

BILL IN HOUSE FOR FEDERAL CENSORSHIP OF MOVING PICTURES

Representative Hughes' Measure Reported With Recommendation for Its Passage PROVIDES A COMMISSION

GREEN CLOUDS OF FRIGHTFULNESS FUME OUT FROM GRISLY GAS BOMBS

Death From Asphyxiation Most Dreadful, Veteran of Ypres Battle Says



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LONDON, April 28.—I have just been conversing with my cheerful friend, the surgeon major, whose wounds are not sufficiently better yet to enable him to return to the front.

"It's frightful," he said, "it's beyond all description. I've seen horrors out in Central Africa, and wandered among cannibals whose doings are not always recordable—but for sheer awfulness commend me to asphyxiating gas every time."

"In hospitals I've seen hardened nurses faint at the sight of these cases. I've seen strong men break down in an agony of tears as they've watched beside the bed of some poor chap who'd been gassed, who was dying slowly of the fumes. Nerve himself couldn't have invented anything more excruciating than the pain of it."

"The surgeon major's kindly face was red with indignation, and my thoughts were stirred back to a scene I had witnessed not so very long ago, when I went to visit an old friend of mine who had been 'gassed'."

In the open air, with inquisitive hens peering over my shoulder half the time, and every now and then a shell would burst near us and the mud would fly in every direction, sometimes completely burying the patient and myself.

"For three weeks our Red Cross station was in a sort of ruined henhouse, with a tiny cellar below. The other doctor chap performed his operations in the cellar, while I did mine outside. I don't know which was worse off, for the rain was pouring down all the time, soaking me and my patients to the skin—but the surgeon in the cellar had occasional land-slides to endure, when parcels of the shell-torn henhouse would collapse on his head or on the patient's, not to mention attacks from swarms of flies and other unpleasant insects. There was an immense regiment of 'Furks' against us, headed by German officers, but when the Turks saw our sappers whirling their shovels and their spades around their heads like dancing dervishes, and shouting comic songs at the top of their voices, they broke and fled in terror."

"I like a good, clean fight," said the surgeon major in concluding, "with good, clean weapons, even though they may only be the rolling-pins and pick-axes and trenching-spades! But when it comes to poison fumes that tear the lungs and keep the victim at the summit of agony for weeks and months, then my blood boils and everything goes red and the doctor says: 'Keep cool, old boy, those wounds of yours will never heal at boiling point!'"

"Malevolent science is loathsome to us," said Professor Appel, president of the French Institute. "We wished neither to burn, suffocate nor poison our foes. But now we shall reply with an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. What else can we do?"

"I have met and talked with many men who were all through the second battle of Ypres, and the one thing that stands clear in their memory is the slow approach of the green clouds of 'frightfulness.' It was in the dusk of an April evening that the seven-foot banks of vapor rolled over from the German trenches towards the Allies, killing and crushing waste everything with their poisonous fumes."

"That asphyxiating gas is highly dangerous even to the gassers themselves was proved at Sokal, when the reservoirs were prematurely bombed by German airmen, thus dealing destruction throughout their own lines. A terrible scene took place. A Russian officer writes: 'The cries of the enemy were fearful to hear. Nightmare figures in their gas masks tore along the ground, gurgling, gesticulating, tearing like maniacs at the gear they wore. One could not but pity them, although it was their own weapon that had turned against them.'"

"GRISLY TERRORS. 'It's hard to make people understand the grisliness of this war,' continued the surgeon major; 'if some of the people here at home could only have seen our operations in the theatre out in Flanders—a ditch in the pouring rain! The patients, poor souls, lay on the soaking grass, waiting their turn of the knife, and many of them were hovering on the very edge of that shadowy country from which there is no return. I had to perform 50 operations in one day, all

MUSIC, RAG AND OPERA, FAR AND NEAR, PLANNED FOR 'AD' MEN'S MEETING

Special Features Arranged for Great Convention Here—Many Bands to Come From Other Cities

VICTOR HERBERT'S SONG

The eyes of the musical world will be turned to Philadelphia next month when a program of melodies, which include the work of artists of international reputation, will fill out the round of gaieties planned for the convention of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World.

Musical selections which are expected to become popular throughout this country will be played here for the first time and, with other pieces, will be in a program crowded between June 25 and 30, convention time.

Victor Herbert has composed a number which he will dedicate to the convention. No name has yet been selected for this piece, which has been described by those who have heard it as a musical 'gem.' It is catchy and yet is far removed from rag-time, as are all Mr. Herbert's selections. The words of the song will describe the advantages of advertising.

WILLOW GROVE CONCERTS. The Convention Committee and park officials have made special arrangements to have Herbert's band at Willow Grove Park during the festivities. This will be one of the special features of entertainment planned for the visitors on the night of

June 28. On this occasion the 'ad' music will be played for the first time. Plans are under way to make the inspirational meeting on June 25 at the Metropolitan Opera House a notable occasion.

The Poor Richard official band will be one of the best ever assembled in this city. Ten pieces will be made up of Sousa's men, 50 from the Philadelphia Orchestra and the same number of other crack musicians. The first fanfare of this band will be at the opening of the business sessions of the convention at the University of Pennsylvania on the morning of June 24. Concerts will be given during the luncheon interval at each day's session.

THE BIG PAGEANT. But the official band's real triumph will be on Monday night in the Broad street pageant. It will blaze the way for, and herald the arrival of, the Poor Richard battalion of marchers who will be chosen from the membership of the club and from the Associates of Poor Richard.

BANDS FROM EVERYWHERE. The rest of the festival will be provided by the visiting 'ad' clubs. Word received to date indicates that nearly 300 musicians will accompany the various clubs. The final number probably will be 500. The Baltimore club, which has engaged the Ritz-Carlton for headquarters, proposes to bring a band of 32 pieces. Chicago will bring the famous 'Ad' Men's Choir—an aggregation of 18 business men, who have made themselves famous at previous conventions of the A. A. C. W.; Des Moines, Iowa, will have a glee club, a band and an orchestra; Cleveland will supply 'The Spirit of '76' with life and drum, which will be placed near the 17 floats already entered by Cleveland concerters; Atlanta will add a quartet and will show a performance of genuine Georgia minstrels in the Broad street pageant on Monday night, while Plymouth, Mass., will send celebrated soloist to act the part of a Puritan.

PRESIDENT'S ANSWER TO POPE'S PEACE NOTE UNDERSTOOD HOPEFUL

Reply Given to Papal Legation Monday Night, It Is Also Understood—Secrecy Invests Incident

SURMISES AS TO TEXT

WASHINGTON, May 17.—President Wilson has sent his reply to Pope Benedict's letter on the subject of peace. The reply was given Monsignor Monzono, papal legate, Monday night, it is understood.

The President's communication, it was learned today, joined with Pope Benedict's in an expression of earnest hope and desire that the United States should not be plunged into the great war, but should maintain its neutrality and peace, in order to be of service in bringing about peace in the struggle abroad when the proper opportunity presents itself and to aid in the readjustment of world affairs.

It is understood the Pope, in his message to the President, emphasized the necessity of this country not going to war with Germany, if an early peace were to be assured. Whether the President entered into a lengthy discussion of the possibilities of mediation at this time could not be ascertained from official circles today.

It is understood the President discussed with Secretary Lansing details of the reply before it was sent, but it could not be ascertained whether the communication presented a review of any steps this Government may have taken toward accomplishment of peace recently.

The greatest secrecy has been shown

around the communication in and from Pope Benedict. It is understood that the President signed the negotiations he did not discuss the contents either of the Pope's communication or his own reply with members of his Cabinet other than Lansing.

DUTCH SHIP BLOWN UP; FOUR LOSE THEIR LIVES

Batavier V. Destroyed En Route From London to Rotterdam

LONDON, May 17.—The Dutch steamship Batavier V was blown up with a loss of four lives on Tuesday morning. A Lloyd's dispatch from Great Yarmouth states that the vessel was destroyed while bound from London to Rotterdam, with a general cargo. The surviving members of the crew were landed.

The Batavier V displaced 1505 tons. It was built in 1902 and hailed from Rotterdam. The vessel was captured by a German submarine in April, 1915, but was released after a large part of its cargo had been confiscated.

HOME VICTOR WATER HEATER advertisement with image of the heater and descriptive text.

WOULD BAR GADSKI AT YALE

Student Protests Against Appearance of Alleged Spy's Wife

NEW HAVEN, May 17.—Walter F. Carter, a former Yale pitcher, has protested in the Yale Daily News against the engagement of Mrs. Gadski to sing in the opera 'Die Walkure' in the Yale Bowl on June 7.

CUTS SON'S BODY DOWN, BUT FAILS TO LOOSEN KNOT

Mother Runs for Help, While Boy Expires

NEW YORK, May 17.—If the mother of Arthur Joel, 18 years old, of 1910 Morris avenue, the Bronx, had not become hysterical and neglected to loosen the noose about the boy's neck, her son's attempt at suicide might have failed.

Twenty Entries for Aerial Derby

NEW YORK, May 17.—More than twenty machines will be entered in the transcontinental air race by manufacturers of aeroplanes who already have communicated with the Contest Committee of the Aero Club.

Police Court Chronicles

It is too much to be a bear. Those which live in the woods are kept busy dodging bullets. Others are obliged to live in cages and their only recreation is a promenade of about 10 feet. The average bear soon finds that he is regarded as a common enemy by the world generally and a man in particular.

Robert A. S. Morgan

Advertisement for 'The month's orders this year and last' featuring a list of monthly orders and a coupon for a book.

Large advertisement for 'A College Education at Yale costs (AVERAGE) \$4,076' with an illustration of a student and a horse.

Advertisement titled 'What does he get?' featuring Herbert Spencer and other notable figures.

Advertisement for 'Which Is Worth the More?' comparing knowledge and university training.

Advertisement for 'Gimbel Brothers' featuring a coupon for a book and a list of monthly orders.

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