

MINISTER ASKS CLOSED SUNDAY AMUSEMENTS

Dr. Calhoun Would Invoke Law Against Pool Halls, Movies and Dance Halls of Omaha.

Sunday closing of Omaha pool rooms, dance halls and moving picture shows was advocated last night by Rev. Paul Calhoun in a discourse to his congregation at the Central United Presbyterian church...

Must Have a Substitute. The minister declared that before the places of amusement were taken away from the street through which visited them every Sunday...

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Paris, Feb. 2.—On July 30, 1914, the French government ordered its troops to retire eight or 10 kilometers from the frontier...

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who then read a telegram from General Joffre, dated July 30, reading as follows: "For diplomatic reasons it is indispensable that no incident occur at the frontier. No unit and no patrol shall advance east of the line fixed."

Joffre Took Defensive Stand. M. Viviani then read a message from Adolphe Messimy, minister of war at that time, as follows: "In order to assure English collaboration, it is indispensable that French troops do not cross the general line decided upon unless a regular attack is made upon them."

On August 2, General Joffre, learning that 17 violations of the French frontier had been committed, telegraphed to Premier Viviani as follows: "The interdiction against crossing the line indicated is lifted, but for national reasons of diplomatic and moral order, it is indispensable to leave to the Germans the entire responsibility for hostilities. Consequently, our troops will merely hold the enemy back and throw him upon the frontier without pursuing him beyond."

Approved by British King. M. Viviani, amid tense silence, continued: "Then war was declared. The president of the republic wrote a letter to King George which was published in the press at that time, but the reply of the king is still unpublished. It reads: "I admire the limitation which France willingly imposed upon herself and which so vitally concerns her military defense."

The former premier was laboring under great emotion and his voice was at high pitch, carrying to every corner of the spacious chamber, as he concluded: "It is essential that the world know that in order to assure the peace of the world, we were making such a sublime sacrifice in uncovering our frontier in order to affirm our right. Do you think that great and noble America would have remained indifferent to such a sterner demonstration of our good faith and that it had no influence upon her final decision?"

"Upon the responsibilities for the war historians may discuss, but France, by her withdrawal 10 kilometers away from her frontier, has given the world proof of her earnest desire for peace."

Belgium Adopts Old Form of Punishment for Pro-Hun Women. Bruges.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—An ancient form of punishment in favor in the middle ages has been adopted in Belgium for Belgian women who were too friendly toward the German invaders or who listened to their love making. They have been short of their hair. In Bruges several women have suffered this form of retribution and either must remain indoors or patelize the wig makers. It is known that this method has been applied in at least one other place. The scenes attending the application of this punishment has been rather boisterous.

Corporal punishment is visited upon the pro-Germans among the Belgian men, but few of these waited the wrath of the Belgian avengers. They decamped before the Belgian troops reoccupied the cities and towns which had been held under German domination.

Such cases as these have been remarkably few. The wonder is that there have not been more. The proportion of renegades is so small as to reflect greater glory on poor little Belgium.

As a whole the civil population of Belgium has remained wonderfully loyal. By their system of communal administration, they were enabled to govern themselves while the German was deluding himself that he was ruling. It enabled them to endure physical privations, suffer death and resist the insidious propaganda of the German governors, Von Bisping and his successor, Von Falkenhause, who attempted to separate the Walloons from the Flemish and to poison the wells of Belgium's patriotism.

A Joyful Find. Having made his payments for Liberty bonds, watches, rent, coal, gas, and groceries, the poor man was broke. But he needed winter clothes, so he compromised by digging through a closet and unearthing a heavy vest that belonged to a winter suit he had worn some years ago. He brushed the vest off and felt in the pockets.

Barack! A discovery! In the inside pocket of the vest was a roll of bills amounting to \$123. And what one of them was receipted—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Utah Land Commissioners Furnish Money to Farmers. Salt Lake City.—The state board of land commissioners of Utah has advanced a total of \$1,972,023 to 544 Utah farmers during the last two years, according to the biennial report of Arthur Kuhn, secretary of the board. The report's figures show this to be an average loan of \$3,625 on each farm. Increase in the interest account income during the second year of the biennium is shown to be \$43,959.88 over the second year of the previous biennium.

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RUSSIAN GROUPS SHOW DESIRE FOR CONFERENCE

Only One Official Reply to Council's Invitation Received, Says French Foreign Minister.

By Associated Press. Paris, Feb. 2.—Following up the practice he instituted last Sunday of meeting personally the newspaper correspondents, M. Pichon, the French foreign minister, today frankly discussed some subjects which are absorbing the attention of the conference itself and the public.

With reference to the suspended effort to bring together the representatives of the various Russian political sections and the peace commissioners at a meeting at Princes' island, he said that so far there had been only one official reply to the invitation which the council had sent out by wireless, and that had come in the form of a document sent by a Russian gentleman, who had been a member of the duma and now head of the government of Crimea.

No Formal Replies. He expressed a willingness to go to Princes' island, but feared that he would be alone so far as the other Russian factions were concerned. The Russian groups in Paris had written a letter to Premier Clemenceau, saying they would not go to Princes' island but, their own government had not responded to the invitation formally.

M. Pichon said he had noticed the reply of the bolshevik government as published in the newspaper, but it had never been received officially. M. Longuet, proprietor of a Paris newspaper, who received the communication, had been asked to reply to the bolshevik government, because M. Pichon said he had been informed in a note that there was no authorization for the use of the wireless for other than official communications.

As to the Omsk government, Admiral Kolchak, he had, he said, declined to attend the Princes' island conference, but it appeared that he was rather inclined to do so.

Discusses Siberian Situation. Touching the situation in eastern Siberia M. Pichon, in answer to an inquiry, said that undoubtedly the entente military forces there were subject to the control of the supreme war council in Paris. General Janin of the Czech-Slovak forces was commander-in-chief, so far as the actual disposition and movement of the troops were concerned, but General Knox of the British army was charged with the control and transportation of all supplies.

In reply to the suggestion that the American troops might be withdrawn from northern Russia, in the Archangel sector, if the Princes' island conference were not held, M. Pichon said that the conference had not yet considered what steps would be taken in event of failure and that there had been no consultations upon the subject since the invitations had been sent.

Dispatches from Archangel sector were not sufficiently definite yet to justify any conclusion. Undoubtedly, he added, the bolshevik had stronger forces there now than they had before; so it had been considered safer to bring the allied troops closer together. That was all that could be said now, except that he did not regard the situation as dangerous and it might be said that if the bolshevik were stronger in the north they had become weaker elsewhere.

Automobile Thieves Take Car From Front of Cafe. An automobile belonging to W. E. Morris, Twenty-fifth and Manderson streets, was stolen Sunday night from in front of the Calumet restaurant. Morris had left the car standing but a few minutes, and caught a glimpse of the thieves driving the car away. He reported the theft to the police.

South Side Finds Car at Station When Calling to Report Theft. The telephone at the South Side police station rang furiously. Desk Sergeant McCarthy answered. "This is A. E. Noe, 3921 South Twenty-fifth street," declared an excited voice. "My car has been stolen!"

"What kind of a car is it?" inquired the officer. "It's a Buick," the excited owner replied. "Well, we have a stolen Buick here that was just brought in. Come down and see if it's yours."

Mr. Noe rushed to the police station and identified his car. It had been recovered by Officer Quinn at Forty-sixth and Q streets and brought to the station before the owner knew it was stolen. The incident occurred Saturday night.

South Side Breivies. For Sale—5 or 10 acre, nine-room house, barn, outbuildings. Phone No. 2149. E. J. McGuire has reopened his law office at 508 Omaha National Bank Bldg. Residence phone South 3218.

Seven-inch Emerson records. Regular price 25c, special this week, 15c. Will play on any machine. Koutsky Pavlik company.

St. Mary Court No. 377 of the Women's Cabinet, order of Forerunners will hold a meeting Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Grand Hotel, 12th and I streets.

Wanted, Home! Home! Home! Let your property with KRATKY BROTHERS, 4222 So. 16th. Now have a chance for home on a beautiful lot.

To our friends and kind neighbors. First Congregational church, Homebased Sunday School, 12th and I streets. L. O. P. and Ashland Park school, we wish to express our thanks for kindness, sympathy and assistance, also for many flowers during the sickness and death of our son, Woodrow.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Stern and family.

Brief City News

Royal Sweepers, Burgess-Granden Co. Have Root Print Co.—Beacon Press. T. J. McGuire has reopened his law office at 508 Omaha National Bank Bldg. Res. phone, No. 3218.

To Talk Poetry.—A public meeting will be held Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the City hall in Benson, for all who are interested in poetry raising. Lectures and talks will be given by government agents.

To Speak at High School.—Dr. Guernsey Jones of the State university will deliver the second of a series of lectures at the Central High school Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. His subject will be "The Social Revolution in Germany."

Twenty-Five Million Dollars Needed for Church's Work. London, Feb. 1.—The Church of England is in the first stage of building up a new scheme of finance. Experience has shown that parishes, dioceses and great church societies that have helped to carry on the work cannot meet the need of a re-organized and reconstructed church.

Ancient endowments were not given to the church as a church, but to this or that particular parish or corporate body, and there are no funds available for reconstructive work. Until now central machinery to carry on the Church of England as a progressive church has never been installed.

The want of funds will explain the difficulties that face the organizers of the central church fund in carrying out their new work. Twenty-five million dollars is required, and church people throughout the kingdom are being asked to subscribe.

Prices on Luxuries Fall; Not Here, But in London. Although the housewife who expected an immediate fall in food prices and increased quantities is disappointed there is ample evidence that the prices of certain luxury articles are falling, says the London Chronicle. Furs, hats, and the more decorative articles of apparel are being marked down. A pink hat from Paris displayed in Regent street has depreciated from 15 guineas to 8 1/2 in four days.

Second-hand furniture shops, where a week or two ago a kitchen set worth £2 would be worth £3 10s., have had to climb down. Dealers in second-hand books are more ready to bargain.

Twelve Sinn Fein Leaders Receive Prison Sentences. Dublin, Feb. 2.—Twelve Sinn Fein leaders were found guilty yesterday of illegal drilling in a private hall here and were sentenced to six months imprisonment. When arraigned they denied the authority of British laws and one of them, while in the dock, waved a republican flag.

HUGE DIAMOND FOUND IN SOUTH AFRICAN MINE

Weights 388 1-4 Carats in Rough; Comes From Jagersfontein Mine, Famed for Quality of Stones.

Chicago, Feb. 2.—The new blue-white diamonds of 388 1/4 carats recently discovered in the Jagersfontein mine in South Africa, will take rank among the large diamonds of history. Only a few stones of greater size have been found outside of South Africa, but a number have been found there that were much larger. The Excelsior, which weighed 97 1/4 carats in the rough, was also taken from the Jagersfontein mine. It was cut into ten gems, the largest of which was 68 carats and the smallest, 13 carats.

What the new diamond will weigh when cut is still a problem. Diamonds lose about 60 per cent of their weight in the cutting and polishing process. If the new diamond is cut into a single gem, it will weigh perhaps 230 carats. Only a few cut gems in existence weigh more than that. But it may have certain flaws or may be of such shape that it will be impossible to make it into a single gem and it may be necessary to cut it up into several jewels.

Cullinan Is Largest. The Excelsior was the largest diamond ever found until the Cullinan was taken from the Premier mine in South Africa in 1905. The Cullinan is by far the largest diamond ever discovered. It weighed 3,023 1/2 carats and measured 4 by 2 1/2 by 1 1/2 inches. It was three times larger than the Excelsior and four times larger than the Great Mogul, which weighed 787 carats, rough, and cut to 288 carats. The Great Mogul was the largest diamond ever found in India. It has completely disappeared from history. Some have confused it with the Orlov of Russia and Koh-i-Noor of the British crown, but the best authorities do not believe that either of these celebrated diamonds was a part of the Great Mogul.

Here is a list of the greatest diamonds ever found in South Africa: Porter-Rhodes, 150 carats rough; Stewart, 285 1/2 carats rough, 120 carats cut; Tiffany, 280 rough, 125 1/2 cut; Victoria, 428 1/2 rough, 288 1/2 cut; Victoria-Nizam 457 1/2, 180 cut; Jubilee, 640 rough, 239 cut; Excelsior 97 1/4 rough; Cullinan 3,023 1/2 rough. The Cullinan was purchased for \$1,000,000 in the rough by the

TELLS HORRORS OF LIFE IN HUN PRISON CAMP

Prisoners "Strafed" When They Made Reports to Red Cross of Non-Arrival of Packages.

Washington, Feb. 2.—Interesting details of life in a German prison camp were given in a report to the Navy department by Chief Gunner's Mate James Delaney of Malden, Mass., one of the first men of the United States navy to be captured by the enemy. He and four other members of the armed guard of the steamship Campana were taken prisoner August 6, 1917, after their ship had been sunk by the U-61. Delaney declared, in his report made public today, that packages from the American Red Cross saved him and his companions from starvation—the fate that befell hundreds of Russian prisoners.

Punished For Complaining. "When we received parcels from the Red Cross or from home they had to be censored by the commander of the camp," said the report. "If it appeared that Germany was winning, all our cigarettes were broken in two, syrup, coffee and tea, and all articles would be opened and poured into one basin and mixed together. We made reports to the Red Cross of parcels lost which had been sent to Brandenburg. If any made complaints about parcels they 'strafed' them and would hold them for a couple of weeks. This I took up with the Spanish ambassador, but they never ceased spoiling parcels for all nationalities. The French were punished more than any other ally.

Many Died In Hospital. "All the medical treatment that was given to us was by the British Red Cross. If a man was sick and saw the doctor, he was looked at and told he was well and sent to work again, but the Italian doctor and six Russian doctors, also an American merchant doctor, would arrange so that those sick patients would be put into a shed called a hospital. Many of them died. The German doctor never saw anything of these men, but all the allied doctors did their best. "The sleeping barracks were literally covered with bed bugs, fleas and lice. We were allowed to take a bath every two weeks. No soap or toilet gear were issued. "We all had the Red Cross to thank for our lives."

Battleship Brings Troops. Newport News, Feb. 2.—The battleship New Jersey arrived here today from Brest with more than 1,000 troops, comprising the One Hundred and Sixth sanitary train, Four Hundred and Eighty and Four Hundred and Eighty-first aero squadrons, First and Second railway ordnance repair companies and Eleventh battalion of the Twentieth engineers. Most of the men will be sent to Camp Meade, Maryland, for demobilization.

Dies in New York Hospital. New York, Feb. 2.—The death of Brig. Gen. Charles Patrick Eagan, who won fame as an Indian fighter in the seventies, was announced here tonight. General Eagan, who was 79, died in a hospital last night. He was born in Ireland and came to America when a boy and had served in the army for 30 years when he was retired at his own request in 1900.

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