

## BRITON BRANDS WAR ATROCITY TALES AS LIES

Stories of Horrible Deeds by  
Germans Started as False  
Rumors, Says Writer.

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NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The black label of "lies" has been written across virtually all of the horrifying stories of atrocities in the World War by Arthur Ponsonby, M. P., former British under-secretary of state for foreign affairs, in his book "Falsehood in War-Time."

Taking reports by letter and by word of mouth as they came from the front line trenches and invaded towns, Ponsonby traced them from point to point, describing how they were colored or misinterpreted until they became widely circulated accounts of amazing cruelty on the part of the enemy. The book deals mainly with stories reaching Britain, but uses them as an example of how such reports were circulated in all countries.

In proving the falsity of stories cited, Ponsonby cites the statements of war correspondents, of government officials and others and shows that the stories were never more than rumors.

**Truth First Casualty**

Ponsonby's book asserts: The accounts of mutilated war nurses were lies.

The story of German soldiers cutting off the hands of French and Belgian children was a lie.

The report that a Canadian soldier (sometimes it was a French girl) had been crucified was a lie. The stories of German "corpse factories," where bodies of soldiers were used for manufacture of fertilizer, were lies.

The volume, which is published by E. P. Dutton & Co., also shows the falsity of many other stories, including the destruction of the Louvain altar piece, the mistreatment of nuns and priests, the striking of a German medal of "honor" for the men who sunk the Lusitania and the fantastic report that Russian troops had passed through Great Britain.

"When war is declared, truth is the first casualty," quotes the author in his condemnation of British officials who did not deny many of these stories of atrocities. He points out at length the work of official propaganda bureaus, employing thousands of men, to arouse and keep high the hatred of a nation for the enemy.

**Commitment to France**

Many of the stories originated from hearsay near the front or from misconstruction of war reports in other languages.

"Our prompt entry into the war," he said, "was necessitated by our commitment to France. This commitment was not known to the public; it was not even known to all of the members of the cabinet. More than this, its existence was denied. How binding the moral engagement was soon became clear.

"Whatever may have been the causes of the war, the German invasion of Belgium was certainly not one of them. Nor was it even the reason of our entry into the war. But the government, realizing how doubtful it was whether they could arouse public enthusiasm over a secret obligation to France, was able to represent the invasion of Belgium and the infringement of the treaty of neutrality as the cause of our participation."

## HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT ACCUSED OF BLACKMAIL

Chesterton Youth in Threatening Letter Demanded \$15,500 of Banker.

By United Press

CHESTER, Ind., Jan. 5.—Edwin Sabinske, 17, high school student, stands accused today of blackmail by J. Oliver Johnson, banker, who declared he received a letter from the youth demanding \$15,500.

According to the banker, the letter said that if the money was not forthcoming, his home would be blown up. Two years ago Johnson received a similar letter, but no arrests were made.

The letter told Johnson "not to call police like you did before" as "the gang was watching." According to the police, Sabinske has admitted sending the letter which was signed "Black Donalds."

## BROOKSIDE HOLDS FETE

Opening of \$140,000 Community House Is Celebrated.

Elaborate ceremonies featured presentation Friday night of the \$140,000 Brookside community house at Brookside park.

Mrs. J. D. Ross, park commissioner, who has been active in bringing about the east side improvement, presided. Mayor L. Ert Slack, park commissioners and other civic leaders participated.

"This community will have served its purpose if it leads only one wayward boy into the limelight of decency and truth," declared M. E. Foley, park board member.

## JURIST MAIN SPEAKER

Judge Leon McCord, Alabama, to Address Rotarians.

Circuit Judge Leon McCord of Montgomery, Ala., will speak at the Rotary Club luncheon Tuesday at the Claypool. His subject will be "The Price of Leadership."

Attendance prizes will be awarded sixteen members who had perfect attendance records for 1928. They are: William H. Bass, David A. Clark, Joseph C. Disette, J. Harry Green, Edward W. Harris, Isaac R. Holycross, Frank G. Laird, William Allen Moore, Wilbur H. Reitzell, James A. Ross, Carl B. Shafer, Earl W. Showalter, F. Durward Staley, Herbert T. Wagner, Isaac E. Woodward and Albert R. Worm.

## Reconciled, Remarried



They're happy again. The trail of the Morton Hoyts, shown here in Washington, led from a divorce court in Reno, Nev., to reconciliation and remarriage in the Little Church Around the Corner in New York. Hoyt, a son of the late Henry M. Hoyt, solicitor general of the Taft administration, found himself in newspaper headlines not long ago when he jumped overboard from an ocean liner on the dare of a girl in her teens. Mrs. Hoyt's application for a divorce soon followed.

## HOOVER SHIP NEARS HOME

President-Elect Keeps Silence on Politics.

By United Press

ABOARD U. S. S. UTAH, EN ROUTE TO HAMPTON ROADS, Va., Jan. 5.—President-Elect Herbert Hoover maintained his characteristic silence on things political as the Utah neared Hampton Roads today.

At noon, the Utah was about 275 miles from Hampton Roads where it will anchor at 8 a. m. Sunday. Two hours later Mr. Hoover and his party will board a special train for Washington.

The President-elect and those who made the South American trip with him were busy packing today. As the ship neared the United States, the minds of those aboard turned from international to domestic politics. They began to discuss the Jones prohibition investigation resolution and Senator Snell's prediction that there would be no farm relief.

These were considered two of the problems that will face Mr. Hoover early in his administration.

Rough weather that the Utah encountered Friday had subsided today and the big battleship was steaming through quiet seas under fair skies.

## 13 BUTLER SENIORS WIN SCHOLASTIC HONOR

Pledged to Phi Kappa Phi for Excellence in Studies.

Pledging of thirteen Butler university seniors to the Butler chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, national honorary scholastic fraternity, was announced today.

Those honored are chosen from the upper fourth of their class on a point system based on their grades for their first three years of college work. Nine of the thirteen were Indianapolis residents.

The pledges: Arthur Cope, 332 North Euclid street; Robert Tipps, 5625 Julian avenue; Lucille Turner, Lebanon; Karl Botke, 1101 Sterling street; Emma McMahon, 2618 North New Jersey street; Nancy Lichtenberg, 1710 Roosevelt avenue; Margaret Way, 3346 Park avenue; Irene Bishop, 648 East Sixteenth street; Thomas Wilson, 69 Layman avenue; Evelyn Seward, Columbus; Alice Phillips, 906 West Sixteenth street; Elwood Dunn, Warsaw; Bertha Baron, 1907 Park avenue.

## PLAN JUBILEE PROGRAM

Indianapolis Caledonian Club to Give Anniversary Entertainment.

The Indianapolis Caledonian Club will celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of its founding, by a jubilee concert at the Masonic Temple auditorium, Jan. 29. Scotch songs, dances and bag-pipe music and an address by William Lister of Chicago will be given.

Officers are: Thomas R. Knox, president; Duncan Mac Dougall, vice-president; David Alexander, secretary; and George K. Henderson, treasurer.

## FREE TWO IN SLAYING

Grant County Authorities Drop Charges in Goodpasture Death.

By United Press

MARION, Ind., Jan. 5.—Charles Mauller and Uhl Ferguson, held here several months in connection with the death of Orville Goodpasture whose body was found on a road near here, have been released by Grant County authorities.

The two men were seen in company of Goodpasture just before he was killed.

Ferguson was tried on a manslaughter charge several weeks ago, but jury failed to agree.

## Slain Negro Is Identified

The body of a Negro who was shot and killed Thursday night in a restaurant at 527 Indiana avenue, Friday night, was identified as that of Sam Hampton of Washington, Ind. James Davis, Negro proprietor of the restaurant, is held on a murder charge.

## GOUGHAM WILL SMASH POISON RUM PEDDLERS

Whalen to Clean Out Death  
Holes, Then Keep Police  
at Regular Work.

BY HARRY R. ZANDER,  
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NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Smashing of night sticks and ringing of fists of New York police club and speakeasy raids will cease, and the calm of pre-Whalen days will be resumed as soon as the "poison booze sellers" are driven out of existence.

Police Commissioner Grover Whalen made that known today in an exclusive United Press interview.

The dapper apostle of welcome, who turned from a lucrative \$50,000 a-year commercial executive position to take the comparatively unremunerative \$10,000-a-year job of bossing the New York police force, drummed his manicured nails on his mahogany desk and reviewed his police activities of a few weeks. These have stirred the city's millions, but Whalen, the suave but hard-fisted commissioner, modestly disclaimed any intention of taking a place among the nation's super-duper.

## Will Aid U. S. Authorities

"New York is a liberal-minded city," the commissioner explained. "As soon as the police have put out of existence these purveyors of poison liquor, the police activity will return to what it was before this intensive campaign started—the exercise of due diligence in co-operating with federal authorities under the plan agreed upon by the city authorities and the federal attorney. This consists largely of the gathering of evidence.

"But the poison sellers have got to go. We have been extremely fortunate in receiving the backing of a decision by the court of appeals which holds speakeasies are public nuisances.

"We were going ahead on the theory that they were and we intended to smash all the poison shops and talk about it afterwards. But this decision removes any doubt as to our rights."

## Whalen Is "Hard"

The commissioner, busy with reorganization of his department on an efficiency basis, paused long enough today to explain away what has appeared to some as a discrepancy in the "hard guy" role which his "strong arm" squad and his destructive raids have provided him.

For nearly two years his contact with the public, at least through the press, has been as the bespotted, suave, gardenia-decked welcomer of distinguished guests of the city. In this capacity he suggested anything but the fighter.

"I always have been hard," he declared, "especially when it concerns discipline. It is a heritage from my father. I always have worked hard. As a boy, when my father was bringing up his family down there on the lower east side, when we'd get a few tons of coal in, my brother, who died on the Mexican border, and I used to carry it in at 50 cents a ton, the same as was paid to men who might have been hired. We worked always. We had to work and that made us hard."

## SCHNORR HEADS CLUB

K. of C. Luncheon Group Installs Its New Officers.

William A. Schnorr was installed as president of the Knights of Columbus Friday noon luncheon club at the Spink-Arms, by the Rev. M. W. Lyons, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes church. James T. Moynahan is the new vice-president, and Russell Woods, secretary-treasurer. Speakers at the meeting were Joseph A. McGowan and Humbert P. Pagani.

## SIFT HOSPITAL PLANS

City Officials Discuss Program of New Construction.

Preliminary plans for new hospital units were discussed by city officials at a luncheon at city hospital today.

Health board members, city councilmen, and Mayor L. Ert Slack attended. The health board discussed the plans at length with Dr. Christopher W. Parnell, hospital consultant, Friday night.

## First!

By Times Special

HAMMOND, Ind., Jan. 5.—Joe Johnstone has accumulated some "first" honors. He was the first man to appear in city court in 1929, the first man fined and the first man ever to offer as an excuse for being drunk that he had taken too much aspirin. While under the influence of the headache medicine, Joe hurled a salt shaker through a restaurant window. Judge Joseph Todd assessed a fine of \$40 and costs and decreed that Johnstone should serve forty-six days at the penal farm, paying at the rate of \$1 a day for smashing the window, the damage being placed at \$46.

## SEAL PAYMENTS LAG

Tardiness of Buyers Holds Up Tuberculosis Work.

Oversight due to holiday activities probably is responsible for the tardiness of several hundred Marion county citizens in paying for Christmas seals, Miss Mary A. Meyers, executive secretary of the Marion County Tuberculosis Association said today.

"Our directors are hopeful that this money will come in so that we may carry on approximately a dozen lines of preventive and curative work against tuberculosis in 1929," Miss Meyers said.

Checks in payment for the seals should be addressed to Christmas Seal Headquarters, at 1215 Meyer-Kiser Bank building.

Miss Meyers departed today for New York to attend a meeting of the special committee of the National Tuberculosis Association. A nation-wide educational campaign by more than 1,400 associations is planned.

## GRIEVED, SEEKS DEATH

Prosper Harney, 35, Separated From Wife, Children, Tries Suicide.

Despondent over continued estrangement from his wife and two young children, Prosper Harney, 35, swallowed poison Friday night in his room at 518 North East street in an attempt to commit suicide. His condition was reported serious at city hospital this morning.

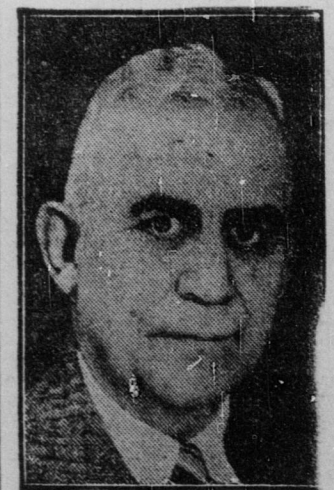
Harney has been separated from his wife, Mrs. Opal Harney, and his children, Junior, 9, and Dorothy, 8, for more than a year.

The mother and children live at 509 North East street.

W. H. Hudson, the naturalist, was partial to riding rather than walking for ideas, and especially riding in a high wind.

## Don't Let the Flu Get You

Public health officials in Washington say that 1 per cent of the population has influenza, a million cases throughout the United States and "the peak of the epidemic has not been reached."



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## Long-Term Contracts Given Singers



Winners and donor, left to right: Kenneth Hines, Don Novis, Hazel Arth, Dove Kilgore and A. Atwater Kent.

From obscure church choir singer to radio fame on the air as co-star with grand opera artists is the story of the rise made during the last six months by four young Americans—Hazel Arth, Washington, D. C.; Don

Novis, Pasadena, Cal.; Kenneth Hines, Buffalo, N. Y., and Dove Kilgore, Oakland, Cal.

Hardly had they won cash awards totaling \$14,000, besides scholarships, by virtue of gaining the four

highest places in the Atwater Kent Foundation's 1928 National Radio Audition, before they were given long-term contracts to sing in the regular Atwater Kent Sunday evening radio hour with the world's foremost musicians.

## TEXAN BRIDLES AT TAX REFUND

Garner Intimates Fraud and Mentions Mellon.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Representative Garner (Dem.), Texas, is prepared to attack the \$75,000,000 tax refund as contained in the first deficiency appropriation bill when the measure is debated, it was learned today.

Garner is expected to repeat intimations of fraud similar to those made before appropriations committee during hearings on the measure.

He told the committee the \$6,500,000 refund to the Reynolds Tobacco Company was not approved by the joint congressional committee on tax refunds and said the Aluminum Company of America had been refunded \$665,000 for 1917 and the proposed refund of \$621,000 for the same year would make a total of \$1,287,000 for 1917.

"I don't know whether Secretary Mellon owns the aluminum company but some one ought to and will look into it," he said.

Garner also attacked refunds to the United States Steel Corporation.

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