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21 More Days to Christmas. Do Your Shopping Early; Avoid The Late Rush

GERMAN LINER OFFICER GUILTY

May be sent to prison and fined \$10,000 each

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Three high officials and a subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American steamship line were found guilty tonight in the Federal District Court of having violated the laws of the United States in sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the South Atlantic in the first few months of the European war.

The jury returned a verdict of guilty on each of two indictments. The specific charge was conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States.

The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine. Sentence was not imposed tonight and because of the late hour when the verdict was reported, Judge Howe deferred until tomorrow morning a hearing on the formal motions to set aside the verdict and arrest judgment which the defense is sure to offer. A date for passing sentence will then be designated.

In reaching its decision the jury is reported to have taken only one ballot, and this after several hours of discussion of the evidence in minute detail. The jury was given the case at 2:40 o'clock this afternoon. Its foreman, George W. Palmer, announced the verdict at 10:10 o'clock tonight, seven and one-half hours later.

Town is to Boom as never before

Christmas trade open

Indications that a genuine boom is near at hand in business and mercantile circles are found in the preparations which the local merchants are making for the holiday trade.

"We anticipate a most prosperous Christmas trade this season and we do not see any indications that our expectations will be disappointed," said C. C. Dinsmore, manager of the Dinsmore Bros.

Other merchants of the city made similar statements and some were even more emphatic.

Stocks of Christmas toys are already on display in some of the stores.

"The town is going to boom as it never did before," said a real estate man, who added that the real estate operators of this vicinity were preparing for big business within the next few months.

Sales of Red Cross Seals will be Pushed with Vim.

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce has purchased 10,000 of the little seals and has endorsed their sale in the city. The stamps have



been placed on sale, at one cent each, in all the different stores, hotels and banks of this place.

Wehrum man expires at Danville Asylum

Word was received here a few days ago of the death at the Danville State Hospital for the Insane last Saturday of William McNelis, of Wehrum. McNelis was sent to the Danville institution from the Indiana county jail. His death is declared to have resulted from injuries alleged to have been inflicted by six attendants who were held responsible by the coroner's jury. An investigation of the case is being made.

Check forgers busy in three Counties

Local business men have been warned to be on the lookout for check forgers who are said to be operating in Indiana, Armstrong and Jefferson counties. A number of persons have been swindled, it is reported.

Heavy Coal Trains on Indiana Branch

Unusually heavy coal trains are seen daily along the Indiana branch of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburg railroad. The mines in this section are working day and night shifts now.

Big transfer has been registered

The following real estate transfer was registered on Thursday morning: J. C. McGregor et al. to Charles F. Nollenberger, lot in Indiana. The valuation is given as \$25,000. The transfer includes the property known as the Central Hotel on Philadelphia street, of which Mr. Nollenberger will take charge this month.

Other transfers recorded are: John A. Miller to Mary E. Miller, 100 acres in Brushvalley, \$3,000. C. W. C. Nippes to Clances M. Gamble, lot in Blacklick, \$85.

Sentenced for Vote Fraud

Pittsburg, Dec. 1.—Charles McChesney, who yesterday pleaded guilty to opening ballot boxes, stealing ballots and entering a building in connection with fraud at the September primary election was today sentenced to pay a fine of \$250 and serve nine months in jail.

More than 100 indictments in connection with the election are yet to be disposed of.

BANK WRECKED "SOMEWHERE IN LONDON"



Photo by American Press Association.
Bank destroyed by a Zeppelin. The censor has carefully obliterated its name on the photo, you will notice. This was done to keep its location from being known and being used as the possible basis for future raids.

JUSTICES MUST ACCEPT OFFICE SOME HAVE NOT COMPLIED.

A large number of justices of the peace who have overlooked the formality of filing their acceptances of their commissions at Harrisburg and are now busy seeking information as to how to proceed.

The last legislature passed a law making it necessary before a commission is elected to a newly-elected justice of the peace, that he file an acceptance of the office. Heretofore commissions have been made out at Harrisburg for every justice of the peace elected in the state. The state authorities secured the passage of the law making it obligatory on the part of the newly-elected justices to say whether or not they will fill the position.

Saltsburg to have a Christmas Tree

At the last meeting of Saltsburg Music Club it was decided that the organization would for the second time take up the Community Christmas Tree project for Saltsburg, if the people are in sympathy with the movement. Last year's program was a great success and the line of procedure this year will be somewhat similar to last year, except the treat for children will be omitted.

List of Letters

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office November 27, 1915:
Mrs. Rose Azzere, Borgi Angela, Miss Annie Bairhart, Mr. Harry Baird, Mr. Ben R. Beisel, Matt M. Collins, Miss Mollie McGaughey, Miss Mollie McGaughey, Miss Beulah Mulliner, Charles T. Noll, Mrs. Nell Pierce, Mrs. D. M. Rose, E. A. Snyder, Miss Annie Stuchel.

When inquiring for letters in this list please state that they were advertised, giving date.

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Best stores advertise in The Patriot.

Italy Enters Campaign in the Balkans

Paris, Dec. 2.—Detachments of Italian troops were landed at Avona, Albania, on Tuesday, according to information from a reliable source in Athens, a dispatch to the Temps from the Greek capital today says:
Although Avona, in southern Albania, on the Adriatic, has been under occupation by Italian troops for some months past, the statement that Italy is sending additional forces there may readily be taken to mean that they are intended for use in connection with allied operations in the Balkans.

Joffre chief of all French field armies CHRISTMAS MAIL IS GOING THROUGH

Paris, Dec. 2.—Gen. Joffre has been appointed commander-in-chief of all the French armies except those in North Africa, including Morocco and dependent ministry colonies. President Poincare signed the decree today.

Puux's boy is Deserter

Clement A. Bridge, private in Troop M, First Cavalry, who was enlisted October 23, 1914, for seven years, is reported to have deserted from the Letterman General Hospital, San Francisco, Cal., November 5, 1915. At enlistment he gave his residence as 106 South Walnut street, Punxsutawney, and the name and address of person to be notified in case of emergency as Mrs. Tillie Bridge, of the same address. He was born in Latrobe and is 22 years old. Sheriff Jerfries received word Wednesday morning from the Adjutant General that a reward of \$50 would be paid for his capture.

Bishop Hughes give good Lecture

The lecture given by Bishop Hughes, of San Francisco, at the Normal school on Tuesday evening was attended by a good sized audience and thoroughly enjoyed by all. The bishop took for his subject "The Development of the Boy", and traced in a thoroughly instructive manner the various stages through which the boy passes in his progress toward manhood.

Bishop Hughes' style is fluent and magnetic. He held the interest of his audience from beginning to end. His lecture was especially helpful to prospective teachers as he understands the needs of the teacher thoroughly on account of his long association with educational work as president of De Pauw University.

The bishop is in great demand as a speaker at the various schools and colleges of the country and is to preach at Columbia University next Sunday.

Chief Harr's is still busy

Chief Keller Harris and Constable Robert Kerr placed under arrest Tuesday afternoon William Arusko of Blacklick, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill. Arusko shot a foreigner with a rifle three weeks ago and since that time the officers had been searching for him but without success until Tuesday, when they located him at Blacklick.

Quantities of Christmas mail are already passing through the Indiana postoffice, according to Postmaster H. W. Fee, and the amount is expected to increase steadily as the holidays approach. Special preparations are being made by the postoffice staff to meet the expected rush for mail, which includes everything from picture postcards to man-size parcel post packages.

The mail is already very heavy and is becoming a severe task on the strength and resources of the postoffice force. Carriers leave the office almost daily with 90 to 100 pounds of mail matter, besides the immense quantities delivered by other means.

UNION'S ORGANIZERS HAVE EYE ON COLVER

Colver, Dec. 2.—Several of the United Mine Workers' organizers who were recently located at Ebensburg have joined two fellow workers at Rexis, where they are making an effort either to unionize Colver or cause the miners to move elsewhere.

Colver miners have not yet been organized, but a large number of them have gone to other coal towns. There is a large number of vacant houses here, but officials of the Ebensburg Coal Company say operations have not been hampered through the loss of men.

Club dog to insensibility to get his master's body

Kittanning, Pa., Dec. 2.—Guarding the body of his master, killed by a train, a fox terrier was clubbed into insensibility by railroad men before they could remove the body of Samuel Crea, a trackwalker on the Buffalo and Allegheny division of the Pennsylvania railroad, from the tracks near Kittanning today.

Last May a friend gave Crea the fox terrier, and the dog was his constant companion on his trips along the railroad. When Crea was killed last night the faithful dog resisted all persuasion to leave the body.

B., R. & P. Time Table Changed

Under the new schedule which became effective Sunday, November 28th, on the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railway, the train which has been scheduled to leave at 5:45 p. m. leaves Indiana at 5:25 for Punxsutawney, arriving at that station at 7:00 instead of 7:15 p. m., as heretofore.