

ARCHDUKE JOSEPH EXECUTED, REPORT

Dr. Wekerle and Hungarian Baron Also Declared Slain by Communists

RUMOR IS NOT CONFIRMED

London, April 15.—(By A. P.)—A Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Acht Tage Blatt and the Abendblatt, of Berlin, print reports received from travelers to the effect that Communists at Budapest have executed Archduke Joseph, Dr. Alexander Wekerle, former premier, and Baron Joseph Stepeny, minister of commerce.

The report, the dispatch says, has not been confirmed. Archduke Joseph of Austria-Hungary was a son of Archduke Joseph Charles Louis and was born at Alesuth on August 9, 1872. He received a technical education at the University of Budapest and later became commander of the Seventh Corps of the Austro-Hungarian army.

During the war he was in command of the southern section of the eastern battlefield. It was reported on April 11 that he and his son, Archduke Joseph Francis, had taken the oath to submit unconditionally to the Hungarian National Council, which was set up after the fall of the government led by Count Michael Karolyi.

Dr. Alexander Wekerle has for the last fifteen years been one of the leading figures in Hungarian public life. In 1906 he formed a cabinet, which held office until April 21, 1909. After a brief interval, Doctor Wekerle again was appointed premier, remaining in office until January 27, 1918. Even after this time he remained in nominal control until April 18, 1918, when Count Tisza was appointed premier.

After the assassination of Count Tisza, Doctor Wekerle was again appointed premier, and remained in office until October 10, 1918. He was arrested in Budapest, February 15 last, being charged with participation in a revolutionary plot. Because of his advanced age he was later freed from prison, but was interned in Budapest. On March 25 he was arrested by the Communist government of Hungary.

Baron Joseph Stepeny, minister of commerce of Hungary, served in Doctor Wekerle's cabinet during the summer of 1918. On February 28 he was arrested at Budapest on the charge of having engaged in a counter-revolutionary plot. On April 2 it was reported that he might be sentenced to death.

Survey of Schools Is Promised Soon

Continued from Page One tion, school plant, the various types of schools, the results obtained and all other elements that deter mind efficiency.

The resolution continued: "That we urge the Board of Education to carry out the purpose of its resolution of one year ago, by causing such a survey to be made and that we pledge the board our support in the expenditure for this purpose of any necessary amount of school funds up to \$30,000, borrowing the money for the purpose if need be in anticipation of the next tax levy."

Organizations represented at the meeting were urged to take similar action and notify the board of education. The dinner, which was presided over by Walter Lee Rosenberger, chairman of the congress of presidents, was attended by representatives of civic and business organizations.

Results of school surveys taken in 160 cities and towns of the United States, and the things that a school survey in this city would do, were explained by Doctor Kendall. Others who spoke for the school survey were Dr. Frederick Griffin, of the First Unitarian Church, William Eldridge, who expressed the business man's idea of a need for a survey.

"Living and Dead" Doctor Griffin, at whose church there was a conference on education Sunday night, addressed by Simon Gratz, of the Board of Education, and others, said in the course of his remarks that there are only two kinds of people in the world—the living and the dead. The dead were those who had stopped learning and were still looking at the world from the point of view of twenty or thirty years ago. The living were those who had open minds and made constant efforts to broaden their knowledge and improve the conditions about them. This apt characterization was heartily applauded.

Mr. Eldridge remarked that if the

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DR. ALEXANDER WEKERLE

board of education met the demand for a school survey "it might ease their conscience, if the survey showed the schools to be as good as they believed, and if it disclosed serious defects would give them a new opportunity for public service."

Doctor Kendall said the school survey has come into existence because of the growing understanding of the vital relation of the school and the nation, and the resulting desire to improve the schools by intelligent criticism.

Would Classify Pupils "One of the first jobs of a survey would be," he said, "to classify the children of different grades to determine whether the children were obtaining from the schools the proper training in their grades. This is now possible with a high degree of accuracy through psychological tests."

"On judging the school system, the survey would consider the board of education first, then the superintendent of schools, the key to the situation, and then the efficiency of the school principals.

He told of the survey in Cleveland, where a year and three months were spent on the work and the cost was \$48,000, paid for by the Cleveland Foundation. He said that this survey, the most complete in the country, had stirred the city and brought about valuable improvements in the city system.

"Sometimes," he remarked, "surveys originate because of a grudge or because of some one's desire to put a knife in the back of a survey. I am against that kind of a survey. I have no use for any one who does not point out the good things the school board has done as well as the defects. Any survey should be long on accomplishments. This method has usually been followed. I know of no case where any one has lost his job because of a school survey. The conditions were corrected."

"In a few cases, fakers have been called in to do the job. Beware of them. They only want the money and are quacks. Get men who can do the job intelligently and sympathetically."

He told how the survey of Portland, Ore., schools showed the Board of Education to be spending all its time in doing administrative details. He said this board held twenty-four meetings in two and a half months and in addition all members had committee meetings. This was changed as a result of the survey so that the executives of the schools did the administrative work. This was one feature which prompted Mr. Sneed and Mr. Catharine to feel that the Philadelphia board does the right thing.

Details to Experts "Our meeting took but thirty-five minutes the other day," he remarked, "yet we were criticized for that. We leave all the details to the experts and determine policy and approve or reject the completed work."

Doctor Kendall called it the "highest injustice to throw stones" at the Board of Education. "It is easy to criticize," he said, "but nothing is so detrimental to high-spirited officials as unjustified criticism."

He said that in Portland, of the sixty-three suggestions made in the survey, forty-eight were adopted and only three rejected. The others were not yet acted upon. In Baltimore, he said, politics had prevented any advantage being taken of the survey which he aided in making, but he added that Baltimore did not return to its old state exactly. "A survey will definitely change your school system," he said. "It is worth while if it but gives superintendents and teachers an analysis on which to work improvement."

He discussed the loss of time by children who fail in school and the cost to the state. One city showed that one-third of all children failed at least once in the elementary grades. "How

many 'repeaters,' as we called them, have you in Philadelphia?" Among the things that are studied by the survey, he said, are what the schools are doing for the community; how the salaries of teachers compare with other cities; whether the buildings and equipment are up to needs; whether, for instance, the blackboards are too high in primary grade, and how the lighting is.

Health Is Factor He said that many adults wear glasses because of the bad lighting they had in the schools they attended as children. "It is a crime to force children to school by law and then ruin their health by bad lighting."

"The greatest waste next to poor teaching," he said the survey disclosed, "is the number who fail to go to school when they should. The loss of time is equal to a quarter of the pupils enrolled in New Jersey."

He said a survey would disclose whether the proportion of money spent on high schools compares with that spent on elementary schools. "It is a crime against children," he said, "to have but one teacher to fifty pupils. It is criminal to build high schools at the cost of a million dollars and take it out on the primary schools with fifty-six children in one small room."

"A school survey will do you all good. It will pay dividends in more than a financial way," he said. Dr. George H. Strayer, professor of education administration at the Teachers' College, Columbia University, will speak at the City Club on April 28 on an "Effective School System."

Six Months Wed; Suicide Married only six months, Nettie Kolisk, twenty-one-year-old wife of Andrew Kolisk, a ship carpenter, of 1400 Rose street, Camden, committed suicide last night by hanging. She was found hanging to the hook of a door of the second-story front room by Patrolman Mellock. The noose made a part of her dress. The young woman had been acting strangely and for a time was in an institution, her condition being due to illness.

Deaths of a Day

MRS. A. LINCOLN ACKER

Wife of Former Sheriff to Be Buried Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily R. Acker, wife of former Sheriff A. Lincoln Acker, will be held at her home, 1823 West Venango street, Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Acker died at her home last night after an illness of about two weeks.

She was prominent in church work, being closely identified with the activities of the Toga Methodist Episcopal Church, of which she had been a member for more than twenty years. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel T. Fecht.

Mrs. Acker is survived by her husband and daughter, Mrs. John O'D. Richmond, the wife of Lieutenant John O'D. Richmond, U. S. N. Mrs. Acker was to have celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of her wedding Friday.

George A. Roe George A. Roe, forty-five years old, employment manager of the Warren Webster Company, Camden, N. J., died yesterday at his home in Collingswood, N. J. A widow and two children survive him. He was a member of the Royal Arcanum, the Knights of Pythias and the Golden Eagle.

Levi S. Gross Marietta, Pa., April 15.—Levi S. Gross, eighty-two years old, died here yesterday from the infirmities of age. He was afflicted with many banks and turnpike companies as director. A widow and several children survive.

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Fee of Wheeler Fixed at \$10,000

Continued from Page One of American Light and Traction Company stock valued at \$38,000. The stock was her property, she said. Mr. Wheeler told her he sold the stock through a broker, the witness testified. The money, she continued, was to have been used to pay for repairs on holdings of the Joyce Realty Company in Columbus, O.

"I asked him how he expected to pay for the repairs," asserted Mrs. Joyce. "He told me he expected to ask me for a fee of \$10,000. He said he would bank the \$10,000 fee and borrow \$10,000 on that account. The rest of the money he would obtain from me. The repairs would cost about \$35,000."

"What did he say he did with the proceeds?" asked Assistant District Attorney Taulane. "He said he had misappropriated them," was the reply.

Objections Sustained William A. Gray, defense counsel, objected to the form of the question. Question and answer were ordered withdrawn. "What did he say?" was Mr. Taulane's next query.

"He said he used the money for his own purpose," Mrs. Joyce replied. The witness testified that Mr. Wheeler on one occasion told her his services to her were worth \$50,000. He said Philip N. Goldsmith had told him, so she continued. Goldsmith is a lawyer and public accountant.

Later, Mrs. Joyce averred, Mr. Wheeler corrected himself on the amount he quoted Mr. Goldsmith as saying his services were worth. He then said Mr. Goldsmith declared he should ask \$25,000 for his (Wheeler's) services. Mrs. Joyce testified she told Mr. Wheeler that her husband received

\$5000 a year for managing her affairs in Columbus and that she had that figure in her mind as proper compensation for the former judge.

Another Conversation The questioning then swung to another conversation between Mrs. Joyce and the defendant. The witness said she directed the former judge to write down his indebtedness to her.

"He said he would put everything down in black and white so I would understand it. After he had made up the total he said he was surprised that it amounted to so much," Mrs. Joyce declared.

By Mr. Taulane: "What became of the money?" Mr. Gray objected and was sustained. The prosecution then offered in evidence the schedule said to have been written by Mr. Wheeler.

According to the schedule, the defendant admitted owing for 100 shares of the light and traction stock, sold for \$37,877.25, but valued at \$38,100; a balance due on account of \$702.62; a balance due as treasurer of the Joyce Realty Company of \$384.16; promissory notes to Mrs. Joyce of \$4500; given to Mrs. Joyce, and an "indebtedness paid to me by Mrs. Joyce" of \$10,290.

The schedule's total was \$62,251.78. Mrs. Joyce said the defendant agreed to give her a judgment note for the total and agreed to transfer his life insurance to her. He said he would take out any additional insurance she required, Mrs. Joyce asserted.

Interest in the testimony of Mrs. Joyce has been heightened by her statements on the stand yesterday, when she said the judge confessed to her that he had embezzled the funds from her estate.

"It's gone," she testified he told her when she asked about a \$20,000 check.

Pediatric Home From France

Dr. Francis C. O'Neill, of 1725 Riverside street, has arrived in New York, after almost two years' service overseas. He was a member of the first pediatric unit of the Red Cross to go to France in 1917. Doctor O'Neill is expected to return to Philadelphia in a few days.

GUARD DEBS CLOSELY

Additional High-Powered Lights Will Play Around Prison Moundsville, W. Va., April 15.—The incarceration of Eugene V. Debs in the West Virginia penitentiary here was marked last night by the placing of additional guards around the walls by orders of J. Z. Terrell, the warden. Additional high-powered electric lights will be installed outside the walls, the warden announced.

Prison officials decided that they will determine upon a fixed amount of mail that Debs may receive, for today there were indications of an overwhelming number of incoming letters for the prisoner. Warden Terrell will censor all mail received or sent by Debs.

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