

BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS

JAILED FOR SENDING MESSAGE TO EX-KAISER.

Dusseldorf, May 3.—Commercial Councillor Underberg, of Moers, Belgium, near the Dutch frontier, instructed his gardener to dispatch a birthday message to the former German emperor. The latter acknowledged the compliment on a postcard which fell into the hands of the Belgian authorities.

Underberg was sentenced to jail with a fine of 100 francs for carrying on forbidden communication with the former emperor.

TRAVEL EXPENSES DUE TO MANY EX-SOLDIERS.

Washington, May 3.—Thousands of soldiers, sailors and marines discharged from service between November 11, 1918, and February 28, 1919, may file claims with the auditor of the War department for one and one-half cents per mile for travel expenses from the place of discharge to their homes. This was decided today by Comptroller of the Treasury Warwick.

Comptroller Warwick held that the act of February 28, 1919, allowing five cents a mile from the place of discharge to the actual home, if home or residence of a discharged man was retroactive to November 11. Men discharged between those dates were allowed only three and one-half cents a mile, however, under a former act.

The comptroller declined to establish any general rule by which authorities can determine what constitutes the "actual home or residence" of a man.

"PANORAMA OF VICTORY" THRILLS NEW YORKERS.

New York, May 3.—One of the most novel and spectacular parades ever held on Fifth avenue, a "Panorama of Victory," staged by the army in the interest of the Victory loan, thrilled thousands today and brought home many a full realization of America's participation in the war.

For more than four hours, over five miles of march, there was unfolded an ever-changing, vivid picture of the marvels of the mighty army America raised to help defeat Germany.

THREE UTAHANS FINED FOR SHIPPING LIQUOR.

San Francisco, May 3.—Joseph Eccles, president of the American Sugar company of Utah; Joseph Browning, son of the inventor of the Browning machine gun; and J. H. Devine, a Utah attorney, were fined \$1,000 each today by Judge William C. Van Fleet of the United States district court, after they had pleaded guilty to shipping liquor into dry territory. The shipment was made for personal use, it was stated.

UNCLE SAM'S DEBT NOW \$24,824,345.000.

Washington, May 3.—Public debt of the United States government was reported today by the treasury as \$24,824,345,000.

Most of this represents Liberty bonds of the first, second, third and fourth issues, the Victory Liberty loan not being included in the report. No deduction is made for the \$8,852,000,000 loaned to foreign governments. Consequently the net debt would be approximately \$16,000,000,000.

The treasury plans to issue other bonds this year and next, year after the other, but in the aggregate these are not expected to amount to more than \$5,000,000,000, so that the gross public debt of the United States is expected by officials to be in the neighborhood of \$30,000,000,000 when the period of war financing ends.

The treasury now has a working balance of \$1,052,000,000, and it holds \$2,568,599,000 in gold. Silver dollars in the treasury have been reduced to \$229,711,000 by melting down of approximately \$100,000,000 of silver dollars for export to India.

LEAPS FROM AIRPLANE AND LANDS UNINJURED.

Atlantic, N. J., May 3.—Jean Ors, a French airplane expert, leaped from a parachute from a flying machine 1,000 feet in the air today, speeding at a mile a minute over the flying field in Chelsea, and landed safely within the enclosure.

The jump was made in competition for the \$500 Bennett prize. Others may later contest for the trophy.

WOMEN INDICTED FOR ELECTION FRAUDS.

Chicago, May 3.—Today Cook county grand jury returned indictments against 10 persons charged with election frauds in the February majority primaries, the accused, including three women and six men, precinct judges and clerks of elections. It was the first time women had been charged with irregularities since they obtained suffrage in Illinois.

HARVEST WAGES 50 CENTS HOUR IN WESTERN KANSAS.

Hutchinson, Kan., May 3.—Wheat growers from 35 western Kansas counties today adopted a harvest wage schedule of 50 cents an hour for a 10-hour day, with extra pay for overtime. This wage applies to shockers, large men, ditchers and helpers around stacks, drivers of headers and binders. Men with teams will receive 70 cents an hour, and stackers 60 cents.

BUDAPEST IN PANIC AS CZECHS ADVANCE.

Budapest, May 3.—(Delayed)—Any hour may see a change in the military front from soviet to social democracy in order to save the city from occupation by the advancing Czechs, Roumanians and Serbo-French troops directed, it is stated, by General Berthelot.

The city is quiet, but there is a feeling of panic lest the reds engage in massacres of the bourgeoisie before the allies reach the city and entire families are fleeing. The last train for Austria, which now is the only frontier open, left Wednesday afternoon crowded to the utmost with men, women and children, standing in all the cars, and reached Szeged at 7 o'clock.

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FIVE CENTS.

DELGIANS BALK AT TREATY

BILLIONS ARE ASKED AS REFUND OF ROADS

Test Case Brought by North Dakota Involves Huge Sums for Shippers of Country.

Washington, May 3.—(Special).—Restoration of \$1,750,000,000 to people of the United States, excessive charges made by arbitrary order of the United States railroad administration may follow a hearing which opens here tomorrow before the United States supreme court in an action brought by William Langer, farmers' attorney general of North Dakota.

"Fighting Bill," they call him out in his home state, where as state's attorney of Morton county he was first given the title by securing bench warrants for and arresting 168 blind-piggers and prohibition law violators all in one day, and later convicting them all. He was elected attorney general of the state on a ticket against so-called "big business," which was claimed to have manipulated grain prices to the loss of the farmer.

Then he broke with the radical leaders of the Non-Partisan league and was charged with having deserted to the same big business organizations.

For Increased Rates.

Monday, May 5, in refutation of the Non-Partisan league charge, he will open action before the supreme court of the United States in a fight for the eventual restitution of the greatest amount of money ever asked in any law suit in the history of the world.

If he wins his case, the railroads of the United States must refund \$1,750,000,000 collected since December 28, 1917, the date when McAdoo raised the railroad rates on passenger and freight traffic.

Incidentally the supreme court of the United States has broken all precedent. The annual spring recess, since the organization of the federal tribunal, has always been taken the first two weeks in May.

Because of the tremendous importance of the case the court has abandoned its spring recess for the first time in history and by co-operation of Director General of Railroads Walker D. Hines, and his counsel, Attorney Charles Donnelly of the United States, and Attorney General Langer of North Dakota, has set the action for hearing just two days after it was filed.

The action against the federal railroad administration was launched in North Dakota. But that state would secure a refund of but \$10,000,000 out of the estimated total of \$1,750,000,000.

This history of the case dates back to August 29, 1916, when congress attached a rider to the army appropriation bill authorizing the president to take over the railroads in time of war through the secretary of war. The Mexican trouble was then at its height.

On March 25, 1918, after the government had taken over the railroads, Secretary McAdoo issued an order (Continued on Page Seven, Column 1).

Triple Funeral for Three Greder Family Members Will Be Held on Monday

The bodies of Mrs. George Greder and her 2-year-old daughter who were murdered by the crazed husband and father early Friday morning will be buried Monday afternoon in Mount Hope cemetery beside the body of the man who slew them and then killed himself.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 Monday afternoon at Crosby Undertaking rooms, the Rev. C. E. Harmon officiating.

Greder, it is believed, rose early Friday morning, locked his 8-year-old son in a bedroom, beat his wife to death with a baseball bat, cut her throat and after severing the head of his baby daughter from its body, shot and hanged himself. The three bodies were found Friday night by Gilbert, the 8-year-old son, who had been held a prisoner all day in the bedroom.

Gilbert Greder, left an orphan, will go to Buck Grove, Ia., to live with his aunt, Mrs. Katherine Grife.

Three Americans Decorated.

London, May 3.—Three captains of the American army military corps received the British military cross from the hands of King George at Buckingham palace today.

The American officers were Captains R. Giles, D. Murphy and F. Stone.

Mrs. Draper Smith Demands That Public Welfare Board Investigate Drug Traffic

Purpose is to Institute Inquiry to Ascertain Why City and State Officials Are Treating as a Dead Letter the Nebraska Statute Regulating Sale and Use of Narcotics.



Mrs. Draper Smith

Following revelations published in The Bee showing the threatening danger to the community because of the increasing and vicious traffic in narcotic drugs, Mrs. Draper Smith, prominent and influential social worker and public spirited woman, yesterday declared she would immediately take the matter up with the Public Welfare board with a view to ascertaining the true state of affairs.

Mrs. Smith made known her purpose to institute an inquiry especially with reference to learning why city and state officials are treating as a dead letter the Nebraska statute which passed the legislature of 1915, regulating the sale and use of narcotic drugs.

Law Demands Records.

Chapter 195, Section 4, of the acts of the Nebraska legislature of 1915 provides a law prohibiting physicians to prescribe narcotic drugs to addicts without first consultation with another reputable physician, and in the event it is found necessary to give cocaine or morphine to the patient, the statute requires that a permanent record showing the details of the transaction be kept in the office of the physician who administers the drug. The law also provides that the attending physician shall make a report within five days after the prescription is written to the office of the county attorney.

County Attorney Shotwell declared he had received no reports of this character since he assumed the duties of his office. It is further provided by the state law that persons addicted to the excessive use of morphine or cocaine shall be committed to the Nebraska hospital for the insane.

No provision is made for imprisoning addicts in the city or county jail, or in the Detention Home, and treating them there. The law specifically states that they should be treated in the Nebraska hospital for the insane.

Will Take Matter Up.

"I shall take the matter up immediately with the Public Welfare board," said Mrs. Smith, "and learn what is being done. I am not faulting the board, but I am not faulting the city or the state officials who are treating as a dead letter the Nebraska statute which regulates the sale and use of narcotic drugs. I shall endeavor to make the proper inquiry, and present the subject to the Women's Civic club.

Reputable physicians and nurses with extended experience in treating patients who are addicted to the drug habit with one acclaim almost condemn the methods used at the Detention home, "encourages the habit. At the state institution in Lincoln the most violent cases are taken off narcotics entirely three days after admission, according to Dr. J. P. Sullivan, who for years treated drug addicts at the Lincoln institution.

Small Doses of Morphine. "During the three days we allowed them to have cocaine or morphine," said Dr. Sullivan; "they were allowed to have only two or three very small doses."

Charges have been made that Dr. Palmer Findley and Miss Alta Berger, the latter up until recently mayor of Omaha, were treating drug addicts in the Lincoln institution.

Tells of Conditions.

"It is necessary for anyone who desires correctly to understand the conditions abroad to visit Europe," Representative Green said. "The press dispatches are so censored, or for some other reason, do not correctly describe the situation. I found when in Paris much conflict over peace terms and the league of nations. Not only the London and Paris newspapers, but also the residents of these cities were strongly criticizing members of the peace conference for the delay.

"But many of them were especially bitter against President Wilson, and showed a bad feeling toward this country, while our nation had no claims or controversies that were its own. Representatives of each nation seemed to think that America ought to be on their side and when they did not get what they wanted, blamed it to meddling on the part of our delegates.

"Some friction also had arisen between our soldiers and the people of France whom our men were continually overcharging them. On the contrary those stationed in Germany spoke highly of the treatment which they received in that country. The more friendly spirit that characterized the reception of our congressional delegation in Belgium was in marked contrast to the spirit that seemed to prevail elsewhere at that time, at least the Belgians were very friendly to us.

Complaints of Men.

"The camps we inspected were in good order; even that at Brest is (Continued on Page Seven, Column Five).

The Final Drive



ITALIANS MOVE AGAINST TROOPS OF JUGO-SLAVS

Forces Start Northward and Eastward to Intercept Troops Drawing Toward Vienna Railway Line.

Vienna, May 3.—(By The Associated Press).—Italian troops advanced in Carinthia are advancing northward and eastward and have occupied a bridge over the river Drave.

Heavy Fighting at Munich; Prince Among Hostages Slain

Berlin, May 3.—(By The Associated Press).—Heavy fighting marked the entry of Bavarian and German government troops into Munich, the communist stronghold in Bavaria, and there were heavy losses on both sides.

Prince Albert of Thurn and Taxis, Prince on Wrege, Privy Councillor Albert Doederlein, and Prof. Franz von Stuck.

Mondell Promises New Law, if Needed, to Punish Anarchists

Washington, May 3.—"If further legislation is necessary to punish bomb makers and bomb senders, and the advocates of anarchy, bolshevism and violence," said Representative Mondell of Wyoming, who will be floor leader of the republican majority in the next house, today, "the new congress can be depended upon to provide it."

Roumanian Army Reported to Have Occupied Budapest

London, May 3.—The Roumanian army is reported to have occupied Budapest, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Berlin.

Loan Medals Awarded.

Washington, May 3.—Brig. Gen. Herbert M. Lord, army Liberty loan officer, and his assistant, Capt. Robert W. Daniel, today were awarded Treasury department medals for distinguished service in behalf of the various Liberty loans.

Woman Swallows Poison After Quarrel With Sister

Miss Daisy Blair, 21, Attempts to End Life; Left Home Week Ago in Driving Rain Storm; "It's All Over Now," She Tells Niece.

Miss Daisy Blair, 21, swallowed a large quantity of poison at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon at Park and Woolworth avenues, after a quarrel with her sister, Mrs. C. McDermott, 3114 Woolworth avenue. Until last Sunday Miss Blair lived at the McDermott home.

Miss Ann McDermott, 22, Miss Blair's niece was with Miss Blair at the time of the attempted suicide. "My aunt has been depressed and irritable for two or three weeks," said Miss McDermott.

"She was always impetuous and when an argument arose last Sunday at breakfast about some peanut butter, Miss Blair left the table. In the evening she left the house and did not come back until Saturday afternoon. Then she packed her trunk and had it taken to 1029 South Thirtieth street.

FIANCEE OF GOV. HARRISON IS ON WAY TO WEDDING

Mother of Youthful California Bride-to-Be Opposes Match and Will Not Attend Ceremony; Groom Much Older.

By Universal Service. New York, May 3.—The wedding of Elizabeth J. Wrentmore, youthful California girl, to Gov. Francis Burton Harrison, of the Philippines, will take place May 15 at the home of the governor's mother in Washington. A brother of Miss Wrentmore, Ensign George C. Wrentmore, of the United States navy, will give the bride away; the mother, who opposes the match, will not be present.

Miss Wrentmore is 18 years old and Governor Harrison 46. This will be Governor Harrison's third marriage. Miss Wrentmore's father is dean of the University of the Philippines.

The bride is now on her way east for the nuptials and Governor Harrison will leave for Washington about May 10. He is at present devoting himself to boosting the Victory loan and has just concluded his conferences here with the Philippine commission.

AGED MOTHERS VIE WITH GIRLS TO GREET BOYS

Fair Maidens Storm Groups of Bashful Soldiers at Welcome to Ambulance Men; Youth and Age Mingle.

Valor was ingloriously defeated in the encounter with beauty at the reception given for the 335th ambulance company at the Auditorium Saturday evening. Fair maidens, conquerors of many a hero's heart, stormed the citadel held by a group of bashful members of the company, and each annexed a prisoner in the form of a dancing partner.

The "wall flowers" were well entrenched in the rear row of chairs, but the fair heroines easily overcame the obstacle and succeeded in dispersing the enemy.

To enticing tunes played by a well-trained colored orchestra the heroes finally succumbed. Once on the dancing floor of the Auditorium they gave way to the blandishments of the fair tempters. Soon the merry dance was up in full swing, all the returned members of the ambulance company, for whom the entertainment was given, taking part.

Sweethearts seemed to predominate among those who had assembled to welcome the men back to the city, but a liberal sprinkling of (Continued on Page Seven, Column One).

THE WEATHER: Rain and cooler Sunday; Monday unsettled and cooler; probably rain in south portion. Hourly temperature table.

MINISTERS INSIST ON CLAIMS IN ENTIRETY

King Albert Petitioned to Refuse to Sign Pact as Prepared by Allied Council.

Brussels, May 3.—The cabinet, after a meeting with King Albert today lasting three hours, deferred decision on the peace conference. The premier told the newspaper correspondents that the position was grave.

A petition has been presented to King Albert by the National Political committee that he refuse to sign the peace treaty. This committee represents 100,000 members and 300 communes.

The National Belge says that the cabinet has unanimously decided to maintain Belgium's territorial and financial claims in their entirety.

Emile Vandervelde, minister of justice, after a long interview with King Albert, has left for Paris with the mission to transmit to the Belgian delegation instructions not to sign a treaty which does not contain a clause guaranteeing the economic future and military security of Belgium.

Allies Charged With Trucking to Japan in Chinese Statement

The attitude of the council of three regarding Fiume is compared by the Chinese delegation in its statement with the reported solution of the Shantung problem by which Japan is to get the former German territory there and later is to hand over the territory to China.

The Chinese statement says it is intimated that the decision favorable to Japan was made in order to save the league of nations. It is also pointed out in the statement that there was a secret agreement between the allies to support Japan's claims of which China had no knowledge.

China claims that Germany's rights in Shantung were abrogated when China declared war against Germany.

Steamer Built in Thirty-Seven Days Making New Record

Portland, Ore., May 3.—When the 8,800 ton steel steamer, West Chilatata, was launched today at the yards of the Northwest Steel company here, a speed record for the United States in shipbuilding was claimed.

Party Leaders Disapprove Tageblatt Editor's Views

Berlin, May 3.—(French Wireless Service).—Theodor Wolff, editor-in-chief of the Tageblatt of Berlin, has announced his intention of resigning from the executive committee of the German democratic party.

According to reports from Berlin, Herr Wolff has not been in agreement with other leaders of the democratic party, especially because of his support of the socialists against his own party.

Discharges From Army Reach Total of 2,072,000

Washington, May 3.—Demobilization of the army has returned 1,942,391 officers and men to civil life. The War department announced today. Of these 103,524 were in the commissioned grades. The total authorized discharge was announced as 2,072,000, and of these 789,320 are men returned from overseas.

Sykes in Airplane Fall in Which Pilot Was Killed

London, May 3.—An airplane, in which General Sykes, controller-general of civil aviation, was making a flight, fell today at Kenley and the pilot, Captain Knott, was killed. General Sykes was badly shaken.

Once More the American Flag is on Every Sea. The Liberty Loan Put It There. The Victory Loan Will Keep It There.