

ENGLAND'S WAR SECRETS WERE WELL GUARDED

No Military Secret of Country Ever Reached Enemy, Says Cockerill.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Brig-Gen. George K. Cockerill, the retiring director of special intelligence at the War Office, in his farewell message today to his associates in that department, calls attention to the fact that, although many persons in England knew of the preparations for the counter offensive which led to the downfall of the German armies, the construction of tanks and other military secrets, not one word reached the enemy.

"You have been the chief agency in preventing the leakage of naval and military information. To mention a few instances of your success, the withdrawal from Gallipoli, the construction of tanks, the preparations for the offensive at Cambrai and also for the recent counter offensives which destroyed the German armies, were all known to numbers of people in this country, but were concealed from the enemy."

Shipping Guarded. "There is no evidence that enemy submarines ever received information of the departure of shipping from a British port. In most cases the arrest of a spy has quickly followed his entry into this country. Thanks largely to your efforts, no act of destruction or incendiarism has been committed by enemy agents in this country."

"In the opinion of the minister of blockade, your work has contributed in a very large degree to the satisfactory working of the blockade. In practically every case of contraband before a prize court the evidence has been furnished by you. The estimated value of prize cargoes, excluding ships, is over £30,000,000."

"You have stopped enemy remittances to the value of £70,000,000 and completely destroyed the enemy's overseas communications so far as they were vulnerable."

Reopen Probe of Hog Island Shipyard Expenditures

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Investigation into the construction of the Hog Island Ship Yard which was reopened by the senate commerce committee shortly before the holiday recess was resumed today with General Manager Charles Plez of the Emergency Fleet Corporation heading the list of witnesses.

Charles M. Schwab, former director general of the emergency fleet corporation also was to have been a witness today, but owing to his contemplated departure for Europe was unable to appear. Representatives of the American International Shipbuilding Corporation which constructed the Hog Island Yards have signified a desire to be heard, and they will be given an opportunity.

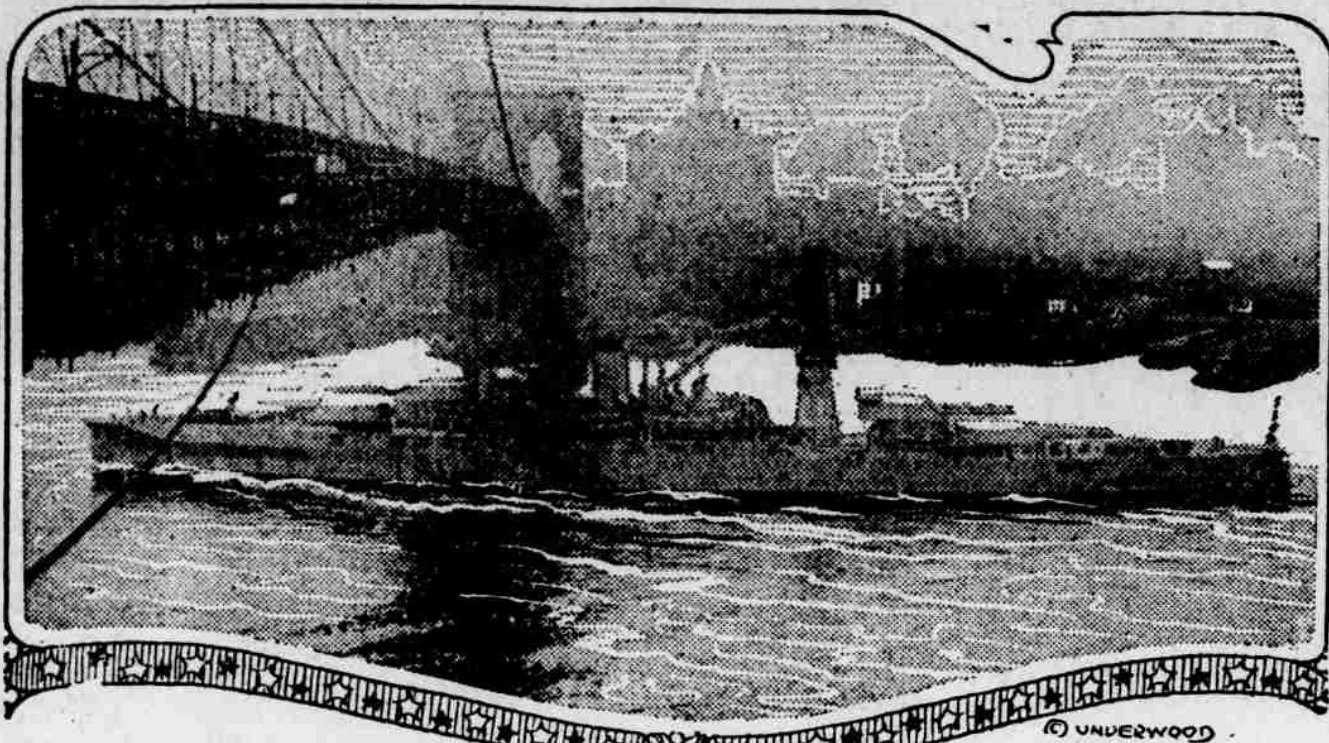
Annual Convention of Wool Growers Postponed

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 2.—The annual convention of the national wool growers' association, which was to have taken place in this city January 16, 17 and 18, has been indefinitely postponed, it was announced today.

Eldorado, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bungler spent Christmas near New Madison as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ira May. O. M. Thompson and family spent Christmas with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Rife, of near Hollansburg. Miss Maud Rautsaw of Dayton spent over Christmas with her parents, C. C. Hoelling and family, near farm near Hollansburg. Thursday. Daniel Richards and wife and Albert Wehrley and wife called on Mrs. Andrew Wehrley and daughter, Sunday afternoon. Levi Fisher and family and Rachel Voorhis spent Wednesday evening with H. A. Splitter and family. Levi Splitter called on Levi Fisher and family Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Alexander Coulter and daughter, suffering from influenza. Levi Fisher and son, Ralph were in Eaton on business, Thursday. Mrs. Anna Wellbaum of Brookville visited with H. A. Splitter and family Sunday. Benjamin Richards spent from Tuesday until Thursday with Daniel Richards and family. Mr. and Mrs. William Oswald and sons and Mrs. Samuel Rice spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Eddins and family and Mrs. Mary Eddins. O. F. Kimmel and family spent Sunday evening with James Judy and family. Mrs. Jane Swartzel and Mrs. Harrison Wellbaum and daughter, Hattie, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Minnich. Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Murray and daughter, Hilda, of New Madison were Sunday evening guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Coover. While engaged in filling the gasoline tank in his Ford machine, Sunday evening, gasoline fumes caused a heavy explosion which, however, resulted luckily to both the machine and its owner, Charles Smith, living southwest of town. Mr. Smith was emptying a can of gasoline into the tank when a lighted lantern ignited the fumes. The flames did some damage to the machine and burned the owner about the hands. The barn in which the machine was standing was undamaged. William Guenther and family and James Copp and wife of near Manchester, John Guenther Jr. and family, Jacob Ricker and family, Daniel Ricker and family, O. H. Mastin and wife and H. C. Mastin and wife all went with well filled baskets and presents and spent Christmas with John Guenther, Sr., and Miss Kate Millwood of Hamburg.

HEADS CONVOY FOR SHIP CARRYING WILSON TO FRANCE



U. S. battleship Pennsylvania passing beneath the Brooklyn bridge outward bound. The liner George Washington, which is carrying President Wilson and the other delegates to the peace conference in France, is being convoyed, according to dispatches, by the U. S. battleship Pennsylvania and a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers. The Pennsylvania is one of the most formidable ships of the navy. She carries twelve 14-inch guns and twenty-two 5-inch guns, four 3-pounders and four 21-inch torpedo tubes. She has a speed of twenty-one knots.

START MOVEMENT FOR IRISH REPUBLIC; ULSTER WOULD REMAIN PART OF BRITAIN



The reported declaration of the Irish republic, as a result of the Sinn Fein victories in Connaught, Leinster and Munster in the recent elections, leaves Protestant Ulster as a portion of Great Britain should the present movement win independence for the island.

CHURCHES ACTING ON CITY FEDERATION

At least four Richmond churches have appointed or authorized the appointment of official delegates to attend the representative church federation organization conference to be held on the evening of Jan. 10, at least three other churches are to take up the federation question at their regular meetings tonight, one church is to take action tomorrow night, two churches are to take action on Monday and at least two are to take action on Jan. 9; according to reports received by the committee on church federation of the ministerial association.

TAX SAVING MADE BY REPUBLICANS

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 2.—Reductions in state tax levies ordered by the Republican administration, are declared by Republicans to have effected within the last six months a saving of nearly \$500,000 in taxes, which otherwise would have been paid by taxpayers, had the levies remained the same as formerly. State tax receipts for the last six months of 1918 fell \$228,731.62 short of the receipts for the corresponding period of 1917, according to figures compiled in the state auditor's and treasurer's offices. The net receipts Dec. 31, together with the monthly advances from counties within the six months period, gave the state treasury \$3,991,121.32, whereas the 1917 figures for the period were \$4,319,852.94. FIRM GIVES BONUS.

Hagerstown, Ind.

Dr. Frank Brant who has spent three weeks here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Brant, on Perry street, left Saturday for New Orleans, where he will follow his profession as veterinarian. Dr. Brant was first lieutenant at Camp Sheridan, Ala., and was recently mustered out of service. Prof. and Mrs. Philip Gates of Piqua, Ohio, spent from Thursday until Saturday here with Mrs. Gates' parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Brant. Mr. and Mrs. R. Brant will leave Wednesday morning for Tulsa, Okla., where Mr. Brant is engaged in the oil business. Mrs. Brant's stay in Tulsa will be indefinitely. Conductor and Mrs. Burnhart of Cincinnati will occupy the Brant home during their absence. Dr. O. P. Worley attended a funeral Tuesday at Kokomo. Macy and Lothar Teator are at home on the evening of Jan. 10. C. O. Hartley, son of R. and Mrs. B. A. Hartley, has been mustered out and arrived at their home here Friday evening. He has been in the service nearly three years, having been a member of the National Guards at Defiance, Ohio, and in June of 1915 was sent to the Mexican border. The M. E. Sunday school elected the following officers recently: Jesse Replogle, superintendent; Bert Sanders, assistant superintendent; Mrs. Henry Roush, secretary; Mrs. T. L. McConaughy, treasurer; Charles Shepard, librarian; Mrs. Charles Shepard, Cradle Roll superintendent; Mrs. Harry Parsons, Home Department superintendent; Mrs. Clarence Varnaut, Primary superintendent; Burns Stewart, superintendent of the Teen age; James Knapp, superintendent Temperance department; Mrs. Joe Linn, superintendent Missionary department; Thomas McConaughy, superintendent of Adults; Miss Lillie Benbow and Miss Mildred Lontz, pianists; Burns Stewart, chorister.

Golf Players Can Compare Scores with President

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Golf players now may know for the first time whether they are in the president's class. Following his game Wednesday on the St. Cloud links, it was announced that his score was "fifty-four for the first nine holes and a much better score for the next four, when he was forced to quit because of the rain." He beat Rear-Admiral Grayson, who is regarded by some as one of the most politic men in the president's party. Mrs. Wilson also played. The president wore an old gray suit. He had a surplus of caddies, a small army of secret service men followed him around in addition to soldiers. Starting badly by topping his first drive, the president was in anything but championship form for the first four holes, but showed considerable improvement. The course, which was soggy, is long and sporty, somewhat like that of the Columbia Club at Washington, where the president plays frequently.

STUDENT COUNCIL MEMBERS NAMED

The following students were elected to the student council of the Richmond High School yesterday: Herman Shaffer; Harry Fisherback; Reginald Todd; Robert Rethmeyer; Hadley Kirkman; Earl Haisley; Lucille Rubey; Martha Webb; William Mendenhall; Oran Parker; Ralph Hart; George Eversman; Millard Ball; Robert Carson; John Edwards; Lewis Wilson; Helen Eggemeyer; Herbert Russell; Elmer Placke; Wilson Peirce; Lilly LeMeur; Elmer Bescher; Earl Keisker; Herbert Gross; Maurice Druly; Roland Osborn; Mary Reinhart; Alice Gennett; Katherine Reid; Francis Owens; Jane Carpenter; Clem Price and Pauline Smith. The student council is the outgrowth of the old Board of Control which had four student members chosen by the four faculty members elected by the student body. The principal was a member by right of his office. In this new plan being worked out this term a member is elected by the students from each first hour class in the school and the orchestra, tennis, basketball and debating teams also have representatives. The orchestra members is Claude Miller; tennis team, Roland Keys; basketball team, VanAllen and the debating team has not chosen its representative. This plan is proving very popular among the students as they have not really been represented on the board of control for many years. The students and teacher both thought it best to have a council where more of the students could be present.

WOMAN WITNESS IN BLIND TIGER CASE

James Ward was arraigned in court Thursday morning for violation of the liquor law. Ward has been out on bond and asked this morning for a jury trial. His case will come up in circuit court soon. An affidavit has been filed against him by Cornelia Nestor, known as "Babe" Armstrong, to whom he is said to have sold whiskey. Her story is that she went to the place known as the Leonard saloon at Twelfth and North F street, but which is now owned by Lake Chrisman, and operated by Ward. She told him she wanted whiskey, then she came out again and went up the street, she says. Ward followed her with whiskey and when she and her companion had got to a place where no one was looking, she went on and her companion went into an alley with Ward, got the whiskey and paid him for it, according to her story. She said that she had got whiskey there on several occasions. This particular time was the Sunday before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Nestor volunteered her story when she was brought before Prosecuting Attorney Gath Freeman. Leonard, former owner of the saloon, says he has no interest in the place. He is operating a garage at Eaton.

Lynn, Ind.

John Stewart Robbins has returned to Staten Island, N. Y., after spending Christmas at home. Mr. and Mrs. George Love entertained to a family dinner New Year's day. Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Barnes entertained New Year's day Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Macon and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Macon. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shade entertained to a family dinner Wednesday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ora Wright and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Omar Brown and family, Mr. and Mrs. Milo Shade and son, Mr. and Mrs. Branson Shade. The funeral of Mrs. Ollie Albertson was held Wednesday morning. Burial at Winchester. The Ladies' Aid society of the M. E. church with their families met at the M. E. parsonage Thursday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Beetley entertained New Year's night Mr. and Mrs. Russell Thomas and sons and Mr. and Mrs. Will Swain and daughter. The Messenger society of the Friends church met at the residence of Mrs. W. F. Swain Thursday afternoon. Misses Lena and Berentha Davis returned to their home in Mooreland Thursday morning after spending a few days with Ruby and Blanche Horner. Detachable uppers enable a new shoe to be worn as a slipper when desired.

HORSE, SON OF FAMOUS THOROUGHBRED, HELPS KEEP PRESIDENT WILSON HEALTHY



"Democrat," President Wilson's mount. The fact that President Wilson appears in better physical condition today than he was at the start of the war is the subject of many discussions. The president's ability to throw off the cares of his office, however great, for an hour each day and give that time wholeheartedly to recreation, is mostly responsible for this. Part of his recreation consists of a brisk canter on "Democrat," his favorite saddle horse. "Democrat" is a son of the famous thoroughbred sire Octagon, which Major August Belmont, chairman of the jockey club, gave to the U. S. for its experimental station.

Smith Succeeds Whitman as New York Governor

ALBANY, Jan. 2.—A new governor took over the administration of the affairs of New York state yesterday. Alfred E. Smith, Democrat, of New York city, was inaugurated at noon and assumed the office held for four years by Charles S. Whitman, of New York, a Republican.

CROWN PRINCE TRIES TO ESCAPE

WIENENGEN, Holland, Jan. 2.—Friedrich Wilhelm, Hohenzollern made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from his exile here, it was reported today. Baron von zu Belditz, a friend of the former crown prince, also was reported to have gone to Germany to ask the government's permission for Friedrich Wilhelm to return to that country. The baron, it is understood, will ask the German authorities to assign the former crown prince to a residence where he can live with his wife and children, under a guard if necessary. Friedrich Wilhelm, it was further reported, is willing to do any work the government thinks him fitted for.

Winchester, Ind.

Miss Dorothy Haynes, of the Ohio University is spending the holidays here with her father, Mr. Asa Haynes. Mrs. Charles Campbell of Chicago spent Christmas week here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Parry. Mrs. Henry Gaddis and daughter, Helen, spent the week here the guest of her father, Mr. A. L. Farquhar. Mrs. Marion Harter and daughter, Miss Mamie, left for Oklahoma and Texas last Monday where they will spend the winter. Miss Mary Nichols of DePauw University spent Christmas week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Nichols. Miss Frances Robinson of Earlham College is spending the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Ella Robinson. Mrs. John Oliver spent Christmas with friends and relatives in Noblesville. Mrs. A. J. Stakebake and daughter, Mrs. Mary Hinshaw, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Will Jaqua at Tipton Christmas week. Miss Florence Lee spent the Christmas week with friends at Hagerstown. A number of social affairs were given in her honor. Mr. Lewis Petty of Aberdeen, Md., fiancée of Miss Lee also visited Hagerstown during the week. Mrs. Ray Wilson of Hartford City is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnard. Miss Florence Goodrich of Wellesley College is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Goodrich. Miss Frances Kelly of New York City is visiting her mother Mrs. Margaret Kelly. Mrs. Ed Durr has returned from a two-weeks' visit with Mrs. Bert Durr at Tiffin, Ohio. Mrs. Susie Albright of Indianapolis has returned to her home after attending the 60th wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Pickett. Miss Ethel Smith of Chicago is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Study. There are salt mines in Poland that have been worked for more than six centuries. To prevent nursing bottles breaking, a soft rubber guard has been invented to inclose them.

M'CONAHA EXPECTS STATE LAW CHANGES

Walter McConaha, Republican senator to the State legislature, stated Thursday that he would be in favor of a suffrage measure if such were introduced at the session of legislature which convenes January 9. Senator McConaha defeated J. A. Cifonzo in the recent election. He said today that there were so many proposed bills which he had not investigated that he did not feel himself in a position to make any public statement. Mr. McConaha said that he thought there would be several amendments to the constitution of Indiana, but that he was not in a position to state their probable nature. He said that he had not seen the draft of the proposed changes in taxation. When asked if he thought there would be an amendment to the present dry law bill Mr. McConaha said he thought not. He said there have not been any amendments suggested that he favors. Mr. McConaha will go to Indianapolis on January 8.

Unique Merchandising Event

Of Great Importance Announced By Palais Royal. Clean-up and Clearance sales are usually in order after the holidays and it has been customary for the Palais Royal to hold an Annual January Clearance Sale. The management states that such an event was out of the question this year as their stocks and sizes had been so depleted by the unusually heavy buying during December as to make a January sale impossible. Mr. Goldfinger stated that many inquiries had been received regarding the usual sale and that the management had given most careful consideration to the fact that for years the public had looked forward to these unequalled value giving events and it was finally decided to go directly to New York and ascertain whether desirable new merchandise could be purchased and a sale conducted, rather than to disappoint our patrons. The Palais Royal buyer went to New York and the following message will be of great interest to those who have made inquiry and looked forward to this sale. "Have made some wonderful purchases, make preparations to start sale Saturday, Jan. 4th. Goods are on the way, should be in Richmond by Wednesday. Will be back New Year's day. That we will break all Jan. records you will agree with me when you see these garments and the exceptionally low prices I bought them at. Reserve the back page in both papers." This will be the best Jan. Sale ever held in Richmond. The garments are now being marked. See back page in Friday's papers for our advertisement. —Adv.

Regular Winter Short Course to Be Held

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 2.—The calling off of the annual farmers' short course at Purdue university, which was scheduled for Jan. 13 to 17, because of the influenza situation in Indiana, does not affect the regular eight weeks' winter course or the several special short courses which are on the regular program. The eight weeks' winter course started as usual Dec. 30. Short courses in poultry husbandry and dairying will be held from Jan. 20 to Feb. 1 and one on tractor operation and another for garden supervisors during March. Inquiries concerning all these courses have been received from throughout the state.

Start the year right—This is opening week Mid-Winter Term

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