

SEN. HITCHCOCK MAKES DEFENSE OF WAR RECORD

Nebraskan Tells Senate He Passed from Peacefulness to Warlike as U.S. Situation Changed.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, chairman of the foreign relations committee, addressed the senate today in regard to the mention of his name among advocates of a munitions embargo in documents produced before the senate judiciary committee's German propaganda inquiry.

In 1914, Senator Hitchcock said, he proposed a munitions embargo bill as a measure for strict American neutrality. Later, he declared, German propaganda and criminal acts in this country and atrocities abroad caused him to change his attitude.

From Phase to Phase. "Like other Americans," said the senator, "I have passed from one phase of the situation to another—peaceful neutrality, armed neutrality, war."

Referring to the letter of a German agent dated July 22, 1915, saying Senator Hitchcock "seemed strong" for the embargo movement and had said it would "sweep the United States," Mr. Hitchcock pointed out that he had introduced a bill for a munitions embargo more than eight months before and had made a speech in the senate in the bill's behalf.

Attitude Changed. "My stand was taken in 1914 as an American for neutrality. The Germans in America took their by forming the embargo conference in 1915 as partisans of Germany. They were supporting my bill, but I declined to go to their conferences, conventions or meetings, though I was often invited to appear as a speaker. I made my only speeches here in the senate or in defending my course later before my constituents.

"My attitude naturally changed with changing conditions. I stood first for a strict peaceful and impartial neutrality, even to the extent of selling no arms and ammunition and lending no money to either side.

Finally Ready to Fight. "Next, when Germany began a systematic attack on our commerce, I was ready to fight to protect our neutrality.

"I supported the president's request that we authorize him to assert and protect our neutrality by arming our merchant ships and I had charge in the senate of what was known as the armed neutrality resolution, which died so dramatically here in the senate at noon on March 4, 1917.

"A month later, when the issue changed from armed neutrality to war, I had charge of the declaration of war, which was briefly debated and passed by the senate, April 4, 1917.

Autonomy Plea for Province of Catalonia is Protested. Madrid, Dec. 10.—(By Associated Press).—A great demonstration, in which it is estimated that 100,000 persons took part, occurred in Madrid in opposition to the demands of Catalonia for autonomy. Similar demonstrations will take place in other cities throughout Spain.

Senor Combo, former minister of public works and the Catalonia leader, purposes to bring up before congress the details of the demands upon the government by Catalonia.

American Casualty List

The following Nebraska men are named in the casualty list given out by the government for Wednesday morning, December 11:

KILLED IN ACTION. Corp. Thomas O. Shields, next of kin, William B. Shields, Upland, Neb. William Henry Davis, next of kin, William J. Davis, Rushville, Neb.

DIED OF DISEASE. Ernest J. Ervin, next of kin, Mrs. Mattie Ervin, 2715 Q street, Omaha, Neb.

William H. Martfield, next of kin, Henry Martfield, Stuart, Neb. Emil J. Pfisterer, next of kin, Adolph J. Pfisterer, Rushville, Neb. David Nordquist, next of kin, Albert Larson, Sixty-fourth and Conte streets, Omaha, Neb.

WOUNDED SEVERELY. Corp. John T. Gilbert, next of kin, Mrs. Rose M. Gilbert, Blair, Neb. Charles E. Hansen, next of kin, Mrs. Mary E. Hansen, Table Rock, Neb. Henry E. Dredger, next of kin, Charles Dredger, R. F. D. 3, Omaha, Neb.

Herman G. Johannes, next of kin, Henry Johannes, Platte Center, Ia. James H. Husen, next of kin, Mrs. Rae Husen, Kearney, Neb. John Suverkrubbe, next of kin, Gustav Suverkrubbe, Fort Calhoun, Neb.

James M. Tyler, next of kin, William M. Tyler, Guide Rock, Neb. WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED. Capt. Lloyd C. Dunn, next of kin, Mrs. L. C. Dunn, 2240 Landon Court, Omaha, Neb.

SLIGHTLY WOUNDED. Norval J. Wilcox, next of kin, Ray Wilcox, Mitchell, Neb. Eugene Rowe, next of kin, H. C. Rowe, Carmon, Neb.

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KILLED IN ACTION. Corp. Howard Elmer Brown, next of kin, Mrs. Pearl W. Brown, Lincoln, Neb. Corp. Wm. A. Cone, next of kin, Mrs. Mary Ella Cone, Ashland, Neb. Corp. Bertie L. Dubuque, next of kin, Mrs. Jennie Dubuque, Lincoln, Neb.

Corp. Arthur L. Johnson, next of kin, Chas. M. Johnson, Varparaiso, Neb. Corp. Oscar G. Schenck, next of kin, Geo. Schenck, Cushing, Neb.

WOUNDED SEVERELY. Corp. David Rockwell Crow, next of kin, Mrs. Hattie Mauger, Fall City, Neb. WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED. Lambert J. Nelson, next of kin, Carl J. Nelson, Comstock, Neb. Wm. A. Steven, next of kin, Alexander W. Steven, York, Neb. Emmett M. McLaughlin, next of kin, Wm. H. McLaughlin, Loup City, Neb. Thorala W. Rasmussen, next of kin, Augustina Rasmussen, South Sioux City, Neb. Bennie Rasmick, next of kin, Mrs. Kate Rasmick, 1613 North Twenty-second street, Omaha, Neb.

MISSING IN ACTION. Corp. B. Berryman, next of kin, Bell E. Berryman, Central, Neb. Joseph W. Hogarth, next of kin, John Hogarth, Springfield, Neb. Geo. Remmers, next of kin, John Remmers, Garrison, Neb.

The following Iowa, South Dakota and Wyoming men are named in the casualty list given out by the government for Wednesday morning, December 11:

KILLED IN ACTION. Albert B. Kersey, next of kin, Henry C. Kersey, Grand Junction, Ia. Joseph Take the Shield, next of kin, Joseph Take the Shield, Wapaska, S. D. Frank Dostal, next of kin, Mrs. Beale Browning, Oxford Junction, Ia. Robert T. Scherlock, next of kin, Robert Scherlock Worthington, Ia.

DIED OF DISEASE. Corp. William Scherrman, next of kin, John Scherrman, Farley, Ia. Harry Carpenter, next of kin, Walter D. Carpenter, New Hampton, Ia. Harry E. Kimble, next of kin, Mrs. Nellie A. Kimble, Sheldon, Ia. Robert L. Montgomery, next of kin, John C. Montgomery, Buffalo, Wyo. Adolph Marius Nielsen, next of kin, Carl A. Haly, Harlan, Ia.

Wagoner John Olaf Haugen, next of kin, Carl Myre, Burbank, S. D. MISSING IN ACTION. August Schwell, next of kin, Carl Schwell, Rockwell City, Ia.

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KILLED IN ACTION. Lieut. Leo J. McManara, next of kin, P. L. McManara, Iowa Grove, Ia. Lieut. Wendell F. Prime, next of kin, Carl T. Prime, Sioux City, Ia. Corp. Omar W. Timpe, next of kin, Wm. J. Timpe, Spirit Lake, Ia. Corp. Geo. J. Catinson, next of kin, Nick J. Catinson, Getto, Wyo. Corp. Clyde Comer, next of kin, Elgie Comer, Florida, Ia. Corp. Carl A. Haraldson, next of kin, Harold Haraldson, Bembrandt, Ia. Corp. Charles F. Setz, next of kin, Felix Setz, Oakland, Ia. Corp. Verne A. Stanley, next of kin, Wm. F. Stanley, Dexter, Ia.

DIED OF WOUNDS. Magnus Brundson, next of kin, John E. Brundson, Rocky, S. D. Fred West, next of kin, Robert West, Esterville, Ia.

DIED OF DISEASE. Byron A. Frazz, next of kin, Mrs. Cora E. Frazz, Williamsburg, Ia.

WOUNDED SEVERELY. Sgt. Leon A. Hanson, next of kin, Mrs. Theresa Hanson, Fort Pierre, S. D. Stanley E. Lohr, next of kin, Mike Lohr, Albia, Ia. Ernest Brocks, next of kin, Ernest Brocks, Allison, Ia. Elmer I. Ophelm, next of kin, Ingbrigt Ophelm, near, Ia. Jared Ritter, next of kin, John L. Ritter, Rowena, S. D. Frank B. Foote, next of kin, Geo. L. Foote, Albia, Ia. Johannes P. Johansson, next of kin, Mrs. Eva Johansson, Clinton, Ia. Robert L. Lock, next of kin, F. R. Lock, Hartley, Ia. Clarence C. Mercer, next of kin, Bert M. Mercer, Deary, S. D. Edward J. Murphy, next of kin, Mrs. D. J. Murphy, Clinton, Ia. Edward Grant Reiston, next of kin, Mrs. Ella Reiston, Washita, Ia. Geo. Weldon, next of kin, Thomas Weldon, Seals, Ia. Horatio Brotherton, next of kin, Geo. Brotherton, Creston, Ia. Simon Jansson, next of kin, Casper Jansson, Avon, S. D. Bruce B. Poole, next of kin, Noah E. Poole, Farmington, Ia. James Wright, next of kin, Mrs. Pearl Wright, Belle Fourche, S. D.

WOUNDED, DEGREE UNDETERMINED. Roy E. Kyner, next of kin, Mrs. Mary Kyner, Hometown, Ia. Corp. Carl E. Fench, next of kin, Joseph Fench, Chariton, Ia. Myron L. Spencer, next of kin, Mrs. James H. Spencer, Farham, Ia. Lester K. Taylor, next of kin, Henry Taylor, Cozgon, Ia.

John F. Balle, next of kin, Mrs. Idella D. Balle, Trues, Ia. Ulysses J. Oehler, next of kin, A. H. Oehler, Thompson, Ia. Arthur Lewis Tew, next of kin, Lewis Tew, Sisseton, S. D. Mike G. Rath, next of kin, Mrs. R. R. Rath, Harlan, Ia. Wm. A. Setton, next of kin, Mrs. Nellie Richards, Rockwell City, Ia. Clyde Zoller, next of kin, Charles Zoller, Dayverson, Ia. Clifford Cole, next of kin, Harry G. Cole, Pleasant Plains, Ia. William G. Douglas, next of kin, Martin Douglas, Enterprise, Ia. Frederick B. Gorman, next of kin, Mrs. Louise Gorman, Castlewood, S. D. Lawrence E. Boland, next of kin, Mrs. F. H. Curry, Sanborn, Ia. Loyd Edstrom, next of kin, Mrs. Ruth Edstrom, Nodaway, Ia. Harvey A. Roush, next of kin, James Roush, Drakeville, Ia. Edward S. Hughes, next of kin, Mrs. Elmina Hughes, Gillette, Wyo. Thos. D. Scott, next of kin, Mrs. Rex Crowell, Albia, Ia.

WOUNDED SLIGHTLY. George Dekray, next of kin, Mrs. Herman Dekray, Maurice, Ia. Wm. W. Fruit, next of kin, David Pratt, Deary, S. D. Glen I. Stamper, next of kin, Mrs. Emma Stamper, Council Bluffs, Ia.

MISSING IN ACTION. Anton Bloom, next of kin, Neils Bloom, Riverton, Wyo. Peter Christoferson, next of kin, Fred Christoferson, Kimballton, Ia. Orval W. Carl, next of kin, Mrs. Myrtle Carl, Sioux Falls, S. D. Ernest O. Carlson, next of kin, Carl Ostrom, Albia, Ia. James K. Ross, next of kin, J. A. Ross, Reulick, Ia. Jacob Ulstead, next of kin, Neils Ulstead, Radcliffe, Ia. Frank T. Geordt, next of kin, Mrs. Blanche T. Geordt, Doyersville, Ia. Charley S. Hintz, next of kin, Mrs. Hannah Hintz, Storm Lake, Ia. Thomas H. Hodge, next of kin, Thomas Hodge, sr., Washita, Ia.

U. S. Labor Bureau Not Under Control of Unions, Says Kleffner. "The U. S. employment bureau is not controlled by any other agency than Washington headquarters, under whose instructions we work." This is the statement issued Tuesday by George Kleffner, federal director for this district, in answer to charges filed against him by the State Federation of Labor.

"That organization would like to get control of this office," said Kleffner. "If an employer asks for a union man, we send one. If he states no preference, we send the first man who applies," said Kleffner.

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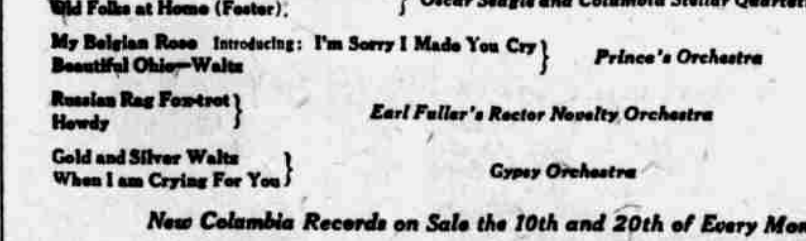
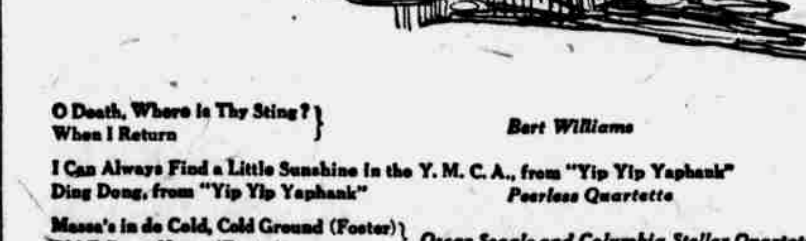
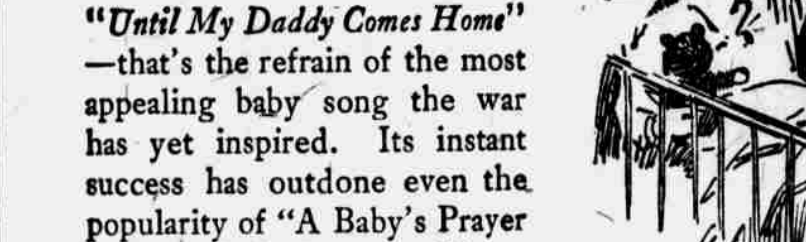
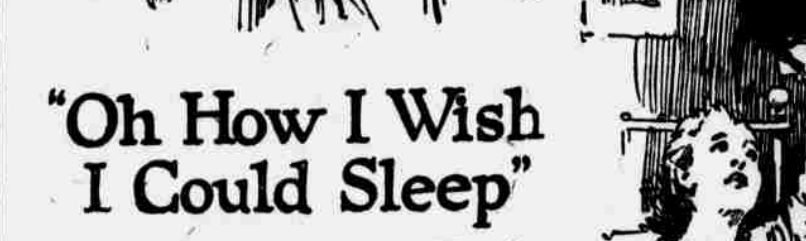
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William J. Martin Heads Attempt to Capture Government of German Capital; Had Varied Career.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—(By Associated Press).—The leaders in the attempt to arrest the executive committee of the soldiers' and workmen's council, according to an announcement issued today, were William J. Martin and two German officers named Von Rheithaber and Matuschka. Martin, who is known as an American, has been living in Berlin since the outbreak of the war and is the founder of the "League of Truth." Posing as an American, Martin on July 4, 1915, placed a wreath with which was an American flag bordered in black, on the statue of Frederick the Great. James W. Gerard, the American ambassador at that time, compelled the authorities to remove the wreath by threatening to remove it himself if his request was not complied with. Admits He Is German.

Later Martin was compelled to admit that he was a German subject. He allied himself with the German annexationists and proved a constant source of embarrassment to the German foreign office, which tried to suppress him, but was blocked by his pan-German military protectors.

Von Rheithaber is a cousin of Baron Rheinbaben Baben, who was connected with the Christiania bomb plot. Matuschka is a young officer who held a post in Lithuania until the revolution. Both were unsalaried volunteer workers for the government.

The German foreign office declares that von Rheithaber and Matuschka were responsible for the attempt against the executive committee. No one else was in their conference and their action was most unwelcome and embarrassing to the government. Both have disappeared.

Recreation is Planned for American Army Hospitals

Washington, Dec. 10.—A recreation program designed at once to keep the patients in military reconstruction hospitals cheerful and normal and at the same time to supplement the corrective procedure treatment of the medical officers have been agreed upon between the surgeon general's staff and the bureau of camp service of the American Red Cross. It was disclosed that the plan is to be put into effect at once in 24 hospitals where some 15,000 cases of the men maimed or suffering from shell shock are under treatment.

The object will be to keep patients happily employed, to encourage the maimed to enter fully into social activities, and, by carefully chosen games and exercises fitted to each class, to encourage men through play to use dormant muscles and to increase their ability to make one limb do more and more the work of two.

Eisner Asks for Order. Munich, Dec. 10.—(By Associated Press).—In a statement today Premier Eisner calls on the people of Bavaria to maintain strict order. He says that the disturbances such as those that occurred Friday night cannot be tolerated and that the persons assigned to preserve order have been instructed to use their weapons ruthlessly if necessary.

Strike in England. Manchester, Dec. 10.—The strike of 100,000 cotton spinners for an increase of 40 per cent in current wages is in full swing in Southeast Lancashire. Only a few firms have conceded the men's terms. Fully 50,000,000 spindles are idle. As the stock of yarn is low the weaving sheds will soon have to close throwing out of employment an additional 200,000 persons.

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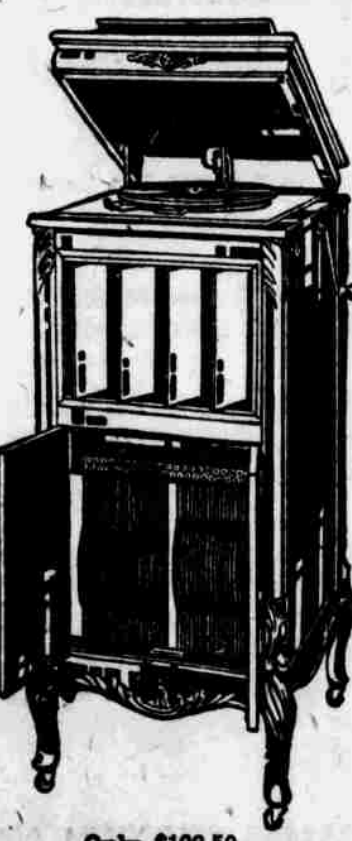
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