

GERMANS SEND OVER THE WORLD IN 1914
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Washington, Dec. 13.—Operations of the German propaganda system in the United States through which valuable information for transmission to Berlin was gathered at the same time that German despatches were spread over the country, were laid bare today by Captain G. B. Lester, of the army intelligence service, in testimony before the senate committee investigating the activities of the German propaganda. Most of the evidence related to activities of Teutonic agents before the United States entered the war.

Hale the Eventual Head.
William Bayard Hale, a writer for the Hearst newspapers, and formerly confidential representative of President Wilson in Mexico, eventually became head of the publicity branch of the organization thus built up.

Propagandists Arrive.
The intensive German propaganda efforts had their beginnings, Captain Lester said, in a series of lectures given the chosen agents at Berlin by representatives of the foreign office and other German government agencies.

Great Secrecy Maintained.
Great secrecy was maintained concerning the maintenance of the headquarters. Captain Lester said, a pass word, "Bismarck," being required for admittance to Dr. Albert's offices.

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DISCHARGED SOLDIERS TO KEEP THEIR UNIFORMS
Washington, Dec. 13.—Secretary Baker informed Chairman Dent, of the house military committee, today that the war department had decided that discharged soldiers may permanently retain their uniforms and overcoat they wear when mustered out.

MANUFACTURERS GETTING UNEASY
Fearful That Sudden Ending of War Will Injure Them.
Are Anxious to Know What Government Is Going to Do About War Contracts.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.
Washington, Dec. 13.—Marked dissatisfaction with the manner in which the government is cancelling war contracts is expressed by dozens of manufacturers who have come to Washington to see how they are to get "from under."

The Dent bill, purporting to take care of manufacturers who accepted war contracts in good faith and began making up war supplies without receiving signed contracts, is declared no remedy by contractors and other business men. It is attacked principally on the score that it puts all adjustments in the hands of the secretary of war, permitting no recourse to the courts.

JUDGE BINGHAM HEADS COMMERCIAL CONGRESS
Clarence J. Owens Also Re-elected Director General Session Adjourns

Baltimore, Dec. 13.—Robert Wood Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Clarence J. Owens, of Riverdale, Md., were re-elected president and director general, respectively, of the Southern Commercial congress at its final sessions here today.

FLIER WEIGHS SEVEN TONS AND CARRIES SEVEN TONS

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London, Dec. 13.—Mr. Handley Page says the machine which flew into India from Calcutta with two engines and was about half the size of the latest Handley-Page four-engine machine, the wings of which have a span of 177 feet.

EAT AND BREATHE "FLU" OR GERMS WITHOUT HARM

Boston, Dec. 13.—Experiments undertaken by the navy department at the navy public health service hospital on Gallipoli Island to ascertain the cause and spread of influenza have had merely negative results.

AMERICA WAS PREPARED TO OVERWHELM GERMAN ARMIES WITH POISON GAS
Germany's Knowledge of Preparations Believed Important Factor in Causing Her to Seek Armistice.

New York, Dec. 13.—Details of America's "enormous preparations" to overwhelm the German armies with poison gas were made public today by the New York section of the American Chemical society.

TWO ENLISTED MEN INSTANTLY KILLED; TWO OTHERS INJURED;
ONE ESCAPES UNHURT IN ACCIDENT NEAR NORFOLK.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 13.—Two enlisted men were instantly killed and two others injured this afternoon when a big hydro-airplane, known as 18-16, speeded head first into the Willoughby station near the Seventh street station on Wednesday night.

CAMP HEALTH CONDITIONS CONTINUE TO IMPROVE

Washington, Dec. 13.—Health conditions in army camps in the United States continued to improve during the week ended December 6, a report to the surgeon general of the army today said.

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION TO HAVE LONG SCHEDULE

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 13.—A schedule of 154 games for the American association this season was agreed upon at the meeting of club owners tonight.

CAMERON MORRISON TO ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY

Washington, Dec. 13.—Cameron Morrison conferred with Senator Simmons and other friends here today. He will formally announce his candidacy for governor to succeed Governor Bickett, tomorrow or Sunday.

BURLESON NAMES BOARD TO OPERATE WIRE LINES

Washington, Dec. 13.—Postmaster General Burleson tonight appointed a board for the operation of the telegraph and telephone service under government control.

HOUSE VOTES TO RAISE FEDERAL JUDGES' PAY
Washington, Dec. 13.—By a vote of 193 to 79, the house tonight passed a bill providing salary increases of \$1,500 a year for each of the 131 judges of the United States district and circuit courts and the court of claims.

ALL GOVERNMENT CONTROL ENDED

Raw Cotton Distribution Committee Is Dissolved.
Understood That Officials No Longer Regard It Necessary to Control Distribution.

Washington, Dec. 13.—All government regulations affecting raw cotton ended today with the dissolution of the cotton distribution committee of the war industries board.

WOMAN CAMPAIGNING IN ENGLAND MAKES IT HOT

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London, Dec. 13.—One of the most interesting election contests is being waged by Mrs. Oliver Strachey in the Midlands division, who is standing as an independent coalition candidate.

EMPEROR CHARLES IN 1917 IS MADE PUBLIC

Told the Emperor Condition of Empire Was Growing Desperate and Urged Seeking of Early Peace.
Vienna, Dec. 13.—Count Czernin, former Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, gave the correspondent an opportunity today to read a copy of the letter which he sent to Emperor Charles in April, 1917, in which the minister declared that the condition of Austria was growing desperate.

PERMANENT OWNERSHIP OF THE WIRE SYSTEMS

Provided in Bill Introduced in House by Moon, Approved by Burleson.
Washington, Dec. 13.—Telephone and telegraph lines would become permanent government-owned utilities under a resolution introduced in the house today by Chairman Moon of the postoffice committee.

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