

## SCHWAB TURNED DOWN BIG OFFER FOR HIS PLANT

Spurned German Bribe of \$100,000,000 to Break British Munitions Contract.

## HUNS MADE BID IN EARLY STAGES OF WAR

Also Refused British Purchase Offer of \$150,000,000 to Thwart Enemy Efforts.

New York, May 5.—A bribe which will probably go down in history as the largest ever offered to a private individual, was spurned by Charles M. Schwab when he refused an offer of \$100,000,000 from the German Government to break his contracts with the British for war munitions of which the British troops in France stood in need to stem the German advance in the early stages of the war. Likewise he refused to consider a counter-offer of \$150,000,000 from the British Government, which sought to purchase outright the plants of the Bethlehem Steel Corporation at five times their capital value, so as to prevent the Germans from gaining control of them, and perhaps, of the crux of the munitions situation.

### Turned Down Cold.

"There is not enough money in Germany and Great Britain combined to buy the Bethlehem Steel Corporation until it has exceeded its obligations to the British Government," was the answer made by Mr. Schwab when the richest half of all time was dangling before his eyes.

The momentous decision made by Mr. Schwab at a time when German intrigue was trying to throw its tentacles around the earth, was briefly outlined by Darwin P. Kingsley, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, at a reception tendered today to Mr. Schwab as a patriotic, loyal American who worked hard for winning the war against Germany.

The story of the German attempt to bribe Mr. Schwab and the British counter-proposal was told tonight by a member of the University Club who was present at that function.

When the shipbuilding, ordnance and other munitions plants of the Bethlehem interests began to execute their contracts for the British Government, the German Government became so apprehensive that Count von Bernstorff, whether acting on instructions or on his own initiative, has never been disclosed, undertook to nullify by one means or another the Bethlehem contracts with the British.

### German Bribe.

Count von Bernstorff sent an emissary, who offered \$100,000,000 to Mr. Schwab as a bribe to break his contracts. Schwab replied:

"The Bethlehem Steel Corporation cannot be bought for any price until it has finished its contracts with the British Government."

As far as the Germans were concerned, the matter came to an end just where it had begun. But not so with the British. The German intrigues had been shadowed by members of the British secret service, who succeeded in finding out the nature of the proposal.

Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, then British ambassador at Washington, summoned A. Barton Hepburn, financial adviser to the British Embassy at Washington.

Upon his arrival he was commissioned to offer Mr. Schwab anything up to \$150,000,000 to procure control of the Bethlehem plants.

Mr. Hepburn came back to New York and met Schwab. He launched into the matter with an offer which he finally increased to \$150,000,000. The only thing that ever came of the attempt the British as well as the Germans to gain control of the Bethlehem Steel was the remark of Mr. Schwab to the effect that the wealth of both Germany and Great Britain could not buy his plants before he had executed his obligations to the British Government.

## Boils So Bad

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## Latest Thing in Guns Shoots Around Corners

Detroit, Mich., May 5.—A device that permits a gun to be shot "in a circle" has been invented by Alexander T. Fisher of Detroit. The United States war department has just sent him two Springfield rifles, which he will equip with his device, and he hopes to obtain the endorsement of the government.

Friends of Fisher substantiate his claim that a gun so equipped will enable a policeman to shoot around a corner and maintain a robber without being exposed to a return fire.

## Chicago Branded As Unclean By Churches

Plays Are Blamed—Stag Parties Said to Be Iniquitous.

Chicago, May 5.—Chicago's theatrical performances are "immoral, sensual and salacious," the city's moral tone has been lowered to such an extent that the things seen in salacious plays are being copied in everyday homes, and even motion pictures shown in Chicago cannot "get by" elsewhere.

The Chicago Church Federation is authority for the foregoing statements. In a communication to the churches it embraces in its organization the federation today announced the opening of a campaign against immoral theatrical exhibitions and for cleaner newspaper morals.

The communication is in the form of a full page editorial in the May issue of the Church Federation Bulletin.

The writer, the Rev. H. A. Johnston, president of the federation, adds the startling information that following the appearance of certain stage presentations in Chicago there have been stag parties of an immoral character attended by men of reputation. The statement calls upon Chicago business and society leaders to band together against an "insinuating leprosy" which is said to be making Chicago another Sodom.

"In recent weeks," says the statement, "there have been stag parties, often called 'Aphrodite parties,' supported and attended by men supposed to be decent citizens, where dancing women performed and then solicited the men present. Should the names of these men be published? Would it be to their discredit and to the astonishment of some of their friends."

"We have the dates, places and names in our office. The worst thing about these performances is that they encourage young men to attend, many of them men who were in service overseas. It is almost unbelievable, but it is true. Five years ago it would scarcely have been possible."

"Smart" Chicagoans are wondering "what next."

## Many Tokyo Maru Survivors in Hospital

Master of Buford Got No S. O. S. Call—Fire Started in Coal Bunkers.

Seattle, Wash., May 5.—Forty-three of the sixty-five survivors of the Japanese freighter Tokyo Maru, which burned to the water's edge yesterday off the Oregon coast, with a loss of eight lives, were in Seattle hospitals today, suffering from shock and exposure.

The remaining 22 survivors reported themselves already recovered from their experiences. Only one body of the eight dead has been recovered. The survivors arrived here late last night aboard the United States transport Buford. Officers of the transport and survivors told many dramatic stories today of the fire and their escape from the vessel.

The 22 survivors he reported themselves recovered were the only ones of the 65 who were able to get into the Tokyo Maru. Lifelines, according to the survivors, were the only things that saved them from the sea by officers and seamen of the Buford in the transport's small boats.

Capt. Kerr, master of the Buford, declared his ship had not received an S. O. S. from the Tokyo Maru, but was attracted to the stricken vessel by sighting the column of smoke.

"We had just been having boat drill," said Capt. Kerr, "when I saw the smoke in the distance. We were 12 miles distant then and 55 minutes later were on the scene."

"There were constant explosions and with every explosion the flames shot a hundred feet into the air, and a lot of men were hurled 200 feet high."

Started in Bunkers. Capt. Euzuki, master of Tokyo Maru, said the fire started in the coal bunkers and was due, he believed, to spontaneous combustion. The ship carried 1,000 tons of coal, 700 tons of fuel oil and a big cargo of nitrates, lumber and cotton.

GERMAN SHIP DOCKS. Valparaiso, Chile, May 4.—Regular service between German ports and the west coast of South America was interrupted yesterday by the arrival of the steamship Muria, owned by the Roland Steamship Line of Bremen.

It was the first German steamship to arrive here since the outbreak of the war in 1914 and brought a cargo of dyes, drugs, crockery, toys and electrical materials.

Good intentions. The new typist determined to make a good impression upon her chief. She arrived half an hour early, and began tidying up the room. What that was done, she examined her typewriter, discovered it in a shocking condition, found a bottle, and gave it a thorough oiling. While about it, she examined all the other typewriters in the office and oiled them, too.

There is nothing, she thought, like making oneself indispensable! Her chief arrived. He looked around him with an air of satisfaction, and crossed to the mantelpiece. Then his smile changed to a frown.

"Miss Smith," he said, "have you seen my cough mixture?"

## On the Old Farm in Springtime

I was out driving a three-horse team on the old farm, writes Mr. Edward Crane, of Kilmarnock, Ont., "when part of the harness broke. While fixing it, one of the horses kicked out and knocked my arm against the sharp edge of the harness. I was severely cut about the elbow and wrist."

"Not being able to leave work to get the wound dressed, dirt got into it, and my arm grew so stiff and painful that it looked as if I was in for a bad time. As soon as I could, I washed the wound and dressed it with Zam-Buk. Next day the arm was much less sore, and the stiffness less troublesome. I continued to use herbal Zam-Buk freely and in a few days it healed the injuries splendidly. Zam-Buk should be on every farm."

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## TECHNICALITIES OF "CRAP" GAME ARE ELUCIDATED

Negro Charged With Assault Explained "African Golf" and "Back Alley Tennis."

CLAIMED CROWD USED RAZOR ON HIM

Quarrel Caused by "Fading" Opponent—Tells the Judge All About It.

New York, May 5.—Although Everett Loyne, a negro, of 238 West 61st street, has but one arm, he is a sure shot, with either a revolver or a pair of dice, he told Judge Alfred J. Talley in General Sessions today, when Loyne was arraigned for sentence. He was convicted Wednesday by a jury of assault in the second degree. Assistant District Attorney Joseph Edelson prosecuted the case. Judge Talley sentenced him to the penitentiary, and when he was being led away he broke into a run. When Court Officer James Breen asked him why he was in a hurry to get back to the "Tomb," he said: "Ah want to get away from heah befo' that judge changes his mind and sends me to state prison."

Quarrelled During Game. Loyne was convicted of shooting Harry Gordon, of 231 West 62nd street, during a crap game on February 24 in Loyne's apartment. The one-armed defendant told Judge Talley in response to questions that an argument started over "fading" during the game.

He said when the argument was at its height, after he had been shooting "naturals," seven in a row, he was seized by some of his guests and thrown over a bed in one of the bedrooms. He said somebody drew a razor and proceeded to slash his back. He produced a coat and vest which apparently had been slashed with a razor, but when asked where the shirt was that he wore at the time, he was unable to say. His back showed no marks or wounds. He said he ran out of the bedroom and fired five shots at Gordon, who was disappearing up the stairs. One of these shots

## Heraldic Armor Offered For Sale

London May 5.—One of the best-known families of England, the titled House of Pembroke, has instructed Sotheby's to sell the collection of armor which has been in its possession for 400 years.

The pick of the family suits of mail is one made by the famous Jacob the Armorer in 1574, for the second Earl of Pembroke. It is adorned with the "Garter and George" and other heraldic decorations.

Other rarities are a curious half-suit of black armor, decorated with brass rivets, and a fine suit with outfit for the rider's horse, in russet and gold.

## Fewer Married Men Breaking Into Jails

But Wisconsin Records Show Wedded Women Worse Than Single.

Milwaukee, Wis., May 5.—Single men get into more trouble than married ones, but married women are more likely to run afoul of the law than single ones, according to the annual report of H. G. Monson, superintendent of the Milwaukee house of detention.

Also, widowers and divorced husbands stand a good chance of looking out from behind the bars, and the much maligned divorcee is perfection, so far as law violations are concerned, according to the report.

There were 734 guests of Milwaukee county last year, the report shows, 585 men and 149 women. Of these, 500 were single men, 169 married, six widowers and eight divorced men. Of the women, twenty-eight were single, twenty-two single and one a widow, but not a divorcee.

The report indicates most of those caught in the law's net are between the ages of 20 and 30. The next most dangerous period is between 30 and 40.

## Pope Orders Schools For Alien Girls in U. S.

25 Nuns, Sent by Vatican, to Create "Mother House" at Trenton.

Rome, May 5.—Twenty-five nuns who sailed from Naples April 24 for New York on the way to Trenton, N. J., to establish a new religious house, are bearing a letter from Pope Benedict ordering that the new institution in Trenton shall be the "mother house" to similar institutions, it was learned today.

The chief aim of the new religious house will be to educate daughters of immigrants.

The vicar-general of the institution will reside in Trenton as the representative of the superior-general, who resides in Rome.

hit Gordon in the arm, passed up through his ribs and went out through the shoulder, Gordon is recovering.

"What is the African golf that was spoken of during the trial?" asked Judge Talley.

Loyne looked up in surprise and said: "Oh your honor, that's distinct. I colored man's game. Somebody in this heah animated chess game, ah faded Gordon and he said ah didn't. That started it."

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was one of the six Bridgeport women included in a team of twenty-six captains, who undertook the canvas of the city for the purpose of filling the "chest." Mrs. Williams, who has numerous friends here, are annual summer visitors to Gagetown, which was Mr. Williams' old home.

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