

WANTS PART TREATY PARLEY

Says It Would Be Suicidal for Democrats to Join With "Irreconcilables"

CALLS FOR RATIFICATION

By the Associated Press Washington, March 17.—W. J. Bryan arrived here today from Florida...



MRS. GEORGE W. BURR Wife of Major General Burr, who christened the Conchatta which was launched at Hog Island today

LAUNCH TWO SHIPS

Hog Island Vessels Christened With Champagne Today

Two more ships, a steel cargo carrier and an army transport, were launched at the Hog Island shipyard this morning...

SENTENCED FOR MURDER

New Jersey Man is Given From Ten to Thirty Years in State Prison

Edward Berry, thirty-one years old, of Westville, N. J., was committed to the state prison at Trenton...

Deaths of a Day

Susan C. Rogers Susan C. Rogers died yesterday at her home, 225 North 42nd street...

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URGE STUART FOR G. O. P. CONVENTION

Moore Men Will Ask Former Governor to Be Administration's Candidate

MAYOR SUPPORTS DARROW

Edwin S. Stuart, former Governor, will be asked by friends of Mayor Moore to be the administration's candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention...

Favor Bayard Henry

The former Governor refused to make any statement when seen this afternoon...

Mayor for Darrow

Speaking at a dinner to himself, members of his cabinet and Council last night given by the Board of Trade...

Women Hold Session

The Women's Home Mission Society, one of the largest and oldest organizations in the city...

PEANUT CAUSES OPERATION

Effort Will Be Made to Take Object From Child's Lung

In an effort to remove a peanut lodged in her lungs, an operation will be performed at the Jefferson Hospital...

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Denounces "Strong-Arm Tactics" of Republican Machine in Minnesota

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DISHONORABLE DISCHARGE: Its Meaning to Bergdoll

Would never be permitted to vote. Could not hold property in his name. Would virtually be a man without a country.

Ordered to Stand Up

Colonel William H. Allaire, president of the court, then ordered Bergdoll to stand up. The slacker did. He hung his head and looked in another direction as Colonel Allaire read off the charge.

After the Conference

After the conference Bergdoll, apparently calm, walked into the courtroom. Captain Campbell had his arm over the draft-dodger's shoulder. Bergdoll seated himself in the chair reserved for him, with Campbell on one side and Gibbon on the other.

Colonel Cresson then announced that the prosecution was ended. He reported to the court on the results obtained for the defense by the subpoena sent out, and asked if it would cause any delay.

The defense is satisfied with the status of its witnesses. Weinberger crossed to say. Then he made way for Gibbon, who made the announcement that no witnesses would be called for Bergdoll.

The action was so unexpected—Weinberger had repeatedly told of the number of witnesses to be called and of the sensational nature of their testimony—that Colonel Cresson asked that court be adjourned a few minutes to give him and his assistants time to study the new situation. Captain Campbell urged that during the adjournment the board should discuss the case and make a definite recommendation as to the maximum penalty that could be inflicted if Bergdoll was proved guilty.

Calls Request Out of Order

"That request is entirely out of order," Colonel Cresson retorted. "It is illegal. The board is not entitled to give any ruling on a sentence until it returns its formal verdict."

"That may hold good where a plea of guilty has been entered," Campbell replied, "but this man pleads not guilty, and he certainly is entitled to know what the maximum penalty would be if his plea is not allowed."

The colonel told Bergdoll that he was privileged to take the stand in his own behalf to refute any testimony offered by the prosecution or to offer any explanation he could for his alleged actions.

"Do you want to exercise that privilege?" he asked Bergdoll.

"No," Bergdoll replied, in a tone above a whisper. He was prompted by Campbell, who stood on his right and Gibbon on his left. Then they resumed their seats.

The court room was cleared then while the court-martial board considered the newest angle of the case, which has been full of complexities and legal questions ever since the arrest of Bergdoll in his mother's home on January 7. At 11:30 o'clock the board adjourned until the matter under consideration.

Dr. Thomas E. Eldridge, of Vine street Nineteenth, Philadelphia, was the only witness for the defense to answer the subpoena in person. The Rev. H. M. Hill, 5025 Woodbury, answered by telegram that he would be unable to attend because of the serious illness of his father. Dr. Francis X. Dercum, neurologist to President Wilson, who was subpoenaed, answered by telegram last night at the request of Weinberger. Doctor Dercum examined and pronounced Bergdoll sane when the slacker's brother tried to prove him insane in 1915.

Joseph J. Coyle, president of the Phoenix Trust Co., formerly the North Penn Bank, and formerly a state senator, did not acknowledge his summons. No report was obtained from Dr. M. S. Gregory and S. E. Jelliffe, New York specialists, who examined the defendant. Arguments of the attorneys involved in the case is the only thing remaining of interest. Each is expected to take several hours in summing up.

Colonel Cresson will carefully go over the evidence showing Bergdoll's legal induction into the United States army and his willful and well-planned desertion.

Weinberger, who has been carefully nursing a split lip for several days or allowing it to be at his best to his supreme effort of the court-martial, is expected to lay particular stress on Bergdoll's physical condition in army and his willful and well-planned desertion.

The fact that the induction order

of Bergdoll was rubber-stamped with the name of Frank D. Boary, adjutant-general of Pennsylvania, and not signed in pen and ink, will be another strong motif in his plea. Throughout the trial he has insisted—and been overruled consistently—that a rubber stamp is not a signature, and not an adjutant general and therefore Bergdoll never was a "slacker."

Colonel Allaire's full statement to Bergdoll when the accused was stood up before the court follows:

"You, the accused, are informed that you have the right to testify in your own behalf, subject to cross-examination; to offer any evidence in denial or explanation, or in contradiction of the charges against you.

"If you testify in denial or explanation of the offense, the scope of your direct examination will be considered to be the whole subject of your guilt or innocence of that offense, and any fact relevant to the issue of your guilt, or relevant to your credibility, such as, in my opinion, is properly the subject of cross-examination, and if you testify in your own behalf and fail to deny any act of the incriminating nature which the evidence of the prosecution may tend to establish against you, such failure may not only be commented upon by counsel, but may be considered by the court, with all other circumstances, in reaching their conclusion as to your guilt or innocence.

"You may also make an unsworn verbal or written statement of the case which may consist of a brief version or summary of the evidence, with such explanation or allegation of motive, excuse, matter of extenuation, or such a matter you desire to offer.

Bergdoll Says He Understands

"It also may embrace with the facts a presentation of the law. Such statement is not testimony and is therefore not subject to cross-examination. But as a personal defense or argument, however, it may and properly should be taken into consideration by the court. You do not have to do either, and your failure to do either will not create any presumption against you.

"Do you fully understand all that I have said to you?"

"Yes, sir," Bergdoll said, weakly.

"Knowing these rights, do you wish to testify, or to make any statement in your own behalf, or to do either?" Colonel Allaire asked.

"No," Bergdoll almost whispered. Then he corrected himself to a still weaker "No, sir," at the prompting of Captain Campbell.

Bergdoll's apparent chance of escaping the penalty of his action is in about the same status as it was several days ago, when Colonel Cresson said the slacker's chance of escaping punishment was just about as good as a betting proposition as that "of the well-known stone in a hedge."

When the court adjourned temporarily Bergdoll went into an ante-room with his mother. It was next to the room in which the momentous conference had taken place earlier.

Slacker Shows Fright

Bergdoll was frightened. His mother comforted him the best she could. The armed guard who watched Bergdoll at the time afterward said she was the "gamest" member of the Bergdoll flock, who repeatedly hugged and kissed her youngest son.

She was particularly interested and indignant when he told her of Colonel Cresson's request that he be imprisoned for a long term of years.

Mrs. Bergdoll arrived on the island shortly before 10 o'clock. She was accompanied by Gibbon and Romig. Doctor Eldridge was on the same boat.

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