# PALMER WANTS TAX ON ENEMY PROPERTY

### Recommends Changes in Law to Provide for Cost of Custodianship

### U. S. HOLDS $1,400,000,000

### Stocks and Bonds Principal Item in Huge Alien Fortune Seized During War

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.

Legislation to relieve the Government of the expense incident to the collection, preservation and safeguarding of all alien-enemy property, so as to have such charges made against the income of such property, and the power to dispose of by sale the quantities of cotton, steel, oil and copper purchased for German account for delivery after the war is to be sought during the present session of Congress by A. Mitchell Palmer, alien-property custodian.

In his first report to the President Mr Palmer declares the trading-with-the-enemy act must be amended in several particulars to enable him effectively to administer his duties.

Mr. Palmer does not estimate the amount of alien property for which he will act as trustee, due to the fact that the reports have not all been examined and tabulated, but he stated that up to the end of December 11,167 formal reports had been made, and that it had been possible to open 1278 separate trust accounts. Of these accounts 1236 have been charged "as to principal amount of the trust fund" and 142 have been opened without extended values, for the reason that Mr. Palmer believes further information is necessary.

CONTROLS $1,400,000,000 FUND

The 1236 accounts represent a total estimated value of $134,605,231.78. It is estimated that on this basis the total amount of alien property controlled by Mr. Palmer will be about $1,400,000,000.

The liquidation of fourteen German insurance companies, under license of the Secretary of the Treasury, and supervised by Mr. Palmer, was under way at the close of the last calendar year, three companies having net assets of $11,802,388.29 and gross assets of $40,612,887.74.

Mr. Palmer, in his report, informs the President that administration of the trusts will require several years regardless of when the war ends.

To indicate the relative amounts of various types of property in his custody, Mr. Palmer submits an itemized statement of the values embracing the $134,605,231.78 represented in the 1236 trust accounts opened. His statement shows that the holdings of stocks is by far the biggest element in alien property, comprising $53,984,704.59 of the total, in addition to $25,547,038.42 in bonds. The statement follows:

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| Cash deposited with United States Treasury | $380,250.98 |
| Stocks | 53,984,704.59 |
| Bonds | 25,547,038.42 |
| Mortgages | 3,754,796.90 |
| Notes receivable | 37,733,713.07 |
| Accounts receivable | 37,733,713.07 |
| Real estate | 2,206,210.63 |
| General business, miscellaneous merchandise, etc.: | |
| Businesses and estates in operation or liquidation | $11,052,337.24 |
| Wool and silk | 58,000.00 |
| Furs, hides, skins and other animal products | 40,413.01 |
| Tobacco | 519,966.70 |
| Cotton | 52,400.00 |
| Breadstuffs and other agricultural products | 151,263.74 |
| Metals | 80,453.31 |
| Minerals and oils | 191,500.00 |
| Textiles | 35,011.47 |
| Jewelry, precious stones, paintings and art objects | 278,346.67 |
| Machinery and tools | 36,672.00 |
| Household goods, clothing, etc. | 81,150.73 |
| Other manufactured products | 29,188.00 |
| Other articles not specified | 5,501.00 |

The total is $139,230,540.79, less loans, accounts payable and other claims of $4,625,309.01, making the total trusts entered, $134,605,231.78.

MRS. MARY CROUCH
Captain of the Philadelphia Guard of the Woman's Benefit Association of the Maccabees.

## WILL INSTALL OFFICERS AT LU LU TEMPLE

### Women's Benefit Association of Maccabees to Hold Open Ceremony

The annual open installation of officers of the Women's Benefit Association of the Maccabees will be held tonight in Lu Lu Temple. Mrs. Sabina Freidhoff will be chairman and Miss Minnie E. Burgin will act as general adviser.

It is expected that this event will be more interesting than usual, because of the presence of the union drill team, of this city, which won the championship of the United States and Canada. Another interesting event besides the installation ceremonies will be a motion picture showing the dedication of the new home office building of the order and which will be shown for the first time in Philadelphia.

The officers will be installed by Great Commander Miss Nellie E. Lounsbury, of Warren, Pa. All proceeds of the affair will go to the patriotic fund of the local reviews, who are knitting for the army and navy boys.

## LANCASTER CRIMES FEWER

### 144 Cases in 1893 Against 58 Now, 25,000 More Residents

LANCASTER, Pa., Jan. 23.—In opening January Criminal Court Judge Landis commented on the remarkable decrease of crime in Lancaster County. In 1893 144 cases, many serious, were returned to January court. Today, with the county's population increased by fully 25,000, only fifty-eight cases, all of minor importance, were returned.

Of these twenty-two were settled. Ten are desertion cases, leaving only twenty-six for trial.

### Pennsylvanian a British Captain

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Jan. 23.—Dr. W. F. Sappington, of Big Cove Tannery, now with the Sixty-first Ambulance British expeditionary force in France, who was promoted to be a lieutenant some time ago, has been made a captain. Some months ago Doctor Sappington received a medal for bravery from King George.

# HARMON EXPLAINS THE LICENSE ISSUE

### Columbia County President Judge Deems Question Unsettled in the Affirmative

BLOOMSBURG, Pa., Jan. 23. — The feature of the second day of Columbia County's License Court came as an aftermath of a statement made in court Monday by W. H. Johnson, superintendent of the Berwick plant of the American Car and Foundry Company, testifying for the remonstrants, to the effect that the Berwick residents had spoken at the last election as to whether they wanted Berwick kept "dry."

Counsel for a petitioner wanted to know of a remonstrant whether he took the same position Mr. Johnson had assumed, and this brought from President Judge Harmon the statement that he could not concur in the view that the license question had been settled in the affirmative at the last election. He would very much regret, he said, if he had been elected on that issue. He purposed, he said, to administer the law as he understood it.

The greater part of the day was given over to hearing the remaining West Berwick cases, the petitioners numbering about a score and the remonstrances from 1400 to 2300. Officials and leading citizens testified to greatly improved conditions without license there.

When the distillery application of James Barrett was up for consideration, the Court said that a difficulty stood in the way of granting any license there, for the Judges have no authority to grant a license to a distillery not in operation, and the Government has ordered it kept closed.

TOWANDA, Pa., Jan. 23. — In the Bradford County License Court Judge Maxwell granted all of the sixty-five applications, excepting two from Wyalusing. None of the expected remonstrances against local dealers or those of other towns was brought forward.

The entire list was granted in a brief afternoon session of the court for the first time in the county's history. Sufficient time remained at the close of License Court for several sentences to be imposed on cases which had been pending.

Retail licenses were granted to fifty-two dealers of the county: five retail restaurant licenses, all from Sayre; five wholesale, three of Towanda and two of Sayre, and one brewer's license, for the Sayre Brewing Company, of Sayre.

Court withheld licenses for the Middendorf and Wyalusing hotels, both of Wyalusing, on petition of counsel for the Law and Order League of that town. Licenses of both these hotels were revoked one month ago because of flagrant violations of the law. The two cases will be heard Friday.

## PLAN ANTI-HUN CRUSADE

### Speakers to Tour Cumberland County With War-Aim Explanation

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 23.—Plans have been completed for a tour of speakers, which will hit every section of the county, to fully explain war aims and strike a blow against German propaganda. The movement is under the auspices of the Cumberland County public safety unit. Plans are being made for thirty-four meetings next week and others to follow, to reach every man, woman and child.

J. Kelso Green, county superintendent of schools, is at the head of the speakers' bureau, and prominent ministers, attorneys and professors will aid in the work.

# SHORE IS DEPORTING ITS DRUG ADDICTS

### Vice Squad Goes Over the Top in Sortie on All Undesirables

ATLANTIC CITY, Jan. 23.

To make Atlantic City cleaner than it ever has been is the objective of a vice squad crusade to smash the illicit drug traffic and free the resort of all kinds of objectionable characters. A new wartime economy plan of dealing with drug addicts was put into operation when ten men and women rounded up in order to apprehend men suspected of bringing drugs from Philadelphia, were exiled from the city, instead of being sent to jail. Detectives saw them on board trains for Camden after the victims had been given time to collect their belongings. Albert Stafford, who, vice crusaders assert, brought drugs here, was held for trial.

The city is to be combed by wards for gamblers and other undesirable persons. Every saloon with a "ladies' entrance" will be listed and brought under police surveillance, and cabaret programs will be carefully scanned. To make it impossible for a minor to be served with intoxicants anywhere in the city is one of the tasks assigned to the plain-clothes squad, headed by Detective Black. To save the expense of trials and jail accommodations, unwelcome persons will be put on trains with a warning to give Atlantic City a wide berth.

## AVIATOR NEAR DEATH

### Haddonfield Man Drops 5000 Feet on Toronto Flying Ground

HADDONFIELD, N. J., Jan. 23. — Cleon Krouse, who recently returned here from the French fighting front, met with an unusual accident while in an observation airplane at the Toronto (Can.) flying grounds several days ago which nearly resulted in his death. He came home on a furlough to recover from a badly injured back, neck and bruised body, but he declares he will return to the aviation field for further training.

The accident happened to the machinery while the was 5000 feet in the air with an expert aeronaut in charge of the war plane. The machine turned straight up, with the propeller under, and sped down like a flash. The machine landed in the testing grounds on the propeller.

Krouse and his companion were rushed to the hospital, where they were declared badly injured. Krouse had no bones broken and was allowed to go home on a furlough after getting his many injuries dressed.


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## REDUCTION IN BIDS ON STATE ROAD WORK

### Figures for Western Counties Are More Reasonable Than Those Filed in 1917, Says Commissioner

HARRISBURG, Jan. 23.—Road builders have submitted bids on six sections of road work, in the western part of the State, the first to be opened under the road construction program of 1918, and State Highway Commissioner O'Neil may award contracts for most of the work.

"The bids look more reasonable than those submitted last year when the bidders asserted materials and the cost of labor were so high they could not reduce their figures," he said. "If favorable contracts are awarded I believe there will be no trouble in getting men to work on the roads."

The low bidders were:

Erie County — 13,750 feet in Millcreek township; Joseph McCormick, Erie; re-enforced concrete, $76,395.86.

Erie County—15,050 feet in Harbor Creek township; Frank Stento, Binghamton, N. Y.; re-enforced concrete, $64,478.92.

Clearfield Borough — 2065 feet, vitrified block; George I. Thompson, Clearfield, $22,-098.15.

Clearfield County—4700 feet in Lawrence township, vitrified block; B. L. McKillip, Hollidaysburg, $38,927.05.

Allegheny County—21,426 feet in Ross and McCandless townships; Austin & Matthews, West View; re-enforced concrete, $153,213.70.

Somerset County—39,840 feet in Lincoln and Jenner townships and Jennertown borough; William C. Evans, Ambler; bituminous macadam, $233,824.20.

No bids were received for grading and draining 6707 feet of highway in Foster township, McKean County.

## SON SHOT, SHE SUES STATE

### Wilkes-Barre Mother Gets Permit for Action After Five Years

HARRISBURG, Jan. 23.—Mrs. Emma Lorah, mother of Bruce L. Lorah, of Wilkes-Barre, killed at a rifle practice match, has appeared in the Dauphin County Court after a wait of five years to ask damages from the State for the death of her son. A special act permits her to sue the Commonwealth in the local court.

Lorah was a pit-marker for a Wilkes-Barre National Guard company engaged in rifle practice. He was supposed to be, according to the State's testimony, in a rifle pit eight feet five inches deep when the practice was in progress. The State's contention is that he did not keep in the pit while the firing was in progress.

## GIRL'S ASSAILANT HELD

### Jealousy the Cause of Alleged Attempt to Kill Young Woman

CARLISLE, Pa., Jan. 23. — Jealousy was the cause that brought Isaac Bowermaster, a Southampton township character, into the shadow of a penitentiary sentence, according to the information given at a hearing for the man, as a consequence of which he was held for trial under a heavy bail.

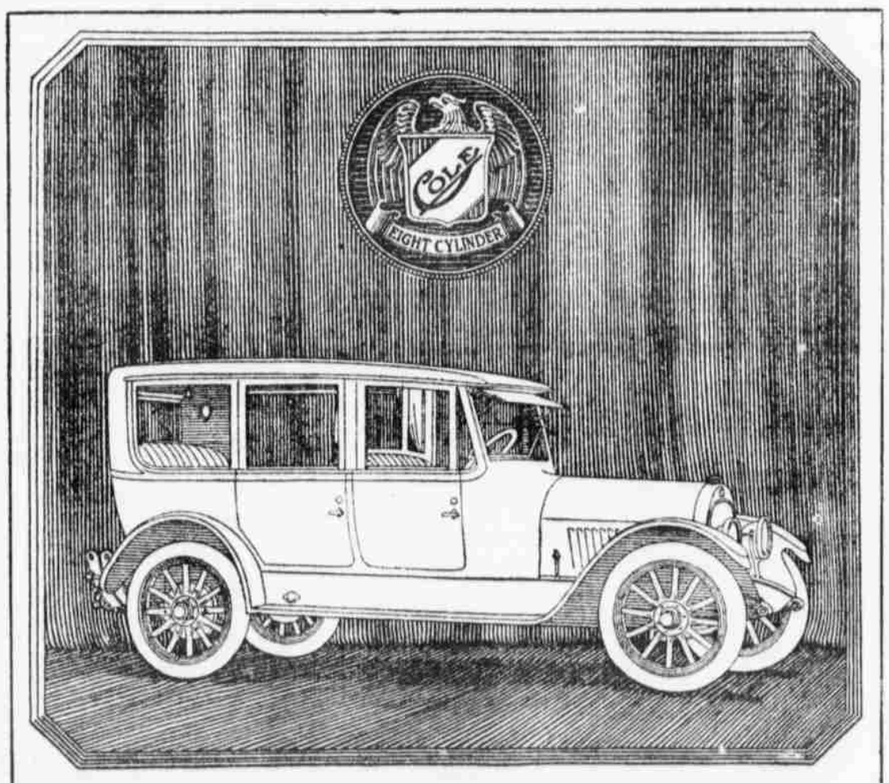
It is alleged he threatened to kill Sarah Gilbert, twenty years old, because she refused to accompany him from a spelling school, and engaged in a pistol fight with men who came to her assistance.

### Bursting Tube Kills Fireman

NORRISTOWN, Jan. 23.—John Harkins, a fireman at the State Hospital for the Insane, died this morning from injuries received yesterday when a boiler tube burst and showered him with live coals and steam. David Jones, a coal-passer, was also seriously burned.

### Clubs Discontinue Activities

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Jan. 23.—At a joint meeting of the board of governors of the Country Club, Northampton County, and the Lehigh Country Club it was decided, owing to war conditions, to discontinue activities of the organizations until April 1 next.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