

## TREASON CHARGE AGAINST PLOTTERS

Three Men in Columbus, O., May Face Death Penalty

### URGING ANTI-REGISTRATION

Federal District Attorney Takes Severe Measures to Check Anti-Conscription Movement.

Charges of treason, a capital offense, were filed by United States District Attorney Bolin against three men who, with several others, were arrested in connection with anti-registration plotting in Columbus, O.

Each pleaded not guilty before United States Commissioner Johnson and was held under \$25,000 bond for a hearing.

Details of the plot became known when United States marshals raided a print shop and office in South High street, where practically all of the propaganda literature was printed. It was said the plot appeared to be well financed and well organized. Harry E. Townsley, alleged to be the proprietor of the shop, was arrested.

Earlier in the day Amnon Hennacy, a graduate of Ohio State university, and Albert Valinsper, a car builder, were arrested for distributing anti-conscription literature.

Hennacy is alleged to have had more than 1,000 stickers and posters in his possession, urging young men not to enlist. Some of the posters read:

"Better rot in jail than on foreign battlefields."

"Rich men have brought on the war; they will get richer by gambling in foodstuffs."

Many of the posters were signed by the "Young Men's Anti-Militaristic League."

#### German Money Back of Plots?

Evidence gathered by federal agents convinced the officials that several organizations of national scope plotted to defeat the selective draft. Circulars have been found in several cities urging men eligible for service not to register, some of the papers containing phrases such as "It is better to rot in jail than on a foreign battlefield."

Arrests have been made in several cities, including New York, where three students, one a young woman, are charged with conspiring to prevent enrollment for army service. Their organization, officials say, has branches in colleges throughout the country.

Vigorous prosecution is proposed of all persons involved in these plots, the department of justice has announced. One suspected conspiracy that is under investigation concerns letters sent out by the "World Peace association, Northfield, Minn.," urging men to resist conscription by pleading "conscientious objector" grounds as a reason for their exemption.

Officials have also ordered that all men subject to draft be prevented from leaving the United States. This action follows reports that scores of young men have recently crossed into Mexico or Canada.

### PROHIBITIVE TAX PLACED ON WHISKY

Senate Decides on Levy of \$5 a Gallon. Beer Making Is Not Affected.

A prohibitive tax on manufacturers of whisky and other distilled spirits for beverage purposes during the war, of approximately \$5 a gallon, was decided upon by the senate finance committee in revising the war tax bill. Brewing of beer is not affected by the tax.

After several hours' discussion of how newspapers, magazines and other publications shall be taxed for war purposes the committee adopted a resolution against increasing second class postage rates and in favor of levying a direct flat 2 per cent upon advertising receipts. The decision was tentative, but is expected to be final.

Only one member of the committee voted against the resolution. Chairman Simmons announced that the vote was merely to gain a concrete expression of committee sentiment, and to that extent was tentative, and is open to further reconsideration. Other senators, however, stated that, with such an overwhelming vote, it was believed that the 2 per cent advertising tax would be finally adopted. Revenue of \$15,000,000 is estimated.

In voting on the advertising tax question the committee considered, but postponed, a decision upon exempting newspapers and other publications whose annual advertising receipts are less than \$2,000.

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### FIVE-YEAR-OLD MARINE PROUD OF HIS UNIFORM



Photo by American Press Association. ROBERT BONNER

While Napoleon was idolized by his soldiers as the "Little Corporal," Robert Bonner, five years old, of Beaver place, New York city, is the dapper "little sergeant" of the United States marines and proudly wears his sergeant's chevrons and sharpshooter's medal with all the dignity of a grown-up sea soldier. Bob has been chummy with the "soldiers of the sea" all his life and was never fully satisfied until attired in full regulation uniform.

### PRINCE UDINE DELIVERS ITALY'S WAR GREETINGS

Commissioner Addresses Senate—Confict Declared to Have Drawn Two Nations in Closer Friendship.

Speaking in broken English before the United States senate Prince Udine, head of the Italian commission, delivered the war greetings of his countrymen to the American people. He declared the conflict has wrought a closer bond of sympathy and understanding between the peoples and, while deploring anticipated sacrifices, predicted ultimate victory.

All members of the commission accompanied the prince. In the diplomatic gallery sat Count di Cellere, the Italian ambassador, and the Count di Cellere, Assistant Secretary of State Phillips escorted them to the capitol.

"In this hour of danger, in which military absolutism is threatening everyone, there are nations that have forgotten old and new competition, and have united to defeat this menace to the common safety," said the prince.

"We are in a more fortunate position. Between the United States of America and Italy there never has been any cause of conflict, therefore, in your history and in ours, there is no page which should be forgotten in this hour of brotherhood.

"In our present alliance we need not forget any war, nor any rivalry, nor any strife. We must acknowledge that this new and closer union means for us a greater bond of sympathy and solidarity, added to those which already linked us."

### GERARD SAYS LONG WAR

Germany Has 12,000,000 Men in Military Service, He Declares.

Despite her losses Germany now has nearly 12,000,000 men in military service and her military strength has not been broken, James W. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, told the Broadway association at its luncheon at the Astor hotel, New York.

In estimating the German losses he said the Germans had lost 500,000 men in prisoners, 500,000 less severely wounded and about 1,500,000 killed, a total of 3,000,000 men. Since the war she has called yearly 400,000 recruits to the colors.

"Germany mobilized 8,000,000 men in ten days," he said, "but the United States could not mobilize more than 20,000 in the same time."

Mr. Gerard said this country should look forward to a long war and that it should economize in food.

### RUSSIANS WELCOME AID

U. S. Railroad Commission Cordially Received at Vladivostok.

The United States railroad commission appointed to aid Russia and headed by John F. Stevens, former chief engineer of the Panama canal, has arrived here. Members of the commission were cordially received by a committee of soldiers and workmen. The speeches delivered indicated eagerness on the part of the people to accept American aid in the spirit in which it is offered.

The commission spent a day studying the terminal problems at Vladivostok.

## Jeannette Kling, Play Reader



JEANNETTE KLING is one of the five leading lyricum play readers of America. She comes the third evening of the chautauqua. Each winter she goes to Washington and studies all the latest copyright plays. She then selects the one she thinks chautauqua audiences would like the best. This one she presents on the chautauqua platform the next summer. Some people say that they would rather see Miss Kling put on a play all by herself than to see it in an opera house.

## LINCOLN MCCONNELL

"He Gets Juice Out of Tombstones"



RALPH PARLETTE says this about Lincoln McConnell: "I wish everybody who 'don't like lectures' could hear him. I wish the king who never smiled again would sit in on a McConnell outburst. He can crack the paint on a wooden Indian's cheek. He can get juice out of a tombstone and flowers out of a snow bank. He can read a page from the Congressional Record and convulse you or a page from Webster's Unabridged and make you scream.

"His lectures are a series of terrific broadsides, satirical stories, impersonations and stage gymnastics. He enjoys his lectures as much as anybody. He smacks his lips—the sentences taste so good. Remember, he is tremendously serious. You laugh, yell and cheer; you wipe the tears out of your eyes and realize you have risen. It was a sermon all the time, with the fun and side show just to save things. The audience has been shot, slugged and spanked, but every one sees it was needed. McConnell has a way of hitting the hardest licks as though he were trying to commute the punishment. He looks down over the audience and lovingly watches the villains die."

McConnell will lecture here twice the last day of the chautauqua.

## U-BOATS ATTACK LINER KROONLAND

Torpedoes Hit Big Ship But Fail to Explode

### SHELLS FIRED AT UNSEEN FOE

Steamship Attacked Off the Coast of England by Two Submarines—Zigzagging Saves Vessel.

Two German submarines made a concerted torpedo attack on the American line steamship Kroonland on her last outward voyage from New York, firing four torpedoes, two of which hit the liner glancing blows but did not explode, according to a report brought by an American, recently in England, who said he was told of the attack by an officer on the ship.

The liner was nearing the British coast, the American was informed, when two torpedoes, fired from opposite sides of the vessel from submerged U-boats were seen. Both torpedoes missed the bow of the ship by less than twenty feet. The Kroonland was already going at high speed and the navigating officer on the bridge gave orders to zigzag.

Quickly two more torpedoes were launched. This time the aim of the Germans was better, for the missiles actually touched the sides of the liner, but the blows were not sufficiently direct to explode the contact detonators in the torpedoes.

The naval gunners on the Kroonland opened fire at the unseen targets, sending explosive shells into the water at the point where it was judged the submarines were when the torpedoes were launched, but so far as known no hits were recovered.

### TO RUSH MEN TO FRANCE

United States Will Have 100,000 on Firing Line Before Winter.

More than 100,000 American "first class fighting men" will probably be engaged in battling Germany on the west front months ahead of the original schedule.

This became more or less of an actuality when the fact developed that the army general staff has had under consideration and has about decided on the dispatch of four or five divisions of national guardsmen abroad "before snow flies." The idea of such a move has been received rather favorably among the United States war chieftains, though they are confronted with the very practical and stupendous difficulty of securing sufficient transport service.

### Kaiser After U-Boat Base

The government hears from a source described as reliable that Germany is attempting to get control of the island of Margarita, off the coast of Venezuela, for use as a submarine base. The state department has forwarded the information to Venezuela for the consideration of Venezuelan officials.

A corporal and six troopers from the state police troop at Pottsville have been ordered to Harrisburg to assist in guarding the state capitol. They will be on duty day and night, in addition to the regular capitol policemen.

After a week's campaigning the enlistment party seeking recruits for the United States navy left Punxsutawney without receiving a single application.

Howard Minglin was killed and four others were injured in a rear-end collision of cars on the Youngstown-Sharon trolley system near Sharon.

George Harrison, aged forty-six, of Pittsburgh, is dead as the result of injuries sustained when a barrel of pickles rolled on him.

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