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Discourtesy Evidenced Throughout The Germany Diplomatic Corps

WHAT SHALL HIS PUNISHMENT BE?

REVOLTING RUSSIAN GENERAL'S FORCES HAVE MELTED AWAY UNTIL BUT A HANDFUL ARE HEMMED IN BY GOVERNMENT TROOPS

PEOPLE DEMAND USE DRASTIC MEASURES

(By Wm. G. Shepherd.)
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
Petrograd, Sept. 14.—What punishment should be meted out to General Korniloff is a question that may split the Russian cabinet wide open.
Four ministers have already tendered the cabinet in personal surrender to the revolting army chief, and these, with him are in imminent danger, as his troops have melted away to a mere handful.
The government troops, which three days ago captured his headquarters to the rear—press upon him from that direction—while the front is a stone wall of defense of the provisional troops from Petrograd.
Widespread public sentiment demands that those who are responsible for the counter revolution should be severely dealt with, and Kerensky, it is believed, determined to mete out drastic punishment.

GENERAL HAIG SAYS "QUIET"

(By United Press)
London, Sept. 14.—Gen. Haig reported "nothing of special interest" on the British front.
Unofficial information has been rife during the past forty-eight hours that both the British and French armies on the western front are feeling their way preparatory to another drive.
The one dread they have of making too quick an advance is the news brought down by the airmen who state that a considerable portion of Belgium is being evacuated of civilian population preparatory to an extensive rear move of the army, and further that there appears to be set on foot by the Germans a system of flooding the land, which would make it untenable for the allies.

Billy Sunday May Go To France

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Sept. 14.—Billy Sunday is scheduled to fight the devil in Washington in January, but he may carry his battle against the Old Boy to the French trenches instead, it was learned today.
Thus would the rip-roaring evangelist kill two birds—Kaiserism and Satanism, with one verbal stone. Not only would he be in a position to give Auld Cloutie another bunch of his favorite soldierly wallops, but if Kaiserism happened to be anywhere near the front Billy could yell a word of the shrivelling phrases he addressed to H. I. M. in New York, across the trenches.
Among Billy's favorite predictions about the Kaiser when he stepped Broadway and New York street spring was the one wherein he declared that when the Kaiser appeared at the gates of hell the devil wouldn't let him in.
Sunday has had many invitations to go to France and preach in the trenches. He has also had many invitations to tour the draft cantonnments in this country.
So far, owing to other engagements he has not accepted any.
It is, however, considering going to France. His son George is in Washington this month and is expected to give a definite answer as to whether his father will come here or go to the war.

REPORT COTTON CONSUMPTION

(By UNITED PRESS)
Washington, Sept. 14.—Cotton consumed for August, exclusive of linters, amounted to 569,351 running bales against 557,780 for August, 1916, is the report of the cotton census.

Red Cross Need "Home" Nurses

(By United Press)
Washington, Sept. 14.—America's public health nurses have gone to war in such numbers that the Red Cross today announced a plan to recruit their ranks in this country to meet the urgent need for them in homes.
A scholarship fund has been established through the Red Cross bureau of town and country nursing. Any graduate nurse who wishes to study for public health nursing work need only apply to the Red Cross.
The children's bureau of the department of labor has pointed out that unless the supply of public health nurses is kept up during the war the health of the country's children will be menaced. It recommended that public health nursing be officially recognized as war service.

ROMANTICISM IN KING MURDER

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Concord, N. C., Sept. 14.—Figures are moving indistinctly in the background, among whom is an Italian countess forcing a gentleman to reveal two persons, not hitherto known in the affair, but who are said to wield a subtle influence over Gaston Means, is drawing into the spotlight in the King shooting probe here today.

Steamer Wilmore Sunk Wednesday

(By UNITED PRESS)
London, Sept. 14.—The American steamer Wilmore was sunk by a German submarine on Wednesday, says the Admiralty.
The crew was saved.
The Wilmore was a twin screw steamer and was register in New York.

DEFICIENCY BILL SEVEN BILLIONS

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 14.—Over to \$7,000,000,000 in all.
urgent deficiency bill, when the house began the consideration of the bill, and instead of \$4,810,000,000 the measure will carry close \$2,000,000,000 was added to the extra expenditures for "unexpended war purposes" is the statement of Chairman Fitzgerald, of the appropriations committee, when recommending the addition.

RUMOR GERMAN HAS ANSWERS. POPE BENEDICT

EXCHANGE TELEGRAPH CABLES THAT NOTE WAS SENT TO ROME LAST NIGHT WITH CONCRETE PROPOSALS.

SUGGESTS PLANS FOR A LASTING PEACE

London, Sept. 14.—Germany's answer to Pope Benedict was forwarded to Rome Thursday night and contains concrete proposals for a lasting peace, says the exchange Telegraph from Geneva.
(By John M. Hearley.)
Rome, Sept. 14.—The reply of the central powers to Pope Benedict's peace note has been received by the Vatican, according to well informed officials, who report that the reply is favorable, mentioning "absolute independence for Belgium, and same to be independent from all military economic alliances."
There is considerable speculation as to the real answer sent the Pontiff, due in large measure to the conflicting elements in Germany.
One faction has for the past week or more been demanding a return to "ruthlessness" under the guidance of Tirpitz and his cohorts, in the hope of winning some signal advantage from their enemies.
The other party, and an ever increasing body, represents the civilian element, is heartily sick of the war and has been advocating peace upon any terms, particularly the "no annexation—no indemnity plan."
Which of these has gained the upper hand, and which has been able to influence the emperor, will not be known until the full text of the reply is made known.

\$20,000 FIRE AT KNOXVILLE

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Knoxville, Tenn., Sept. 14.—Fire of an unknown origin completely destroyed the Kingsport Veneer Corporation plant, with a loss estimated at \$50,000 (which is partially covered by insurance). The company will rebuild at once.

TYPHOON SWEEPS AMOY, CHINA

(By United Press.)
Washington, Sept. 14.—Many lives are lost and heavy buildings, including the American consulate, were wrecked, in a severe typhoon that swept over Amoy, China, is the report of the State department.
No official information is given as to the casualties to American and European subjects.

FEARS SCHOOL KILLS HERSELF

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Danville, Va., Sept. 14.—Because she believed she dreaded to return to school little Ethel Acuff, the fifteen year old daughter of a prominent physician, shot herself through the heart in the basement of her father's home last night.
Her dead body was found later by her two sisters.
The tractor on the streets certainly did the plowing work and made the dirt fly.

MINISTER TO MEXICO CURSES UNBECOMINGLY

VON ECKHARDT DISREGARDS GENTLEMANLY BEHAVIOR DUE HIS OFFICE TO UTTER EXPLETIVES SUCH AS GUTTER URCHIN 3 WOULD USE

INSULTS BY RECOMMENDING DECORATIONS

(BY UNITED PRESS)
Mexico City, Sept. 14.—"The news is damned uninteresting to me," was the angry retort of the German minister to Mexico, Von Eckhardt, to the United Press, this morning, when an effort was made to obtain his comment on the American exposure of how Count Luxburg had used the Swedish charge as messenger to transmit illegal messages to his home government.
Eckhardt stated that he had recommended that Luxburg be decorated by the Kaiser, but he denied that he would recommend any decoration for Folkecronheim for service rendered to Germany.
Stockholm, Sept. 14.—Oscar Werolof, the first secretary of the Swedish foreign office has been dismissed from office.
This dismissal follows too closely the revelations of Sweden's acting as messenger for Germany not to suggest that it was directly due to the American announcement of the intrigue.
Washington, Sept. 14.—The United States is aiming at sweeping German intrigue out of the three nations Argentine, Sweden and Mexico, and she will try and convince the Teuton liberals that the world is unsafe while such plottings exist.
This is the meaning behind the new revelation about the Swedish partnership with Germany, as shown in the letter of the German minister, Von Eckhardt, in Mexico to the German Chancellor, published by the State Department.
This letter proves that Sweden was not alone acting as messenger for Germany, but directly in league, as she with Herr Von Eckhardt openly declared in his letter that Folkecronheim, the Swedish charge de affairs in Mexico City, was also acting as messenger and would give the news from hostile camps.

COMMISSIONERS MET LAST NIGHT

The regular meeting of the commissioners last night was one of no little importance inasmuch as two ordinances were passed affecting almost every one.
It was ordered that after October 15 all gates and doors opening over the streets of the town shall be forbidden. That all such gates must open inwards and not out over the street. For violation of this ordinance a fine is imposed.
Also all awnings must be seven feet from the street at the lowest point, the time in which this is effective is also October 15, so as not to make it a hardship to change to the regulation.
Street improvement took up considerable time of the board last night, and Mr. Smith, representing the International Harvester Company, was present to demonstrate the advantageous features of his company's tractor for street work. No action was taken on this matter as the Avery Company had arranged to give a demonstration on the streets today of their machine, for which the representative claimed great things.
Several bills were passed. The sanitary condition of the town was discussed, and also the advisability of setting a time when all surface outhouses should be removed in the interest of health. No resolution however was offered as it was thought the board would get some expression from the public between now and the next meeting touching this matter.
In connection with the matter of sanitation, and in order that all the people should fully realize the need for some strenuous and joint action it was mentioned that there has been more mosquitoes in town this summer than ever before, which is due, in part, to poor sanitation.
There has also been some contagious diseases due largely to the new dirt being turned up by the sewerage excavations, but which should also arouse all citizens to actively participate in a general campaign to improve the health conditions of the town before the next summer.
This is in accord with a resolution passed by the local Red Cross Association at their last meeting which called for strong measures to eradicate many unhealthful conditions in the town.
It is hoped that the people will co-operate in a very necessary improvement, and that the commissioners may have the benefit of good advice from the people.

OPERATORS HAVE MAN ON BOARD

Washington, Sept. 14.—Rembrandt Peale, a well known Pennsylvania mine owner, has been appointed the representative of the coal operators on fuel administrator, Garfield's, advisory board. This completes the organization of the advisory board.