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AUSTRIA PREPARED TO BREAK WITH UNITED STATES

HOPE OF AVERTING CLASH WITH GERMANY RAPIDLY
WANING IN CAPITAL CIRCLES

PARIS, Feb. 15. — All preparations have been made to transfer the handling of Austro-Hungarian affairs in France from the American embassy to the Swiss legation, it was learned here today.

This move was evidently made in fear of a diplomatic break between Washington and Vienna over the submarine situation. The French foreign office has already approved the transfer.

GERARD SENDS REPORT ON TREATY INCIDENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. — Ambassador Gerard reported officially to the state department that Germany had tried to force him to have the 1799 treaty rerefracted, under penalty of holding American newspaper men as hostages.

His message contained much technical detail of just what the Germans wanted.

DESERTERS CANNOT RE-INLIST

NEW YORK, Feb. 14. — Forgetting that their finger prints are bound to betray them, many deserters who have adopted fictitious names, are attempting to re-enter the service, since the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Recruiting officers have been flooded with this class of applicants, who trust to luck or indifference on the part of the military authorities to cover up their misdemeanor, according to Captain Frank E. Evans of the United States Marine Corps in this city.

It is believed that the present patriotic wave has awakened many of these deserters to a sense of duty, but a comparison of their tell-tale finger prints with the originals, kept on file in Washington, proves a bar to their further service.

DETAIL OF STATE POLICE IS LOCATED AT INDIANA TO REMAIN 3 MONTHS

A detail of the state police, consisting of Corp. W. E. Sherman and Privates L. Golberg and Henry Wohman, has taken its quarters at the Central hotel. The detail is a part of Troop D, the home station of which is located at Butler.

Corporal Sherman states that the detail would be here for at least three months and possibly might remain here permanently, the latter contingent upon the possible declaration of war with Germany, and the state police being called upon to assist in guarding the munition plants throughout the state.

Aside from their regular duties of preserving the peace, working in cooperation with the county officials, the detail will also assist Deputy Game Protector Iddo M. Lewis in the discharge of his duties in this section.

GUARDS AT PUMPING STATIONS

Guards have been placed by the Standard Oil Company at all its pumping stations from Texas and Oklahoma, to the Atlantic coast. At the pumping station of the company just north of this place, a guard is on duty day and night.

CREPS GETS APPOINTMENT

Howard Creps, son of the late Jacob Creps, of Indiana, has been appointed secretary of the Judiciary General Committee of the House of Representatives at Harrisburg. The appointment was made through the influence of Wilmer H. Wood, assemblyman from this county, and a member of the committee.

WATERHOUSE GIVEN LONG PEN SENTENCE

James E. Waterhouse, who had been in the county jail, awaiting trial on five indictments charging him with forgery, growing out of his swindling of Indiana merchants, went into Court this morning and pled guilty to all the charges. Judge J. N. Langham sentenced him on one indictment and suspended sentence on the other four. The sentence imposed on the forger was to pay a fine of \$500; pay the costs of prosecution, and to undergo not less than three years, nor more than five years in solitary confinement, in the Western Penitentiary. The prisoner was taken to the institution by Sheriff Boggs and Deputy Sheriff Borland on Monday.

PRINT PAPER PROBE IS STARTED IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 15. — Investigation of the increased cost of news print paper was begun here today by a special grand jury called by United States District Attorney Snowden Marshall.

Numerous witnesses have been called and the probe, which will go deep into the causes of the increase and search charges of a trust and restraint of trade, is expected to consume considerable time.

Today District Attorney Marshall and Bainbridge Colby and Mark Hyman, who are associated with him in the prosecution of the inquiry, spent most of the time organizing the jury. This work of organization and the preliminary steps of the investigation are expected to last several days and it will undoubtedly

be next week before any witnesses are called.

Names of witnesses to be called are withheld by the district attorney.

GUARDING CLYMER WATER SUPPLY

W. S. Hamilton, superintendent of the Clymer Water Company, has received from the State Department of Health orders for the careful policing of the water supply source of the company and forbidding the visiting of the company's filtering plant except by special permission. This is a war order taken by Commissioner of Health Dixon as a precautionary measure to prevent the poisoning or pollution of the water supply by some fanatic who might deem it patriotic to wipe a few thousand Americans off the globe by one master strike.

WASHINGTON Born Feb. 22, 1732



1917 185 Years since Washington was Born
128 Years since his first Inauguration
118 Years since his Death

HOMER CITY, DRY FOR 46 YEARS, IS ONLY WET TOWN

NEW LIQUOR LICENSES OPERATIVE HERE THURSDAY

Homer City, which was without a liquor license for 46 years, will be the only place in Indiana County where a bar will be open after Thursday, until March 12.

All present liquor licenses of the county expired Thursday. By a ruling of Judge J. N. Langham, all hotels granted licenses must keep their bars closed until March 12 as a penalty for violating the Court's rule prohibiting treating. The Commercial Hotel at Creekside has been penalized until April 1. The new license at Homer City became operative yesterday.

Since the granting of liquor license to the Commercial Hotel of Homer City by Judge J. N. Langham recently there has been considerable comment as to the history of the licensed business in the borough in the past.

There were two licensed houses in the town for some time previous of 1870. The last one operated was conducted by George C. Cribbs, in th basement of the building now occupied by D. L. Snyder & Son. He was given a license in 1871 by Judge Logan, at the time Judge of Indiana and Westmoreland counties. The business proved unprofitable and Mr. Cribbs closed the establishment before the expiration of his license and for the following 46 years Homer City was dry. Mr. Cribbs died several years ago. His family moved to Pittsburgh, where Mrs. Cribbs died a little more than a year ago.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining uncalled for in the Indiana office February 10 1917:

D. B. Camel, Miss A. M. Casey, W. M. Dickie, Mrs. John M. Dixon, Miss Julia Fisher, Richard Gilmore, Harry G. Keffler, J. C. Monroe, Miss Jennie Maruca, R. J. Thompson, Mrs. Mary White.

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

HARRY W. FEE, P. M.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY COMMERCE BODY

J. S. Jamison, manager of the Troutman Co. store, has been elected president of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce for the coming year. Other officers elected are: Vice presidents, J. R. Bath, Ira A. Myers, H. C. Christy, F. L. Neff and A. I. Rees; secretary, L. E. Miller; treasurer, T. B. Clark; solicitor, E. E. Creps.

JEFFERSON BOY MAY GET NEW MURDER TRIAL

SUPREME COURT GRANTS OYER AND TERMINER LEAVE
TO ACT

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 14. — Henry Ward Mottorn, a Jefferson county youth, who, with Ernest Haines was convicted on Aug. 23 last of first degree murder for the killing of William Haines, father of Ernest Haines, may be granted a new trial. The State Supreme Court today authorized the court of Oyer and Terminer of Jefferson county "in its discretion, to grant a rule for a new trial and to proceed in accordance with the act of April 22, 1903."

Counsel for Mottorn asked the supreme court for the rule to obtain a new trial on grounds of new evidence, and also to give alienists called at the trial an opportunity to explain Mottorn's mental condition.

It is asserted in the petition that counsel had discovered that the youth had began the use of whiskey at the age of 11, and has been an habitual drinker since.

Efforts were made at Mottorn's trial to show he was insane, but this line of defense failed. Subsequently, notwithstanding the fact that the trial judge, and the prosecuting lawyers supported his application, the board of pardons refused to commute the death sentence which had been imposed upon Mottorn.

According to the petition, the new evidence will show that young Mottorn was retarded in his mental development for two years, giving him a mental age of 14 at the time of the commission of the crime; that he was idle and apparently lawless; joining in plans for mischief without thought of the consequences; that his self control was weak and that he apparently did not appreciate the enormity of his deed.

GERARD HONORED ON ARRIVAL IN FRANCE

PARIS, Feb. 15. — Many American flags were displayed here today in honor of the arrival of James W. Gerard, former United States ambassador to Germany, who is on his way home.

It is expected that the Gerard party will remain here about a week or 10 days before sailing from Spain on the steamship Infanta Isabel on February 27.

A rousing reception was planned for the American diplomat with representatives of the French government, the United States embassy and the American colony taking part. The party consisted of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard, the ambassador's staff and about 50 Americans.

A dispatch from Berne stated that a big demonstration was given the Gerard party when it left that city for Paris last night for here.

A crowd, including officials of the American embassy, was present at the Garo De Lyon when the train bearing Mr. Gerard and party arrived. Cheers greeted the American diplomat, to which he responded by bowing and removing his hat.

Immediately after his arrival, Mr. Gerard, accompanied by the Ambassador, William G. Sharp, to the United States embassy, where the two diplomats conferred for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Sharp are planning an elaborate dinner for Mr. and Mrs. Gerard.

1000 ACRES OF COAL IS SOLD FOR \$45,000

The Savings & Trust Company of Indiana has sold almost 1,000 acres of coal in White and Cherryhill townships, belonging to H. B. Engle estate, for \$45,000. The purchasers are Robert E. Young and J. R. Daugherty, of Indiana; C. M. Lingle, of Graceton, and B. F. Clark, of Punxsutawney. The tracts lies along the Yellow Creek and the Twolick Creek and is one of the most valuable of the county.

Robert E. Young has purchased 52 acres of land adjoining the property of the Twolick County club from the M. H. McHenry estate, for \$6,750.

WILLCOX TO ASSURE WILSON OF SUPPORT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15. — To assure President Wilson that he may count on the Republicans of the country to support him in any step he takes to protect American rights on the high seas, Chairman William R. Willcox of the Republican National committee is to call at the White House at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Willcox reached the city last night and when seen today said: "I wish merely to show my respects to the President and assure him that the people of the country will be behind him in the protection of American rights."

MOTHER OF DEAD AUTO RACER ASKS FOR HELP

UNIONTOWN, Feb. 14. — Support for the widow and daughter of Hughie Hughes, the international auto racer who was killed at the speedway here December 2 last, is asked by his mother, Mrs. Bessie Hughes, in a letter from London, England, to local men interested in the speedway association.

Mrs. Hughes says that she has the racer's daughter with her in London and that this child as well as "his poor wife" are unprovided for. Mrs. Hughes writes that she does not believe that Uniontown men interested in the racing game will allow Mrs. Hughes or her daughter to want for anything. The mother requests the names of the racing promoters back of the race of December 2.

SALTSBUR CONCERN TO DECREASE ITS CAPITAL

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 13. — A special meeting of the Saltsburg Coal Mining Co. will be held at the principal offices of the company in the North American building on Monday, Mar. 19, at 9:30 a. m. for the purpose of considering and voting upon the proposition to decrease the capital stock of the company from \$500,000 to \$400,000. Louis C. Madeira is secretary of the company.