

citizens leaning toward pro-German sympathies

J. J. Dickinson, a newspaper man and former major in the army, was hired at \$10 a week to report on con-fidential interviews with officials to German headquarters in New York, said Captain Lester. Dickinson claim-ed that he had confidential relations with cabinet members, that he could "get in the back door of the White" House," and boasted that he was responsible for the notorious leak on the peace note, Captain Lester declared. The witness admitted that records showed Dickinson did have considerable official information of a end of the war. The war industries confidential nature, and gave it to the

German representatives. Captain Lester, continuing his testimony tomorrow, expects to tell how the German agents tried to stir up revolt anfong American negroes to eerve German purposes. 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 Elaborate memoranda were prepared on detailed subjects, and, armed with these, 31 sailed from Copenhagen for the United States, August 4, 1914, arriving August 15, on the same boat with Dr. Heinnerich Albert, paymaster for the propagandas forces. The only ones of these men mentioned by Captain Lester we re Dr Adolph Meklenberg, Dr. Eric Kraske

and Dr. Philip Bonn, all of whom have returned to Germany. He explained that, for military reasons, other names could not be disclosed. The group sent to America as well as those sent elsewhere had specific functions laid out for it. One group of the men was to deal with commercial matters, another with political

matters, and a third was to specialize

in Japanese, Chinese, South American and Mexican relations. The delegation on arriving in this country established headquarters at 1123 Broadway, arrangements having been made in advance, Captain Lester said, by George Sylvester Viereck, then publisher of a weekly known as The Vaterland, Matthew B. Claussen, publicity manager for the Hamburg-American interests, the witness test fied, directed work of the German press bureau at first in preparation of printed sheets of articles subtly pre-senting the German side of the war, but later he was replaced by Hale. Great Scorecy Maintained.

Great secrecy was maintained concerning the maintenance of the head-quarters, Captain Lester said, a pass word, "Burgomaster," being required for admittance to Dr. Albert's offices there, through part of the Hamburg-American line ticket offices. This was the frequent meeting place of Von Bernstorff, Captain Boy-Ed, Von Papen, Wolf Von Igel and other German representatives, according to the witness, and direct wires were maintained with the Sayville wireless station, which communicated with the radio tower at Nauen, Germany. Great quantities of Germany. papers, magazines and books were shipped into the United States for ped into the United States for of the propagandists, and these went to Mexico and other coun-A Mexico City newspaper. La use of also we described by Captain Lester as "violently pro-German," reproduced many of the articles, which were dai-

many of the articles, which were dis-tributed there through the German min ter, Von Eckhardt. Captain Lester read into the rec-ord a cablegram from Lord Northcliffe-to Arthur Brisbane, in December, 1916, two months after the International Captain Lester read into the rec-ord a cablegram from Lord Northeliffe to Arthur Brisbane, in December, 1916, two months after the International News Service's cable privilege had been revoked, urging Brisbane to come to England.

fact that millions of dollars is speed up. On the other hand it is club, asserted that the shoe interests want on Willoughby spit, about 18 miles an independent coalition candidate. The government to take the shoes off from the city. The machine was completely wrecked and the roof and merly parliamentary secretary of the

signed contracts, however.

regarding orders."

JUDGE BINGHAM HEADS

Session Adjourns.

the time to be named later.

vessels in the harbor participated.

FLIER WEIGHS SEVEN TONS

AND CARRIES SEVEN TONS

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EAT AND BREATHE "FLU"

dertaken by the navy department at the navy public health service hos-

600 miles

An effort has been made to induce veranda of the clubhouse torn away. the war industries board to strangeneal matters out but this has failed, the The dead: Radio Expert Thomas Vincent Jones, U. S. N., of Gadsden, Ale board holding that it has no jurisdiction. Chairman Baruch has yery Machinist Llewyn Alexander, New York city. definite ideas on the rights of the men who hurried work on war ma-

Ensign Robert Palmedo, who was piloting the machine, escaped with a fractured leg. Ensign David Thomas terial regardless of whether they had sustained slight injuries to the back. Quartermaster W. V. Avery, wireless No contractor, whether the form of his contract is acceptable or not in a legal sense," said Mr. Baruch operator, was uninjured. The big hydro-airplane, known as 18-16, was one of the largest in use today, "should be allowed to suffer financial loss by reason of the sudden

two powerful motors. board takes the position that every with five aboard, left Baltimore at 19 agreement made by the government should be lived up to. The govern-ment is too big to attempt to take o'clock this morning for a run to the \$5,000 reward to anybody who advantage of the contractors who accepted in good faith its assurances overhanging the coast, and was forced to land in order to obtain his location, The machine was successfully dropped

GE BINGHAM HEADS in the water near the scene of the accident. A few minutes later, the flight was resumed, with the head ointed shoreward. Emerging from a mist bank the machine plunged nose Clarence J. Owens Also Re-first into the club building. The Elected Director General. the roof and veranda.

Alexander were caught under the motors and crushed to death. was the second round trip the Baltimore, Dec. 13.-Robert Worth Bingham, of Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Clarence J. Owens, of Riverdale, Md., were re-elected president and director

general, respectively, of the Southern to avoid the dense fog and maintain Commercial congress at its final ses-sion here today. The present vice presidents and the board of directors direction. The escape of the other men in the also were retained. Next year's con-vention will be held in Washington,

A military parade, provided as an CAMERON MORNISUN TO attraction of the convention, took place today. A brigade of infantry ANNOUNCE HIS CANDIDACY from Camp Meade, troops from the

different army posts near Baltimore and a regiment of sailors from the war

ocratic Nomination to Succeed Governor Bickett.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT. 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 Sun-London, Dec. 13.—Mr. Handley. Page says the machine which flew into India from Cairo was a converted night bomber with two engines and day. Mr. Morrison has contemplated

the wings of which have a span of 137 feet. The latter machine weighs seven tons and carries a lord of machine weighs. It is not known whether It is not known whether or not Senator Simmons will support Mr. Morrison, who has been his political tons. A big motor lorry can stand ander its wing without touching it. Mr. Handley-Page is now accepting and personal friend for years. It is orders from civilians for monster air-

believed here that he will give his support to him or play hands off. When the Morrison announcement is out, the ball will begin to roll. There are others ready to announce. planes capable of a nou-stop flight of It is understood here that Robert N. Page, of Montgomery county, will, en-ter. Max Gardner, of Cleveland county, is already running. GERMS WITHOUT HARM Boston, Dec. 13 .- Experiments un-

BURLESON NAMES BOARD TO OPERATE WIRE LINES

pltal on Gallups island to ascertain the cause and spread of influenza have had merely negative results, ac-Washington. Dec. 13.—Postmaster General Burleson tonight appointed a board for the operation of the tele-graph and telephone service under government control. Union N. Bethel, vice president of the American Telecording to a report given out today. One hundred volunteers who have One hundred volunteers and have board and telephone service under been under observation for several graph and telephone service under weeks have had influenza germs placed in their nostrils and throats and have eaten them with their food and some have been inoculated with and the other members are F. A.

maged by Mrs. Oliver Steachey, in the Middlesex division, who is standing as National Union of Women's Suffrage societies during the war. She organized the Women's Service league which recruited 50,000 women. of her opponents, Col. Grant Morden. formerly a Canadian, in the course of

his speeches, has been telling Mrs. Strachey to go home to mind her children. The electors apparently consider this an outworn prejudice and resent it. Mrs. Strachey retorts with caustic remarks,

18-16, was one of the largest in use A committee of unionists, liberals by the navy and was equipped with and laborites who object to Morden, The machine, asked Mrs. Strachey to run. Morden is being kept busy and is offering Hampton Roads naval base and re- prove that he made any money out of turn. At the head of the bay the pilot the British Cellulose company, a war the British Cellulose company, a war lost his way in the dense fog and mist industry whose shares mysteriously jumped from six pence (12 cents) to \$72.50. Morden says he lost \$125,000 in the company and loaned others \$500,000/ - There has been a lot of talk about this company, which is

being investigated by a commission. 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. Both the non-effective and death rates were decidedly lower than for the preceding week. Influenza continues to precated by pneumonia than during the earlier weeks of the epidemic.

TO HAVE LONG SCHEDULE

Minneapolis. Minn., Dec. 13.-A schedule of 154 games for the Ameri-can association this season was agreed upon at the meeting of club owners tonight. The season will start May 1 and end late in September. A committee to draw up a schedule will be appointed later.

JO-JO SAYS

EMPEROR CHARLES IN

Told the Emperor Condition of Empire Was Growing Desperate and Urged Seeking of Early Peace.

By the Associated Press. Vienna, Dec. 11.—Count Czernin, time the George Washington passed former Austro-Hungarian foreign out of sight of the statue of liberty minister, gave the correspondent an the American executive has exercised opportunity today to read a copy of consistently. He has rested a great the letter which he sent to Emperor deal, but still has found time for much the letter which he sent to Emperor deal, but still has found time for much Charles in April, 1917, in which the work in daily conferences and with minister declared that the condition of state papers. He has made appoint-Austria was growing desperate. In ments, accepted resignations and signed pardons, and conducted by wireless the letter. Count Czernin told the emperor that he did not think another probably for the first time in history winter campaign was possible and asan the head of any nation, more work serted it was necessary that peace nethan ever before has been accomgotiations should be begun. plished in this manner. Meanwhile, he has been in constant touch with The letter, which was referred to

in interviews Count Czernin gave the correspondent last week, follows: "Your majesty: It is evident our

President Wilson seemingly military power is on the verge of exthoroughly enjoyed the voyage. haustion "I need but instance the complete ATTEMPT TO LYNCH

drying up of the sources of manpower and the despair which has taken hold of all portions of the population who

are so underfed that the misery of war can no longer be borne by them. "Though I hope that we may succeed in holding out during the next few months and in maintaining a successful detfensive, I am quite con vinced that another winter campaign is thoroughly impossible. At all costs, the war must be brought to a conclusion in the summer or the early this morning to lynch John Young, negro, arrested Wednesday for the alpart of the autumn. It is essential that peace negotiations should be started before the waning of our strength is appreciated clearly by our

to the wife of a prominent citizen of Ebenezer. About 50 men, all masked, aroused Sheriff Fred E. Quinn, at the enemies. "Should we approach the entente York county jail, and demanded the when conditions in the interior of the surrender of the negro. When in-formed that the man wanted was not empire leave no doubt of our immediate collapse, it would be futile there the mob demanded admittance to believe that the entente would to verify the statement. grant conditions unless they were Sheriff Quinn refused to admit them equivalent to the complete annihilain a body, but agreed to let two of their number in, on condition that tion of the central powers.'

PERMANENT OWNERSHIP OF THE WIRE SYSTEMS

complied with, two men were permit-ted to enter the jail, visited the cells and quickly assured themselves that Provided in Bill Introduced in I Young was not there. When this information was communicated to their House by Moon, Approved by companions, the entire party left im-mediately. They came in 11 cars

Burleson.

Washington, Dec. 13. - Telephone itentiary at Columbia soon after the and telegraph lines would become permanent government-owned utilities arrest, to prevent possible mob viounder a resolution introduced in the house today by Chairman Moon. of

the postoffice committee. Mr. Moon said the measure had been drafted in consultation with Postmaster General Burleson, who had informed him that the legislation was approved by President Wilson.

The resolution was referred to the postoffice committee, which will soon begin hearings on it. Discussion of the proposal in the house, however, will precede the committee report.

Government control and operation of the telegraph and telephone lines is limited by the existing resolution to the period of the war. But under the measure offered today, it would continue until "otherwise ordered by Con-

JUDGE EMORY SPEER

DIES IN MACON HOSPITAL

Miscon, Ga., Dec. 15.—Judge Emory Speer, of the United States district court for the southern district of Georgia, died in a hospital here at 9 o'clock tonight. is most popular with himself usually has fewest friends

1917 IS MADE PUBLIC Congress. If later he is required at the American army nurses they hand-the peace table, it is said he will not do her an American flag which she bore proudly. known, however, that he hopes to

American officials in Washington and

York County, South Carolina,

Who Sent Prisoner Away.

leged making of an insulting proposal

the remainder retire from the jall

yard. After this sitpulation had been

Young was hurried to the state pen-

from the direction of Ebenezet

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Paris.

The President was the last to co ashore, amid great applause. He held his silk hat in his hand; his face was avoid this latter contingency and that all affairs requiring his counsel will be disposed of before the middle of Febwreathed with smiles and he bowed

his acknowledgments to those about and to the masses of people on the Refreshed and invigorated by 10 days at sea, President Wilson is in rising walls and terraces of the city. Stephen Pichon, the French foreign excellent physical condition for the minister, and Georges Leygues, minis-ter of marine, joined the President as he stepped ashore and conducted him to a beautifully decorated pavilion. Here the first formal welcomes were given President Wilson as the guest of the French nation.

It was a striking picture as he stood there, surrounded by Old World statesmen, ideals and generals. The Presi-dent met each greeting with a smile and a hearty handshake, only speak-ing a few words as some well known friend welcomed him.

As the mayor of Brest stepped for-ward, President Wilson listened atten-tively to an address of welcome and received with a bow a large parch-ment roll, wound with the American colors, containing the city council's greetings to him. Speaking in a clear voice the President acknowledged the

greeting and from a manuscript read a brief address in response. Following the addresses, the presi-dential party drove the Cours Da Jot, dential party drove the Cours Da Jot, where vast crowds were assembled. Every foot of the way was lined with American soldiers in their rusty serv-ice khaki, and along the road were great stores of war material, recently being rushed to the American front. It gave the President his first glimpse of the American troops and material on the fighting ground. Military honors were accorded as he passed and large numbers of soldiers off duty mingled with the throng in its en-Mob Baffled by Sheriff Quinn Special to The Observer. York, S. C., Dec. 13.—An unsuc-cessful effort was made at 1 o'clock mingled with the throng in its enthusiastic tribute.

NEVER WAS GUEST MORE WELCOME THAN IS WILSON

Special Cable to The Observer From The London Times. (Copyright, 1918, by Public Ledger Ca.) Brest, France, Dec. 13.—This aft-ernoon, for the first time in history, a President of the United States landed on European soll. Never was a guest more welcome than Mr. Wil-son was in France. It would be easy son was in France. It would be easy to expatriate at length on the differ-ent reasons which assure him a whole-hearted greeting from avery section of French opinion. But there is one cause of cordiality common to all classes. It is gratitude for the achievements of America in the war and the hopes which France derives from Mr. Wilson's activities for the future of peace.

GREAT NAVAL PAGEANT TO MARK HOMECOMING Washington, Dec. 13.—Return to home waters of the first ships of the American armada sent to Europe to combat German scapower, will be marked by a great naval pageant in New York harbor about December 22: Secretary Daniels announced today that he will go to New York on the Mayflower to review the fleet, which with the allies, in the two the fleet to him as an arbiter, but as one who having been glorious in association with the allies, in the two the fleet with the allies, in the two the fleet to him as an arbiter, but as one who

having been glorious in with the allies in the w right to to-operate with peace. There are, never tain difficulties and curry course down the river of In the home-coming fleet will be nine dreadnaughts, 20 destroyers and more than 40 converted stachts, mine

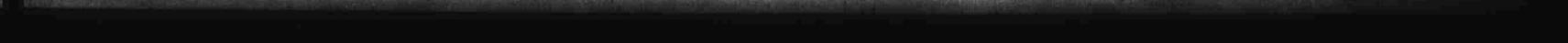
more than 40 converted suchts, mine planters, submarines and other oraft. The destroyer force, part of which already is on the way to New York, includes many of the vessels first sent to the war sone and some of them carry on their funnels the stars awarded for destruction of German submarines. One of them 'con minence of the Fr

Curious thing that the fellow who

machine is considered little short of vall at practically all stations, but miraculous. Spectators who rushed to the report said the disease is less the scene expected " five dead, virulent and less frequently compli-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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