

Winning Liberty Bonds Will Take The "Germ" Out of Germany

WARRANT IS ISSUED FOR OTTO SCHUMANN

Charged With the Killing of Mrs. Maude A. King at Blackwelder Spring, Near Here, August 29.

AFFAIR TAKES A NEW TURN

Attorney M. H. Caldwell, who Represented Gaston Means at His Trial, Makes a Statement.

A warrant for the arrest of Otto Schumann, an interned enemy alien, charging him with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, was issued here yesterday. The warrant alleges that Mrs. King was killed by a bullet fired at Gaston B. Means. The death of Mrs. King occurred at Blackwelder spring, near here, last August 29.

The warrant was issued by Police Justice A. B. Palmer, upon affidavit of M. H. Caldwell, attorney for Gaston B. Means in the notable trial last fall. Mr. Caldwell, who is prosecuting attorney for the city of Concord, issued a lengthy statement yesterday setting forth what he "expects to prove."

First, that Gaston B. Means severed his connection with the German government in 1916, because of its attitude towards the United States government and the then strained relations between the two governments.

Second, in July, 1917, in New York city, Gaston B. Means called on German interests there in connection with profits Mrs. King and himself had in the custody of these interests, derived from the shipments of rubber and copper to Germany long prior to the declaration of war between the United States and Germany.

Means' profits in these transactions amounting to about \$8,000, and Mrs. King's profits to about \$145,000. In this interview with the German interests, he stated to them that he had just completed an investigation that he had been working on for five or six months, and that he was going to volunteer his services to the United States government or accept a permanent position that had been offered to him by a leading newspaper, which would enable him to be of service to the United States government, and because the time had come when every citizen should be of all possible service to his own country.

Third, Gaston B. Means had placed in the hands of Mrs. King's attorneys all of the facts, data and affidavits that he had gotten together, and the opinions of the handwriting experts on the disputed James C. King will of October, 1905, and had made arrangements through Carl L. Schurz, one of Mrs. King's attorneys, to meet Chas. E. Hughes in reference to employing him in connection with the will case, according to the instructions of Mrs. King.

Fourth, that Otto Schumann, at the direction of the German interests, when Mrs. King had had her interview followed him out of the city of New York to North Carolina. After his arrival in North Carolina, Otto Schumann during Means' several automobile trips with Mrs. King and friends in this section of North Carolina, followed him on a motor cycle.

Fifth, that Means was also under the surveillance of Mrs. B. Ambrose in the interest of and for the Northern Trust Company, of Chicago, Ill., in connection with the prospective litigation involving the disputed James C. King will of 1905, and that C. B. Ambrose and Otto Schumann prior to the night of August 29, 1917, the night of the tragedy at Blackwelder's spring, met and had numerous conferences, and that C. B. Ambrose, by numerous reports from North Carolina, was keeping W. S. Miller, attorney for the Northern Trust Company, posted as to what Mrs. King and Gaston B. Means were doing in North Carolina, and in addition that Means was also under surveillance by Otto Schumann for German interests.

Sixth, that on the evening of August 28, 1917, Otto Schumann on a motorcycle followed Mrs. King, Captain Bingham, Afton Means, Ernest Cary and Gaston B. Means to Blackwelder's spring, where he saw them stop in their automobile, and he, on his motorcycle, turned up the plantation road that runs in front of the church and school house just between the spring and M. L. Cline's farm.

RECRUITING STATION HERE

Over Pearl Drug Store Now Ready for Acceptance of Applicants.

The new Recruiting Station for the U. S. Army, at No. 2 Union street and over the Pearl Drug Company, was ready and opened up for the acceptance of applicants for the army yesterday morning. In one should have happened to cast his eyes towards the square yesterday, his gaze would have met with the swinging of the Stars and Stripes suspended from a pole coming from the window of the Recruiting Station. Alongside the Stars and Stripes was seen a large blue flag with the inscription in white letters: "Men Wanted for the U. S. Army." The army of today is not the army of some years ago, but it is now one of the greatest armies of the world and is looked to at the present time to be the chief element in the settling of the present crisis that is prevailing in Europe.

To belong to the army today is the most honorable thing a man can do. The United States government has made all preparations for the care of married men's families and the pay is far better than any other army in the world. The rate of pay and allowances are as follows: A soldier when he first enlists starts at \$30.00 per month with all expenses, such as board, clothes, lodging and medical attention. Rate for married men and their families, or dependents: You get \$30.00 per month; wife, \$15; first child, \$10; second child, \$7.50; third child, \$5.00; fourth child, \$3.00; fifth child, \$5.00; and sixth child, \$2.50. Pay every month.

Each and every man enlisting in the army has the same chance for promotion which increases his pay. An enlisted man can get promoted until his pay will reach the amount of \$90 per month, with all allowances, free, and he also has a chance to take the examination for commission. If he passes the examination he is, at once promoted to second lieutenant with a chance for further promotion.

The Recruiting Station is open from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. every day except Saturday and Sunday. On Saturdays the station is open until 9 p. m., and on Sundays until 12 m. Any man wishing to see the recruiting officer at any time outside of the given hours can call 'phone 131 or call in person at 97 West Depot street. Any one wishing to communicate with the station during the given hours can call 'phone 59.

If you are interested call at the Recruiting Office and let us talk it over with you, as we are always ready to give you information we can and it does not put you under any obligations. Lou will send Sergeant Wilson and Corporal Lael accommodating and ready to give you information or advice, they can help every one to understand what the army does for you. Do not forget the place, over the Pearl Drug Company, corner Union and Depot streets. EDWIN WILSON, Sergeant G. S. Infantry, in charge of Station.

C. V. LAEL, Corporal G. S. Infantry, Assistant.

VILLISTAS KILL OLD FOLKS AND CHILDREN

Wipe Out Village When Demand For Three Girls is Refused.

El Paso Texas, April 30.—Thirty old men, women and children were killed by Villa's men at Santa-Cruz de Rosales, 40 miles southeast of Chihuahua city, last Friday, according to a report brought to the border today by three young girls being delivered to him. When this was refused, his men were ordered to kill every one living in the little settlement, according to the report from Chihuahua city.

GERMANS WAITING FOR STILL MORE TROOPS

Signs Not Wanting that Gen. Von Arnim is Bringing Up Reinforcements on Front Southeast of Ypres.

THE ALLIES WAIT CONFIDENTLY

Germans Are on Much Lower Ground Than French and British.—American Losses "Rather Severe."

Apparently the Germans are not prepared to break the second lull in the Flanders battle until still more troops and greater concentration of cannon are massed along the few important miles of the front southwest of Ypres. Signs are not wanting that Gen. von Arnim is bringing up reinforcements and supplies, but the Anglo-French troops stirred by the brilliant repulse of the enemy which caused him to cease his attacks for the second time to wait confidently.

As the first break in the hard fighting was followed by stronger attacks, it is probable that only the difficult transportation and supply compelled the enemy to withhold further assaults against the allied positions from the Mount Kemmel region westward. Except for Mount Kemmel and a small strip to the east, including Mesines Ridge, the Germans are on much lower ground than the French and British, and must either fight on or be compelled eventually to withdraw before the smothering fire of the allied artillery.

Heavy artillery firing and usual outposts continue along the front. Around the important sector of Loos the French have been shelled by the enemy. On the southern leg of the salient the German guns have been active in the region of Bethune. Southward in Picardy only the artillery has been active.

The American troops in Picardy east of Amiens have engaged the German infantry for the first time on the great battlefield and have emerged victorious. After shelling heavily the American positions near Villers Bretonneux south of the Somme and on a direct route to Amiens three enemy battalions attacked Tuesday night. There was sharp fighting all along the line and the Germans were repelled having sustained severe losses and leaving dead and wounded on the field. The American losses are reported as "rather severe."

Fighting for democracy and for freedom of their home land, Bohemian and Slav detachments are now facing the Austro-Hungarian troops along the sector in northern Italy. Apparently these units have been recruited from former residents of the dual monarchy and from deserters from the enemy ranks.

A Later Dispatch.—Germans Displaying Increased Activity.

The Germans are displaying increased activity on the Somme front and around the Montdidier salient to the north. Checked in preparation for renewal of their offensive in this area.

Checked last week by the stiff British and French-American resistance in their attempt to push further toward Amiens, the enemy forces now are engaged in trying out various portions of the southern front in an endeavor to find a weak spot.

Last night was a thrust at the French in the Thennes region, southwest of Haugard. The artillery promptly broke up this drive.

BAKER ASKS FOR ARMY OF UNLIMITED SIZE

Secretary Baker Asks Congress for Power to Create Big Army.

Washington, May 2.—Secretary Baker today at a hearing before the House Military Affairs Committee in confidential session asked congress to grant an unlimited power for the creation of an army of whatever size necessary for the prosecution of the war.

He told the committee it would be ill advised to restrict the number of men to be utilized and that the size of the army should increase in discretion of the government, as transportation and equipment facilities are warranted.

Secretary Baker indicated that he would submit a proposed measure, probably as an amendment to the draft law, to grant the unlimited authority asked.

Secretary Baker was questioned by the committee regarding his views as to the increasing the draft age. He said, he was studying the subject and had made no decision.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

James Hopkins Awarded \$575.00 Damages Against Concord Telephone Co.—Other Cases.

In the civil term of Cabarrus county Superior court the cases are being disposed of rather slowly for the past several days, only a few cases having been tried.

The case of James Hopkins against Concord Telephone Company was decided by the jury in favor of the plaintiff, and he was awarded the sum of \$575.00. The suit grew out of the injuries to the boy when he came in contact with a live wire, and suffered the loss of one hand.

Fannie McDaniel was granted an absolute divorce from her husband, Pleas McDaniel, Ethel Ray was granted a divorce from E. C. Ray, and Mamie Spry was also granted a divorce from Mack H. Spry.

The jury in the case of Bell & Harris Furniture Company against Will A. Freeman returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff, awarding them the sum of \$187.50.

The case of J. H. Wallace against Tallness Power Company, wherein the plaintiff is suing for personal injuries he sustained, was taken up yesterday, and the court was still hearing this case this morning.

SERVICE FLAG TO BE PRESENTED

To the Baraca Class of the Methodist Protestant Church Next Sunday Morning.

On next Sunday morning at 10:20 o'clock a very interesting program has been arranged by the Baraca class of the Methodist Protestant church, the occasion being the presentation of a service flag containing a star for every member of the county. Twenty members of this class have enlisted in the service; seven of them however, have been honorably discharged for physical disabilities. The flag together with an American flag is the gift of the teacher to the class and will be presented by Hon. L. T. Hartwell, of the Concord bar, and accepted on behalf of the class by Mr. P. H. Scarborough. A splendid musical program has been arranged for the occasion by the Sunday School choir assisted by a male quartette composed by Messrs. Kay Patterson, J. R. Sherrill, Ed. Sherrill and R. P. Benson. The service will not last more than thirty minutes which will give those desiring to attend this exercise ample time to attend the regular church services elsewhere. The public is cordially invited to be present.

TWO MILLIONS OF FOOD STUFFS SUNK IN SHIP

City of Athens Sunk in Collision With a French Cruiser Off the Delaware Coast Yesterday Morning.

SANK IN 5 MINUTES AFTER COLLISION

All Praised the Efforts of the Fresh Sailors, Who Picked Up Many Survivors From the Wreckage.

An Atlantic Port, May 2.—Survivors of the coastwise steamer, City of Athens, sunk in a collision with a French cruiser in a fog off the Delaware coast yesterday morning with a loss of 99 persons related here today many tales of heroism on the part of the crew of the two vessels. All praised the efforts of the French sailors especially, who launched small boats within a few minutes after the accident, and aided by the cruiser's searchlights, picked up many of the survivors from pieces of wreckage.

Survivors agreed that the speedy sinking of the steamer—within five minutes after being rammed by the warship—was responsible for the heavy toll of life, although some claimed that the City of Athens life saving apparatus failed to work properly. There were 135 persons, including United States marines, on board the steamer, which was bound from New York for Savannah with a two million dollar cargo of food stuffs, supplies and a general cargo on board.

CASUALTY LIST TODAY.

Contains 96 Names.—11 Killed in Action and 2 Died of Wounds.

Washington, May 2.—The casualty list today contains 96 names, divided as follows: Killed in action eleven; died of wounds two; died of accident three; died of disease seven; died of other causes three; wounded severely seven; wounded slightly sixty; missing in action three.

Seven officers were named, Lieut. Clayton C. Ingersoll, died as a result of an accident; Lieut. Agnes Leo Simard died of wounds; Lieuts. John E. Feegel and Frederick B. Stokes were wounded severely; and Capt. Frank J. Abbott and Lieut. Will F. Lovett Edward C. Swinson were injured slightly.

THE COTTON MARKET.

Prospects of Warmer Weather in the South Causes Lower Prices.

New York, May 2.—Prospects for warmer weather in the South served to reserit buying and promote realizing in the cotton market early today. It looked as though the advance of yesterday had left rather an easier technical position and after an irregular opening prices broke rather sharply. Cables were better than due and July opened at an advance of 13 points, selling at 27.05, or into new high ground for the movement, but later deliveries were unchanged to 14 points lower. July soon eased off to 26.44, or 43 points net lower, while October broke to 25.65, with active months generally showing net losses of 25 to 43 points during the early trading.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Industrials Again the Foremost Issues at Opening Today.

New York, May 2.—Industrials were again the foremost issues in the opening of today's stock market. U. S. Steel advanced a large fraction to 37 3/8, its maximum for the current movement, while the Republic Iron and Superior Steel rose 1 1/2-2 and 2 points respectively. Royal Dutch Oil rallied from the recent depression gaining 1 1/2 Ralls aside from the Canadian Pacific failed to sustain their strength of the previous session. Liberty Bonds eased slightly.

BOHEMIANS JOIN ITALIAN FORCES

Now Fighting Against Austria in Italian Uniform.

The Bohemian troops are joining the Italians against Austria, according to The London Mail's correspondent at Italian headquarters. Even now the Italian line, clad in Italian uniforms. This information was passed through the hands of both Italian and British censors and would therefore appear to be authentic. The defection of the Bohemians would in a measure explain the delay in the proposed great offensive, long heralded, of the Austrians against the Italians.

TWO MORE AMERICANS FALL TO THEIR DEATH

Fell 150 Feet in a Straight Nose Dive This Morning.

Fort Worth, May 2.—Falling 150 feet in a straight nose dive this morning, Lieut. James S. Ennis, Jr., of New York City and cadet Paul Herriot, of Oakland, California, were killed. The accident happened at Hicks. Just an hour before Gen. Greble and staff of Camp Bowie arrived to witness some "stunt" flying.

GERMANS ESTABLISH MILITARY RULE IN KIEV

On the Pretext That the Government is Too Weak to Maintain Order.

London, May 2.—The Germans have established a military rule in Kiev, the Ukrainian capital, and have arrested a number of the members of the government on the ground that "the government had proved too weak to maintain law and order," according to a Berlin official statement.

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Back of the City Hall

THE IRON HEART

Featuring EDWIN ARDEN

AT THE NEW PASTIME

TODAY A Gold Rooster Play in 3 parts

With Our Advertisers.

The Browns-Cannon Co. has a message for you in a new ad today. This is the home of Hart Schaffner and Marx clothes.

See the new ad of the Concord chapter Loyal Order of Moose, Texas Rite, district deputy, on the last page.

Many Victor records now on sale at the Bell and Harris Furniture Co.

Classis of Reformed Church to Meet Soon.

Lexington, May 1.—The North Carolina classis of the Reformed church will meet in 88th annual sessions in St. Paul's church, Startown, Catawba county, May 9.