cabinet; Abdul Rahman Fahmy, one of Zaglouli's closest political assistants; William Makram Obied, a prominent Coptic member of the nationalist delegation, and Barakat Pasha, who was Zaglouli's minister of the interior.

According to statements in official quarters in London tonight the men arrested there, after a hastily called cabinet council, that there would be no ministerial resignations as the British authorities had accepted Premier Ziwari's proposal that the men taken into custody should be handed over to the Egyptians to be dealt with.

Apparently the arrest of these nationalist agitators is regarded as merely a preventative measure and they will be placed only under observation and control. No manifestations or disturbances have followed the arrests and throughout Egypt calm still prevails.

There was no hint of any active opposition to the withdrawal of the Egyptian units from the Sudan. The withdrawal is expected to be completed by the end of the week.

No News on Albeny Plot. Nothing is known in London of an alleged plot against the life of Field Marshal Viscount Albeny, the British high commissioner. The Egyptians have taken no further active steps toward bringing the Egyptian affair to the official cognizance of the league of nations.

Opinion in official quarters here remains optimistic that a solution of the situation will be reached by means of direct negotiations between Ziwari and Viscount Albeny before the Egyptian parliament meets again.

By Associated Press. Cairo, Nov. 27.—Ahmed Zoufkar Pasha, Egyptian minister to Rome, who was offered the portfolio of foreign affairs in the new cabinet of Ziwari Pasha, has declined the post. The premier will temporarily retain it himself. Ahmed Moussa Pasha, judge of the court of appeals, has been named minister of justice.

Commenting on the appointment of Neville Henderson as British minister plenipotentiary in Cairo, the newspaper, an Anglo-Egyptian organ, says it understands Mr. Henderson comes to Cairo with full authority to negotiate a treaty before the reassembling of parliament.

The newspaper attacking Great Britain's insistence on the widening of the Sudan irrigation projects, said it would require many years to cultivate the nearly 500,000 acres of land in the Sudan involved even if the necessary labor were available and it concludes the provision was merely inserted in the British demands with the intention of dropping it later to injure the Egyptian people.

The Ahram says it understands the cabinet ministers are rounding out individual senators and deputies in an effort to learn the situation of the new ministry with regard to the parliament. The cabinet, it adds, will doubtless recommend dissolution of parliament if a majority for the ministry does not appear in the forthcoming. Considerable anxiety is being manifested in cabinet circles in this respect, it declares.

Koretz Property in Nova Scotia Worth \$100,000

Halifax, Nov. 27.—Leo Koretz, alleged Chicago swindler, held property in Nova Scotia valued at more than \$100,000 at the time of his arrest last Sunday night, according to an estimate made today by the trust company which has been appointed custodian of his effects. At least \$60,000 in cash and bonds was on deposit to Koretz's credit in a bank in Liverpool, N. S., it was said.

The prisoner, accompanied by three officers, is to start for Chicago Friday.

French Steamer Disabled

London, Nov. 27.—The French steamer *Malle*, from Havre November 4 for Buenos Aires, is reported disabled in latitude 46.42 north, longitude 6.09 west, with her engines full of water. Several vessels are proceeding to her assistance, according to Lloyd's advices.

Many Die in Storm

Astrakhan, Russia, Nov. 27.—At least 48 lives and 1,500 fishing boats have been reported lost in a severe storm which swept the Caspian sea, more than 700 fishing boats still are struggling in the ice-bound bay.

Noah's Ark a Barge and Garden of Eden a Park in New Version of Bible

Scotch Professor of Church History Draws New Picture in Many Passages Obscured by Obsolete Phraseology; Written From Original Research.

New York, Nov. 27.—Publication of a translation of the Old Testament in modern English in which the garden of Eden is called a park, Noah's ark is termed a barge and the city of David is named Davidsburg, was announced today. It is the work of Dr. James Moffatt, eminent Scotch theologian and Greek and Hebrew scholar, who two years ago translated the New Testament into modern English. Announcement of the book's publication in this country was made by the George J. Doran company. It will be released December 1.

Dr. Moffatt, who is professor of church history in the United Free Church college, Glasgow, explains in his preface that it is his belief that the Bible cannot be properly understood by the present generation unless it appears to them in the language of their every day life, just as it was read by the generation for whom it was written. It is his belief, he explains, that the Bible should be translated afresh for each succeeding generation. The book is declared to be the first translation of the Old Testament since the publication of the King James Bible in 1611.

New Translation. The book, entitled "The Old Testament, a New Translation," is the result of eight years' unaided labor on the part of the Scotch theologian, who declares that it is in no sense a revision of any previous English translation, but is a translation of the ancient Hebrew texts. Through the use of modern English and the substitution of terms and geographical descriptions familiar to the present generation for those used in other translations, Dr. Moffatt has drawn an entirely new picture in many passages where the meaning was formerly

obscured by obsolete phraseology. For instance, he opens the book of Esther as follows: "It was in the reign of Xerxes, the Xerxes who reigned from India to Ethiopia, over 127 provinces." The King James version reads: "Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus (this is Ahasuerus which reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over 127 provinces)." . . .

Tells of Creation. Dr. Moffatt's story of the creation follows: "Then God, the eternal, molded man from the dust of the ground, breathing into his nostrils the breath of life; this was how man became a living being. "In the land of Eden, in the far east, God the eternal, then planted a park, where he put the man whom he had molded. "And from the ground God, the eternal, made all sorts of trees to grow that were delightful to see, and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree that yields knowledge of good and evil in the center of the park. "From Eden a river flowed to water the park, which on leaving the park branched into four streams."

He interprets the story of the flood as follows: "So God said to Noah: 'I have resolved to put an end to every human being, for they have filled the earth with violence and outrage. I will destroy them and the earth together. "Build a barge of cypress wood, build cabins inside the barge, and cover it with pitch inside and out. "This is how you are to build it: The barge is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet broad and 45 feet high. "You must put windows in the barge 19 inches from the roof and make a door in the side of the barge; also put three decks in it."

Guard Surrounds Sheatsley Home

Ohio Pastor Offers Every Aid to Officers Investigating Death of Wife.

Columbus, O., Nov. 27.—Sadness prevails this Thanksgiving day in the Sheatsley home here.

It is the first Thanksgiving day since the family group was formed over 20 years ago that the beloved mother and faithful wife—Mrs. Adie Sheatsley, Bexley furnace victim—was absent from her accustomed place at the fireside and table.

In keeping with the spirit of the day, County Prosecutor King, city detectives and other officials who are seeking to clear up the mystery surrounding Mrs. Sheatsley's death, suspended their investigations.

Rev. C. V. Sheatsley and his two sons and two daughters arrived at the parsonage late Wednesday from Paris, O., where they had been visiting relatives since the burial there of Mrs. Sheatsley last week.

"I am willing to discard the theory that my wife committed suicide, whenever the evidence warrants," said Rev. Sheatsley, "but until definite evidence is obtained proving she was murdered I will continue to think that she took her life. I would rather believe that she was murdered—foul as such a deed is."

To newspaper men, Rev. Sheatsley stated the willingness of himself and all his children to co-operate with the authorities in the effort to solve the mystery surrounding Mrs. Sheatsley's death. They will confer with the prosecutor any time if he desires to question them again, he said.

Persons today approaching the Sheatsley home are halted by a guard and questioned. Mayor Stephen Ludwig of Bexley, issued orders detailing the guards and instructing them to bar all persons with few exceptions from the premises surrounding the Sheatsley home.

ONE INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Fremont, Neb., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Adie Winkelman, Fremont, is in the hospital suffering a fractured ankle and W. L. Pennel of St. Paul was fined \$100 and cost on the charge of illegal possession of liquor, the result of an automobile accident on the Lincoln highway.

The Pennel car was standing on the side of the highway without lights, when Mrs. Winkelman, accompanied by her son, Richard, struck the stalled machine.

Pennel was on his way to Omaha for Thanksgiving. J. B. Wilcox, Fremont, who drove by the scene of the accident, reported to police that he saw a bottle of alleged liquor in the Pennel car.

200 Spend Holiday at Hough Trial

Many Bring Thanksgiving Dinner Into Courtroom; Doctors Testify for State.

Bedford, Ia., Nov. 27.—Interest in the trial of Carl Hough, charged with the slaying of Lillian McKenney last August, is still intense.

Despite the fact that the day was Thanksgiving, the annual occasion for an enormous dinner, more than 100 persons carried their turkey to the courtroom and ate dinner there. They took no chance on losing their seats. Two hundred were in the courtroom.

Some of the listeners today had driven 80 miles to hear the testimony which the state hopes will convict the young man of strangling the girl with whom he eloped from Herrick, S. D., last summer.

Hough continued to sit in the courtroom in a nonchalant manner. So cool is he, in fact, that it is hard to tell which is attorney and which is prisoner on the defense's side of the long table. Richard Organ, defending the prisoner, often becomes excited during the cross examination, but Hough calmly listens to what is said and stares about the room.

Hough Not Interested. The afternoon was devoted to the testimony of the physicians who examined Lillian McKenney's body as it lay in the morgue. Each doctor was called into the courtroom, sworn, questioned and dismissed. None of them was permitted to hear what questions were asked the others, or what answers their colleagues made.

Because of the technicalities of the testimony the prosecution ordered a man to stand up before the jury so that the various portions of the anatomy in question could be pointed out. Even this failed to interest Hough to any great extent. He watched the witness and the "object" while the first physician was on the stand. After that his eyes were more often on the ceiling and his attention very apparently wandering than centered on any particular person.

Mother Absent. The doctors to testify were: Dr. J. W. Beauchamp, Dr. C. W. McColm, Dr. L. F. Reed, Dr. J. P. Maloy, Dr. G. W. Rimmel, Dr. J. H. Gasson.

Another contrast of personalities shown in the trial is that of the families of the dead girl and the accused man.

Elmer McKenney, the girl's mother, shows how deeply the tragedy has struck her. She was not in the courtroom today. Elmer McKenney broke down and sobbed, openly, this morning when the clothes which his daughter wore at the time of her death, were offered as exhibits.

Hough's father shows as little emotion as the prisoner. He sits near the front of the courtroom each day and watches and listens. Little escapes him and yet the interest he shows is that of a stolid.

Hough's mother, estranged from her husband, displays more emotion, yet not as much as might be expected under the circumstances. She appears to be a woman who has learned to control her feelings under any and all circumstances.

Few Dramatics. Throughout the day the state gradually spun the web of evidence with which they hope to gain a conviction of the prisoner.

The man who was called by the boys who found the body of the slain girl, the individuals who saw the body or aided in the rounding up of the clues which resulted in her identification and the arrest of Hough, were called to the witness stand to tell their stories.

There were few dramatics. The state merely had a story to tell and, forced to tell it with the words of more rather than with those of one person, told the simplest course.

The prosecution has indicated its intention to attempt to prove that Lillian McKenney was killed following a difference with Hough after he had refused to marry her after their elopement.

Slayer of Husband Is Exonerated by Idaho Jury

Sand Point, Idaho, Nov. 27.—A jury today declared that Mrs. Marie Brozeau was not guilty of the murder of her husband, Edward Brozeau, who was killed near here October 12.

Mrs. Brozeau testified yesterday that her husband had beaten her "because she refused to tend bar for him," and said he had forced her to drink with him several days before the killing. She said she could not remember having shot Brozeau.

Fishing Tug Lost

Dunkirk, N. Y., Nov. 27.—The fishing tug Harold G. Beck and a crew of six men are believed to have been lost in a storm on Lake Erie last night. An all day search failed to bring news of the missing craft.

Parker Not Seriously Hurt

Alton, S. C., Nov. 27.—Sir Gilbert Parker, the author, who was run down by an automobile last night, was painfully but not seriously injured, physicians said today. He spent a restful night.

3 Trains Bear 1,800 Children to Tomb of Abraham Lincoln

Youngsters Enthusiastic Over Trek to Martyred President's Grave at Springfield, Ill.

By Associated Press. Aboard the Lincoln Pilgrimage Special, En Route to Springfield, Ill., at Moberly, Mo., Nov. 27.—Across northern Missouri a remarkable "caravan" was passing tonight. It was a "caravan" of 41 steel coaches, comprising three special trains, and it was bearing more than 1,800 Iowa and Missouri school children to Springfield, Ill., where tomorrow they will do homage at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln.

As the three sections of the special sped through the Wabash line all along the way was being cleared to allow this remarkable caravan to pass by without interruption. Railroad officials previously had passed the word along for operators to hold watch during the night so that the youthful passengers might be transported in safety.

Nurses on Third Section. On the third section, where this story is being written, quiet is slowly replacing the hectic excitement that surged through the coaches in the earlier hours of the evening. Special nurses, accompanying the trains for expediency, and chaperons are passing from seat to seat looking after the comfort of the youngsters, and "tucking in" a few of the younger ones for the night. In the rear officials of the Shenandoah (I. O.) Kiwanis club, the organization sponsoring the "pilgrimage," are working out the watches to be held until morning.

In one coach of the section, a young traveler is settled down for a night's rest, but still standing closely beside him is a small oak tree which tomorrow will be planted in Lincoln park at Springfield and christened "The Lincoln Oak."

"Mississippi No Bigger Than Ocean." "We got to get up early tomorrow morning," he reminded his companion. "You want to see the Mississippi river, don'tcha?" The companion, apparently more worldly wise, qualified his answer: "Sure, but I've seen it already and it ain't no bigger than the ocean."

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Anti-Saloon Counsel Opposes Judge's Plan

Washington, Nov. 27.—The proposal of the recent judicial conference of circuit court judges that prohibition enforcement be concentrated under the Department of Justice would result, in the opinion of Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, in making the present situation "worse, not better."

Saving the proposal had been rejected many times "as unwise," Wheeler, in a statement made public tonight, declared court of industrial and nonbeverage liquor "cannot be appropriately transferred to the justice department," and "we would be swamped in bootleg liquor."

"To put the responsibility for all of this work in the hands of district attorneys," he added, "would jeopardize enforcement in many sections where these officers are now failing. They could cover their failure completely under the proposed plan."

Duelist Is Jailed

Budapest, Nov. 27.—Stephen Horthy, son of Admiral Horthy, the Hungarian regent, a student in the Polytechnic school, has been sentenced by criminal court to four days imprisonment for dueling. Young Horthy's adversary was given a sentence of two days. The duel was the result of an argument.

17 Drowned as English Boat Sinks

Many Vessels in Distress Off British Coast; American Tug Is Lost in Storm Off New York.

London, Nov. 27.—Much damage was done today by a furious gale which swept both the east and south coasts of England and inland points. Seventeen persons were drowned when the freight steamer Hartley, a vessel of 2,600 tons, sank off Portland. Only two men of the crew were rescued. There were many minor casualties to coastwise shipping.

The channel steamer Dieppe grounded at the mouth of New Haven harbor, and a tug which attempted to rescue it was smashed against the breakwater. The Dieppe was refloated after 56 passengers from France had spent five hours of misery aboard. The cruiser Calypso was sent from Portland to assist vessels in distress in the English channel.

Liner Breaks Moorings

At Southampton the royal mail liner Almazora of the Buenos Aires service, broke its moorings and swung about dangerously. It narrowly escaped smashing a transport. The vessel was warped into its berth again after three hours of hard work by tug boats.

The Southampton pilots who took the steamer Veendam out of port were unable to leave the vessel outside the harbor and were carried to Plymouth and landed there.

Dunkirk, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Grave fears are entertained here for the safety of the fishing tug Harold G. Beck, her master, Capt. John Beck of Buffalo, and three members of his crew. Two of the deckhands were picked up by the freighter Belgian and taken to Buffalo.

Two Men Saved. "Thetug was 25 miles out, returning to the harbor from the fishing grounds last night, when a shaft on the propeller broke during a storm. Her flares were sighted by the Belgian, which put about to attempt a rescue. Three hawsers were put on the tug, but they all snapped like threads. In maneuvering with the lines, two members of the deck crew of the tug succeeded in scrambling aboard the Belgian in a heavy fog. The Belgian stood by for two hours, but did not sight her again. Several fishing boats and a number of launches searched in vain today for the tug.

NEW NAVAL GRADE IS RECOMMENDED

Washington, Nov. 27.—The relative freedom of the American fleet from necessity to use shore bases for routine repairs is described as one of its most striking superiorities over other navies in the annual report of Rear Admiral J. K. Robinson, chief of engineering. Recognition of this factor, he said, makes it necessary that American naval officers have more varied experience than required by other navies.

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SALE OF SURPLUS WAR STUFF HELD

Washington, Nov. 27.—Sale of surplus material valued at \$128,000,000 by the War department during the 1924 fiscal year, at a return of about 36 per cent on the cost price, was disclosed today in the annual report of Assistant Secretary Dwight Davis. As about half the articles sold were used material or broken up ammunition, he explained, the return against cost price was lower than in previous years.

Transfers and withdrawals brought the total of surplus dispositions during the year up to more than \$187,000,000, and the total since the war up to \$2,168,000,000.

The year's results brought the remaining war surplus stocks so low that Davis said he hoped to be able to recommend within another six months, "transfer of the sales work to these stores to the regular supply branches of the army, which now handle salvaged material. He placed the value of the remaining surplus stocks at \$68,000,000, of which \$27,000,000 is in land and improvements.

London Wool Auction

London, Nov. 27.—A superior selection amounting to 11,973 bales was offered at the wool auction today. There was spirited bidding at current prices. The bulk of the offerings was sold.

The Weather

For 24 hours ending 7 p. m. November 27, 1924: Precipitation, inches and hundredths: Total 11.42. Total snow January 25.44. Total deficit 4.29.

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