

GERMANY'S GREAT DEFENSE ISLAND NOW DISMANTLED

(By Associated Press) BERLIN, March 1.—Helgoland, two years ago, was Germany's most impregnable barrier against Allied sea power—is today a dismantled hulk of no military importance. The black, impious bulk of the island itself surmounted by tons of masonry and ingeniously constructed gun dispositions is all that remains.

Germany, concerned in the construction of the fortress, declare another seven years work will be necessary to complete Helgoland's "demobilization." Work has been in progress for over a year. All the guns have been dismantled, but the destruction of the harbor works and other fortifications on the island is proceeding.

This stronghold was built at a cost of more than \$175,000,000, but its mighty guns fired but once throughout the war. The British warship Shannon was the target. The island played a negative part in the defense of the German coast, probably because allied experts agree that it would have been impossible to silence its batteries.

Huge Blocks of Concrete. The foundations of the harbor, which is about 800 yards in length and 500 yards wide, consist of huge blocks of concrete. All these have to be destroyed. The ground on which the barracks stand, to reclaim which from the sea a multitude of Germans worked for years at a cost of \$5,000,000 is to be returned to the sea. Everything in the defences of Helgoland is worked by hydraulic power. The water necessary for the defence and sanitary purposes is drawn by huge pumps from fifty feet below sea level. The subterranean galleries which are electrically lighted are regarded by military men as "wonder works".

Although the Germans considered that the secret of Helgoland had been kept inviolate, it is now revealed that a British naval officer posing as an American student, saw all the fortifications in 1913.

President Starts Reply To "Negotiation" Note

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 1.—President Wilson has begun work on his answer to the British and French premiers on the Adriatic situation. In preparation for the actual drafting of his note he has written to acting Secy. Polk at the State department. The nature of the communication was not disclosed.

Mr. Wilson apparently was planning to make prompt reply to the premiers' suggestion that the United States join with the British and foreign governments in seeking to bring about a solution of the Adriatic problem through direct negotiations between Italy and the Jugo-Slavia. It was noted here also that Rome dispatches indicated that Premier Nitti of Italy already had opened conversations with the Jugo-Slavia authorities to this end.

There was no comment available from officials here as to the extent President Wilson might be willing to go in joining directly with Premiers Millerand and Lloyd George in fostering these new negotiations.

INLAND WATERWAYS ARE TAKEN OVER BY HINES

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 1.—By direction of Secretary Baker, Brigadier General Hines, chief of the army transport service today assumed control over the inland waterways transportation systems, which were transferred to the jurisdiction of the war department by the railroad administration.

General Hines announced that the same service would be maintained for the present and that he would utilize the existing organization and personnel in administrating the work.

A. T. & T. NET EARNINGS \$60,243,388 FOR YEAR

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 1.—Net earnings of the American Telephone and Telegraph company for 1919 amounted to \$60,243,388, compared with \$54,293,017 in 1918, according to the annual report issued today. This gain was made despite an increase in operation expenses of almost \$3,500,000.

Surplus increased from \$8,671,622 to \$9,039,457. Interest charges amounted to \$15,547,596, compared with \$10,391,057 in 1918.

President H. B. Thayer says:

"No man and no corporation had a right to expect to come through the great war untouched. Our greatest loss was the loss of these margins for plant growth and reserves of men and women in training."

STRASBOURG SOCIALISTS WILL NOT JOIN LENINE

PARIS, March 1.—Decision has been reached by the socialist congress at Strasbourg not to join the Third International headed by Nikolai Lenin and in addition to decide to leave the second international, it has adopted a motion introduced by Jean Longuet providing for an international meeting to be called at Geneva in the near future.

This step was also urged by Pierre Renaudel, who said that at such a meeting the French socialist party "which now does not belong to any international, might discuss the course of action to be taken and report some decision."

TREMENDOUS OVATION IS PREDICTED FOR ASQUITH

(By Associated Press) LONDON, March 1.—The return of former Premier Asquith to active service in parliament today as the result of his recent election to represent the Paisley constituency, attracted considerable attention in advance from both the press and the public. The Times this morning in outlining the plans for the day, including a sort of triumphant procession from Cavendish square to the house of commons, with Mr. Asquith as the central figure, remarked that the ex-premier's return to the commons was under conditions which usually accompany royal visits to parliament, and predicted a "tremendous reception" for the liberal leader.

JUGO-SLAVS NOW OFFER NEW FRONTIER AS PEACE MOVE



Figures on map indicate main points in Jugo-Slave's offer.

Realtors Talk Over Housing Situation

G. D. Gerhart, of Kokomo, president of the Indiana Realty Board, and Earl Bullock, of Indianapolis, executive secretary of the same organization, were present at the semi-monthly meeting of the Richmond Realty board in the Y. M. C. A. at noon Monday.

The housing proposition received considerable attention and a short address was made by Mr. Gerhart. The license law, which will be brought up at the next session of the state legislature, was taken up in detail by the realtors.

Commissioners Wait To Hear Road Petitions

Hearings on the Charles H. Sells, William I. White and Harry W. Gilford roads was continued by the county commissioners Monday until May 1.

It is understood the commissioners are awaiting the judgment in suits pending in the supreme court as to the constitutionality of the county unit law, under which the roads will be improved.

The regular monthly claims for February were allowed.

Circuit Court News

Mildred Hamilton, colored, was granted a divorce from Washington Hamilton, colored, on charges of abandonment.

Suit of Ada Haas against Carl Haas for divorce and change of name, was dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff.

The replevin suit of Clem C. Jones against William Moore was dismissed.

The suit for slander filed by James Coff against James Paros was dismissed at the cost of the plaintiff. The plaintiff, in his complaint, remanded \$1,000.

John H. Robert filed suit to quiet realty title against George Vanneman, et al.

A complaint to foreclose a lien was filed by Fry Brothers Manufacturing company against Emil A. Draver.

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Elizabeth A. Gills to Clifford Mann, a part of the northwest quarter section 33, township 14, range 1, \$1.

John F. Stedman to Jessie M. Kleth, lot 8, William M. Hunt's addition to Williamsburg, \$2,450.

DISCOVER CORTEZ COFFIN

(By Associated Press) PARIS, March 1.—Recent reports of the discovery of the coffin of Hernando Cortez in the vault of the Church of Jesus, Mexico City, are not surprising, says Lucas Alamanay Banqueiro, a descendant of the Mexican historian, Lucas Alaman. He says the key to the vault in question has been in the possession of his family for generations and that it will be handed over to anyone whose right to receive it is established.

DECLARE WAR ON REDS

ST. LOUIS, Mo., March 1.—Bustness men from 18 states met here to day and declared war on radicalism. The conference was called by the commercial federation of California to discuss plans for combating Bolshevism and kindred doctrines and to arouse apathetic and indifferent citizens to a realization of their patriotic duty as Americans.

NEW YORK INCOME TAX LAW HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 1.—The New York State income tax law was held unconstitutional today by the supreme court, in so far as it denies exemptions to citizens of other states which are granted to its own citizens. Another decree, the Oklahoma income tax law was held to be constitutional.

SIMPLIFIED WAGON AND TRUCK CONSTRUCTION

Forty-five manufacturers of farm wagons and trucks have agreed to adhere to certain standards in manufacturing a limited number of varieties of their products.

STORY OF BRITAIN'S HAUNTED PALACES

(London Answers) With all the after war interest in things supernatural, the news that a "veiled specter" has recently been seen on three separate occasions promenading the corridors of Windsor castle need occasion no surprise. But it recalls a story told by a young officer, Carr Glynn of the grenadier guards, some twenty years ago.

Mr. Glynn was reading a book in the castle library when, glancing up, he saw the black veiled figure of a woman walk past him and disappear in the inner library. As she did not return, he followed her; but found to his amazement that she had completely vanished, although there was no means of exit from the inner room.

When he told his uncanny story the following morning it created consternation in the palace, especially when it was discovered that three centuries ago the room had had an exit at the very place through which the black lady had passed. It was generally believed that the mysterious figure must have been that of Queen Elizabeth herself of whose midnight appearance in her old haunts in the castle many stories are told.

But Queen Bess is only one of the several royal specters said to haunt our royal palaces. The Duchess de Mazarin, one of the merry monarch's many favorites, has been seen more than once in the rooms and corridors of St. James palace, which is also said to be a favorite haunt of Nell Gwyn of the saucy tongue and merry laughter; and of that teratoma beauty, the Duchess of Cleveland.

When Henry's Wives Walk.

Hampton court palace, too, has the reputation of being visited by the shades of several great people who have once "walked in splendor" within its historic walls. Strange tales are told of spectral figures which vanish when accosted; of mysterious noises, the uncanny opening of doors without visible agency, and of sounds of merriment and snatches of song proceeding from empty rooms.

But the most frightening vision of all is that of a white-robed figure running down a corridor, with her long hair streaming behind her, and disappearing into the chapel. This startling apparition is said to be that of the unhappy Catherine Howard, the second queen whom Henry VIII sent to the executioner's block; and who, so long after her tragic death, repeats an incident in her troubled existence when, escaping from her guards, she rushed into the chapel to beg for her life from her tyrannous lord, who was praying there.

Catherine of Aragon is also said to haunt the palace of Hampton, where her specter has been seen many a time, clothed in black, and lighted taper in her hand, walking up a certain staircase and disappearing through the beautiful archway known as the Queen's Gate.

RECONCILIATION MEN MEET.

Suggestions for a delegate to the national conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation in Oskaloosa, Iowa, were made by the local fellowship a meeting at Earlham college, Sunday night, and referred to the executive committee for official appointment at the regular meeting Tuesday afternoon. Approval was given the plan to encourage an expression of feeling toward military training by all candidates.

BIBLE CLASS TO MEET.

The Junior Osgoode Bible class of the First Baptist church will meet at the home of Elbert Opt, 128 Richmond Avenue, Tuesday, March 2, 1920, at 7:30.

DANCE TO BE GIVEN.

A dance is to be given Thursday evening by Mr. Frank Besser, Elvin Horner and Herbert P. Bradley. Music will be by Harmon Novelty Orchestra and the committee has arranged to make this one of the most attractive informal dances of the season.

DAVIS' SUCCESSOR NOT NAMED.

"A successor to the Rev. E. E. Davis, who made his farewell sermon at the Second Presbyterian church Sunday, has not been named and some time will probably elapse until one is named," announced a member of the selection board Monday.

The Rev. Davis will deliver his first sermon at the First Presbyterian church at Hartford City next Sunday.

AID SOCIETY TO MEET.

The Hospital Aid society will meet with Mrs. E. G. Hill at her home, 2037 East Main street, at 2:30 p. m. Thursday.

PUTS NEW INTERPRETATION ON SHERMAN TRUST LAW

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, March 1.—Interpreting the Sherman Anti-Trust act today, the supreme court reversed federal court decrees, which held that the statute did not prohibit retail price fixing, unless there was intention of creating a monopoly.

EARTHQUAKE STOPS CABLE

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, March 1.—Cable communication to Chile, Argentina, Uruguay, Paraguay and Brazil has been interrupted temporarily by earthquake disturbances in South America, the All America cables announced here today. A cable steamer is making repairs. There is no delay on messages to Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Panama and Central America, it was stated.

PEST DAMAGE PUT TO PROFIT

Everyone who has a garden detests a mole—everyone, perhaps, but a certain woman gardener out in Bryan county, Okla. This ingenious person, who reported her experience to the United States Department of Agriculture, puts them to work. A number of these pests undermined her garden there, here, there, and everywhere. It would have discouraged the average woman; it didn't disturb this one. She started a little irrigation plan of her own using its tunnels as irrigation ditches. She filled the tunnels with water repeatedly, until the garden was well watered, and finally drove the moles off the premises.

The differences between the government and the canal government grew out of the controversy over the value of the canal. The government seized the canal by the right of eminent domain and entered suit to have a jury fix the price. The jury set the value of the canal at \$16,801,201.

The government offered \$8,250,000. An appeal from the jury award was taken and is pending.

INDIAN GIRLS INTERESTED IN CANNING.

Oklahoma Indian girls are as much interested in the canning campaign as their paleface sisters. In Bachman county, Okla., they attend all the meetings held by the home demonstration agent, and this year made an excellent booth exhibit of the fruit and vegetables they had canned and dried. One Indian woman also exhibited 100 chickens of her own raising.

CURTISS DESIGNS NEW WATER "SCOOTER" WHICH IS DRIVEN BY AIRPLANE ENGINE

Glenn Curtiss, famous airplane designer, has invented a new type of low draft boat which is propelled by an air propeller driven by an airplane engine. The motor is of a 400 horse power. The "Scooter," as he has named the craft, is fifty feet long, with a ten-foot beam. It has a draft of only three inches when running and eight inches when anchored. It makes fifty miles an hour. A roomy cabin accommodates ten persons and there is ample deck fore and aft for fishing or harpooning. The boat has been tried out at Miami, Fla.



Side view of the "Scooter" under way and Glenn Curtiss on board the craft.

Lincoln's Descendant to Be Next President, Declares Ouija Board

All ye relatives of Abraham Lincoln step up in front, please. Better shine up your boots for a trip to the white house for an absolutely truthful ouija board declares to its Richmond owner that the next president of the United States is to be a "kin of Old Abe's". Honest, that's what it said!

Either Richmond people are awfully sensible, or all this talk about people really believing in ouija boards is bosh, for it was with extreme difficulty that one person was found who confessed honest faith in an ouija board. This person was a little shaky in his belief.

"Oh, yes we have lots of fun with our weeble," tells 'em when they're going away on a certain day and they do, they look at each other and decide it's peculiar, but all the oujas in the world couldn't have made 'em go if it hadn't been propitious. One local "crank board" told its fair owners that one of them was to marry the next governor of Indiana, and of course both young women are watching out for the candidates with a slightly augmented interest. Another "sicky one" told it "movers" that they were to marry each other, and they did.

"Our ouija told me I was going to sell 26 yards of goods the next day," insists a Richmond dry goods clerk. "Well, I sold 25%, which was pretty close."

As a rule oujas do not talk about matters of state or industrial importance, but one board seems to be concerned with the weightier things of life. It talks about industrial systems; representation in industry; subways and lots of deep things, its owners allege. It says there must be representation in industry, but gets cloudy on the question "how." It says trucks will be averted when two truthful men are found, which doesn't seem such bad logic. And this particular ouija insists that Richmond is to have a sub-way. It admits all of the residents of the city may not live to see it.

PRIZES ARE GIVEN FOR ARMY ESSAYS

Pupils of Richmond schools Monday viewed moving pictures presented by members of the sixth division recruiting party from Camp Grant, Illinois.

Lieutenant Fred E. Coyne, Jr., Fifth F. A., and member of the famous first division, also took part in the program. The entertainment was to start with a musical selection by the high school orchestra, followed by a short address by Lieutenant Coyne, who explained the mission of the soldiers here and told some interesting things about the school children of France, Belgium and Germany.

Following the moving picture display, the children who wrote the best essays on the subject "What are the benefits of an enlistment in the United States Army" stepped to the stage and were presented with prizes donated by the merchants of Richmond.