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## WILLIAM BAYARD HALE IS NOW SHOWN ON THE GERMAN PAYROLL

### SENATE PROBE INTO GERMAN PROPAGANDA

BIELASKI, CHIEF OF INVESTIGATION FOR DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRODUCES CABLES FROM VON BERNSTORFF TO BERLIN

### HEARST NOT AWARE HALE WAS AGENT

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington Dec 6.—In telling his story of German propaganda in America Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of Investigation of the Department of Justice, today laid before the Senate Committee, investigating the Brewery scandals, German propaganda cables,grams exchanged in 1916 by Von Bernstorff and the Berlin foreign office.

Bernstorff's messages urged that special favor be shown William Bayard Hale, an American about to visit Berlin as newspaper correspondent, because he was employed by the "Hearst Organs" which the message said had outspokenly placed themselves on the German side.

Bielaski told the committee that Hale was on the Hearst payroll for \$300 a week and also employed at \$15,000 a year by a publicity organization formed in this country by Dr. Dernburg, the German propagandist.

"Hearst is not aware that Hale is our agent," Bernstorff's message said.

### JUGO SLAVS PETITION REGENT

(By Associated Press.)  
Paris, Dec 6.—Prince Regent Alexander of Serbia has received a delegation from the National Council of Jugo Slavs which presented an address demanding the union of all Serbians, Croatians, and Slovenes formerly under Austrian domination.

Alexander assented to the proposal, according to Belgrade advices.

Mr. C. C. Coddington, of Charlotte, arrived in town accompanying Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Riddick and will spend a few days here tonight.

### FLU IN COUNTY NONE IN TOWN

Many people have been greatly wrought up over reports of several new outbreaks of Spanish Influenza in Scotland Neck, and rumor has magnified the report until it is stated there are six or eight new cases in town.

Inquiry develops the fact that there are no new cases in town though there are symptoms of a case just out of town, but even in this case the disease has not developed sufficiently to determine.

There are however numerous cases in the country. Tillery is badly affected; Roseneath has several cases and other contiguous communities have the Flu, though only in a very light form.

### GLASS BECOMES SECT'Y DEC. 16

Washington, Dec 6.—Representative Carter Glass, of Virginia, was formerly nominated today by President Wilson to be Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Mr. Glass will go into office on December 16 under an agreement with Secretary McAdoo, whose resignation was accepted by the President to take effect upon the appointment and qualification of his successor.

The nomination which had been prepared by President Wilson, before his departure Tuesday night was sent in from the White House upon word received from Mr. Glass that he would accept the post. Mr. Glass' resignation as a member of the House within the next few days, after 18 years of service, will cause a special election to be held in his district to choose a successor.

### BRITISH LOSSES 9,031,828 TONS

(By Associated Press.)  
London Dec 6.—The British merchant tonnage losses were 9,031,28 gross tons from the beginning of the war to October 31, 1918, according to an official statement issued last night.

### PRINCE ALBERT JOINS GOV'T

(By Associated Press.)  
London, Dec 6.—Prince Albert, third son of the former German Emperor, has joined the present government, according to Berlin dispatches to the Daily Express.

### YANKEES RENEW MARCH TO RHINE

(By Associated Press.)  
With the American Army of occupation, Dec. 6.—Studied indifference again characterized the German reception of American troops en-route to the Rhine today. Dickman's army renewed its advance at daylight and by night reached a line approximately 12 miles eastward. Scores of additional villages and

### BADEN WILLING TO JOIN SWISS

(By Associated Press.)  
London Dec 6.—Southern Baden is seeking incorporation in Switzerland according to Baden papers says a Copenhagen dispatch today to the Daily Telegraph.

### 13 LIVES LOST IN EXPLOSIONS

(By Associated Press.)  
Pompton Lakes, N. J., Dec 6.—Revision today of both lists show that the four explosions, which destroyed the detonator and assembling building of the Du Pont Cap Works yesterday, thirteen lives were lost and more than a score injured.

#### COTTON MARKET

	Open	High	Low	Close
December	28.00	28.50	28.00	28.50
January	26.82	27.18	26.82	27.18
March	25.70	26.50	25.70	26.50
May	24.77	25.35	24.77	25.35
July	24.37	24.80	24.37	24.80

Local Market NOMINAL

## GERMANS SAY ALLIES WILL OCCUPY BERLIN

GERMAN CAPITAL NEWSPAPER SAYS THAT AMERICAN WIRELESS HAS BEEN CAUGHT THE FORCES WILL POLICE THE CITY

### MANNHEIM ALSO BE SIMILARLY OCCUPIED

Copenhagen, Dec 6.—Allied and American forces will temporarily occupy Berlin, exercising police supervision, according to the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung of Berlin which says an American wireless to the effect was intercepted by the Germans.

Mannheim will be similarly occupied by part of the allies where there is said to be a "regrettable incident during which a supervi-

sor of a prisoners camp shot three Frenchmen."

London Dec 6.—Serious disorders have arisen at Berlin and considerable firing has occurred in the principal streets, according to reports reaching the Dutch-German frontier, says an Exchange Telegraph to Amsterdam dispatch. The trouble is said to have been caused by the German Bolsheviks.

## GREAT EARTHQUAKE SHOCKED RECORDED

SEISMOGRAPH AT GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY HAD SO SEVERE A SHOCK AT FOUR O'CLOCK THAT THE NEEDLES DISLODGED.

### VANCOUVER ALSO VIOLENTLY SHAKEN

### STATON CASE WITH THE JURY

(By Associated Press.)  
The judge's charge in the Staton case was to be finished about half past one o'clock, according to a telephone message from Halifax at a little after one o'clock, when a recess for dinner would be taken before the next case is called, and which is expected to be that of the state vs McLenore.

The attorneys consumed the entire morning and more than an hour last night in addressing the jury: those for the state being A. Paul Kitchin and George Green and for the defendant Walter Daniel and E. L. Travis.

## PRES. WILSON DIRECTS OFFICIAL BUSINESS

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington Dec 6.—Messages directing the disposition of official business have reached the White House from President Wilson, now at sea aboard the transport, George Washington.

Secretary Tumulty, who went to New York to see the President off for the peace conference on Wednesday, returned to his desk in time today to handle the first of these instructions.

## WHITEHEAD SELLS HIS HOME PLACE

Dr. Cliff Whitehead, who now lives at Lewiston, was in town this morning shaking hands with old friends, and stated that he had sold the W. T. Whitehead old

(By Associated Press.)  
Washington, Dec 6.—An earthquake of great intensity at approximately 2,500 miles south of Washington was recorded early today on the Seismograph at Georgetown University Observatory the shock beginning at 3:48 o'clock and continuing an hour.

The shock was so severe that at one minute after four o'clock the needles were dislodged from the machine.

Vancouver, British Columbia Dec. 6.—This city was shaken violently by an earthquake at 12:45 o'clock this morning and distinct rumblings were noticeable.

## WAR PRISONERS ENJOY CHINA

(By Associated News Service.)  
Peking, Dec 6.—About 200 war prisoners from Siberia are enjoying life in the sunny internment camp near the summer palace here. So pleased are they with their environment that some of them have written letters to their friends inviting them to come to China and enjoy its hospitality.

At first these sojourners claimed that they were Italians eager to return to Italy but when an attempt was made to ship them on an Italian transport for Italy they refused to go and assert that they were Austrians.

home place in Roseneath township for around about \$100,000 to W. E. Fenner of Rocky Mount and others.

Dr. Whitehead stated that he would always have a fondness for this section, but as he would be unable to live on the old home place for several years he felt he could not withstand so good an offer of sale, at the same time he will always look upon this place as home.

# Henry Moore Sees Pres. Wilson Depart

Hoboken, N. J., Dec 4.—This morning at ten thirty A. M. the George Washington left this port amid excitement demonstrated by the populace of this vicinity. The weather was far from being ideal for the greatness of the occasion, which is to be the epoch-making period of the World's history.

The eyes of the world are on Wilson. He is in my estimation the world's greatest diplomat and he is a man of which we can well be proud. Adverse criticism has only strengthened the foundations upon which his character is built. His mission to France in this

unprecedented state of affairs is backed by every individual in the whole nation. His paramount issues which are to be debated at this allied peace conference will no doubt be dominated by the thoughts of every nation, soldier, sailor, and civilian which he represents. Their efforts and ideals incalculated by this spirit of Liberty and Democracy will find in Wilson, their champion. His fourteen peace proposals which will be explained by him will probably take on a different aspect from some of the present interpretations, especially those who are want to

tackle our American ideals which he is bound to represent.

The ship, George Washington, on which he and his party left this morning, was immaculate. Her lines were those of a huge yacht and when she steamed majestically into the stream it could easily be seen that the President standing with his wife, was deeply moved. On all sides the sailors of the various transports were drawn up at attention while the screeching and bellowing of all the whistles and sirens were deafening. The President salute, a volley of twenty one, five inch guns,

was given as the ship pulled out.

The convoy which is to escort him to France, composed of two first line battleships, six destroyers, ten scout cruisers, and various other crafts, camouflaged in full war colors, presented a wonderful spectacle. Upon arriving at the Azore Islands, where a flotilla of twenty eight destroyers from Brest will meet him, I suppose there will be another such demonstration.

While this wonderful formation was wending its way slowly down the river, two daring aviators performed miraculous feats above

the President's ship. Their antics in the air were hair-raising to say the least. The clever handling of the machines demonstrated to the spectators are unsurpassed to conditions brought about by the war. For instance, could you imagine a year ago, thousands of aeroplanes manned by such men, young, daring, and adventurous who were following their different vacations. Surely American efforts are unparalleled.

The above descriptions and procedure of events are given as I saw them. To one who was perhaps closer on board the Pres-

ident's ship could no doubt write on indefinitely concerning the event in a more detail manner. However, I suppose, the newspapers will have the proceedings written so that one can see the situation from all angles. Let it suffice to say that the whole affair was well planned and carried out to the minutest detail. It is hardly conceivable to believe that we were fortunate enough to be present at such a grave yet hilarious period in our nations history. No red blooded American could help but feel the thrill and the seriousness of the event.