

PRISON COMMANDER DENIES STATEMENT OF WORLD WAR VET

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Captain Russell P. Tyler, who was in charge of the prison camp at Bassens, France, during the war, today telegraphed the adjutant general of the army denying statements made yesterday by Edwin Duner of San Francisco before the senate investigating committee, on charges of Senator Watson, of Georgia. Captain Tyler's telegram said: "I saw Fitzgerald killed. It was purely an accident. Fitzgerald was standing in the mess line. An unruly negro prisoner was trying to take a rifle away from a sergeant. The rifle exploded. Fitzgerald was killed by a stray bullet."

Witnesses to the shooting were taken before a board of inquiry which found Fitzgerald's death accidental. The inspector general's department of the base hospital made an independent investigation and sustained the verdict. There was no solitary confinement at the camp.

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Claims Exaggeration

The telegram added that Duner's testimony was grossly exaggerated and that no instance had come to Tyler's attention where soldiers were convicted or hanged in France without trial.

Amplifying his telegram in a verbal statement, Tyler declared he was not acquainted with Duner and did not remember him as a prisoner at the Bassens camp. He continued:

"Part of the time, while in France, I was a member of the general court-martial of Base Section number 2. While on this court-martial there was only one man convicted and sentenced to be hanged. He was a negro named Jackson, who had been found guilty of murdering two white soldiers when they tried to take him prisoner as a deserter and on a statutory charge. I do not know whether the death sentence was carried out."

PRAYER WILL GET RESULTS, SAYS WORK

Before the largest audience of the series of Week of Prayer services being held by the First Presbyterian and Reid Memorial Presbyterian churches, W. McClean Work, pastor of Reid Memorial church, last night preached on the subject of "Petition," the service being held in the First church.

The speaker mentioned the influence the war had had upon prayer, particularly upon the offering of petitions in showing what the Bible has long taught, that prayer is not always an evidence of piety and that petitions are not always granted in the form in which the request is made.

"Petition," Mr. Work said, "presupposes first of all a passion in the heart of the petitioner for the thing which he asks. The reason so many churches do not pray is because there is nothing they want. There is no reason in Richmond, with its thousands of persons outside the church, and, as far as man is able to judge, outside the kingdom of God, for any Christian or any church to be satisfied."

"In the second place petition requires faith. Faith that there is a prayer answering as well as a prayer-hearing God. It would be unreasonable to suppose that Nature should supply a response to the cry of all the lower creation and that to the cry of the human soul, 'As the hart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after Thee, O God,' then should be no answer from Nature's God."

"And petition attacks our comfort because no man can pray with any prospect of having his prayers answered unless he be a willing instrument in the hand of God to answer those prayers."

Yields Results

"Last of all petition yields results. The progress of the church from Pentecost to the year of our Lord 1922 has been made upon its knees. I need not remind you that every great revival, every return movement, every forward step in the history of Christianity has been born in prayer. God speaks through his promises to these two congregations tonight. My children, there are still windows in heaven, the streams and fountains of my love still overflow. The storehouse is filled to bursting. Prove me now."

The First church choir gave two special musical numbers. The service Friday night will be held in the Reid Memorial church. Dr. John Joseph Rao will preach upon the subject of "Intercession." The Reid Memorial choir will present two special numbers. On account of the lecture in the First Presbyterian church, the service will be brief, allowing the audience to reach the other church before the lecture begins.

MAYOR IS AGAINST LOADING CITY OFFICES

Mayor Handley issued a statement Friday morning emphasizing the stand he is taking on appointments to city offices. "I will not go over the heads of departments," he said. "There will be no more places created and the departments will not be loaded up with unnecessary employees. All applications for employment must be made through the heads of departments."

Repeated requests from some citizens for interference by the mayor in their behalf brought forth the statement.

WASHINGTON SCHOOLS TO USE STARR PIANOS

Starr pianos will be used in the schools of Washington, D. C., says a dispatch received here Friday from officials of the Starr Piano company from Senator Watson.

The product of the Starr company was selected in competition with the instruments of many other companies. The selection was made by the commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Officials of the company said they were elated to learn that a Richmond piano had scored in Washington.

St. John's Annual Report Is Announced Friday

Rev. A. L. Nicklas, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church, has issued the following annual report to the congregation of the church: Pastor's official acts, baptisms 14, confirmed 18, marriages 6, funerals 10. Holy communion was celebrated six times. Total number communing, 718. Sermons preached 138.

Benevolences during 1921: For institutions of mercy and learning, \$704.18. Special gift of the late Mrs. H. Cutter for Wernle home, \$200. For home missions, \$350.16; foreign missions, \$121.95; native teacher in India, \$100; negro mission, \$77.24; inner mission, \$32.40; Australian mission, \$4.83; missionary building fund, \$39.33; Jubilee fund, 400th anniversary of the reformation, \$301.50; million dollar offering, \$2,137.40; for western district treasury, \$32.21; beneficiary fund, \$32.12; board of aids, \$44; European relief, \$181; China relief work, \$149.13; Armenia, \$50; synodical debt, \$70.29. Total benevolence for year of 1921, \$4,628.74. The Christmas for Wernle home was the best ever and amounted to \$353.51.

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UNITED TRAVELERS TO BE ENTERTAINED

United Commercial Travelers of America, Quaker City Council, No. 27, will hold its first meeting of the new year Saturday night. Members and their families will first enjoy a chicken supper at the Odd Fellows' banquet hall at 6:30 o'clock, to be served by the Penny club. Following the supper a theatre party will be formed and all will go to the Washington.

The committee in charge is the January entertainment committee, composed of E. H. Thomas, chairman; Fred Cain, Harry E. Roe, Fred Grover. As Saturday night is the regular business meeting night, the business session will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, so as to leave the evening free for entertaining features.

High School

A musical program by the high school "A" orchestra was presented in senior chapel Friday morning. The orchestra played several selections which included the ones they played to make the records for the Starr Piano company during the Christmas vacation.

Following the musical program, community singing of several songs was held by the students. A short pep session was the featuring part of the program. The yell leader presented a new yell which will be given at the next home game.

The French club will hold a party at the art gallery Friday night and a student orchestra will furnish the music.

Home Games For Children

How mothers and fathers of Richmond may make their homes interesting and attractive for the little tots during the indoor season.

By MISS MARGUERITE SHARRETT

Recreation Specialist of Community Service

Are you planning a party in your home and haven't a great deal of space for very active games? Here are a few suggestions for a progressive party which needs little space and equipment—just tables enough to seat the guests, four at each table, and the smaller articles mentioned under each game.

For special occasions such as St. Valentine or George Washington parties, these games might be specially adapted, for instance in number five, colored hearts and hatchets might be used as puzzles instead of the articles mentioned; in number 2, a heart might be substituted for the wheel; and in number 4, some appropriate words as "Saint Valentine" or "George Washington" could take the place of "Community Service."

These suggestions are suitable for children of 12 years and older. In fact the "grown-ups" play them with great enjoyment.

1. Animals—Equipment: a pack of Flinch cards for each table. The cards are distributed evenly among the players. Each player assumes the same of some animal such as "Elephant," "Tiger," "Hippopotamus," "Giraffe," etc., and each knows the names of the other players at his table. The cards of each person are stacked in one pile, face downward, before him. At a signal, a player begins to lay the top card face upward on the table beside the original stack. In rotation, each player does the same. Should a player turn up a card corresponding in number to one of his neighbor's, each of the players having that card calls the animal name of the other. Whichever speaks the name first gives all of his "upturned" cards to the other, and the game proceeds. The object is to get rid of one's cards. At the signal, those who have the least number of cards receive a "punch" on their tally cards and move to the next table.

2. Animal Game—

II. Tilt-Toe, Here I Go—Equipment: (for each table). A paper on which is drawn a wheel three or four inches in diameter, divided into 12 sections, each section being numbered from one up; a pencil for each player.

At the signal, a player takes the pencil, closes his eyes, circles above the wheel with the pencil, saying "Tilt-Toe, Here I Go." He then drops the pencil on the wheel, scoring for himself the number of the space touched. Should the pencil fall on a line, no score is made. Each player continues in turn until the signal to stop, when each person's scores are added. Those having the highest total move to the next table.

III. Anagrams (a)—Equipment:

Short News of City

Penny Club Meeting—The Penny club will meet at the home of Mrs. Emma Reed, 1128 Boyer street, next Wednesday afternoon to plan for the future activities of the club. The club accomplished remarkable relief work at Thanksgiving and Christmas time among the poor and needy and will continue its work in the future. Work on comforts will be continued at the meeting of the club Wednesday.

Small Fire Friday—Sparks, believed to have escaped from a defective fuse, were the cause of a fire in the home of W. B. Young, on the National road, west of the city, about 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

Lecturers at Hall—Evangelists C. L. White and H. W. Williams will lecture by Bible texts at the Red Men's hall on South Seventh street each Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Ministers and Bible students interested in this lecturing are urged to be present at each meeting.

Famous Jockey Who Wed in Richmond, Arrested

Charles Brandt, one time famous jockey, who met his wife while riding at a fair in Richmond 10 years ago, is held in Detroit for selling what was thought to be stolen sweaters, silk stockings and other articles.

Five years ago Brandt was known all over the country as a jockey extraordinary. His wife went with him from Richmond and shared his glory until the drug habit mastered him. He began using drugs to keep down his weight.

His wife was caught stealing several months ago from a Detroit store. She said she was stealing to buy drugs for her husband, who was then a hopeless victim of the drug habit. She was sent to a house of correction.

Stillman Refuses to Pay Cost of Divorce Hearing

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—The Stillman divorce suit hearing set for Montreal next week, will not be held because James A. Stillman, the plaintiff, refuses to pay the \$7,500 costs requested by his wife, it was announced today by Cornelius J. Sullivan, chief of counsel for the banker.

John S. Brennan, head of Mrs. Anne U. Stillman's legal staff said unless the money was paid the effort to take testimony of Canadians next week would be abandoned.

This procedure was stipulated in the order for the expense money signed yesterday by Supreme Court Justice Morschauser at Poughkeepsie and appealed from in Brooklyn by the plaintiff. Arguments on the appeal probably will be made soon, the lawyer said.

Local Bank Receives "First Peace Dollars"

The first "peace dollars" struck off in commemoration of the conclusion of the World war, have been received by the American Trust and Savings bank of this city. The shipment was made from the Philadelphia mint. The new silver dollars differ from the other coins of this denomination in a number of particulars.

Earlham

Professor Lewis T. Jones conducted the chapel exercises Friday morning, speaking on the "Lure Of The Unknown." Professor Jones spoke of the great possibilities awaiting the young people of today and illustrated his point by elaborating on the unexplored fields of science.

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The letters are turned over, face downward, in the center of the table.

At the signal the players draw the letters from the table, taking one letter at a time. Whenever possible, build a word with the letters drawn, the object of the game being to have the largest number of words when the signal to stop is sounded. The two persons at each table with the largest list of words move.

Word Building

IV. Anagrams (b)—Equipment: A pencil and sheet of paper for each player.

Take the words "Community Service" (or some word having several vowels) and build as many words as possible from this. No letter may be used in any one word more times than it appears in the word.

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6. Puzzles—Equipment: Four puzzles for each table. (Cut an advertisement or picture postcard in several irregular parts and place in envelopes. All puzzles should be cut into an equal number of parts.)

Each person is given an envelope of puzzle parts and at a signal all begin simultaneously to put the pieces together. The two players finishing first advance.

7. Hatpins—Equipment: One bowl of peanuts and a hatpin for each player. Hatpins should be of same length.

At the signal the players in turn stab at the peanuts with the hatpin. Only one stab at a time is given a player. If successful, take out the peanut and at the signal stop playing, and count the number of nuts you have. Two players having the most nuts advance to the next table.

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Medical authorities everywhere agree that citrus fruits are a practical necessity in the diet.

They point out that this is one of the easiest and most palatable ways of securing for the body that essential food element—vitamins—which is destroyed or greatly weakened by cooking.

Any of our readers can secure free a booklet giving about 200 ways in which oranges and lemons can be used attractively on the table. The recipes were prepared and tested by recognized domestic science experts. They are simple, practical and serviceable. Try them and you will find a real demand from your family for many of the dishes described.

Simply fill out and mail the coupon below. Enclose two cents in stamps for return postage. Write name and address clearly.

In How Many Ways Can You Prepare Oranges?

(By Associated Press)

WINONA, Minn., Jan. 6.—Police today withheld a decision as to whether they would open the grave of Miss Frances Bloch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bloch, to ascertain whether the body had been decapitated in the superstition that such action would end a long series of deaths in the family, after Thomas Bloch was said to have admitted opening the grave of his daughter, and a son, Joseph, to confirm "certain signs," he denied molesting the bodies.

When he opened the grave, he said with the assistance of the neighbor, he found nothing but the bare skeleton.

Bloch denied that his intention was to sever the head from the body of his daughter and place it at the foot of the coffin, because of a superstition that the spirit of the daughter had been responsible for the death of five of her brothers since her own death five years ago, police said.

Premier Briand convened the council.

The meeting was held in the grand saloon of the Cannes yacht club.

George Harvey, American ambassador to Great Britain who is to act as official observer for the United States at the conference, told the correspondents that