

SEVEN STRIKERS ON TRIAL FOR MURDER ACQUITTED BY JURY

Men Accused of Killing Chauffeur During Mine War in Colorado Found Not Guilty in a Hurry.

TWELVE ARE OUT JUST HOUR

Six Weeks Spent in Effort to Secure Boxful to Pass on Evidence in Case.

SELF-DEFENSE IS PLEA OFFERED

PUEBLO, Colo., Feb. 27.—The seven former striking coal miners on trial for the murder of Luke Terry, chauffeur, near La Veta, November 8, 1913, were declared not guilty in the verdict of the jury returned in the district court today. The jury was out one hour.

The men acquitted, all members of the United Mine Workers of America, are: Charles Sheppard, Frank Kroupa, Daniel Richards, Edward Richards, Charles Richards, Peter Rich and Marcus Hatfield. The charge upon which the men were tried drew out of the killings of Terry and Harry Bryan, Walter Whitten and R. G. Adams, mine guards, and the wounding of W. H. Gambling, all employees of the Oaktale coal company, while automobiling to the Oaktale mine from La Veta during the recent coal miners' strike.

Speyer Says Firm Never Fiscal Agent For the Rock Island

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—James Speyer, head of the New York banking house of Speyer & Co., made a voluntary statement before the Interstate Commerce commission today of his firm's dealings with the Rock Island system during the period of its history under investigation. The firm never had occupied the position of fiscal agent for the railroad, he said, but acting as a principal had bought and resold between 1904 and 1912 securities of the Rock Island company itself of some \$10,000,000 face value. The total profit on those transactions for his firm, Mr. Speyer said, was \$1,488,743, or eight-tenths of 1 per cent. Not all of the firm's transactions in Rock Island securities had resulted in profits, Mr. Speyer added.

At no time, Mr. Speyer said, had his firm handled any securities of the Rock Island holding companies organized by the Leeds-Reid group.

Mr. Speyer volunteered his statement after Chief Counsel Fok for the commission had closed the commission's direct testimony of Stephen C. O'Brien, a director of the Rock Island railroad company and of the New Jersey holding company.

Mr. Mills said he had no personal knowledge of the various payments in stock or bonds in addition to salary made to various officers of the Rock Island system.

GERMAN AIRMEN DROP BOMBS NEAR NIEUPORT

PARIS, (Feb. 27.—(Via London).—A squadron of German aeroplanes has bombed the district behind Nieuport. An official note given out here today says that only two casualties were reported, a woman and an old man having been injured or killed.

The Weather

Forecast of weather till 7 p. m. Sunday: For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Snow.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Table with 3 columns: Hour, Temperature (High, Low, Wind, etc.).

Comparative Local Record. Table with 2 columns: Date, Temperature (High, Low, Wind, etc.).

GERMAN SOLDIERS DRAW PAY WHEN WOUNDED

the Kaiser's army drawing their pay and signing...



BAKERS TAKE LAW INTO OWN HANDS

Arbitrarily Cut Down Weight of Loaf and Then Do Not Give Weight Marked.

PEGG SECURES THE EVIDENCE

As the price of wheat goes down the weight of bread in Omaha goes down, a situation nobody seems to explain on any ground except that the bakers need the money.

Weight of Loaf of Bread. The present bread ordinance was passed nearly twenty years ago and provides that a loaf of bread shall weigh sixteen ounces and that a double loaf shall weigh thirty-two ounces, no mention being made as to price.

The situation today is that the bakers are disregarding the ordinance now on the statute books and have taken it upon themselves to operate under the ordinance which will be called up for discussion next Monday morning and which is not yet a law.

In response to complaints made by citizens at the office of the city sealer of weights and measures, that official has started to get busy. A committee visited some of the grocery stores Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and weighed some loaves of bread. This investigation disclosed information that bread sold under the trade-mark of "Holman" and...

Brother of Ute Indian Slain by Polk Gives Refuge of Renegades

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Feb. 27.—Because Chief Polk killed his brother Thursday night, Dutson, a Ute Indian, is on his way to Bluff to lead Marshall Nebecker's posse to the hiding place of Polk and Pacey, according to a special received by the Desert News from Bluff today. William Reed of Mexican Hat, twenty miles west of Bluff, telephoned to Bluff that Dutson was coming and warned the guards at Bluff not to shoot the Indian. Marshal Nebecker has sent men to meet Dutson and expects to utilize the Indian's services, as he is said to be fully advised as to the hiding place used by the hostiles.

President Will Not Call Extra Session of the Upper House

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson has practically decided not to call a special session of the senate to consider the Colombian and Nicaraguan treaties. At the White House today it was said that while the question still was under consideration there was little prospect of a special session being called.

GERMANS DRIVEN ACROSS NIEMEN

Russian General Staff Believes Another Plan to Attack Warsaw Has Failed.



POLITICS HAS PART IN REED'S ACTION

Attorney General Believed to Be Playing for Advantage in Rail Commission Row.

STATUTES SAID TO BE PLAIN

LINCOLN, Feb. 27.—(Special).—Nothing in months has caused so much comment as the hot air battle waged between Attorney General Reed and the members of the State Railway commission. While democrats as a general thing are upholding the attorney general, there are some who are not in sympathy with any proposition which looks like a political play to get prestige for future maneuvers.

Howell Excused From Day's Session To Visit Grandson

From a Staff Correspondent. A new grandson for Senator Howell of Douglas county came very near stopping the wheels of legislation this morning when an effort was made to adjourn the senate until tomorrow, because there were so many absentees.

Carranza Cancels That Part of Decree Taxing Foreigners

Movie Actor Killed in a Reel Battle

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 27.—An investigation was under way today for the death of Clarence Chandler, a motion picture actor, who was shot and killed yesterday in the stables of a battle scene in the San Bernardino valley near here.

Sultan of Turkey is Ready to Leave Constantinople

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Matin this morning prints a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens, who repeats the story published several times recently that the sultan of Turkey is preparing to leave Constantinople and to this end imperial trains are kept with steam up in the railroad station. The inhabitants of the Prinkipos islands, in the Sea of Marmora, not far from Constantinople, have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to leave.

Million Frenchmen Killed and Wounded, 200,000 Are Missing

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—(By Wirephoto and Telegram).—The Hamburger Nachrichten has published what purports to be an authentic list of French losses in the first six months of the war.

NO WORD COMES IN REPLY TO U. S. SEA SUGGESTIONS

Neither Germany Nor England Has Answered Note From America Concerning Shipping Question.

WASHINGTON IS PESSIMISTIC

Officials Have Not Much Hope in Success of Plan to Bring About Understanding.

MAY BE MINE MODIFICATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—No word came from either Great Britain or Germany today concerning their attitude on the American government's proposals for the removal of mines, the abandonment of submarine warfare on merchant ships and the shipment of foodstuffs to the civilian population of belligerents.

Both sides were understood still to be considering the Washington administration's suggestions. Replies were not expected for two or three days. From the press reports of England's plans for reprisals, which were decided on before the American proposals arrived, officials did not draw much encouragement for the success of their plan. They are hopeful, however, that if an acceptance of all the proposals is not possible now, there at least will be an acquiescence by all the belligerents in the suggestion that mines be removed from the high seas, except those directly guarding coast defenses and harbors.

Evelyn Not Out of Its Course When Struck by a Mine

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Minister Vanduyke at The Hague called today an unofficial report that eight of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn sunk by a mine in the North sea had been lost. Yesterday he sent an official report that the missing boat load was safe.

The first report of Commander Gerard, naval attaché at Berlin, on the sinking of the American cotton steamer Evelyn by a mine in the North Sea, received here today, indicates that the ship was not off its course as was suggested, and was, in fact, in waters where it should have been sailing.

Five Liners Leave New York for Ports in the War Zone

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Five passenger liners bound for ports in the war zone set by Germany around the British Isles were included in today's sailings from this port. Hundreds of passengers were aboard.

Two Louisville Distilleries Go Into Bankruptcy

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 27.—The Mattingly and Moore Distilling company and the F. G. Walker Distilling company, two of the oldest concerns of the kind in the state, today filed voluntary petitions in bankruptcy in United States district court.

Mongolian Will Reach Port Sunday

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Allan line steamship Mongolian, which sent out a wireless call yesterday for help because it was leaking badly, 400 miles off the coast of Nova Scotia, is heading for Halifax under its own power and should reach there tomorrow, local agents of the line announced here today.

West Virginia Lid Nailed Down Tighter

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 27.—Amendments to the West Virginia law which becomes operative today, are expected to further decrease the consumption of intoxicating liquors in the state. Under the law, as it now stands, no more than half a gallon of liquor can be bought into the state by one person, unless the quantity and quality are marked in large black letters on the package, and alcoholic beverages shall not be kept in any bowling alley, pool room, billiard house, public building, park, road or hotel.

ALLIES FORCING THEIR WAY INTO DARDANELLES

Mine Sweepers Begin Work of Clearing Mouth of Straits Under Protection of British and French Warships.

EUROPE NEEDS RUSSIAN WHEAT

Real Necessity of Releasing Vast Stores Along Black Sea Becoming More Apparent.

CZAR IS CLAIMING VICTORY

The Day's War News

ANOTHER BRITISH merchantman is reported to have been torpedoed by a submarine in the English channel. A French warship has gone to the assistance of the vessel, the identity of which has not been established.

CLASHES BETWEEN the factions favoring and opposing war continue to create disturbances in Italy and the plan of the government to suppress public meetings for the discussion led to turbulent scenes in Parliament yesterday.

RUSSIA'S STATEMENT that the German army has been defeated in the region of Praszynna and the German announcement of the capture of the city leave in doubt the situation on that part of the eastern front, where the battle at present is being waged most fiercely.

EFFORTS of the German and Austrian armies to crumple both ends of the long Russian front are reported today to have been checked. GERMAN AEROPLANES made a raid on positions of the allies near Nieuport and a French aeroplane dropped bombs on Metz.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The admiralty announced tonight that during the bombardment of the Dardanelles fortifications the battleship Agamemnon had been struck and that three men were killed. The announcement says further that the Dardanelles operations are still proceeding.

The admiralty announcement says that landing parties went ashore from the allied fleet. With the assistance thereof the four forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles were completely demolished and the fourth was badly damaged.

BULLETIN

ATHENS, Feb. 27.—(Via London).—An allied fleet aggregating forty warships today penetrated the Dardanelles straits as far as Hortali and within range of Fort Itepe, on the Asiatic side, according to reliable information reaching here today. Fort Itepe was destroyed. Various Turkish encampments also were bombed. The ships are now within range of Fort Dardanos.

A French squadron is cruising under the forts at the entrance to the straits, which are now entirely dismantled.

BULLETIN

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Matin has forwarded the following: "After the complete destruction of the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles the allied fleet penetrated the straits and shelled the interior forts. It proceeded down the Dardanelles fourteen miles from the entrance.

BULLETIN

LONDON, Feb. 27.—A fleet of British and French warships continues to hammer away today at the door of the Dardanelles, the straits which close Europe to Russia's rich grainary, and the very real necessity of releasing the huge supply of wheat on the shores of the Black sea causes the general belief that the (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)