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Say Violence Caused Girl's Death; Piper Is Held

General Disorder In Germany

COURT ORDER RESULTS IN AUTOPSY

MUSKEGON, Mich.ñ Dec. 19—Miss Freida Weichman came to her death by violence, according to three physicians, who today examined the body of the girl, because of whose death Milo H. Piper, of this city, is held here on a murder charge.

The autopsy showed, according to the physicians that the girl's skull was crushed by blows on the back of the head.

The body of the girl whom it is charged Piper killed after an extended automobile honeymoon in 1916 was taken from its resting place in a local cemetery this afternoon at the direction of the prosecuting attorney's office to permit physicians to make the examination.

MUSKEGON, MICH., Dec. 19.—The body of Miss Frieda Weichman, of Chicago, because of whose death Milo Piper, local insurance man is held here on a murder charge, will be removed from Oakwood cemetery here and a port mortem performed.

This was announced today by Harry Jackson, assistant prosecuting attorney who is handling the case during the illness of Prosecutor Broek.

An effort will be made by medical tablish the cause of death. The body of the girl whom Piper is accused of slaying after an automobile honeymoon, was first discovered in a lonely grave along the railway tracks between here the Grand Rapids.

MUSKEGON, Mich., Dec. 19.—The matrimonial experiences of Milo H. Piper, local insurance man accused of having murdered Miss Frieda Weichman, Chicago bookkeeper, after an automobile trip lasting several months in 1916, were being further investigated by the police here today.

Interest in the accused man's past life was stimulated late yesterday when it was established by statements from him and his present wife, according to Sheriff Carl Stauffer, that in 1903 he was married at Benton

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BOLO'S ACTIVITIES FIGURE IN PROBE

He Tried to Form Alliance With Hearst Papers, is Told Senators.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Activities of Bolo Pasha, executed as a French traitor, in promoting in the United States the financing by the German government of the Paris Journal and in what was described as an attempt to form a news alliance between the Journal and William Randolph Hearst's newspapers, were recited today to the senate committee investigating German propaganda, by Alfred L. Becker, deputy attorney general of New York.

Mr. Becker explained that his investigation was made at the request of the French government to determine the culpability of Senator Humbert, proprietor of the Paris Journal, on a disloyalty charge, and that enemy propaganda in the United States was disclosed incidentally. Bolo tried, Becker said, to obtain from Hearst a declaration of French sympathies. Charles F. Bertelli, Paris correspondent of the Hearst newspapers who came to the United States to introduce Bolo to Hearst early in 1916, was quoted by Mr. Becker as having said every American loved France and that consequently it needed no advertising. After Bolo's return to Paris in May 1916, the Paris Journal published a "fulsome account of Hearst," the witness said, but otherwise no evidence of a news connection between the Journal and Hearst was disclosed:

Bolo sought unsuccessfully in conference with E. G. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, to get the company to purchase the Paris Journal. Mr. Becker stated in his opinion this move by Pasha was entirely camouflaged intending to cover up the real purpose of his visit to the United States.

Mr. Becker declared the investiga-

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New Wireless Telephone Apparatus With Which Planes in Air Can Talk to Each Other

This photograph shows an airplane equipped with the new wireless telephone ready to give a demonstration for government officials at Billing Field, near Washington, D. C. This wonderful apparatus makes it possible to direct the flight of a plane from the ground and for aviators to communicate with each other while in flight. The helmet and mouthpiece are worn in such a manner that sending and receiving messages while piloting a machine is easy.

Desert Russia Now and Land Would Be Swept By Barbarism

British War Secretary Tells of Obligation of Allies to Support Unfortunate Country; By Helping Russia, Entente and Allies are Fighting Russ Bolsheviki.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—In reply to a letter received from a correspondent, Viscount Milner, the secretary of war, gives the reasons why British troops were sent to Russia. The cabinet member goes over the situation created by the success of the bolsheviki in gaining control of Russian affairs and points out how their acts were adversely affecting the cause of the allies in the west and otherwise hampering the winning of the war by the allied nations.

"You ask me," says Viscount Milned in his letter, "what right we ever had to send British troops to Russia to meddle with the internal affairs of that country and how long we mean to keep them there now that the war is over.

"The question itself shows that you misapprehend the facts of the case as well as the motives of the government. The reason why allied, not British forces—indeed the merely British are only a small proportion of the total allied troops—were sent to Russia is that the bolsheviki, whatever their ultimate object, were in fact assisting our enemies in every possible way. It was owing to their action that hundreds of thousands of German troops were let loose to hurl themselves against our men on the western front. It was owing to the betrayal that Rumania with all its rich resources in grain and oil fell into the hands of the Germans.

"It was they who handed over the Black sea fleet to the Germans and who treacherously attacked the Czecho-Slovaks when the latter only desired to get out of Russia in order to fight for the freedom of their own country in Europe. The allies, every one of them, were most anxious to avoid interference in Russia, but it was an obligation of honor to have the Czecho-Slovaks and it was military necessity of the utmost urgent kind to prevent those vast portions of Russia which were struggling to escape the tyranny of the bolsheviki from being overrun by them and so thrown open as a source of supply to the enemy.

"I say nothing of the enormous quantities of military stores, the property of the allies which were still lying at Archangel and Vladivostok and which were in course of being appropriated by the bolsheviki and transferred to the Germans until allied occupation put an end to the process. * * *

"I say nothing of the fact that a vast portion of the earth's surface and millions of people friendly to the allies have been spared the unspeakable horrors of the bolshevik rule. But in course of this allied intervention thousands of Russians have taken up

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ANOTHER TRY TO CARRY MAIL IN AIR

NEW YORK, Dec. 19—The attempt was resumed today to establish through airpost service from New York to Chicago without mishaps making necessary the transporting of the mail by train for any part of the distance. The carrying of the mail by air all the way yesterday was not successful, a series of minor accidents intervening.

MEETING TO BRING DEFINITE ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Definite action toward outlining procedure for railroad legislation, including consideration of Director General McAdoo's recommendation for a five year extension of government control, was expected at the meeting today of the senate interstate commerce committee.

HOG ISLAND YARD COST GOVERNMENT 63 MILLION—PIEZ

WASHINGTON, 19.—The cost of the great ship building plant at Hog Island was estimated today at $63,300,000 by Charles Piez, general manager of the shipping board's emergency fleet corporation. He said the yard, which has delivered one ship and has 50 keels laid should be completed in 60 days.

The original estimate of cost for a plant on a smaller scale, was $21,000,000 and this was increased later to $27,000,000.

PARIS READY TO WELCOME EMMANUEL

PARIS, Dec. 19.—King Victor Emmanuel of Italy arrived here today and was welcomed by President Poincare, Premier Clemenceau and other ministers. The king was accompanied by his son, the Prince of Piedmont.

The Italian ruler and his heir arrived at the Boise de Bologne station. Notwithstanding unsettled weather conditions and squalls of wind, large crowds lined the streets.

A luncheon was given by Presiden Poincare in honor of the Italian and Prince. The guests included Premier Orlando, Foreign Minister Sonnino and Food Minister Crespi of the Italian cabinet; Count Macchi Di Cellere, Italian ambassador to the United States; former President Loubet, former President Fallieres, Marshal Joffre, Marshal Foch, Marshal Petain and the ministers and ambassadors accredited to France.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—King Emmanuel of Italy will arrive here today. The city is hung with flags and a general holiday has been declared. Rain is falling this morning but there is promise of the weather improving. The newspapers hail the king as a man of honor who has been a real

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HE PUT ON LONG PANTS TO FIGHT

A Wilmington Boy Gassed Twice is Recovering From Effects.

Wilmington has another war hero added to the list of young men who have done their bit for their country. The latest is Private Sheldon C. Merritt, who enlisted when he was 16 years old, to get a chance to take a crack at the Huns.

He is a son of P. A. Merritt, of North Front street, and enlisted shortly after this country entered the war. He hadn't put on long pants then, but he got hold of a pair and successfully passed the recruiting officer.

Private Merritt has been gassed twice, and is now recovering from the effects of the second dose. He has never been wounded, although he has been through several severe battles in the Argonne region.

In a letter to his sister-in-law, Mrs. D. P. Merritt, 509 South Front street, Private Merritt describes his sensations in going over the top.

"I tell you, that if ever there has been hell on earth it is going over the top. I have never got over the first shock yet, and don't like to talk about it. I saw some awful sights. One of my bunkfellows had his head shot clean

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Sim's U-Boat Fighters Display Versatility by Making and Baking Him a Birthday Cake

Admiral Sims is the Pershing of the American navy. Just as the British fleet worked on daily without the issuance of cimmuniques, the nits of the United States navy on the other side did their harzardous bit in the submarine zone. There was no praise, because praise would warn the Hun. These boys are proudly displaying a birthday cake, which they made for Admiral Sims. It was delivered and eaten.

Police Seek Romeo Who Failed To Join Pretty Bride at Altar

L. B. Willetts Mysteriously Disappears After Disappointing Church Filled With Friends of Wilmington Girl; Foul Play Theory is Discounted by Police.

Mystery today surrounded the sudden disappearance yesterday afternoon of L. B. Willetts, of Georgetown, S. C., a few minutes before he was to have been married to pretty Miss Leola Griffith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Griffith, No. 7 Queen street, in the Immanuel Presbyterian church.

The police, who were advised of the young man's disapearance after he failed to show up at 5:45 o'clock, when the ceremony was to have been performed, were today investigating the many angles of the case in an effort to determine his whereabouts.

The theory that foul play entered into his disappearance was discounted today when the police had failed to secure any clues. His friends in the city saw him several times yesterday, and Miss Unity Willetts, a relative, who is employed in the Murchison Bank building, said she saw him twice during the day and spoke to him both times. Ben Griffith, brother of the prospective bride, also saw him yesterday afternoon in company with a soldier whom he did not know.

The church was filled almost to evorflowing at 5:45 o'clock, when many friends of the bride had gathered to witness the ceremony. The couple was to have left on the 6:45 north bound train. At six o'clock the prospective bridegroom had failed to show up, and a few minutes later it was announced that the ceremony would have to be postponed for reasons that could not be stated. It was immediately following that the police were notified and asked to conduct an investigation.

Miss Griffith said this morning that she had heard nothing from Mr. Willets since he called at her home at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, and told her he would return by 5. She said she had heard someone say that friends of the man yesterday afternoon urged him to return to Georgetown, where he was employed, telling him that he was not financially able to support himself, much less a wife. It was thought possible that members of his family had taken a hand, for it was said they were bitterly opposed to the wedding.

Little is known in the city about Willett. He was originally from Brunswick county, Miss Griffith said. For the last several months he has been employed in Georgetown, S. C.

Miss Griffith indicated today that she did not believe foul play was responsible for his disappearance.

"I don't care if I never see him again," she told a reporter. Miss Griffith is about 19 years of age and is pretty. She has a wide circle of friends, many of whom were present last night to witness the ceremony.

Miss Willetts, the young man's relative, said she noted nothing unusual about his actions yesterday. She spoke to him twice, she said, and he answered her in the usual customary cheerful manner.

The police will continue their investigation, it was said, until the whereabouts of Willetts are determined. They were today preparing to communicate with his family in Brunswick county, and also his employers in Georgetown.

TO INTERN AUSTRO-GERMANS IN FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 19.—(Havas).—Austro-German soldiers who have been rounded up in European and Asiatic Turkey by the allies, will be transported to France for internment until peace is declared. Admiral Amet, French high commissioner at Constantinople, has requisitioned all German vessels in Turkish ports and will use them in transporting the Austro-German prisoners to France.

SLAY U. S. AIRMAN IN GERMAN PRISON

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The killing of Lieutenant Coheeny, an American airman in the German prison camp at Stralsund December 5, is reported by three British officers who have arrived here. The American lieutenant, the officers say, went outside the barbed wire for a moment and the German guards fired three times at him.

HUN CABINET QUITS JOB, REPORTED

ZURICH, Dec. 19 (Havas)—Serious disorders have broken out in Danzig, West Prussia, according to dispatches received here. Civil and military prisons have been opened and the inmates set at liberty, it is said, and street fighting is reported.

Convoke Conference.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 19.—The German government has decided to convoke a conference of representatives of all the states of the former empire on December 29 to elect a president of the German tone, according to a Berlin report. This step is said to have been taken in order to avoid fresh outbreaks.

PARIS, Dec. 19.—The German government, headed by Friedrich Ebert, has resigned as a result of events on Tuesday, according to a dispatch received at Zurich from Stuttgart, says the Journal's correspondent there.

Friedrich Ebert, who was named as minister of the interior in the cabinet of Prince Maximilian of Baden on November 3rd and became imperial chancellor on November 8th, took command of the situation in Berlin following the revolutionary uprising there.

On November 13 it was announced he had become premier and had chosen his cabinet, naming Hugo Haase, Philipp Schiedemann, Wilhelm Dittman, Herr Landsberg and Richard Barth as the secretaries in charge of the department created by the revolutionary government.

The central congress of the delegates from soldiers' and workmens' councils met at Berlin on Monday. The first session resulted in disorderly scenes in which there were many personal encounters.

On Tuesday turbulent scenes continued, George Ledebour, a leader of the independent socialists, making a

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WILSON MAY VISIT LONDON NEXT WEEK

Surprise in Evidence as Lloyd-George Hurries to Change Plans.

LONDON, Wednesday, Dec. 18.—News that President Wilson considers coming to London next week was received by the British government through an official channel today.

It caused considerable surprise and necessitated a hurried reconsideration of plans by Premier Lloyd-George, who had intended to meet the president for a brief conference in Paris and then proceed to Monte Carlo for a few days rest.

The president will be welcomed whenever he arrives, but the date now proposed—December 26—has handicaps as far as the public and the officials are concerned. December 26 is a holiday and is known as "boxing day," an occasion peculiar to England. All who have country homes and live in London, from the king downward, spend that day in the country. Business in London customarily is at a standstill.

No arrangement for the visit of the president has been made up to today because the government wished to consult with John W. Davis, the new American ambassador. The American embassy had no information of the reported change in the president's plans.

Premier Lloyd-George has postponed his visit to France and the preliminary conversations between the president and the premier, which would have been held in the French capital will be held in London.

The change in the president's arrangement is held to explain the hastening of the formal reception of Ambassador Davis by King George today. This was done so that the ambassador could be properly accredited in readiness for the formalities in connection with the president's visit.

Premier Lloyd-George had hurried conferences tonight with Sir Eric Geddes, first lord of the admiralty, and other ministers.