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HAMBURG-AMERICAN OFFICIALS GUILTY

VERDICT OF FEDERAL COURT JURY IN CONSPIRACY TRIAL

SENT SUPPLIES TO GERMAN SHIPS

Date for Sentence Designated Today—Maximum Penalty Two Years and Fine.

New York, Dec. 2.—Three high officials and a subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American line were found guilty in the federal court here tonight of violating the laws of the United States in sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic shortly after the war began.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty on each of two indictments. The specific charge was conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States. It was alleged that false clearances were made out.

Those convicted are Dr. Karl Buehn, managing director of the Hamburg-American line in New York and former German consul here; George Kotter, general superintendent of the line; Adolph Hadmeister, general purchasing agent; Joseph Poppinghaus, former officer in the German navy and at present a second officer in the Hamburg-American line.

The date for passing sentence will be designated tomorrow. The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. An appeal is expected.

The verdict is the result of a long investigation of ships sailing from many American ports including Penacola.

ACTION OF DEWEY CITED IN TRIAL

New York, Dec. 2.—Counsel for the four indicted officials of the Hamburg-American line charged with conspiracy in connection with sending supplies from this country to German warships cited the actions of Dewey at Manila to substantiate their statements that the defendants did no wrong. William Rand, counsel, stated that when Dewey was before Manila he needed coal and supplies. An American firm at Hong Kong loaded coal and supplies for Macao as carrying scrap iron. He said Dewey received supplies from these ships at sea and that the vessels were loaded with scrap iron from the ruins of Cavite and proceeded to Macao.

The government charges that the Hamburg-American cleared ships for various ports, but really they furnished supplies to warships near the American coast. "It is simply a matter of whose ox gored," said Rand in speaking of the Dewey exploits.

WORKING ON BILL FOR SHIPPING INTERESTS

Washington, Dec. 2.—At a conference of Secretaries McAdoo and Redfield, Senator Fletcher and Representative Alexander, chairman of the merchant marine committee, Solicitor Thurman, of the department of commerce and Commandant Berthoff, of the coast guard were appointed to outline the administration's bill to create a shipping board, provide a merchant marine and naval auxiliary and control water rates.

COTTON FOR RUSSIA

Thousand Cars Sent by Way of Port of Seattle.
Seattle, Dec. 2.—The exports commission began negotiations with the Seattle port commission for space in public warehouses to store a thousand cars of cotton on route from the south for shipment to Vladivostok. Because of scarcity of ocean tonnage it will be necessary to store the cotton here several weeks. The movement of cotton through this port for Russia where it is used for making explosives is reported as the largest on record.

Watch Cooling of Ships.
New York, Dec. 2.—Acting on the suspicion that spies started in the coal bunkers of several ships which have sailed from here recently were caused by chemicals mixed with coal, federal and city detectives are working as coal trimmers in the steamers loading here. Investigators are reported to have received information that spies are testing a compound which will cause coal to take fire continuously.

CAUCUS FAILED TO PASS CLOTURE

UNABLE TO REACH AGREEMENT TO LIMIT DEBATE IN SENATE

MAY MEAN FIGHT ON SENATE FLOOR

The Senate Democrats Meet Again Today in Effort to Settle Matter.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Several senators intimated tonight that today's failure to reach an agreement to limit debate might mean a rules fight on the floor of the senate when congress opened on next Monday. This might delay the organization of the senate and prevent the holding of a joint session on Tuesday to hear the president's message.

Besides the cloture fight the caucus conference tomorrow will decide on a president pro tempore. Senator Pomerehne of Ohio is a candidate against Senator Clarke of Arkansas, who is out for re-election. The alignment is said to be close.

LIVELY FIGHT WAS EXPECTED

Washington, Dec. 2.—The contest over the adoption of the cloture rule for the senate was renewed when the senate democrats continued their caucus. A lively fight is expected over this proposition to prevent filibustering. Many democrats are opposed and a vigorous fight is expected over the election of a president pro tempore. Senator Pomerehne is avowedly a candidate against Clarke, who faces much opposition because he opposed the shipping purchase bill last session. Administration leaders, however, sought to allay opposition for the sake of party harmony. The democrats ways and means committee is still working on the committee assignments.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS REPORTED FAVORABLE

Washington, Dec. 2.—Reports of business conditions throughout the country from federal reserve agents are in the main favorable, and show improvement for November according to information given out by the federal reserve board. Atlanta reported more of a continuation of the favorable situation and a good outlook for December, rather than any new features. Further development of a "very satisfactory general condition heretofore reported" featured the Richmond district. Boston says the economies of the past months are not so rigidly observed, and the public generally is spending more freely. Reports from all other sections tell of improvement.

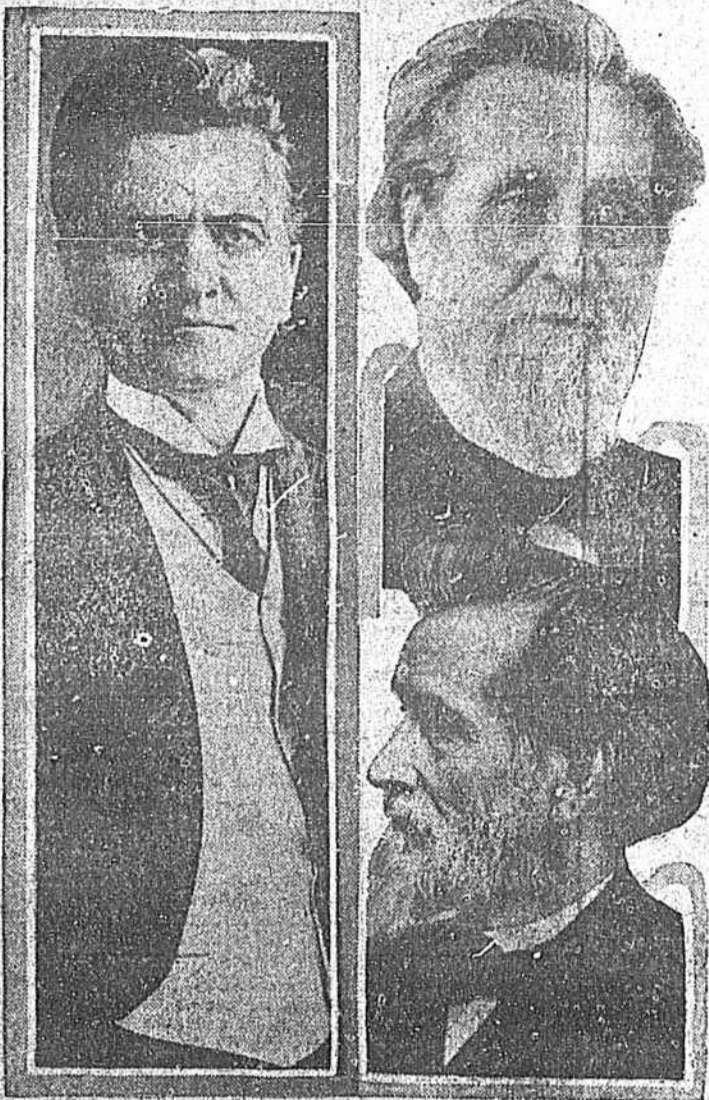
REPORT VILLA FORCES RAPIDLY ADVANCING

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 2.—Villa forces are reported to be rapidly advancing for an attack on Agua Prieta and Carrizosa troops are preparing to repel the attack. The Carrizosa garrison is not considered strong and more troops are being rushed here. The attack might result in firing on this town again. Fears are still felt for three Americans known to have fallen into Villa's hands and for several others in the territory held by Villa. It is now reported that Villa adherents plan to hold a convention in Juarez soon to elect a president of the republic.

JOFFRE IN COMMAND

Paris, Dec. 2.—It was officially announced that General Joffre had been appointed commander-in-chief of all the French armies, except those in north Africa.

Secrets of Famous Political Pair Are Aired



Senator Robert W. LaFollette. Two views of Senator Isaac Stephenson.

"Uncle Ike" Stephenson, senator from Wisconsin, has written for private circulation an account of his transactions with "Batling Bob," the fighting senator from the same state, which will have wide influence on the presidential campaign.

"Uncle Ike" makes the statement that he financed Senator LaFollette's reform campaign in Wisconsin, giving toward it \$500,000. He said that in all he gave toward the Republican party \$1,000,000. When LaFollette and his friends conceived the idea in 1907 that the Wisconsin reformer might get the republican nomination for the

presidency, H. L. Ekern of Wisconsin, he says, called on him in Washington, and suggested he put up \$250,000 to finance the campaign. "Uncle Ike" was not responsive, and the sum was reduced to \$25,000. But he would do nothing.

After his refusal the split between him and LaFollette, he says, widened. By the time Senator Stephenson prepared for a fight for re-election to the senate he had the LaFollette men against him. He spent \$107,000, and was re-elected. LaFollette men, he says, caused investigations in Wisconsin and Washington about the use of this money.

GREAT BRITAIN WOULD REQUISITION SHIP

United States Will Enter Vigorous Protest in Case of Steamer Hocking.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Consul General Young at Halifax today officially informed the state department that the American steamer Hocking, detained there, had been requisitioned by Great Britain.

The United States is preparing a vigorous protest and it is said, will demand that the steamer go through the prize court to test the charge that she was partly German owned.

FORMAL INQUIRY FROM AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT

Washington, Dec. 2.—The state department received from the Austro-Hungarian government, through Ambassador Penfield, a formal inquiry regarding the statement recently issued at the department of justice which is considered by the Austrian embassy here as being in confirmation of charges made by Doctor Gortchak, the former Austrian consul, Austria inquired if the justice department issued such a statement. Doctor Gortchak charged in effect that the Austrian consulates in the United States operating under the direction of the German embassy were concerned in the conspiracies to wreck ammunition plants.

OYSTER SUPPLY

Improvement Association Hammond School Will Serve.

The ladies of the Hammond School Rural School Improvement association will serve oysters Saturday evening, beginning at 5 o'clock, at the school house. Everybody is invited to attend and an enjoyable evening is promised.

SUNDAY NEWSPAPERS UPHeld IN MISSOURI

Question Brought Before Supreme Court By Advertiser Refusing Payment.

Jefferson City, Dec. 2.—Holding that the publication of Sunday newspapers was a public necessity this state supreme court today upheld the validity of advertising contracts of the Pulitzer Publishing company's St. Louis Post Dispatch.

An advertiser refused payment, alleging that the publication of a Sunday newspaper was in violation of the state labor law, the lower court upholding him.

The chief justice said: "The beneficence of a Sunday newspaper is most potent, because the masses have time to read on Sunday."

AMERICAN JEWS HELP EUROPEAN REFUGEES

New York, Dec. 2.—American Jews contributed more than \$1,300,000 to destitute Hebrews in the war zone and Palestine, whose predicament was even worse than the Belgians and Serbians, according to a report of the central committee for the relief of Jews suffering through the war.

China Remains Neutral

Peking, Dec. 2.—The Chinese government made a formal announcement that it is not considering the possibility of joining the entente powers nor had it been requested to do so.

MANN ELECTED LEADER

Washington, Dec. 2.—House Republicans organized for the next congress tonight by choosing Representative Mann of Illinois Minority leader.

FORD TOURISTS ARE SUBJECTS OF INQUIRY

NEUTRALS AND BELLIGERENT NATIONS WANT TO KNOW STATUS

U. S. DISCLAIMS RESPONSIBILITY

Passports Are Issued Only for Visit to Neutral Countries of Europe.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Several European nations, neutrals as well as belligerents, have inquired of the United States concerning the status of Henry Ford's peace party. To each Secretary Lansing replied that the government acts only as a connection of the mission, but assumes no responsibility of any of its activities or negotiations.

Seventy-five passports were issued to members of the expedition today. A number were refused because of improperly prepared applications, or because the applicants were not Americans.

Passports are good only to enter neutral countries, as the state department does not issue passports for belligerent countries, unless urgent business cause the trip. Officials regard the Ford party as tourists.

The British embassy intimates that without passports in proper form none of the party could land in Great Britain.

FORD ANNOUNCES MISSION PLANS

New York, Dec. 2.—Henry Ford arrived from Detroit and made the first announcement of his peace mission plan. He denied that he had any intention of stirring up a strike in the trenches. He said members of his party would be selected to remain in Europe as permanent peace advocates. He expects other neutral nations to send delegates to join the Americans in Europe. Each of these neutral nations will be expected to appoint five delegates, who will compose a permanent body.

DOMINION OF CANADA BACKS GREAT BRITAIN

Proposed to Finance Portion of Mother Country's War Expenditures for Supplies.

Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 2.—With subscriptions of \$110,000,000 to Canada's proposed \$500,000,000 war loan, the question of having the dominion finance a portion of Great Britain's war expenditures was considered today by Finance Minister White and a committee of the Canadian Bankers' association.

It is said that a credit to Canadian shell manufacturers would be established by the banks with the endorsement of the Canadian government based upon British bonds.

TWENTY ROUND BOUT FOR WORLD'S CHAMPION

New Orleans, Dec. 2.—The promoters announced tonight that Fred Fulton of Minnesota, had signed to fight Jess Willard here on March 4, next, in a twenty-round bout for the world's championship. Willard is to get \$32,500 win, loss or draw. Fulton is about Willard's size, but has a longer reach.

Snow in Greenville.

Greenville, Dec. 2.—Snow fell in Greenville for the first time this winter about 10:15 o'clock last night and was noticeable to the theatregoers and others who happened to be on the streets. The fall of snow was slight and the flakes melted as soon as they fell to the ground.

The first snow fell last year in Greenville was on November 20.

"Cotton" Smith on Deck

Washington, Dec. 2.—Senator Smith of South Carolina asked the president to assist in getting cotton from Germany for cotton planters for use as fertilizer. The president said the state department would do everything possible.

ITALY ANNOUNCES ADHESION TO TREATY

MELLEN STILL IS TESTIFYING

TELLING JURY INSIDE HISTORY OF NEW HAVEN RAILROAD

DEALINGS WITH GRAND TRUNK

Canadian Railroad Threatened to Invade New England and Agreement Made.

New York, Dec. 2.—Charles S. Mellen, former president, testified in the trial of eleven former directors of the New Haven railroad today that the road spent \$120,000 to block proposed extensions of the Grand Trunk railroad of Canada in New England.

He admitted that the two roads finally reached a traffic agreement in 1913 whereby the Grand Trunk gave up the proposed extension and the New Haven decided not to parallel the Grand Trunk's Vermont lines.

This agreement caused the indictment of Mellen and Edson J. Chamberlain, president of the Grand Trunk in New York in 1913. This indictment was dropped, but the charges were considered important in the present allegations against Mellen.

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CORONER'S VERDICT IN JUDSON RIOT CASE

Gordon Brown as Principal and Five Accessories Responsible for Freez's Death.

Greenville, Dec. 2.—"That the said D. L. Freez came to his death as a result of wounds sustained by a knife in the hands of Gordon Brown, with Charley Huggins, Tom Harvey, John Humphries, I. A. Williams and J. Van Williams as accessories" was the verdict rendered today about 2 o'clock by the coroner's jury which for more than two hours, heard an unvarying monotony of testimony as to the causes leading to, and the details of, the rioting at Judson mill Saturday morning, November 27.

The mystery shrouding the circumstances of the actual stabbing of David Freez was but partially unveiled in the evidence of the defense. None of the four witnesses—J. A. Parker, Deputy A. G. Justice, F. M. Tidwell and Joe Williams—testified as to whom cut the deceased. The solution of the mystery, if ever solved, must be sought in the sessions court, probably at the January term of the tribunal.

Witnesses testified that Gordon Brown and John Humphries were in the fight with Freez, but the fatal thrust, they swore, was done with a weapon so far concealed in mystery. The only knife the witnesses swore they saw was in the hands of T. A. Harvey. The evidence was that they saw him wield his knife at Humphries, but they did not see him cut any body.

The autopsy of the physicians showed that Freez was cut, and that his death was due to complications arising directly from one of the wounds nearest his heart.

The verdict of the jury didn't include the names of Deputy Justice, F. M. Tidwell, J. A. Parker, Jesse Jackson, Wilmont Jackson, Henry Jordan and J. A. Follins, who were held prior to the fight under bond of \$2,000 each, accused of being accessories to the fact. Brown, Humphries, Harvey and Huggins, who were arrested last Saturday, will be held together with T. A. Williams and J. Van Williams who today were implicated as accessories in the verdict of the coroner's jury. Application for bail will be the next step which the accused will probably pursue.

Defective Allowed to Die

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STICKS TO AGREEMENT NOT TO CONSIDER SEPARATE PEACE

AIDS CLEARING UP SITUATION

Latest Reports Say That Negotiations With Greece Now More Hopeful.

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The latest reports are that the negotiations are likely to be a success for the allies. Otherwise the Balkan situation is unchanged.

The Serbians still hold Mostar, but the position is almost hopeless. The Bulgarians have cut communications between Mostar and the Serbians there, like their army in the north, must retreat into Albania when the pressure becomes too strong. There is an unconfirmed report that the Russians are marching through Finland toward Bulgaria.

Rumania's permission for this, however, will be tantamount to joining the allies. Another report, also unconfirmed, says that the Russians are sending an army toward Gallata for a big offensive.

On Other Fronts

On the other fronts artillery bombardments continue. British, French and Belgian guns have been particularly active as have the airplanes of Flanders, and the German positions have been given a severe shelling.

British monitors added in these operations, which suggests that the next offensive may be Flanders.

Some Peace Talk

There is still talk in the neutral press about peace, based on reports from Germany of socialist activity and from Austria on dissatisfaction there with allied German attempts to take control international administration, as the Germans did the military.

It is considered a significant that all new Austrian ministers are men with German leanings.

MAY PREFACE GERMAN ADVANCE

London, Dec. 2.—Military events in the Balkans are in a transitory stage which may preface another German offensive but whether this will be against the Franco-British forces which hold all that remains of Serbia or against the Russians should they launch an attack against Bulgaria from east, the present situation gives no indication.

A Saloniki dispatch reporting the withdrawal of von Mackensen's forces from the Serbian front to Bulgaria is interpreted in some quarters as a confirmation of the last alternative. With Przemir in the Bulgarian hands both the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians have formally announced the completion their Serbian campaign. Vienna officially estimates the capture of more than sixty thousand Serbians during November alone. Moreover it seems certain that the Serbians in their retreat over the Albanian mountain passes, encumbered by civilian refugees and made more difficult by winter, are forced to leave behind a large part of their equipment.

The Germans are now pushing the Montenegrin front and at a heavy cost succeeded in penetrating some distance beyond the border. This struggle however is not comparable to the fighting in Serbia.

Notwithstanding all the intense negotiations at Athens the situation remains much the same as a month ago. It is clear that Greece does not intend to demobilize or withdraw her army from Saloniki though a deadlock seems to be reached in negotiations still under way.

No significant change is reported from either the eastern or western fronts.

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