

FEAR GERMANS AS MAD DOG, SAYS TAFT

Former President Declares People Obsessed With Idea That They Are Superhuman and Dangerous.

(By Associated Press.) Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—Upholding the morale of the allies is the most important task facing the United States this winter, asserted former President William H. Taft in an address at a Red Cross mass meeting here today.

After detailing the activities of the American Red Cross in Europe Mr. Taft said, we should do everything we possibly can to help relieve the suffering of the people in the devastated countries of Europe. We must study the psychological problems of the war stricken peoples if we are to understand the situation.

Discussing peace possibilities, the former president declared: "Peace is not a question of terms. It is a question of downing the ruling power of Germany today—the German military autocracy. It is a question of helping the blinded people of Germany to see what their government is and how they are being fooled.

"The German people have become obsessed with megalomania, with grandeur, with the idea that they are superhuman, and are God's chosen people. A people thus obsessed are just as dangerous in the family of nations and to permanent peace as a mad dog in the domestic family. That is the only way you can explain the atrocities, violations of international law and other crimes of the German nation."

DISCLOSE HUGE FOOD TRAFFIC WITH GERMANY

New York, Dec. 22.—Important documents said to reveal an extensive food traffic between the United States and Germany through Sweden were seized by federal agents in Brooklyn tonight when they raided the apartments of Gustav A. Meyers, a purchasing agent for certain German firms, and arrested him as an alien enemy.

According to government agents some of the seized papers showed that Meyers had shipped to Germany food-stuffs valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars and that he had been in communication with Germany as recently as a week ago. Bank books showing deposits of \$12,000 to his credit also are said to have been found.

Meyers is about 40 years of age and is said to have come to this country in 1914 after the outbreak of the war. He lived in a fashionable residential section of Brooklyn.

General Harries Says South Place for Camps

(From a staff correspondent.) Washington, Dec. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Brigadier General George H. Harries of Omaha, who was recently transferred from the command of the Nebraska National guard, now in camp at Deming, N. M., to the command of a negro brigade in South Carolina, is in Washington for the Christmas holidays. "The south is the only place to train soldiers," said General Harries.

"At Fort Deming, which is 30 miles from the Mexican border, there has been no rain since September, and there will be none until July in all probability. The mean temperature is approximately 45 degrees, and it rarely gets very cold.

"Even when the temperature falls below freezing it is much more comfortable than it is here at a very much lower temperature, because of the dry atmosphere. The soldiers training in South Carolina and other southern states have the advantage of being able to work every day. There is no enforced layoff."

David N. Miller, for 48 Years Citizen Here, Dead

David N. Miller, age 74, died at his home, 2819 Leavenworth street, last night after two years illness. Death was due to tubercular pleurisy.

He lived in Omaha 48 years and for a number of years was bailiff in Judge Munger's court.

He has two sons, James P. Miller, who is in the navy and is stationed on League island at Pittsburgh, and S. E. Miller who is living here.

He is survived by his wife, and two daughters, Mrs. Beulah Shirley and Mrs. Louise Van Dorn, both living here.

Funeral services will be conducted Sunday at 2 p. m. by Capital lodge No. 3 of the Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons in the old Masonic temple.

Pittsburgh Carmen Get Raise; May Boost Fare

Pittsburgh, Dec. 22.—Demands of conductors and motormen on the street car lines of Pittsburgh for an increase in wages were met late today when the Pittsburgh Railways company decided upon an increase in wages of 2 1/2 cents an hour, effective immediately. Threats of a strike had been made by the men.

In announcing the increase the company gave notice that it would petition the Pennsylvania public service commission for permission to increase the fare from 5 to 5.55 cents when a book of 18 tickets for a dollar is purchased or a straight 6-cent rate for single fares.

The city council tonight by a unanimous vote decided to protest the proposed advance in fares.

Restriction on Thrift Stamps Removed for Christmas

Washington, Dec. 22.—To facilitate the use of war savings stamps and certificates as Christmas gifts, First Assistant Postmaster General Koons has telegraphed postmasters in the leading cities to sell an unlimited amount of stamps to individuals, firms or corporations wishing to give them as Christmas presents. Temporarily the rule forbidding persons to have more than \$1,000 worth of stamps at a time will be waived.

MOTHER'S STATEMENT ABOUT FUNSTON CAUSE OF COMMENT

The statement of Mrs. A. B. McConnell in The Bee about the unsatisfactory conditions at Camp Funston, where she has several times visited her son, who is in training there, was a lively topic of conversation yesterday.

"Your paper was hardly out when my telephone began ringing," said Mrs. McConnell last evening, "and it has kept me busy most of the time since. Several women telephoned me—some whom I did not know—to tell about similar things, to which their attention had been called.

"I want it distinctly understood that my own boy has not complained and could have no complaint against his officers. He has been promoted in his company and has been recommended for the next officers' reserve training camp. Some of my friends are telling me that my talking to the newspapers will have spoiled his chance of getting a commission. But I will not believe that as I have told nothing but the truth and my son is not to be blamed for what I say. I received a letter from him this morning and the only word in it about camp conditions was a remark about the boys needing helmets, because a lot of them were freezing their ears off. I immediately went downtown and spent the morning buying all the warm helmets I could find in the stores. I invested \$65 in woolen helmets and have sent them all to Camp Funston so the boys in his company may have warm head coverings."

Protest Received. One of the protests against the Mrs. McConnell interview comes in the form of a lengthy typewritten communication, over the name of one Padernis, who says he has visited Camp Funston and from which the following are sample excerpts: "The sooner Mrs. McConnell and others of her inclinations will realize that a cantonment camp in time of war is no golf links or a parlor in a swell residence and the life in it one of merriment and joy rides the better for them as well as for those in the camp and mothers they left behind.

"It is not true that boys are freezing. Their barracks are all steam heated and heated they are plenty. They also have plenty of clothing and plenty of covering for the night. Each boy has his own cot, covered with mattress stuffed with hay. This, from a sanitary reason, because no one sleeps on a mattress after another. The contents are emptied, the tick is washed and refilled with fresh supply of hay, and the bed is as good as new. It is not a downy, fluffy bed, that many a boy has been used to at home, but it's warm and comfortable and sleeping on it is good, especially after a good day of exercises.

May Buy What They Wish. "The boys get \$30 per month besides their bed, board and clothing so that, unless they gamble it away, which in many instances is done, they have sufficient funds to buy what they need. 'Canteens' or 'exchanges' are right on the grounds and there one can buy anything along the line of refreshments the heart desires. Of course, outside of liquors.

"I am writing this not to dispute Mrs. McConnell in her statements but rather to set out the situation as it really exists and thus avoid a lot of worry amongst mothers and all the loved ones our boys in khaki left at home. They have no snap, but they are not subjected to any tortures or privations. Government wants no sissies, they want men and men they are making out of the boys by leaps and bounds, and will make them much faster if only over-sensitive women who find it necessary to stay around the camp in order to be near their 'dear boys' will keep their maudlin feelings for themselves and not parade with it into the public press."

Dr. Zhytlowsky to Omaha To Address Zionists. One of the famous Jewish philosophers and leading personages in the new Jewish nationalistic movement, Professor Chayim Zhytlowsky, will arrive in Omaha Monday, December 31.

He will speak upon the great present problems now confronting the Jewish people all over the world. He will express his views concerning the English government's promise to restore Palestine to the Jewish nation.

Dr. Zhytlowsky has become famous not only because of his activities as a nationalistic leader, but also on account of his upbuilding of the modern Jewish philosophy. Dr. Zhytlowsky has quite recently joined the ranks of the Poale-Zion movement in America and has become one of its most vigorous advocates.

Railroad Asks Public to Cut Down Holiday Travel. Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—An appeal to the public to refrain from unnecessary traveling during the holidays, so as not to congest its lines, was issued tonight by the Pennsylvania Railroad company. The appeal sets forth that the company's lines will be called upon to carry about 15,000 soldiers on holiday leave from army cantonments to their homes and back, and to meet this situation successfully it requests that "as an act of patriotism, pleasure travel during the holiday period be voluntarily restricted to necessary trips on affairs of business."

Eight Hours Minimum For Revenue Employees

Employees of the local internal revenue office will work a minimum of eight hours a day instead of seven, as heretofore, according to a telegram received by Collector Loomis from D. Roper, commissioner of internal revenue at Washington.

SUGAR MEN FIXED PRICES, IS CHARGE

Reed Declares Big Magnates Able to Control Selling, Under Food Administration; Denial by Rolph.

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Dec. 22.—Airing of troubles between the American Sugar Refining company and the Federal Sugar Refining company, which has featured the senate sugar investigation today, brought from Senator Kenyon, a republican member of the committee, a protest against undertaking to put these concerns on trial at the hearings and a suggestion that he could not see where the inquiry "was getting any where."

Chairman Reed charged during his examination of George M. Rolph, head of the food administration's sugar division, that the American Sugar Refining company and its "allies," had been able under the food administration plan to fix prices, something the anti-trust laws had prevented them from doing for years. Mr. Rolph emphatically denied this and asserted that the administration had performed a public service in keeping the price down. Without regulation he said, sugar now would be at least 15 cents a pound.

Spreckels Makes Kick. Much time was spent today on the complaint of Claus A. Spreckels, that the food administration declined to allow him to pay a slightly higher price than agreed upon for some Cuban sugar, to keep him from closing his plant for lack of supplies. Mr. Rolph said the request was declined, because if the food administration deviated from the price in one instance, it would be compelled to do in others.

The international sugar committee, part of the food administration is now studying conditions for next year and Mr. Rolph testified that its preliminary estimate of raw sugar available for the United States is less than the probable demand. A total of 6,170,000 tons will be required and the supply in sight is 5,795,000 tons.

A new consideration has entered into the consumption estimates. Prohibition has caused an increase, Mr. Rolph said, particularly in the south, where there are thousands of soldiers who, in the absence of liquor are using more chewing gum, candy and soft drinks.

THREE POUNDS OF SUGAR MONTH PER PERSON

Three pounds of sugar per month per person is what Food Administrator Wattle's of Nebraska suggests as a fair average to be consumed, in order not to augment the sugar shortage. He makes the request that people seek to limit themselves to that amount. This would mean 12 pounds per month for a family of four.

The law permits persons to buy a 60-day supply at any one time, but Mr. Wattle asks that consumers re-

frain as much as possible at present from taking advantage of that 60-day clause in order that the present available sugar supply may be sufficient to tide the country over until the supply becomes greater.

He asks that grocers limit sales to five pounds at a time to city and town customers and 10 pounds to rural customers who have not the same ready access to the stores that the town people have.

Engineering Students May Escape the Draft

Boston, Dec. 22.—Engineering students, who have good records, will be exempt from the draft if they enlist in the engineer reserve corps, President Richard C. MacLaurin of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, told the students today.

A recent communication from the War department, he said, explained that the student so enlisting would be placed on the inactive list and allowed to complete his college course. At graduation he would be given the option of being called into the active service under his enlistment and being assigned to some of the engineering branches of the army, or of being immediately discharged and taking his place again among those subject to service under the draft law.

Plans are already under way in several of the western states to secure women farm laborers next year to take the places of men who have joined the colors.

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Dolls' Hats, worth \$1.00, for 10c

Dolls' Shoes, assorted sizes, worth to 30c, for 15c

Genuine Cedar Storage Chests, from \$10.50

Smokers' Cabinets, from \$5.00

Smokers' Stands, from \$1.00

Mahogany Yarn Holders, \$11.00

All kinds of Book Ends, from, per pair, \$4.00

White Plaster "Good Fairies," 75c

Gate Leg Tables, in mahogany, from \$16.00

Royal Easy Chairs, from \$28.00

Overstuffed Tapestry Chairs and Rockers, from \$16.75

Tapestry Davenport, from \$49.00

Spinet Desks, in mahogany, \$25.00 to \$40.00

Drop Leaf Sewing Tables, from \$13.50 to \$24.00

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75c Doll Trunks, for 50c

\$1.00 Doll Trunks, for 75c

Sets of Electric Christmas Tree Lights, 12, 24 or 32 to the set, at reduced prices.

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The Red Cross committee explains that the membership posters displayed in the windows shall be illumined from the interior of the room, commencing at 7:30 o'clock on Christmas Eve.

This lighting can be provided by the use of a candle set in front of the poster, or by electric lights.

Insurance underwriters are of the opinion that the candle-lighting carries with it an element of danger, and if they are correct it would seem desirable to arrange some plan for electric lighting.

A portable electric lamp with the shade removed may easily be set up in front of the poster and thus furnish the best effect. A drop extension cord, connecting with any socket, may be used in hanging an unshaded lamp to light up the poster, this being one of the simplest devices. A still more simple idea is to raise the window shade until the poster is exposed and then leave the electric chandelier burning during the evening.

Just a little ingenuity will make it easy for the patriotic Red Cross member to display the significant emblem in full illumination on Christmas Eve, and without the slightest danger of fire—electrical attachments furnishing this solution.

But whether by candle or electricity, be very sure the Red Cross gleams from your window, as in every loyal home in the United States.

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EARLY STREET CAR SERVICE

Christmas Morning, December 25, 1917

For the accommodation of persons attending church services on Christmas Morning, earlier-than-regular street car service will be furnished on the most lines.

THE SERVICE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

Line	First Car	Subsequent Service
Farnam Line.		
Leaving Depots (northbound)	3:52 a. m.	1:00 a. m. then every 5 minutes
Leaving Dundee	4:20 a. m.	5:20 a. m. then every 10 minutes
Leaving 45th and Cumings	5:00 a. m.	5:45 a. m. then every 10 minutes
Harney Line.		
Leaving Depots	4:20 a. m.	5:05 a. m. then every 10 minutes
Leaving 33d and Parker	4:45 a. m.	5:30 a. m. then every 10 minutes
Dodge Line.		
Leaving Depots	5:05 a. m.	5:20 a. m. then every 10 minutes
Leaving 30th and Spaulding	5:35 a. m.	5:50 a. m. then every 10 minutes
Hanscom Park Line.		
Leaving 24th and Ames (southbound)	4:50 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving 24th and Kansas Avenue	5:30 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving Florence	5:56 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving 32d and Valley	5:35 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving 29th and Dupont	5:30 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
South Omaha Line.		
Leaving 24th and Ames (eastbound)	4:45 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving 42d and Grand	5:20 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving 43d and Q	5:37 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Benson and Albright.		
Leaving 13th and Vinton (southbound)	4:33 a. m.	
Leaving 13th and Vinton (northbound)	4:17 a. m.	
Leaving Albright	4:48 a. m.	4:56 6:05 then Reg. Sun. Sch.
Leaving Benson	5:00 a. m.	5:46 then Reg. Sun. Schedule
West Leavenworth.		
Leaving School for Deaf	5:59 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Leaving Elmwood Park	5:49 a. m.	Regular Sunday Schedule
Crosstown Line.		
Leaving 24th and Lake	5:15 a. m.	Regular Daily Schedule
Leaving 44th and L	5:30 a. m.	Regular Daily Schedule

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