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SIoux CITY POLICE CHIEF INDICTED ON 3 GRAFT CHARGES

Peirce Held by Grand Jury on Triple Count Alleging Acceptance of Bribes.

FOURTH ASSERTS CONSPIRACY
Saloonkeeper Also Named by Inquisitorial Body in Iowa Town Up the River.

HOTEL LESSEE IS ANOTHER

SIoux CITY, Ia., March 16.—Three separate indictments charging George Peirce, chief of police of Sioux City, with having accepted bribes were returned by the grand jury in a partial report this afternoon. Another indictment charges Peirce with having conspired with George Ford, a saloon keeper, with the intent of overlooking bootleggers in police campaigns and permitting houses of prostitution to run openly. One indictment was returned against Ford, charging him with conspiracy. "Rummy" De Roos, whose testimony has been most important in the investigation by the grand jury, is named as the other conspirator in squelching prosecution of law violators. De Roos, who has been the lessee of a string of so-called hotels, was not indicted.

The charges that Peirce accepted bribes are based on three alleged indictments—that he accepted \$55 from C. W. Nies of the Davenport hotel, \$50 from Robert Brown, operator of a dice game, on September 22, 1914, and \$240 from M. J. ("Rummy") De Roos on September 10, 1914.

Peirce's bonds were fixed at \$5,000.

Six-Dollar-a-Week Asserts Eat Less if Need More Clothes

ALBANY, N. Y., March 16.—Living on \$6 a week in New York is a very simple problem, Miss Dorothy Miller, a 10-year-old shop girl, told a legislative committee investigating the minimum wage proposition today. If one wants more food, she explained, it is only necessary to eat less food, and if more food is wanted, skip on the clothes allowance.

Before Miss Miller took the witness stand she heard in the senate chamber the minimum wage proposition criticized as unscientific, uneconomic and unnecessary. She came here at the behest of the Consumers' League of New York to relate her personal experience as a working girl. "My story is not based on theory, but it is an actual experience," she said, "and I don't want you to think that I am a pathetic little picture, for I represent 4,000 girls who earn no more than I do. At one time I did not receive \$6, but only \$5. I lived at home and was fortunate in having to pay into the house but \$2.50. That left me 40 cents a week to spare after I had paid my car fare and purchased lunches."

Two Women Killed and Third Fatally Injured in a Fire

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 16.—Two women are dead, a third fatally burned and many others injured as a result of a fire which early today burned through the upper floors of a three-story frame apartment house here.

Several firemen and police officers were cut and burned while searching rooms for occupants.

The majority of the occupants awakened by the fire, barely had time to hurry to windows and leap to the ground. Many suffered broken arms or legs. Several firemen and police officers were cut and burned while searching rooms for occupants.

The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Wednesday:
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and vicinity—Fair; not much change in temperature.
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday:
Hour. Deg.
5 a. m. 39
6 a. m. 39
7 a. m. 39
8 a. m. 39
9 a. m. 39
10 a. m. 39
11 a. m. 39
12 m. 39
1 p. m. 39
2 p. m. 39
3 p. m. 39
4 p. m. 39
5 p. m. 39
6 p. m. 39
7 p. m. 39

Comparative Local Record. Table with columns for Year, High, Low, Mean, Precipitation, etc.

GREATEST WARSHIP IN WORLD LAUNCHED

Dreadnought Pennsylvania Takes to Water While Prayer for Peace is Being Said.

GERMAN COMMANDER IS GUEST

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 16.—The new dreadnought Pennsylvania was successfully launched here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock. The largest engine of naval warfare in the world slid down the ways while a prayer was uttered that it might be a messenger of peace rather than a weapon of destruction. Christened by Miss Elizabeth Kolb of Germantown, Pa., as Secretary Daniels gave a signal, the monster hull slid into the James river and the swell tossed the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, less than 100 yards away.

Commander Tierchens, commander of the sea raider, sat in full uniform with the official party on the platform and mingled with American naval officers throughout the ceremony. A gray-haired woman approached the German commander as he stood under the towering bow of the Pennsylvania and grasped his hand. She was Mrs. M. F. Thomas of Beacon, N. Y., a member of the Society of Friends.

"Commander," she said, "I belong to a society which believes that all persons should love others as much as themselves. Do you in Germany love us as much as you love yourselves?" The captain smiled, but did not answer as Mrs. Thomas continued: "Don't you believe that we will soon have peace? Isn't it time you men stopped killing each other?" "Madame," replied the German commander, "we all believe in peace, but this war had to be. It was a necessary war for the peace of the world. After this war there will be a long peace. But at the end of the long peace there will come another war."

The German naval officer joined 10,000 Americans cheering the new American dreadnought on its slide into the sea after Episcopal Bishop Berry of Pennsylvania had read a prayer for the welfare of the president and the people of the United States, the army and navy and the peace of the world.

British Cruiser Hurt By Fire from Forts in the Dardanelles

BERLIN, March 16.—(By Wireless to Saville.)—The Over Sea News agency today gave out what they described as a report from Athens to the effect that the British cruiser Amethyst sustained heavy damage and had twenty-eight officers and men killed and an equal number wounded during an attack on the inner forts of the Dardanelles in which five British warships took part.

A newspaper at Athens has published a report that in the Dardanelles the Turks are making use of motor batteries, which they can move quickly. They are very careful of their ammunition. In this regard the allies are not equal, already they have fired away ammunition to the value of several million francs.

The correspondent at Athens of the Lokal Anzeiger says in a dispatch that the Turks have succeeded in placing new heavy guns in the Kum Kale battery, at the mouth of the Dardanelles, which have repelled fiercely to the fire of a French squadron.

Assert McManus Not An American Citizen

VERA CRUZ, March 16.—The statement was made here today by persons connected with the Carranza government that John B. McManus, the former Chicagoan who was killed in Mexico City March 11 by Zapata troops, was not an American citizen. Mr. McManus lived in Mexico City for about fifteen years, and was said to have become a naturalized Mexican.

M'CHORD CHAIRMAN OF INTRASTATE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Commissioner Charles C. M'Chord was elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission late today, succeeding Commissioner James S. Harlan. The chairman changes every year, members of the commission rotating in office.

COTTON FROM CARIB AND EVELYN DRIFTS ASHORE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Four hundred and forty-two bales of cotton from the American steamers Carib and Evelyn, blown up by miles on their way to German ports have been washed ashore at Menos Island, off the coast of Denmark.

The St. Patrick's Day Flower



Drawn for The Bee by Nell Brinkley.

SENATORS TO PROBE DODGE-M'KELVIE MIX

Instruct Lieutenant Governor to Name Committee to Make Full Investigation.

DODGE REPEATS HIS CHARGE

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, March 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The Dodge-M'Kelvie controversy over the appointment of a committee to investigate the activities of the Omaha Gas company in connection with legislation at the session two years ago came up in the senate this afternoon, several senators warming up to the subject in good shape.

Howell especially turned loose in a denunciatory speech. He demanded that as this was a republican scrap nobody but republicans should go on the committee.

Mallery thought it foolish to argue the thing from that standpoint and the motion was voted down, 14 to 17.

Known Victims of Quake Number Thirty Thousand

ROME, March 16.—(Via Paris.)—An official parliamentary report on the earthquake of January 13 gives the number of deaths thus far reported as 29,775, without including persons who afterwards died of injuries and illness caused by the disaster. The communes damaged by the earthquake numbered 32.

Howard Is Cheered When He Champions Greater Omaha Bill

Representative Jerry Howard last night addressed a company of 500 citizens of South Omaha in an open air meeting at the corner of Twenty-fourth and N streets, championing the cause of annexation. He was loudly cheered as he declared he knew what his constituents wanted.

BATTLESHIP BREAKS SHAFT DURING MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The battleship Connecticut broke one of its shafts last Sunday while maneuvering in Guantanamo bay and now is bound for Philadelphia under its own power, conveyed by the naval cutter Orion. The hull of the Connecticut is unharmed and no one was hurt.

Colorado Governor Praises House for Expelling Howland

DENVER, Colo., March 16.—W. W. Howland of Denver, expelled from the Colorado house of representatives yesterday on the report of the committee which investigated his connection with a package of currency delivered to him upon the floor of the house February 9, was released from the county jail on bonds today. He was arrested Saturday on a charge of perjury. Perennial surety in the sum of \$20,000 was furnished.

Governor George A. Carlson, in a special message to the legislature today, commends the house of representatives for expelling Howland on charges of perjury. The governor offers assistance of every executive officer in pursuing the house inquiry to discover if "in addition to perjury there has been actual bribery," and, if so, to administer proper punishment. The governor declares the house action "augurs for better things."

The governor urges the passage of the administration economy bills and the enactment of an industrial commission and workmen's compensation law.

More Than Million Prussians Are Killed Wounded or Missing

LONDON, March 16.—The last eight official Prussian casualty lists, No. 166 to No. 173, contain 1,112,000 names, bringing the grand total of killed, wounded and missing since the war began to 1,668,029 men, according to a dispatch to the Evening News from Copenhagen. The last four lists include the names of eleven airmen killed, four wounded and two taken prisoners. It would be borne in mind that these totals refer to Prussia; they do not take into account 100 Bavarian, 156 Wurtemberg, 119 Saxon and twenty navy lists.

Row Over Decoration Of Room; Shoots Wife

LEMAR, Ia., March 16.—Following an alleged trivial quarrel over the decoration of a room in their home, Dr. J. L. Reeves, local physician, today shot his wife three times. One bullet struck the woman under the chin, another in the shoulder and the third in the right side of the abdomen. She ran screaming from the house to the front porch, where she fell. Reeves told officers when arrested that he had placed the gun in his mouth in an attempt to commit suicide, but the remaining cartridge failed to explode. He is lodged in the county jail.

ITALIAN NAVY IS CONCENTRATING

Warships Are Gathering at Taranto, Home Port Nearest to Entrance of Dardanelles.

TURKISH BATTERIES SILENCED

GENEVA, March 16.—(Via Paris.)—A dispatch to the Tribune from its Rome correspondent says that a large part of the Italian navy is being concentrated at Taranto at the southeastern extremity of the country and the point nearest the Dardanelles.

The same paper prints dispatches from Vienna which state that Emperor Francis Josef on Saturday received Archduke Frederick, who insisted on behalf of the general staff in the Carpathians that Archduke Eugene should be ordered to abandon the campaign against Serbia, and also forces on the Rumanian frontier, in order to reinforce the exhausted troops in the mountains. Archduke Frederick is reported to have cited as an example of "the conditions in the Carpathians troops from the Dukin and Lypkove districts numbering 20,000, who have been fighting incessantly for six weeks, sleeping with their rifles in their hands."

Emperor Will Summon Eugene. The interview of the emperor with the archduke is reported to have taken place in the presence of Minister of War Krobatin and General Hotendorfer. The monarch, it is said, decided to summon Archduke Eugene to Vienna.

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ITALY'S DEMANDS ON AUSTRIA BRINGS NATION NEAR WAR

Crisis Reached in Relations of Southern Kingdom with the Empires of Central Europe.

LITTLE SHOW OF AGREEMENT

Pressure of Allies Strong and People Make Demonstration Against Teutons.

GREAT COMMOTION AT MILAN

PARIS, March 16.—The Havas Agency received today the following dispatch from its correspondent at Milan:

"There was a great demonstration here last night in favor of intervention by Italy on the side of the allies. Crowds of manifestants marched through the streets and gathered in front of the cathedral. The republican deputy, Sugenio Chiosa, made a speech to the crowd in front of the Chamber of Commerce.

"The police charged and dispersed crowds which were shouting: 'Down with Austria,' 'Down with Germany.'"

Reaches Chinas. ROME (Via Chinas, Switzerland), March 16.—The political pressure upon the Italian government to pledge Italy's aid in the future either to the empires of central Europe or the allies, has been augmenting for some time and is today believed to have about reached its climax.

According to thoroughly reliable sources Prince Von Buelow, the German ambassador, has given formal assurances that Germany will be able in the end to overcome the resistance of Austria and induce Vienna to concede to Italy the territorial concessions demanded, together with a free hand in southern Albania. In addition the central empires would further Italy's ambitions in the eastern Mediterranean. The German diplomat pointed out furthermore that the marine supremacy of Great Britain and France would have the effect of crushing Italy.

Arguments of Allies. Representatives of the allies in their negotiations with the Italian government, have presented the matter in quite a different light. They have united in saying that the defeat of Germany and Austria-Hungary was inevitable even without the participation of Italy. In case Italy refrained from taking part it would receive nothing from the allies when the settlements are made.

They advance the further argument that with the conclusion of peace, or shortly thereafter, the separation of Hungary from Austria was quite to be expected. This would lead to the absorption of the Austrian provinces of German nationality by Germany and the consequent extension of German dominion to Trieste, which thus would forever be lost to Italy. In addition Italy would be forced to abandon Aiyona and the Aegean Islands.

What is believed in high quarters to be an authoritative outline of the territorial demands of Italy and the position of Austria in regard to them was obtained today. The difference between the Italian and Austrian points of view as thus indicated appears to be so great that well informed persons are not able to perceive any likelihood of an adjustment.

Demands of Italy. Roughly speaking, Italy desires a sweep of territory to the north and east which would extend its boundary around the northern end of the Adriatic Sea as far south as Fiume on the eastern coast. This would include the Austrian naval base at Pola, as well as the provinces of Trent and Trieste, acquisition of which has been Italy's long-cherished aspiration. The concessions which Austria is believed to be willing to make are insignificant as compared with the demands.

It is regarded as probable that, under pressure from Germany, the negotiations may be extended and Austria may be induced to grant larger concessions than it is now willing to consider, but the belief is generally held in responsible quarters that the extreme Austrian concessions would be insufficient to satisfy Italy.

The demands of Italy, as outlined today, are set forth as follows: To the north it desires the entire province of Trent, to the east it desires to extend its frontier to the Julian Alps, including the provinces of Gorizia and Istria, with the districts of Treviso, Udine, Trieste, Pola and Fiume. In addition to this, it desires the Dalmatian islands, especially Veglia, Cherso, Lussino, Braza, Lesina, Curzola, Meleda and Lissa.

Rectification of Border. The only rectification of the frontier which, according to this information, Austria is willing to grant is the cession of territory which would give to Italy possession of Lake Garda, with the town of Riva and the valleys of the Chiese and Adige rivers, including the towns of Rovereto and Tione, but excluding Trento, and to the east the valley of the Isarco river, including Gradisca, but excluding Gorizia.

It is understood also that in return for such territory as it is willing to cede, Austria asks for a large sum of money and also the renunciation by Italy of her claim to other territory within the Austro-Hungarian empire which is inhabited by Italians. In return for these concessions on Italy's part Austria is willing to make certain local grants, including the establishment of an Italian university at Trieste.

BERNHARDT'S CONDITION IS ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY

BORDEAUX (Via Paris), March 16.—A bulletin issued by Dr. Denize and Armand after visiting Sara Bernhardt, who recently left the hospital where her right leg was amputated, states that her condition is entirely satisfactory.

GERMANS MOVE CANNON CLOSER TO OSSOWETZ

Russian Official Report Says Renewed Attack Upon Forts Here Have Been Successfully Countered.

FRZASYNZ IS ALSO UNDER FIRE

Russ Hammer Away at Przemysl and Austrians Continue Attempts to Relieve It.

ATTACKS AND COUNTER ATTACKS

The Day's War News

UNITED STATES probably will protect to Great Britain and its allies against their plan to stop trade with Germany as outlined in the British order in council yesterday. President Wilson indicated informally that the measure contemplated were displeasing to the United States.

FRENCH war office says Germans have suffered reverses in two sections of the western front. The British army is said to have recaptured St. Eloi and to have carried new German positions near the village. The German official statement announces the winning of St. Eloi, but makes no mention of its subsequent recapture by the British.

DISPATCHES FROM ITALY make it appear that nation is approaching a decision whether it shall adhere to its policy of neutrality or intervene in the war. Following the report of partial suppression by Italy of the mails to Austria and the conference of Emperor Francis Joseph, a Rome newspaper says the Italian fleet is being concentrated at Tarento. This is the point in Italy nearest the Dardanelles.

UNOFFICIAL REPORTS from Athens say that on Sunday the attacking warships silenced several Turkish field batteries which had been posted above Kum Kale, at the entrance to the Dardanelles. RUSSIAN OFFICIAL statement says the German assault on Ossowetz is producing only insignificant results. It is also said the German advance toward Przasnysz is being held in check.

BULLETIN. LONDON, March 16.—The Russians again are advancing in northwestern Bukovina, according to a dispatch received here by the Exchange Telegraph company from Bucharest, Roumania. The operations are going forward slowly because of the bad weather. Near Novo Sultana the Russians carried Austrian trenches at the point of the bayonet, the Austrians retreating with heavy losses.

LONDON, March 16.—The only military activity along the east Prussian front appears to be the resumption of the German bombardment of Ossowetz. At this point the attacking batteries have been brought closer to the fortress, the reunion being, according to official reports from Petrograd, the ineffectiveness of shell fire at a longer range. The Russian reports maintain that the attacks on the forts have been successfully countered.

Petrograd claims that the Russians are holding their antagonists on almost the entire Przasnysz front, where the Germans are keeping up a violent artillery fire.

Attack and Counter Attack. In the Carpathians and in Galicia it is the usual story of attack and counter attack, with Vienna claiming a slow advance after sanguinary assaults on mountain peaks.

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