

BOB BLOT DISCOVERED THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, GA.

City Authorities Have the Names of About a Dozen Men Who Met in a Cemetery and Mapped Out Plans for Their Attack—Plot is Said to be Directed Against the Homes of the City Commission—The Plotters Possess 100 Pounds of Explosives.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 27.—An alleged plot to bomb the homes of the city commission was made public here today when Commissioner Morton told a citizens' meeting that about a dozen men whose names are known to the authorities met in a cemetery last night and mapped out plans for their attack. The gang is known to have 100 pounds of explosive on hand, he said.

SEARCHING FOR CLUES IN MOREHOUSE PARISH. Hagroop, La., Dec. 27.—Civil and military authorities today traveled over 25 miles of roads in Morehouse parish searching for additional clues implicating those responsible for the mysterious dynamiting that released two bodies from a lake here, following the kidnapping on Aug. 24 of five men and the killing of two.

EFFORT TO HOLD UP MCKOIN WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS. Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—Capt. George G. Henry, chief inspector of the Baltimore police, received a telegram tonight from Gov. John M. Parker of Louisiana asking that hearing in the writ of habeas corpus obtained by counsel for Dr. McKoin be held up until officers arrived with extradition papers.

THREE MEN DEVoured BY TIMBER WOLVES IN ONTARIO. Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 27.—A great roving band of hungry timber wolves had devoured three men, according to meat reports sitting in today from the snow-covered trails of the Sturgeon river country. These reports told of a losing battle fought by two Indians after a white trapper had been downed and killed.

MCKOIN'S FRIENDS TO AID FIGHT AGAINST EXTRADITION. Baltimore, Dec. 27.—Hearing on the writ of habeas corpus obtained today by counsel for Dr. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, La., was set for tomorrow. Dr. McKoin was arrested here yesterday by request of Governor John M. Parker of Louisiana, on the charge of murder as an accessory to the Morehouse parish murder and kidnapping case. The writ is being fought in an effort to obtain bail for the doctor prior to his flight against extradition.

DR. JOSHUA H. PENNIMAN ELECTED U. OF P. PROVOST. Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—Dr. Joshua H. Penniman today was elected provost of the educational or academic board of the University of Pennsylvania. He had been acting provost since the resignation of Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith about three weeks ago.

NEW BRITAIN POLICEMEN PENALIZED BY COMMISSIONERS. New Britain, Dec. 27.—The board of police commissioners here tonight imposed a series of punishments on policemen for insubordination in failing to attend the funeral of a local man. The policemen said they refused to attend the drill master because they understood the drill master had attended a meeting with the Ku Klux Klan here some time ago. The drill master denied that he had attended the meeting.

STATE POLICEMEN GUARD THE TRANSFER OF LIQUOR. Hartford, Dec. 27.—Under guard of about 50,000, was transferred this morning from the basement of the capital to the government warehouse in New Haven, where it will be auctioned by the federal authorities for medicinal and hospital use.

HELD ON CHARGES OF STEALING AUTOMOBILES. Stamford, Dec. 27.—With charges of automobile stealing in two counties lodged against him, Earl Shaw, of this city, was arrested here today by state policemen and held in bonds of \$5,000. Shaw was out on bonds on charge of stealing two automobiles, preferred December 12 when his second arrest took place today. The second charge was preferred by the authorities of Washington, Conn., in Litchfield county.

France Would Take German State Forest

Premier Poincare to Present Scheme to Allied Premiers in Paris Next Week.

Paris, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—Premier Poincare plans to follow up the reparations commission's decision declaring Germany to be the loser in the war by presenting to the allied premiers' meeting here next week a scheme for taking over the German state forests as a guarantee. If the other premiers will agree to this, it is understood France is prepared to act alone.

It is now feared that the British and French attitudes will be as far apart when the premiers reconvene, here as they were when the recent London conference adjourned and the latest reparations development is taken to support this view. Sir John Bradbury went to London today to confer with government officials.

Sir John's reasons for refusing to support the default vote, which reasons, it is thought, may be taken as a reflection of the position of Mr. Bonar Law, were that certain extenuating circumstances entitled Germany to more lenient consideration and that, furthermore, the allies had previously agreed on a course less radical in the event of Germany's failure.

France's victory in the reparations commission vote is ascribed to the personal efforts of Premier Poincare, who is said to have carefully planned the coup. The action was so quietly and swiftly executed that none of the American unofficial observers had the opportunity of being present.

Although the United States has no vote in the commission, the views of its observers have always been much weight, especially when vital issues were before the commission, as was the case yesterday. It is declared in reparations circles that the position of the American observers has approximated that of the British.

The sudden decision of the commission took not only the Americans, but French political circles, by surprise, since it was generally understood that the commissioners would take no decision until after the premiers' meeting.

GERMANY EXPLAINS NON-DELIVERY OF WOOD. Berlin, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—In connection with the reparations commission's decision that Germany is in default for non-delivery of wood to apply to the reparations account, it is stated here that the entire's demands did not arrive until January, whereas the cutting of the wood regularly occurs in the course of the winter; thus the demands arrived too late to make compliance possible this year.

Attention is also called to the fact that Germany had already announced her readiness to make the delayed deliveries suggested March 21 next as the time limit. Seeking German industrialists are complaining that they are obliged to go outside the country for lumber to build dwellings for their workmen.

WILL BE NO MORATORIUM WITHOUT GUARANTEES. Brussels, Dec. 27 (By the A. P.)—Referring to the senate today to the approaching gathering of the premiers at the conference in Paris, M. Jaspard, foreign minister, said it would be impossible to grant Germany a moratorium, pure and simple, without guarantees.

PREMIER OF ITALY MAY NOT ATTEND PARIS MEET. Rome, Dec. 27 (By the A. P.)—It is not yet certain whether Premier Mussolini will go to Paris for the meeting Jan. 2 of the allied premiers. He is declared to be overwhelmed with his work here and does not desire to go abroad for "academic discussion," but he does desire to leave here that some concrete plan for discussion shall be formulated.

STATE FUEL ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL IS TO RESIGN. Hartford, Dec. 27.—Believing that Governor-elect Charles A. Tompkins should enter upon his administration with a clean patronage slate, State Fuel Administrator Thomas Russell said tonight he will resign, to take effect at the governor's pleasure. Mr. Russell was appointed by Governor Lusk.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS

Fourteen hundred Italian refugees who left Smyrna after the fire, have sailed from Brindisi, for Smyrna, again to take up their residence there.

Christmas day witnessed the arrival at Mannheim of five Germans just released from a French prison. The last German prisoners held in France.

The Furness liner Digsby, a week overdue on a voyage from Liverpool to St. John, N. F., Halifax and Boston, arrived at the former port yesterday.

A temporary injunction against the Rockland Hotel, Rockland, Me., under the Volstead liquor law, was decreed by Federal Judge John A. Peters.

Fifty-eight employees, including some veterans, were discharged from the Boston Veterans' Bureau by Dr. Arthur E. Bridges, the local director.

Harris Taylor, former United States minister to Spain and recognized authority on International Law, died at his home in Washington.

A street widening program involving \$138,500 was made public by Curley of Boston, Wednesday. Among the projects is the widening of Province street at a cost of \$6,000,000.

Flora Stanard, 26, escaped from the state farm at Bridgewater, Mass., soon after dawn yesterday. She eluded the attention of guards and slipped through the gates when sent to the laundry.

The Imperial diet was formally opened in Tokio without the presence of Prince Regent Hirohito or Premier Kaikoku, two of whom were said to be indisposed.

A two-story frame house in Fairfield, Conn., owned by Louis Coppia and occupied by his family, has been found to be of undetermined origin. The loss is \$4,000.

Sir Derrick Julius Werber, son of the late Sir Julius Werber, who was said to have made more than \$50,000,000 in the South American diamond fields, and Miss Theodora Romanov, a young Russian, were married secretly two weeks ago in New York.

John B. Hammond, chief of police of Des Moines, Iowa, announced that every drunken man who is brought into police headquarters hereafter will have his picture taken.

Experts of principal food products for November showed, with few exceptions, marked increases for totals for November, 1921, in an analysis made public by the department of commerce.

The American Legion in Washington did something it can help capture Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted American deserter, whom a restaurant man believes he saw in Seattle.

Mrs. Virginia B. Lyon, 61 years old, of New Haven, died at Grace hospital from a skull fracture which she received when she fell eight steps in a restaurant.

Many East Siders crowded into the fifth street police station at New York to congratulate detectives on their arrest of Joseph Cohen, charged with the murder of Nathan Guskind on October 15, last.

One shot was fired at a watchman in Chicago as he discovered loosened rail bolts on the Santa Fe tracks near Joint. He halted a passenger train bound for Kansas City until the bolts were tightened.

A delegation of five from the Woodrow Wilson foundation will await upon the return of the office of district attorney Joseph Cohen, charged with the murder of Nathan Guskind on October 15, last.

Resolutions denouncing the Ku Klux Klan, and calling for co-operation with organizations actively combating it, were adopted by the Sigma Kappa fraternity, in New York.

Judge Brazier, of the supreme court at Boston dismissed the petition of John D. Gardner, of Baldwin, L. I., for a writ of habeas corpus to release his niece, Dorothy Gordon, from the McLean hospital for the insane at Waverly.

A special grand jury was sworn in at Boston to determine whether in the evidence on which Joseph C. Peleider was removed from the office of district attorney there was probable cause to bring him and others to trial for crime.

Atlantic is Being Lashed by Tempests

Shippers Report All Incoming Skippers of All Incoming Ships Report Hurricanes and Heavy Seas.

New York, Dec. 27.—More stories of terror at sea were brought into New York today when La Savoie steamed into Quarantine 48 hours late. It was the second successive day that shippers of incoming ships have reported terrific hurricanes sweeping the Atlantic.

La Savoie reported picking up a series of S. O. S.'s from the Tudorstar and then hearing no more from her. This led the French liner's officers to believe that the Tudorstar might have gone down, but the freighter's agents later heard reports that rudderless and pounded by waves, she had been taken in tow by a rescue ship.

Shortly after La Savoie came in the steamer Caronia arrived in Quarantine and once more the stories of hurricanes and heavy waves were told. At one time during the storm, Captain Doggie, her skipper, said, she creased at an angle of 24 1/2 degrees. Port holes on both sides of the ship were shattered.

The Caronia put into Halifax Christmas morning to escape the battering of the waves, and was delayed 48 hours in making New York. Masters of out-going ships also scanned the heavens anxiously today, for a warning was issued by the weather bureau this afternoon with predicting gales from the Delaware Breakwater to Eastport, Me.

FOR DEVELOPMENT OF NEW HAVEN HARBOR FACILITIES. Hartford, Dec. 27.—That the time has come for New Haven to decide on a definite program for the development of its harbor facilities and that the city must do both the project and pay for it with funds but with active moral support, is asserted in the report of the New Haven development commission, submitted to Governor Lake today.

The commission was created by the last legislature report at the next session. The report was presented by Frederick L. Ford, of New Haven and Charles G. Bill, of this city. The conclusions reached by the commission are summed up as follows: "That in time allowed and with the limited funds available and owing to the disturbed state of business following the war, your commission has been unable to secure data warranting any definite action at the present time.

That any appeal to the general assembly for assistance in the matter of providing terminal facilities for New Haven harbor must be preceded by the commitment of New Haven to a definite program, and also by the appearance in New Haven of an organized effort to stand behind the project. That the city funds, but with active moral support.

That the co-operation of the federal government can only be secured after the city of New Haven and the state of Connecticut have taken definite steps in the premises, and have determined upon a works-program and have actually begun the work of initial installation.

That the New Haven harbor, if provided with terminal facilities, might be utilized to great advantage by the citizens of the state at large as an additional means of transporting limestone, cement and other bulky commodities.

SPEAKERS AT MEETING OF HISTORIANS IN NEW HAVEN. New Haven, Dec. 27.—The relationship between the United States and the world in a historical sense was discussed here tonight by Professor Charles Homer Haskins of Harvard university, who as president, delivered the first formal address of the session of the American Historical association and ning allied association which opened today. He spoke on "European history and American scholarship."

Professor Haskins praised the work of the American Historical foundation in developing high scholarship among American historians and expressed himself in favor of the speaking of the world as a historical unit paid in part: "It is the historian's business to tie up Europe and America. He is bound to see the United States as a part of a whole. Europe, America and Asia are one in historical reality of holding an economic conference. Whether the proposed conference would be called by or held in the United States or whether this nation would be a particular work, however, important details not disclosed. Secretary Hughes conferred with the president late today for an hour but there was no intimation as to whether the amendment would be adopted.

CONFERENCE AT LAUSANNE IS APPROACHING A CLIMAX

Lord Curzon Makes Positive Announcement That Great Britain Will Not Cede Mosul to Turkey—Great Uneasiness is Shown by the Conferees as the Time Draws Near for Final Reckoning on All Important Questions.

Lausanne, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—Great uneasiness is spreading throughout Near East Conference circles as the time approaches when there must be final reckoning on all important questions which have been passed by with only partial agreement or no agreement at all, both by the Turks and the allied powers. Lord Curzon's positive announcement today that Great Britain will not cede Mosul to Turkey and does not propose to discuss that question further was the fore-runner of less positive statements from the other delegations on various questions, which indicates that the conference is reaching a climax and that preparations are under way for a final showing of strength.

The sub-commissions are making little headway in the matter of taxation, but the Christmas rest apparently did not improve the temper of the Turks materially, and the allied negotiators are watching with tense interest the progress of the negotiations. A complete deadlock exists on the customs tariff question. The Turks desire to postpone all action on this subject for two years, during which time they would undertake to negotiate separate commercial treaties with the powers, including the United States. The allies are ready to accept this, but, in return, want Turkey to accept a maximum tariff scale, which would be arranged by negotiators at Lausanne, and operate both during the two year period. The Turks have refused this compromise suggestion.

SENATOR LODGE OPPOSES THE BORAH RESOLUTION. Washington, Dec. 27 (By the A. P.)—The first official disclosure that President Harding is negotiating toward an international conference for the consideration of European economic problems was made by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican floor leader, during opening debate in the senate today on the proposal of Senator Borah, republican Idaho, for the president to call an international conference to discuss economic conditions and disarmament.

In opposing the Borah proposal, which is in the form of an amendment to the naval appropriation bill, Senator Lodge urged that the president be not embarrassed, "in the eyes of every eye it is now making as a matter of fact," by the president's calling of a conference. Senator Lodge's address against the Borah amendment as presented, did not oppose the calling of an economic conference but said it should be carefully and strictly defined with such questions as national debt, allied debts, and immigration specifically excluded from consideration.

The state department declined to add anything to the statements of Senator Lodge but it was learned that President Harding was considering seriously transmitting a letter to the senate giving information of his negotiations and at the same time defining such questions as allied debts, and immigration specifically excluded from consideration.

It is understood that through the state department the president has been "sounding out" the senate in its historical reality of holding an economic conference. Whether the proposed conference would be called by or held in the United States or whether this nation would be a particular work, however, important details not disclosed. Secretary Hughes conferred with the president late today for an hour but there was no intimation as to whether the amendment would be adopted.

TWO FIREMEN SERIOUSLY HURT AT FIRE IN LOUISVILLE. Louisville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Two firemen were seriously injured and more than a score overcome by smoke and gas when a four-story office building in the business district was gutted by fire tonight. Investigation when the fire had been brought under control failed to verify an early report that fire men had been trapped on the roof of the building.

Explosions of acids in the plant of an engraving company on the fourth floor generated quantities of gas which added to the difficulty of fighting the flames. One of the two men seriously injured was hurt in a fall. The other was injured by gas and smoke.

POLICE HAD BATTLE WITH BARRICADED MAN. Steubenville, Ohio, Dec. 27.—More than 1,800 shots were exchanged tonight between deputy sheriffs, state police and 42 men, including Joseph Jones, 58, at Follensbee, W. Va., a brook county deputy sheriff, and barricaded himself in his home. The deputy had gone to the Jones home in response to a telephone summons from Mrs. Joseph Jones that her husband was threatening her life.

RECOMMENDED INCREASE OF STATE POLICE TO 115 MEN. Hartford, Conn., Dec. 27.—To do full justice to the matters within the jurisdiction of the state police department it is recommended that the size of the force be increased to 115 men, says the annual report of the state police commission, which was completed today. It will be submitted to Governor Lake tomorrow morning. This would double the force. The commission also suggests that all matters relating to the enforcement of state laws be delegated to the state police department.

BERNHARDT CONFIDENT THAT SHE WILL GET WELL

Paris, Dec. 27.—(By the A. P.)—The medical men attending Madame Sarah Bernhardt declared this evening there was no improvement in her condition, but neither had there been a change for the worse. The actress, herself, was as optimistic as ever.

"Tell them in America, tell all my friends how much I appreciate the kind interest," she said. "I shall get well again, never fear."

This message was sent out through Madame Norman, the director of Bernhardt's household. As the doctors feared their patient from receiving any visitors.

Bernhardt's butler said that one of every three of today's callers was American. Government ministers, playwrights, members of the senate, presidential statesmen and fellow actors and actresses called at the house, but all were refused admittance to the sick room. The only "friend" Bernhardt was allowed since this morning was a young girl, who came under her bed as soon as admitted.

Her severe illness has given rise to much speculation regarding Bernhardt's correct age. Most authorities give the date of her birth as 1844, but the birth records were burned in 1871 when the revolution. "The Divine Sarah" herself has always said that she was "a few years younger" than the records, Clemenceau, who was born in 1841.

HEAVY SNOW FORECAST FOR NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND. Washington, Dec. 27.—Heavy snow in northern New England and in northern and central sections of eastern New York, with strong shifting winds and the Atlantic coast from Cape Hatteras northward, are forecast for tomorrow by the weather bureau.

The gales are expected to become dangerous over the northern part of the affected coast and warnings are being issued from Cape Hatteras to Eastport, Me., due to a storm central tonight over Kentucky and moving east-northeastward. This disturbance also has brought prospects of general precipitation tomorrow in the lower lake region, the upper Ohio valley and the Middle and North Atlantic states. Temperatures are expected to fall generally over Washington forecast district but an unusually cold weather is indicated except possibly in northern New England.

SAVINGS BANKS DEPOSITS HAVE INCREASED \$7,800,000. Hartford, Dec. 27.—Deposits in savings banks and trust companies in Connecticut have increased \$7,800,000.11 in the last year, an amount of increase of \$30,455,751.98, according to the annual report of Bank Commissioner John B. Byrne.

The report shows Connecticut banks have never before in a more healthful condition. The total savings and commercial deposits of all state banks is shown to be \$284,179,119, compared with \$266,427,519.98 in 1921.

Loans which the banks have made on collateral show slight increases, while loans on real estate have increased approximately \$10,900,000.

TRIAL OPENS OF NURSING BOTTLE WHISKEY CASE. Boston, Dec. 27.—Three officers of the New England Road Builders' association were charged formally today with having provided whiskey in nursing bottles at the annual dinner of the association at the Hotel Somerset recently. United States Commissioner Hayes, who heard evidence, immediately after their arraignment, reserved decision for a week, and the men were freed on their personal recognizance.

Frederick Holt, of Swampscott, secretary; Joseph A. Tommasella, treasurer; and Walter E. Lee, assistant secretary, the latter two of this city, were the men arrested. Their counsel moved the case be dismissed for lack of evidence, but the motion was dismissed by the commission.