

OFFICERS GRANTED PARDONS BY WILSON

Hughes Had Charged Them With Breach of Faith.

Lieut. Col. Vincent and Mixer Mentioned in Aircraft Report as Having Used Their Offices For Personal Gain.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Lieut. Col. J. A. Vincent and George W. Mixer, army officers named by Charles E. Hughes in his report on the aircraft investigation as having been guilty of transacting business with private concerns in which they were financially interested, have been pardoned by President Wilson.

This announcement was made tonight at the White House. It was announced at the executive office today that the president had pardoned Lieut. Col. Geo. W. Mixer and Lieut. Col. J. G. Vincent, whom the report on aircraft production showed to be technically guilty because of a breach of faith, because he entered into contracts in the views of the attorney-general with regard to these two cases. He believes that the two gentlemen concerned were entirely innocent of any improper selfish and unethical conduct and that their services to the government which have been of the highest value and the most disinterested sort, deserve a most cordial recognition.

No action against either Col. Vincent or Col. Mixer has been taken by the department of justice and the granting of full pardon to them was recommended to the president by Attorney General Gregory who took up their names in separate letters to the president.

Col. Vincent was vice-president of the Packard Motor Car Company and was one of the designers of the liberty motor.

Mr. Hughes' report said Col. Mixer owned 25 shares of stock of the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corporation, valued at \$2,500, while he acted for the government in supervising inspection and production at this company's plant.

This was held by both Mr. Hughes and Mr. Gregory to violate the law. "Lieut. Col. Mixer," said Mr. Gregory's letter to the president, "testified that he had formerly owned a small amount of both common and preferred stock in the company referred to; that at the time he was commissioned he had sold the common stock and overlooked the fact that he still owned preferred stock. There is nothing in the evidence warranting the conclusion that Lieut. Col. Mixer did not act in entire good faith in the transaction referred to or indicating that he was influenced by his ownership of this preferred stock, which paid a fixed dividend."

Col. Vincent was vice-president of the Packard Motor Car Company and was one of the designers of the liberty motor.

When that motor had been designed, Mr. Gregory's letter to the president, "the Packard company tendered Mr. Vincent its engineering staff. The authorities authorized Mr. Vincent a small number of models and experimental motors and he was commissioned in the signal corps, retaining as an officer of the Packard company, but retaining the ownership of the stock. His official title was in the name of the government in connection with settling the compensation to be paid the Packard company for this work. There is no evidence that he did not act in entire good faith or that any advantage was taken of the government."

RECONSTRUCTION TO BE THEME OF DISCUSSION Business Men Of the Country Gather in Atlantic City for Meeting Which Begins Today.

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 3.—Business men here to attend the reconstruction congress called by the chamber of commerce of the United States, to open tomorrow, met today to consider what policies and proposals they shall present to the general meeting for adoption. There were nearly 400 members of the war service committees, representing virtually every business and industry.

There seemed to be a general agreement that business must proceed cautiously in bringing about the after-war re-adjustment, that there should be no sudden dumping of products on the market, that labor should be steadily employed as one of the best ways to maintain stability; that there should be no effort made by the government in arbitrarily fixing prices to a large extent, to work out its own reconstruction program.

According to some committees, efforts will be made to modify the Sherman anti-trust laws. The war service committee on building stone has so far as a result announced a resolution declaring for the "outright repeal" of the Sherman law and also a protest "against the proposal to inaugurate a nation-wide basis of stone and concrete rates constructed on the theory that distance is the outstanding controlling factor."

Opposition to government ownership of railroads was the substance of another resolution by the stone building committee. The favorers, however, "testified regulations."

Arnold Killed When Automobile Strikes Train

NORTHEAST CAROLINA WANTS AERIAL MAILS

Propose That Seaplane Delivery Route Be Established Between Norfolk, Manteo and Morehead.

By S. R. WINTERS. Washington, Dec. 3.—The Manteo chamber of commerce has invited the bureau of navigation of the navy department to consider a proposal to establish a coastal mail service by seaplanes between Morehead City and Norfolk, with a stop-over at Manteo and other intermediate points. The expressed desires of the citizens of Manteo have been placed in the hands of Senator Simmons with the request that he aid in effecting their accomplishment.

"Along the suggested aerial route," writes Thomas S. Meekins and B. G. Crisp, "are 30 coast guard stations and it includes Cape Hatteras with its dangers to ocean shipping, unequalled by the dangers of any other spot. We believe it needless to say that the planes engaged in transporting mail could in all probabilities co-operate most effectively with the coast guards in protecting life and property, the aerial route being along the line of coast guard stations on the coast.

Among other benefits of maintaining seaplanes upon this route in carrying mail and co-operating with coast guard is the additional benefit the nation will derive in keeping aviators in training and maintaining the planes for any emergency that might arise in the future. In addition to rendering valuable service to a large number of people who are prevented by isolation caused by geographic condition from enjoying the benefits of speedy mail deliveries, such as enjoyed by people in more favored localities. Officers connected with present aviation patrol have pronounced this an ideal route for experiments in seaplane mail service for the best harbor for aviation purposes known to the world.

"We also beg to call attention to the fact that the territory between Norfolk and Morehead City is isolated, this being on an island and the disseminating through which mail is handled for 18 other postoffices. This island is surrounded by the waters of the large island sounds of this state, said waters being full of shoals and by reason of location and the fact that we are dependent upon one mail steamer for mail service, said service is often unsatisfactory."

CONGRESS BEGINS WORK ON BIG MASS OF BILLS

Immediate Steps Are To Be Taken To Frame Legislation Dealing With Railroads.

Washington, Dec. 3.—With preliminaries of the new session disposed of congress today began work on the mass of appropriation and other measures now pending.

Only minor bills were considered today in the senate and house, but committees were at work on appropriation bills.

Except for these measures and the revenue bill, the session's legislative program remains largely to be framed. Representative Kitchin, the democratic leader in the house, said today that appropriation measures in the main are to occupy the house.

Immediate steps are to be taken to frame legislation to deal with the railroad situation.

Senator Smith said legislation at this session is necessary, as he understands the president is in favor of immediate return of the railroads to private ownership unless congress decides upon some other policy.

Senate committees continued investigations into delay in publication of army casualties, brewers' propaganda, and coal production and distribution.

WILL DISCUSS CONCRETE SHIP POLICIES TODAY

General Manager Plez and Senator Simmons to Have Conference on Subjects—Frame Policy.

By S. R. WINTERS. Washington, Dec. 3.—A conference tomorrow at one o'clock between Charles Plez, vice president and general manager of the Emergency Fleet corporation, Senator F. M. Simmons and Senator Porter McCumber of North Dakota, will determine the program of concrete ship building in the country. The status of concrete ship building at Wilmington will be known after the policy of the country has been framed. The conference tomorrow is significant to Wilmington and other concrete ship building yards.

Franklin D. Hampton, secretary to Senator Simmons, this afternoon had an interview with the board of engineers of the war department relative to securing government dredges for removal of the channel through Smith's creek at Oriental, Pamlico county. M. J. Connelly and W. J. Smith were here as representatives from Oriental. The undertaking would cost the government about \$5,000 and Mr. Hampton said the board of engineers will negotiate the job.

REJOICES OVER THE END OF THE TROUBLE

Mrs. McKenzie Tells How She Had Suffered Since She Was a Child—Declares Tanlac Has Restored Hear Health.

"I am thirty-four pounds heavier than I was when I began taking Tanlac and I just can't express the joy I feel over my wonderful recovery," said Mrs. Emily McKenzie, 604 East Second street, Fort Worth, Texas. "Ever since I was a child, I had been afflicted with catarrh," she continued. "About two years ago my stomach began to get out of order and everything I ate would sour and form gas that burned and distressed me until I hardly got any sleep or rest day nor night. My kidneys worried me constantly and my back hurt until I couldn't straighten up without it hurting me until I would cry out loud with pain. My feet and ankles were swollen and gave me a lot of trouble and I was in a mighty bad shape every way.

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Tanlac is sold in Wilmington by R. R. Bellamy and leading druggists everywhere.—adv.

EDGAR BELL PRISONER IN A GERMAN CAMP

Wilmington Soldier in Good Health. Five Other Carolinians Reported As Prisoners.

Washington, Dec. 3.—A list of American prisoners of war in Germany, issued today by the war department, include the following:

At Camp Rasstatt: Private Boyce Wofford, Lockhart, S. C.; Mechanic Richard Fisher, East Nashville, Tenn. At Camp Friedrichseld: Private Lee Ramsey, Newport, Tenn. At Camp Fuerstefeld: Private Elizabeth Filliam Hudson, Boone's Mill, Va. Reported in good health at an unknown camp: Privates Paul Deaton, R. F. D. No. 5, Hickory, N. C.; William L. Craton, Dallas, Ga.; Edgar Bell, 2009 Wollcott avenue, Wilmington, N. C.; Robert A. Beadle, Statesville, Tenn.

A second list of American soldiers held prisoner in Germany was announced late today by the war department. The list includes the following enlisted men:

At Camp Limburg: Conley Ringley, Hilton, Va., previously reported killed in action. At Darmstadt: William J. Brackens, Wytheville, Va.; Grover C. Bralley, Ivanhoe, Va.; Fred Roberts, Gaffney, S. C. At Meschede: Lee F. Rash, Olin, N. C.; Clarence F. Klimes, Friendship, Tenn. Horace C. Greene, Mount Holly, N. C., reported in good health at an unknown camp.

SEAMEN WILL GO BACK TO PEACE-TIME PAY

Bonuses Which Have Been Paid Because of War Risk Will Probably Be Discontinued.

New York, Dec. 3.—Peace time readjustment of wages and bonuses, affecting more than 10,000 deck and engine room officers and thousands of seamen and firemen, will be considered at a conference in Washington tomorrow of officials representing the government, the steamship companies and the organizations of officers and men manning the American merchant marine.

With dangers incident to war no longer a factor, it is understood that bonuses over the monthly wage of 25 per cent for coastwise, 50 per cent for overseas and 75 per cent for war zone voyages will be discontinued. It is also expected that changed conditions in shipping may enforce a re-classification of vessels and so upset present wage scales which are based upon tonnage and horsepower.

The conference will take the form of a hearing before a special commission consisting of Robert P. Bass, of the United States shipping board; Franklin D. Mooney of the American Steamship Association and William A. Brown, representing the licensed Marine officers.

Representatives of the deck and fire room officers association and the sailors and firemen's unions will be represented.

GERMAN TROOPS IN FINLAND GRANTED SAFE CONDUCTS HOME

Copenhagen, Dec. 3.—The entente powers, according to a Wolff bureau dispatch from Spa, Belgium, have granted safe conduct to the German troops in Finland to return home.

Under the terms of the German armistice, freedom of access to and from the Baltic sea was given to the naval and mercantile marines of the allied and associated powers. The blockade conditions set up by those powers were to remain unchanged and all German merchant ships found at sea were to remain liable to capture.

CAPT. FLEET RETURNS FROM FRANCE WEARING 7 MEDALS

Blacksburg, Va., Dec. 3.—Wearing a string of medals, Captain George T. Fleet, a member of the 26th infantry, regular army, returned to his home here today from the battlefields of France. Captain Fleet wears the cross of the Legion of Honor, the cross of guerre, the distinguished service cross, and four other medals which were conferred upon him by the American, French and British armies. He participated in the fighting at Chateau-Thierry and Soissons.

EX-KAISER'S WIFE LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS EXIT

THEATRICAL

When "The Bird of Paradise" comes to the Academy of Music tonight a new Luana will be introduced to the theatergoers of this city. This young player is Rita Romilly, a discovery of Oliver Morosco, the well known producer, who claims that she is the dramatic find of the year.

The Hawaiian romance, by Richard Walton Tully, was seen here last season and sprang into prominence. The tragic story of the love of this little-brown-skinned girl for an American, his final abandonment of her, the uplifting of another man through the influence of an American girl and the tragic ending of the Hawaiian princess, who gives her life to save her people.



Scene in "The Bird of Paradise," Coming to the Academy of Music Tonight.

from destruction, form a series of dramatic stage pictures that are not forgotten. Prices will range from 50 cents to \$1.50. War tax extra. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's.

"I'm So Happy."

"I'm So Happy" which comes to the Academy of Music on next Friday, December 6, has already proved conclusively that it is an offering exceptionally well moulted to the desires of American audiences. This has been proved by the fact that wherever the show has already appeared crowded houses have been the rule, rather than an exception, and by the fact that the appeal for a return engagement is invariably made. It is also shown by the laudatory comments of press and public. The entertainment is a sprightly musical farce with a never ending fund of laugh interest, with frequent melodrama of a most unselfish appeal, pretty girls galore and all that could be wished for in the way of scenic artistry and beautiful costumes. Frederick V. Bowers, who is recognized as one of the best light comedians on the American stage and who is also one of America's best known musical comedy artists. The prices will be from 50 cents to \$2. It is also shown by the fact that it will go on sale at Elvington's tomorrow morning.

"His Bridal Night."

The presentation of "His Bridal Night" at the Academy of Music on next Saturday for two performances will introduce to local theatre-goers a sparkling musical farce that has met with great success in all the larger cities of the country where it played last season. The comedy is by Lawrence Rising in collaboration with Margaret Mayo, who was largely responsible for the success of "Twin Beds," and has to do with a young man who on his wedding night finds himself unable to tell his wife from her equally charming sister. He is in love with one and one of them loves him but he can't tell which one and neither can the girls who will tell for reasons of their own. John Roberts will be seen in the stellar role. The Sheridan Twins, Loreta and Victoria, whose remarkable resemblance is the cause of the humorous complications of the story; Hazel Allan who will be the prima donna; Bertha Julian, Harry Lillford, Alf Bruce and Clarice Grey will lend adequate support. The choropleth have to add the night to his beauty as well as for ability to sing and dance.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to \$1. The night prices will range from 50 cents to \$1.50. Tickets will go on sale at Elvington's Friday morning.

SEVERAL TONS OF DATA TO BE TAKEN ABROAD

(Continued From Page One). fessor of geography, Michigan State Normal College.

Capt. W. C. Farabee, the University museum, Philadelphia. Capt. Stanley Hornbeck, author of "Contemporary Politics in the Far East." The inquiry, the Geographical society's statement said, grew out of a conference between President Wilson and Colonel House in September, 1917. It was soon evident that the scope of the investigation would demand not only a personnel of size and quality hitherto unknown in any such work, but headquarters where safety from enemy activity, of records and secret documents, could be assured. This problem was solved when the American Geographical society placed its building and part of its staff at the disposal of the inquiry without cost.

The cartographic force of the American Geographical society, augmented by government aid, began a map-making program hitherto without precedent in this country, all work being carefully drawn from the latest and best sources. Maps were made to visualize not only all manner of territorial boundaries, but distribution of peoples, number and local densities of populations, religions, economic activities, distribution of material resources, trade routes, both historic and potential; strategic points, etc. A series of base maps and block diagrams, said to be the most nearly complete in existence, was prepared by the society, bearing upon all the geographical problems of the war and of peace.

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