

BEING SOUGHT TO GET CONTROL OF NEWSPAPERS

Had Chance to Buy Washington Post for \$2,000,000

ACTIVITIES ARE REVEALED

Bielaski Lays Confidential Records of Department of Justice Before Committee.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Confidential records of the department of justice dealing with the activities of German agents and others in the United States were placed today before the senate committee investigating the German propaganda...

They deal with correspondence of Count von Bernstorff, former German ambassador, and others concerning the possible purchase of the Washington Post and other newspapers...

Mr. Bielaski told the committee that under date of October 17, 1914, Count von Bernstorff sent this message to Washington to Dr. Ernest Dernburg and Henrick Albert...

The Washington Post was offered me today to buy for \$2,000,000 with the understanding to buy it back again after the war for a million dollars...

There was nothing to show that my reply was made, but Mr. Bielaski said that under date of October 27, 1916, the German ambassador sent this message to the Berlin foreign office in cipher...

Under date of December 2, 1916, Mr. Bielaski said this communication was sent to the Berlin foreign office and was signed by Dr. H. K. Feuhr...

"From reliable sources I learn that this change of front is due to the Russian ambassador in Washington. After the death of its former owner, John R. McLean...

Another communication produced by Mr. Bielaski, and alleged to have been written by Samuel Untermyer, came from New York to Albert in February, 1916...

"I have received word that our opportunity has now arrived to acquire that morning and evening paper about which we have been talking...

Mr. Bielaski also produced a copy of a message relating to Dr. Hale going to Germany for the Hearst newspapers...

EXCLUSIVE RIGHT OF WAY TO BE GIVEN TO PEACE CONGRESS

Debate to Begin Next Tuesday Promises to Be Lively and Lengthy—Bill Reported to Senate by Simmons; Committee Majority and Minority Reports to Be Filed Later—Every Effort to Be Made to Expedite Passage of Measure.

Washington, Dec. 6.—In reporting the war revenue bill to the senate today Chairman Simmons, of the finance committee, arranged for beginning of debate next Tuesday, with exclusive right of way given the measure.

Table with 4 columns: Incomes, War excess profits, Estates or inheritances, etc. Total estimated revenue: \$5,953,466,000 vs \$8,182,492,000.

GASTON MEANS' PAYS TRIBUTE TO NAME MENTIONED IN THE SOIL TILLER

His Connection With Germany Houston Shows How Farmers Aired by Bielaski. Helped Win the War.

Shows N. C. Man Was Paid Thousands for Getting Evidence Against Great Britain. Bumper Crops Grown This Year and Last Despite Reverse Weather Conditions.

Washington, Dec. 6.—A tribute to the part played by the nation's soil tillers in winning the war is paid by Secretary Houston in his annual report for 1918, transmitted to Congress today by the White House.

Commonly known as "Bud Means," was paid \$3,000 for the purpose of assisting them in their activities as British spies in the war.

Mr. Bielaski said the department of justice would not prove that Means, in doing this work, knew its purpose, the checks were to go to the agency, but that it is known that Mr. Bielaski said he could only account for \$2,200.

NOMINATION OF GLASS WITHOUT OBJECTION IS CONFIRMED BY SENATE. Will Immediately Resign From Congress, After 16 Years' Service, to Begin New Duties December 16.

Washington, Dec. 6.—The nomination of Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, to be secretary of the treasury to succeed William G. McAdoo was confirmed tonight by the senate without objection.

Representative Glass said today that he had every reason to believe that the future policies of the treasury would not be different from those now being pursued...

NO LONGER IMMUNE FROM LAW ARE HOHENZOLLERNS. Berlin, Dec. 6.—The Prussian government has formerly withdrawn the privilege heretofore held by the members of the Hohenzollern family of immunity from law.

BUSINESS SENDS COMMISSION TO PEACE CONGRESS

Progress So Far Marked by Orderliness on One Side and Decent Respectfulness on the Other — Aix LaChapelle, First Really Large Town Occupied, Shows Evidence of Prosperity—Nothing Found Indicating Approach to Starvation.

Reconstruction Congress Adopts Many Resolutions. FINAL SESSION IS HELD

Atlantic City, N. J., Dec. 6.—Apportionment of a European commission representative of American business to go to France and be available for any aid to the peace delegate...

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BY PERRY ROBINSON. Special Wireless to The Observer From The London Times.

The allied armies of occupation have completed the first stages of their march into Germany without untoward incidents. The progress having so far been marked by orderliness on the one side and decent respectfulness on the other.

See this column here filing through the streets, devoid of bunting, with only casual salute interest shown by the passersby. Already the streets of Aix are placarded with notices over the signature of the Belgian commandant phrased as nearly as possible along the lines of "similar German proclamations in occupied districts."

Aix is in the Belgian area of occupation. I stood on the steps of the Rathaus while Belgian troops marched through the square. The band was playing. I found a curious experiment after the last weeks, when any gathering of troops anywhere has been enough to collect a cheering crowd, to

Erzberger to Participate in Peace Negotiations. Situation in Germany Described as Very Grave; Trial of Hohenzollern Chancellors Demanded.

Special Wireless to The Observer From The London Times. Stockholm, Dec. 6.—The Berlin soviet in conjunction with the Bavarian executive council have decided that Dr. Soest must retire and participate in the peace negotiations.

Special Cable to The Observer From The London Times. The Hague, Dec. 6.—This afternoon newspapers in London make a special feature of the impending demand for the extradition of the ex-kaiser apparently arising out of an interview with Premier Clemenceau...

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