

\$2,000,000 FUND IS DENIED BY SHONTS; NO MORGAN LETTER DENOUNCING DEAL

TURKS IN THREE-HOUR BATTLE FORCE BRITISH TO RETREAT TO SECOND LINE OF TRENCHES

Efforts to Relieve Garrison Shut Up at Kut-el-Amara Fail Again.

RUSSIANS SWEEP ON.

Landing Troops on Coast North of Erzerum Under Protection of Warships.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 19 (via London).—An attempt by British forces in Mesopotamia to cross the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara in an effort to relieve the garrison bottled up in the city was repulsed after a battle of three hours, the War Office announced to-day.

The British in their retreat were pursued to their second line entrenchments.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Under cover of warship guns, Russian transports are now landing large forces of men on the Armenian sea coast, seventy miles east of Trebizond, encountering only feeble resistance.

While the troop landing was being made, Russian torpedo boats raided the Black Sea coast, bombarding and sinking fifteen Turkish sailing ships near Trebizond. News agency dispatches to-day reported that in their pursuit of the Turks fleeing from Erzerum the Russians have occupied several minor positions.

Petrograd dispatches to-day indicated that these forces will march westward, joining the troops now advancing on Trebizond from the direction of Erzerum. The Turks are not expected to make a serious stand at Trebizond, the city being poorly fortified.

The troops are being transported from Batum, where they have been held in readiness for several months. The fact that they were not used in the earlier stages of the Armenian campaign leads to the belief that the Grand Duke has under his command much larger forces than was at first suspected and plans to push an aggressive campaign through Armenia, driving westward toward Constantinople, or to the southwest to join the British in Mesopotamia.

The Turks abandoned all their heavy artillery after unsuccessful attempts to destroy some of the larger pieces.

The moral effect of the victory is apparent already in Roumania and Greece, dispatches assert. Messages from Bucharest forecast that a mobilization of Russian troops on the Rousarian frontier in March will enable Roumania to transfer troops to the Bulgarian border, where Bulgarian-German troops are massed to awe Roumania.

Before the evacuation of Erzerum, the report adds, Kurds mercilessly massacred thousands of Armenians.

The forts, the fortress itself and the surrounding country are full of Turkish dead.

TURK ARMY IN FLIGHT ABANDONED GARRISONS IN FORTS AT ERZERUM

PETROGRAD (via London), Feb. 19.—The first story in detail of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians reached Petrograd semi-officially to-day. Apparently the Turks realized the fall of Erzerum was inevitable and withdrew most of their forces before the final onslaught.

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FAUROT, CROOK EXPERT, PINCHED BY SLEUTHS DOWN SOUTH IN DIXIE

Finger Print Chief of the Detective Bureau Run In as Suspect in Jacksonville.

A dispatch from Jacksonville, Fla., gives the news that Inspector Joseph A. Faurot, Chief of the Detective Bureau of New York Police Department, and Detective Sergeant William Haley, the Inspector's right hand man in the finger print division, were arrested yesterday as confidence men and taken to Jacksonville Police Headquarters. There the Inspector showed his credentials and two Jacksonville sleuths suddenly acquired a reputation that will stick to them all their lives.

Inspector Faurot, on a leave of absence on account of sickness, and Sgt. Haley, on vacation, left here by boat for Jacksonville last Tuesday, arriving there yesterday morning. The immense tourist business in Florida this season has lured an army of sure-things men and the sleuths of Jacksonville, Palm Beach, St. Augustine and other centres of tourist activity are keeping a keen lookout for sharpers on the Noth.

Two of Jacksonville's plain clothes men met the boat and spotted the two well dressed, alert looking New Yorkers right away. Faurot and Haley were to be in town only for the day on their way to Palm Beach, so they didn't register at a hotel, but just loafed around. In the course of the day they visited all the large hotels, but met no one they knew. The idea that they were being "trailed" by two provincial sleuths never occurred to them until last night, when the local Hawkshaws arrested them on the street.

"You all is pinched," said one of the Jacksonville "bulls."

Faurot wanted to know why and was told that he and Haley were in the judgment of the Jacksonville Police Department a menace to the community. Then Faurot ventured to reveal his identity.

"That's a new one," laughed the Jacksonville men. "Clairain" to be cops is a right original idea."

Faurot and Haley said no more. They were content. The sleuths took them before Police Chief E. C. Roach, where their credentials quickly established innocence of wrongdoing.

AMERICAN SHIP HELD UP BY A BRITISH CRUISER

Thirty Germans Taken Off the China on Her Voyage to San Francisco.

SHANGHAI, China, Feb. 19.—The American steamship China, which left Shanghai yesterday morning for San Francisco, was held up on the high seas by a British auxiliary cruiser. Thirty-eight Germans were taken off. WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Information regarding the removal of Germans from the American liner China has been received by the State Department. It is possible a protest will be made to Great Britain similar to that made to France when the French cruiser Descares recently removed Germans and Austrians from American ships in the Caribbean Sea.

VIAL FOUND IN MUD CALLED FINAL CLUE IN GIRL'S POISONING

Prosecution to Contend Bottle Held Poison That Killed Marian Lambert.

HIDDEN UNDER SNOW.

Analysis Proves That Cyanide of Potassium Caused Death of Victim.

WAUKEGAN, Ill., Feb. 19.—A small glass bottle found in the mud at the Sacred Heart Crossing of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad—a few hundred feet from the three big oaks where the Lake Forest schoolgirl, Marian Lambert, died—is now in the possession of State's Attorney Dady.

It is believed this bottle held the poison that killed the girl. Since it was stated that Will Orpet purchased a two ounce vial from C. E. Hassinger, a druggist of Madison, Wis., there has been a wide search for it.

The bottle was found by Sheriff Griffin of Lake County after the rain had melted away a snowbank at the Sacred Heart Crossing. He admitted to-day he had found the vial, but Dady was non-committal. The Madison druggist's clerk, Hassinger, will be asked if it is the same he sold to Orpet. Just before the student left Madison to meet the Lambert girl in Lake Forest.

While counsel for the defense of Orpet contended to-day that the latest bit of evidence in the death tragedy of Marian Lambert will establish that the girl committed suicide, Prosecutor J. Dady contended just as earnestly it will prove she was murdered.

The discovery that it was cyanide of potassium, and that alone, which caused Marian's death was considered by those who have followed the events of the tragedy closely, as merely weaving another mystery into the case.

The defense's claims were based on this premise. It has been shown that tiny crystals found beneath Marian Lambert's finger nails were cyanide of potassium. The poison in her stomach was the same. It is therefore shown, they contend, that the girl, to get the cyanide beneath her nails, must have taken the poison in a crystalline form herself, by taking it between her fingers from a box or paper container.

The State's claims, on the contrary, were based on this conclusion: Orpet had access to cyanide kept by his father for use in gardening. A hidden container of cyanide was found buried beneath ashes at the Orpet greenhouse. The poison beneath the girl's finger nails could be accounted for in several ways. She might have thrust her fingers into her mouth in an effort to relieve herself of the poison.

The tangle of possibilities in the case seemed no clearer to-day than at any time since young Orpet admitted he had been in the woods with the girl when she died.

The State intimated to-day many points of the mystery may be cleared at the inquest Monday.

GERMANY STANDS BY ORDERS FOR RAIDING ARMED SHIPS; FIRM ON LUSITANIA NOTE

Berlin Disputes Right of United States to Inquire Into New Policy.

MIGHT AID THE ENEMY.

Kaiser's Advisers Refuse to Prepare Another Note on Sinking of Lusitania.

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Feb. 19.—Germany has said her last word on the Lusitania matter and will not prepare another note dealing with that question, it was strongly indicated in official circles to-day.

Officials are not commenting freely upon the latest reports from Washington that Secretary Lansing will not recognize Germany's rights to torpedo armed merchantmen. But the official attitude, as nearly as can be stated, is this:

Germany does not believe the United States should interrogate her too closely upon the manner in which the new policy is to be enforced. Should the Foreign Office inform Washington just how German submarine commanders will interpret the term "armed merchantmen" in executing these orders, officials believe Germany would be imparting important naval secrets. Germany believes that this is a purely military matter concerning only herself and her allies.

Exactly what attitude the Foreign Office will take, in view of the latest reports from Washington, is not definitely known. It was stated to-day that Ambassador von Bernstorff already has been fully instructed relative to the Lusitania statement. These instructions permit him to make the changes suggested in his recent conferences with Secretary Lansing. Officials consider that the Lusitania case itself was really closed at these conferences.

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 19.—Reports that the United States will not submit to Germany's new policy of torpedoing all armed merchantmen, have aroused indignation in Germany, according to advices received here to-day.

The Cologne Gazette, which has close relations with the German Government, declares Germany will not curtail the rights of her submarines on account of reckless neutrals who insist on travelling on belligerent ships.

The other newspapers express the greatest astonishment at the news from Washington, but for the most part await confirmation from Ambassador Bernstorff before expressing decided opinions.

FOOTBALL STAR FALLS IN BATTLE AT YPRES

Lieut. G. Bache, One of England's Best Known Players, Killed in Action.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The War Office is informed that Lieut. G. Bache, one of the best known football players, has been killed in action at Ypres.

BERLIN (via London), Feb. 19.—New English attempts to recapture the positions conquered by the Germans southeast of Ypres have been repulsed, said an official statement from the War Office this afternoon. German flyers, it was announced, have bombed an enemy flying ground and railroad depot near Poperinghe.

GRAND OPERA STAR WHO IS SAID TO HAVE HAD A TILT WITH CARUSO.



GERALDINE FARRAR

NAVY ASKS MONEY FOR ANTI-AIR CRAFT GUNS

Part of \$2,757,000 Fund Needed to Install New Invention on Battleships for First Time.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—A \$2,757,000 emergency appropriation for immediate necessary repairs of machinery in battleships, torpedo destroyers and submarines, to increase the supply of mines and for the first time to equip battleships with anti-aircraft guns, was asked by Congress to-day by Secretary Daniels.

RUMOR THAT LANSING AND BERNSTORFF ARE OUT

Clash Said to Be Due to Alleged Circulation of Unfounded Stories.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—"If this unfair propaganda is not ended a certain Ambassador will be shipped back home."

This declaration was reported to have been made this afternoon by a United States official, and it was rumored that a serious clash between Secretary of State Lansing and German Ambassador Bernstorff is threatening. One cause is the circulation of what the State Department calls false information.

The feeling that may lead to an out-and-out clash is said to have been brought to a climax by an incident that occurred last night. Secretary Lansing was asked by a correspondent if it were true that he contemplated resigning.

The report that he might resign is said to have been regarded by the Secretary of State as part of a long campaign of misinformation regarding the negotiations with Germany.

GERMANS RUSH TROOPS TO THE BELGIAN FRONT

Many Trains Loaded With Infantry and Artillery Speed From Louvain and Other Points.

AMSTERDAM, Holland (via London), Feb. 19.—In the course of the last six days great German troop movements have occurred in South and Central Belgium, says a despatch from the frontier to the Telegraph.

Trains with artillery and infantry were running along the railroads to the west and south and some small detachments were transported by way of Louvain, Wavren and Gembloux to the southeast.

SHONTS TELLS OF APOLOGY MORGAN MADE AFTER LANE MADE A VISIT OF PROTEST

Interborough Head Tells Committee His Talk With Director About "Obligations" Was Not Financial, but Merely Moral.

WAS TO GET NO BENEFIT FROM 10 PER CENT. DEAL

President Theodore Shonts of the Interborough spent a strenuous three hours on the witness stand at the Thompson Legislative Committee inquiry to-day dodging questions about the "commitments and obligations" in connection with the proposed deal for third-tracking the elevated lines by which Engineer Stevens was to get 10 per cent. commission. Mr. Shonts recalled the talk he had had with Director Lane, who later went to J. P. Morgan to protest. But Mr. Shonts declared that Mr. Morgan apologized to him for calling him to his office. He denied that he had received a letter from Morgan denouncing the deal.

TAMMANY MAYOR RULES IN CITY HALL TO-DAY

Michel Goes Away to Rest and Frank Dowling Fills His Place.

New York City has a Tammany Mayor to-day. He is Frank L. Dowling, who recently became President of the Board of Aldermen. Under the charter the Aldermanic President acts as Mayor during the absence of the latter.

Mayor Mitchell left last night for the Adirondacks, where he will rest. He will not be back in the City Hall until Wednesday morning.

WIND IS NOT SO COLD—WIND MAKES IT FEEL COLD

But It Will Be Colder To-Morrow, So Look Out You Don't Catch Cold.

A fifty-four-mile-an-hour northwester made the cold wave which struck the Atlantic Coast and extended well back to the Ohio and Mississippi Valleys seem even more bitter than it was to-day. From 35 degrees last evening the mercury dropped to 9 degrees above zero at 8 o'clock to-day.

By noon the temperature had risen to 14 degrees, but the Whitehall Building prophets said the thermometer readings would begin to decrease toward sundown and that by daybreak a temperature of only 5 degrees above zero may be expected, warming up by Sunday evening to 20 or 25 degrees. The high wind is expected to die away this evening.

The cold snap toughened up the ice in Brooklyn so that skating is permitted in Prospect Park, McCarran and Highland Parks, the Bushwick, Betsy Head, New Lot and Red Hook playgrounds, Dyker Beach, Gravel Pit and Sunset and McKinley Parks.

In Manhattan and the Bronx there was skating only at Van Cortlandt Park.

Storm Holds Up German Telegrams. AMSTERDAM (via London), Feb. 19.—Thousands of telegrams from Germany have been delayed twenty-four to forty-eight hours on account of damage to land wires by the storm in Northern Holland. Many of these telegrams have reached Amsterdam by mail and are now being distributed.

Shonts insisted that he did not discuss the \$2,000,000 commission with Mr. Lane. He insisted that the "obligations and commitments" were not financial, but moral, made binding by Stevens abandoning other important work to take the third tracking work. President Theodore P. Shonts of the Interborough was smiling when he faced the Thompson committee this afternoon, but the smile soon faded. "Did you use the words 'commitments and obligations' in your conversation aside with Gardiner M. Lane after the break-up of the Interborough directors' meeting?" asked Counsel Bainbridge Colby. "To the best of my recollection I used one or both of them," Mr. Shonts replied. "I think that I said that all the commitments I have made have been on the basis that prices and quality must be equal before friendship commences." "Can I have a copy of that motto?" asked Senator Thompson. "It is an imaginary motto," said Mr. Shonts. "I live up to it. It isn't framed." "You seem to think in mottoes," commented Mr. Colby. "Do you ever say that 'Honest hearts are more than coronets?'" "Seemingly Mr. Colby liked the word 'honest' better than 'kind,'" which Mr. Tennyson wrote. "My reading is not so extensive as counsel's," Mr. Shonts replied. "I have not so much language at my tongue's end." DIDN'T WANT TO QUARREL WITH LANE. Q. What did you say to Mr. Lane as to commitments and obligations? A. Only that they were to Mr. Stevens, and that Lane and I needn't quarrel. I'd put off my sailing. "Did you say that you were committed to Stevens?" asked Mr. Thompson. "Yes," replied President Shonts. "I said Stevens had promised me he'd lay aside other work to attend to this." Q. Why didn't you say that to the full Board of Directors? A. I did; at least I think I did. Q. Then why did you have to call Lane aside into another room? A. I felt that there was hostility to my proposition on the part of Lane and Read. Q. Then why did you ask only Lane into the side room? A. I'll quote from Scripture: "Two women shall be grinding at the mill and one shall be taken and the other left." I don't know but that was it. Q. You're going pretty far back for