

GERMAN ADVANCE CHECKED BY FLOOD; LIFE OF NEGRO NOW HANGS IN BALANCE

SMITH JURY ASKS TO HEAR TESTIMONY

After More Than Twenty-Four Hours' Deliberation, Request to Hear Evidence Given by Four Witnesses.

The jury in the trial of Charles Smith for the murder of Mrs. C. L. Nethaway, after remaining in continuous session more than 24 hours slept in hotel beds tonight under the watchful eye of a bailiff. No agreement on a verdict has as yet been reached. The clerk of the court was busy all day yesterday transcribing from his notes the record testimony which the jury asked to hear read to them when they reported that they stood 9 to 3 Friday morning.

The testimony which they wish to rehear is that of Dr. McCleneghen, Mr. Herdman, Mr. Nethaway and Attorney D. F. Seacat's statement of the case for the defense to the jury at the close of the trial.

Will Take up Day.
The reading of the testimony when it has been prepared will occupy a good part of today and it is doubtful whether a verdict will be reached before nightfall.

The jury has had in its possession for examination since Friday morning all the articles in evidence in the trial. Mrs. Nethaway's clothes, shoes, hat, purse, gloves, beads, the underwear with which her hands were bound and the skirt from which the front had been cut with a knife were among the articles turned over to them for inspection. The remarkably keen-edged steel hunting knife found on the scene of the crime and the belt and sheath into which it fits, left at the Willgate home when the knife was taken, were also included in the exhibits carried to the jury room.

Defense Objects.
The defense objected to allowing the jurors to examine the exhibits on the ground that it would tend to inflame their minds. The objection was over-ruled.

Charles Smith, the negro charged with the crime, appeared broken in spirit and rested his head on his arms, folded across a bible, when the jury filed into the room for additional instructions. He held a new white handkerchief in his hand.

The jury retired Thursday night at the close of an impassioned appeal for the conviction of the accused negro by Louis J. Piatti, attorney for the state.

Court Room Stirred.
The crowded court room was stirred to the pitch of hysteria by the recital of the assault and murder of young Mrs. C. L. Nethaway, with the facility of the motion picture camera, by Attorney Piatti Thursday afternoon.

Burgess Soon to Direct Sale of Savings Stamps
Washington, Nov. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Ward J. Burgess, Nebraska director of the war savings fund committee of which F. A. Vanderlip, president of the National City bank, is chairman, said today that in all probability the conference of state directors would be finished this evening, in which event he would go to New York before returning to Omaha to start the campaign for war savings through the purchase of thrift stamps to be issued by the Treasury department. These stamps will bear 4 per cent interest.

Queen Lil's Estate Small.
Honolulu, Nov. 16.—It was announced here that the value of the estate left by the late Queen Liliuokalani would not exceed \$200,000. Her jewels, including her crown, valued at \$1,750, are appraised at about \$10,000.

The Weather
For Nebraska—Fair.
Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	49
6 a. m.	49
7 a. m.	49
8 a. m.	49
9 a. m.	49
10 a. m.	49
11 a. m.	49
12 m.	49
1 p. m.	49
2 p. m.	49
3 p. m.	49
4 p. m.	49
5 p. m.	49
6 p. m.	49
7 p. m.	49
8 p. m.	49
9 p. m.	49
10 p. m.	49
11 p. m.	49
12 m.	49

Comparative Local Record.	1917.	1916.	1915.	1914.
Highest yesterday	48	44	48	42
Lowest yesterday	45	38	42	34
Normal temperature	49	49	49	49
Precipitation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Station and State	Temp.	High.	Low.	Rain.
Omaha, Neb.	49	49	49	0.00
Chicago, Ill.	42	42	42	0.00
Davenport, Ia.	42	42	42	0.00
Des Moines, Ia.	42	42	42	0.00
St. Paul, Minn.	42	42	42	0.00
St. Louis, Mo.	42	42	42	0.00
Indianapolis, Ind.	42	42	42	0.00
Pittsburgh, Pa.	42	42	42	0.00
Philadelphia, Pa.	42	42	42	0.00
Washington, D. C.	42	42	42	0.00
Baltimore, Md.	42	42	42	0.00
New York, N. Y.	42	42	42	0.00
San Francisco, Cal.	42	42	42	0.00
Portland, Ore.	42	42	42	0.00
Seattle, Wash.	42	42	42	0.00
Portland, Me.	42	42	42	0.00
Boston, Mass.	42	42	42	0.00
Wilmington, Del.	42	42	42	0.00
Richmond, Va.	42	42	42	0.00
Norfolk, Va.	42	42	42	0.00
Washington, D. C.	42	42	42	0.00
Omaha, Neb.	49	49	49	0.00

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"\$500 for Every Dead German," Says Boy's Dad

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 16.—Finance Commissioner William Doran of Dallas, today announced he had offered his son, Robert Doran, who left some time ago for France, to serve under General Pershing, \$500 cash for every German he kills.

STATE OVER GOAL IN "Y" WAR DRIVE

Quarter of Million Dollars, Its Quota, Raised and Another \$100,000 to Be Gathered Before Work Stops.

Nebraska, with Omaha overlapping its goal by \$16,630, passed its minimum quota of \$250,000 yesterday and is now driving toward a new goal of \$350,000—its share of a national fund of \$50,000,000 for Young Men's Christian association work among soldiers and sailors. National headquarters was notified last night that Nebraska had raised \$251,400. The total subscribed by Omaha was \$116,630.

The following telegram sent last night by Dean Ringer, state Young Men's Christian association war work council chairman, to campaign workers over the state, explains the reason for Nebraska's new goal:

"The sentiment of association leaders and strong business men seems to be unanimous that in view of developments in certain world conditions, at least \$30,000,000 will be needed and that under the present unanimous and patriotic support for our war work program we should press on and make the total for this effort so big that another campaign, at least, before next fall, will be but a remote necessity. Get this word to your workers at the earliest possible moment, urging concerted effort to reach the new goal."

Many Sections Yet to Report.
While Omaha and several other places in the state have passed their appointments, many sections of the state have not reported. Fearing the final figures may show this state short of its maximum share, all places that have reached their quota are still driving hard in an effort to make up any deficiency.

"Workers in a number of places started late," said D. Burr Jones, state campaign manager. "They may not reach even their minimum quota. They are only now getting their work well under way."

"Workers are busy in all the districts, but this shows we are far from being able to report that every part of Nebraska has passed its quota," said Mr. Jones. "In many of these places the work of the Young Men's Christian association is not known, and we must depend upon the parts of the state where the people are familiar with what we are doing."

"Cook, Neb., where there are a lot of Germans, is going over the \$700 mark right away," reported an enthusiastic worker from that place last night.

Grant Island district No. 14 reported being the first to reach its quota, saying \$16,000 had been raised there.

District No. 9, headquarters at Norfolk, reported \$2,000 last night.

Scottsbluff, headquarters for district No. 18, reported \$16,000 raised and the campaign going stronger every minute.

Nebraska Men March in Huge Review at Cody

Camp Cody, N. M., Nov. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—Twenty-five thousand soldiers from Iowa, Nebraska, Minnesota and the Dakotas will march in the first general review here tomorrow morning, leaving this camp in charge of corporals' guards.

Every regiment, detachment and auxiliary will participate. General H. A. Allen, Iowa brigade commander, will command the column.

General F. G. Mauldin, division commander, will review the troops on the polo field west of Deming, through which city the column will march.

It will be the greatest body of soldiers ever mobilized in New Mexico.

At night the Deming Chamber of Commerce will entertain the commanders at dinner.

ARTILLERYMEN TAUGHT TO RIDE ON CAROUSEL—Members of field artillery battery being taught to ride on the whirling carousel horse. The men learn to mount and dismount and down and around.



LEARNING TO RIDE.

LORD NORTHCLIFFE DECLINES TO LEAD NEW AIR MINISTRY

Denounces Official Jealousy and Incompetence; Praises United States Methods in Cautious Letter.

BULLETIN.
London, Nov. 16.—Viscount Cowdray, chairman of the British air board, has resigned as a consequence of Lord Northcliffe's letter to Premier Lloyd George.

London, Nov. 15.—Lord Northcliffe, in a caustic letter to the prime minister has declined to become head of the new air ministry, and roundly denounces the official jealousy and incompetence that has so seriously hampered the allies' conduct of the war.

He points to the thorough and systematic preparations for war being made in the United States and the splendid work in Canada and says with great frankness that he intends to maintain his independence and will not be "gagged by a loyalty that I do not feel" toward the present administration.

The letter follows:
"I have given anxious consideration to your repeated invitations that I should take charge of the new air ministry. The reason which compelled me to decline that great honor and responsibility are in no way concerned with the office which is rightly to be set up. They are roughly as follows:

Praises United States.
"Returning after five months spent in the virile atmosphere of the United States and Canada, I find that while these two countries are proceeding with their war preparations with a fervor and enthusiasm little understood on this side of the Atlantic; while the United States instantly put into operation conscription over which we wobbled for two years and is making short work of sedition mongers; while Canada already has given such proofs of thoroughness as the disfranchisement of conscientious objectors and the denaturalization of all enemy aliens naturalized within the last 15 years; while we for our part are asking immense sacrifices from these peoples, there still are in office here those who dally with such urgent questions as that of unity of war control, eradication of sedition, mobilization of the whole man and woman power of the country and the introduction of compulsory food rations.

Will Not Be Gagged.
"I had a personal experience while in America of the obstruction and delay in certain departments in London, which, for example, postponed

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The protesting committee is composed of Major R. S. Wilcox, Captain C. E. Adams, J. B. Beatty, Captain Mallison, Andrew Trainor, M. J. Feenan and L. A. Haverly.

The committee says it believes it can present the arguments for the Grand Army of the Republic women without accusations of lack of patriotism, as the members all served in the army of the United States in the civil war.

"We don't believe that 400 women should be ousted from their quarters to make room for 30 who are to take up the same sort of work." The women of the Grand Army of the Republic are expert knitters and assert that they have done their bit in making sweaters and socks for the soldiers.

RADICALS FORCE KERENSKY BACK IN FIERCE FIGHT

Bolshevik Leaders Arrested in Kiev; Government Controls Central Parts of Moscow; Reds Hold Suburbs.

(By Associated Press.)
Petrograd, Wednesday, Nov. 14.—10:20 a. m.—Premier Kerensky's forces, which advanced from Gatchina to Tsarskoe Selo, have been defeated by the workmen's and soldiers' forces between Tsarskoe Selo and Pulkovo, 12 miles from Petrograd.

The Kerensky contingent have retreated to Gatchina.

RIOTOUS DISORDER.
Dispatches from Kiev say that the Cossacks and military cadets are in control in that city after considerable street fighting. The Bolsheviks made a stand at the government palace where later their leaders were arrested.

Moscow advices are to the effect that the government troops control the central portion of the city and the Bolsheviks the outlying districts, where there is much disorder. The victims in the street battle are estimated at from 700 to 2,000.

In Kiev, while a patrol of Cossacks was passing through Kretchka street, the principal thoroughfare, they fired shots in the air to disperse the crowds. A bomb was thrown upon a passing street car, killing or wounding several persons.

(By Associated Press.)
Restore Communication.
Communication with Petrograd has been restored, but no direct news has been received from the Russian capital. The Bolsheviks are still in control in Petrograd, while Premier Kerensky's troops are variously reported to be in flight or to be marching on the Bolshevik stronghold. Efforts of the socialists to arrange a settlement with the Bolsheviks and to bring about a new coalition government have failed. Other reports say that the Maximalist leaders, Lenin and Trotsky, are losing their popularity.

There has been little fighting activity of moment on the eastern and western fronts. The American troops in France continue to harass the Germans on the patrol actions and with artillery fire. There have been more clashes in No Man's Land, from which the Americans returned unscathed. American patrols have reached the wire entanglements before the German trenches and American gunners have put German machine guns out of action.

Hold Zenson Invaders.
Fresh Austro-German attempts to cross the Piave have been rendered futile by the Italian defense. The Italians are holding in check those troops which crossed near Zenson, and in the marshland near the Piave the invaders have been unable to make any progress in the face of Italian counter attacks and artillery fire previous to the opening of the flood-gates.

The greater portion of the population of Venice has left that city, from which all portable art treasures also have been removed. The city, which is now but a scant 17 miles from the battle line, may not be defended in the event of an attack, in order to spare the monuments and art treasures that remain there.

Predict Enemy Subs Off American Coast

New York, Nov. 16.—Predictions that enemy submarines will soon make their appearance off American ports, that the submarine was found to be the best antidote for the submarine and that the great world powers in the near future will have flotillas of "contra-submarines" especially built for operating against undersea craft, were made by speakers who addressed the annual convention of the society of naval architects and marine engineers here today.

Loyal to America; Three Are Victims Of Ax Murderer

Virginia, Minn., Nov. 16.—Three persons, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Alar, and a boarder, Peter Trepich, were killed last night by an ax murderer. Their bodies were found today in their home here with a note of warning to all other Austrian families in Virginia who bought Liberty bonds or subscribed to the Red Cross.

The bodies were horribly mutilated. They had been slashed with a knife in addition to being beaten with an ax. All were in their beds.

Wholesale arrests have been made. Police say that the murderer, after completing his work of killing, stood under the shadow of a large crucifix and washed his hands. Then he sat down at the kitchen table and wrote the note of warning.

WANT REICHSTAG TO TALK PEACE IN EXTRA SESSION

Independent Socialists Demand That Suggestion of Bolsheviks Be Taken Up Immediately.

London, Nov. 16.—The independent socialist group in the German Reichstag has requested the president to convoke an immediate session of the Reichstag to discuss the peace offer of Nikolai Lenin, leader of the Russian Bolsheviks, the Amsterdam correspondent of the Central News cables.

The independent socialists also ask that the Reichstag take up consideration of the new state of affairs as regards Courland, Lithuania and Poland.

No word has reached this country of a peace offer by the Bolsheviks to Germany, although telegraphic communication has been interrupted for nearly a week. The program of the Bolsheviks calls for an armistice, but it is understood their purpose is to address their proposals to all the belligerents and not to arrange a separate peace with Germany.

Hope Abandoned For Kansas City Now Long Missing

Washington, Nov. 16.—The British steamer Kansas City is believed to have been lost at sea. Nothing has been heard of it since it was separated from its convoy in a storm on September 5.

The only person aboard of whom the navy has record is J. H. A. Muir, whose parents live at 26 Macy Mount road, Roland Park, Maryland, a suburb of Baltimore.

Cafe Men Who Ignore Meatless Day to Be Placed Under License

Restaurants and hotels which do not conform to the regulation of meatless Tuesday and wheatless Wednesday undoubtedly soon will be placed under license, J. F. Letton of Omaha, chairman of the hotels and restaurants committee of the state food administration, believes.

Every effort, however, will first be made to bring about conformity without the license system. Mr. Letton has found a great deal of confusion prevalent in the state as to which days have been set apart as wheatless and meatless. He points out that officially Tuesday is meatless and Wednesday wheatless day, and these are the days the committee is seeking to have thus observed in the state.

"On meatless Tuesday," said Mr. Letton, "hotels and restaurants should not serve beef, mutton, veal,

ITALIANS FLOOD PIAVE MARSHES AND SAVE VENICE

Open Water Gates of Two Rivers, Drive Enemy From Vantage Point and Inundate Territory Twelve Miles Wide, Preventing Bombardment of City.

(By the Associated Press.)
Italian Headquarters in Northern Italy, Thursday, Nov. 15.—The flood gates of the Piave and Sile, or old Piave, rivers northeast of Venice, have been opened by Italian military engineers and the enemy is now faced by another year of inundation.

VENETIANS FLEE HISTORIC CITY FEARING ATTACK

Government Offices Removed, Stores and Factories Closed, But Mayor, Descendant of Doges, Remains.

(By Associated Press.)
Venice, Thursday, Nov. 15.—Venice is now almost deserted, the population having been reduced from the usual 160,000 to 20,000.

Despite the proximity of the enemy lines at the mouth of the Piave river and the unsuccessful efforts the Austro-Germans have made to take the long triangle between the mouths of the Piave and Sile rivers, the remnant of the population is calm.

The city may not be defended in case of an attack in order to spare the monuments and art treasures. The mayor of Venice, who is a descendant of the Doges, and a chamberlain to the queen of Italy, announced today that he would remain at his post.

City is Desolate.
The outward appearance of the city is very desolate, much like when the Austrians made their last descent upon it more than 50 years ago. All the main hotels, cafes and factories, and the jewelry and glass shops patronized by tourists are closed. The Hotel Royal Danieli, on the Grand canal, remains partly open, and two well-known cafes on the Piazza of St. Mark, the Florian and Quadri, are still open. There is nothing open along the Grand canal.

The city authorities are furnishing trains and ships to take away any of the remaining population who wish to go. The best known centers, such as the Rialto bridge, St. Mark's square and the square where the gondolas are hired, are now deserted except by a few stragglers. There are five shops open, and they are selling goods at any price to save them from passing into the hands of the enemy. There has been much activity outside the lagoon, and yesterday several guns bombarded the enemy positions at the mouth of the Piave river.

Consuls Remain at Posts.
Some foreign consuls remain, but most others residing here temporarily have gone. All the places along the Grand canal are closed and the occupants have deserted, though a few noble families and some descendants of the Doges remain with the firm purpose of not abandoning the city under any circumstances. All the government offices have been removed outside the city, but the government prefect, Count Cioja, remains at his post.

Drastic Rules Are Planned to Curb Alien Activities
Washington, Nov. 16.—New regulations governing enemy aliens, much more drastic and planned to be more effective than those now operating, were up for final consideration at today's cabinet meeting.

"They are expected to efficiently deal with the menace of spies, bomb plots, the conveying of information to Germany and other activities intended to hamper the government in the conduct of the war."

The regulations have been drawn by Attorney General Gregory, who favors strong action to deal with the menace. When finally approved they will be embodied in a proclamation of forcing all enemy aliens away from the vantage points of the seaboard; as well as forbidding them entry to certain bordered zones, is one of the principal considerations.

Norwegian Towns Boycott
German Citizens and Trade

Christiania, Nov. 16.—The Tidens Tegn says the Norwegian Water association has adopted a resolution proclaiming a complete boycott of Germany, German shipping, German trade and German citizens in Norway.

The chairman of the association said that if German ships were unable to load or unload in Norway, the prohibition against exports could be abolished and that if food should be refused to German subjects, they would soon leave the country. Thus the lives of Norwegian sailors would not be exposed to the present dangers.

Similar resolutions have been adopted in other Norwegian towns.

All German Efforts Have Been Repulsed
Rome, Nov. 16.—All along the mountain front from Asiago to the Piave river the attacks of the Austro-German forces, which are seeking to crush in the Italian line, have been repulsed, it is announced officially. All the positions attacked yesterday remain in the hands of the Italians.

On the Venetian plains artillery battles of intense severity across the Piave river are in progress.

Now Under Water.
The flood was loosed at the point where the enemy succeeded in crossing the Piave near Grisleria (four miles from the coast), and the whole region where he gained lodgment is now under water.

The inundated territory forms a huge triangle about 12 miles on each side, with the apex at Dona di Piave. The enemy had been driven back, but still held on within this triangle until the dykes from both rivers released the water over the low-lying plain.

The chief menace at that point was that the enemy might be able to approach Venice through the lagoon or bombard the city from his position between the rivers. The inundation interposes a barrier of water 12 miles across and several feet deep.

Reports which have reached headquarters from other points on the front are also favorable.