

Sees Evidence Of Nazi Plot In Reich Fire

Legal Commission Places Onus Of Suspicion On Hitlerites.

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LONDON, Dec. 20.—(A.P.)—The conviction that National Socialists (Nazi) circles either directly or through the hands of others, touched off the fire in the German Parliament buildings last winter was expressed today in the final report of an unofficial "legal commission" of inquiry which investigated the blaze.

In a ringing declaration presented at Caxton Hall, the Commission of International Attorneys did not mince words in saying that Hitlerites were connected in one way or another with the arson and that Martinus Van Der Lubbe, a young Dutch brick mason who confessed the incendiarism, must have had help.

Five men, including Van Der Lubbe, three Bulgarians, and Ernst Torgler, former Communist whip in the German House of Representatives, will hear court judgment passed in Leipzig next Saturday after a months long trial in which they were called Communists and in which they were charged with arson and treason. The death penalty was asked for Torgler and Van Der Lubbe.

The six-point declaration announced today by D. N. Pritt, an attorney, said the commission, which came to a similar conclusion before the convening of the trial in Germany, considered "that it is impossible that the accused Martinus Van Der Lubbe could alone have accomplished the burning of the Reichstag" and that "all known facts of the case point to the National Socialists (Nazis) as having carried out or caused to have carried out this act of incendiarism."

The commission also believed that in any case the other four defendants are not only innocent of "that of which they are accused, but have no connection, direct or indirect, with the Reichstag fire."

Any execution of the death sentence for Torgler was described in the report as "judicial murder" and any move to make retroactive the capital penalty for arson and high treason was classed as "a monstrous violation" of the principles of justice.

(Shortly after the blaze in the Reichstag last February 27 a law was promulgated providing for the decapitation of persons convicted of these crimes. The law was called effective as of a date prior to the blaze.)

Yuletide An Admirable Season For Entertaining

Tasty Foods Prepared in Advance Lessen Worries of Hostess—Some Suggestions.

The Yuletide lends itself admirably as a festive season for entertaining. For the wearied housewife, who perchance has been hostess to the annual family Christmas dinner, a series of lunches, dinners, suppers and evening affairs are a source of worry. But if plans for the refreshments are tabulated in advance, the little affairs that are to be given in the home will prove much less irksome to the one who is mistress of the kitchen.

A most delightful lunch to serve an evening company is hot waffles, with honey or maple syrup, coffee or chocolate, and dainty Christmas cakes and cookies. Introducing the waffle iron into the midst of the company, fun is provided in watching the waffles brown under the spell of electricity. Toasted crumpets or scones or cinnamon toast may be used instead of waffles if preferred. Popcorn popped over the open fire of a winter's night puts the company very much at ease. And what better ice-breaker could there be than leading marshmallows over the blazing coals of the living-room fireplace?

For the sleighing or skating party, when a hot supper must be packed in hamper to carry some distance, scalloped salmon, tomato, corn or baked beans, sandwiches, cold ham,

pickles, olives, make provision for a hearty meal for ravenous appetites.

High tea—particularly enjoyable on a Sunday afternoon when the hearthfires are blazing a welcome to young folk—is a jolly occasion. Yuletide salads and ices or deserts, thin bread and butter or tea biscuits and Christmas fruit-cake, chocolate squares and tea harmonize with the season. Among the Yuletide salads that are easily prepared is the holly salad—a concoction of cream cheese, whipped cream, maraschino cherries and small fruits served on lettuce leaves. Yuk salad may be prepared by jelling a tin of tomato juice in moulds and garnishing with cheese balls and pimento and olives. Cranberry and celery salad is also decorative, and spiced with Christmas flavor, while a pomegranate salad may be effected by garnishing a plain moulded jelly with "petals" of pimento in the shape of the Christmas flower.

A pretty and tasty holiday dessert is that of a slice of pineapple with maraschino cherry on top, while cherry loes, raspberry sherbet or vanilla ice cream with a sprig of holly blend in with the Yuletide spirit. Delicious jellies, the luscious red of the holly berry or pomegranate, may be prepared with little difficulty, and flavored with nuts.

Prince Street School Closing

FRIDAY 10 a. m.

Chairman.

Chorus—"O Come All Ye Faithful"

Song—"Jolly Old St. Nicholas"

Shirley Ferguson, Margaret McLennan, Helen Turner, Rosalie Harper.

Chorus—"Masters in This Hall" (Old Welsh melody), Seniors Intermediate.

Song—"Sing a Song of Christmas"

Drill—"Sunbonnet Babies," Miss Mackenzie's class.

Presentation of I. O. D. prizes by Mrs. J. A. Mathieson to Grade X—1 Diana Court, 2 Katherine Bagnall; Grade IX—1 Janet Stewart, 2 Jean Egan.

Chorus—"Shine, Stars of December," Primaries.

Dialogue—"The Christmas Cake," Miss Bennett's class.

Chorus—"O Christmas," Seniors and Intermediate.

Drill—"Waiting For Santa," Miss Fraser's class.

Chorus—"Away in a Manger," Primaries.

Dialogue—"Jack Horner's Christmas Pie," Miss R. Stewart's class.

Chorus—"D'Ou Viens tu," Beresford, Fr. Canadian Carol, Seniors.

Dialogue—"The Christmas Emblems," Grade III.

Carol—"When O Shepherd Maiden," Miss Macdonald's class.

Chorus—"Who is Coming on Christmas Night?" Primaries.

Dialogue—"The Whole World's Christmas Tree," Miss Stewart's class.

Chorus—"The First Noel" (with descant) Seniors and Intermediate.

Recitation—"White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks," Margaret Clark.

Chorus—"Silent Night Holy Night," School.

The King.

Today Friday at 10 a. m. West Kent School pupils will present a Christmas closing program to their parents and friends under the chairmanship of Mr. P. W. Turner, member of the City School Board. All friends of the school are cordially invited. The musical portion of the program will be under the direction of Prof. Louis Thompson. The program follows:

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