

YORKTOWN'S CAPTAIN DIES AT GUAYAQUIL

Commander Bertolotto Got Yellow Fever While Guarding U. S. Interests.

SEAMEN DOWN AND I DEAD

Commander Ordered Away From Plague Stricken Port. Ecuador Government Again in Control.

YORKTOWN, Jan. 24.—Because of the death of his captain, Commander Levi Bertolotto, U. S. S. Albatross, and one of her seamen from yellow fever and the evacuation of passengers in Guayaquil, the United States gunboat Yorktown was ordered away from the fever-infested port today.

The Yorktown will move 110 miles up the coast of Ecuador to St. Elena. There is no doubt that the means by which she will keep in touch with the Navy Department and she will use her wireless to transmit the cruiser Maryland now on her way from Honolulu to Guayaquil. The wireless has a range of 200 miles and is expected to be within a day or two of the Maryland of the Yorktown and join her at St. Elena. The Maryland will render whatever assistance is needed by the Yorktown.

Commander Bertolotto died at 2 o'clock this morning. Clarence W. Wood, an ordinary seaman, died yesterday morning. Commander Bertolotto was the first to be seized with fever, having been taken ill about ten days ago. Up to yesterday reports received at the Navy Department were favorable, and his recovery was expected. He had been placed under quarantine on board the Yorktown, and Lieut. E. E. Seranton was in command of the gunboat.

The Yorktown has on board the bodies of Commander L. C. Bertolotto and Seaman Wood. Three other seamen developed yellow fever, and it is not yet certain that all the rest of the crew will escape. The Yorktown was thoroughly disinfected today under the direction of Dr. Parker of the United States marine hospital service stationed at Guayaquil.

It is said at the Navy Department that every possible step has been taken to prevent the spread of the disease on the ship and that the only danger now lies in the possibility that some members of the crew have contracted the disease at Guayaquil.

Great indignation was expressed today at both the State and Navy Departments that American naval officers and men should be subjected to the danger of yellow fever because of the failure of the United States to make her principal port of call for her ships. As was told in the Sun last week, Guayaquil has been a pest hole and a menace to all shipping of the west coast of South and Central America owing to its unsanitary conditions, and all efforts of the United States government to bring about a clearing up of the city have so far proved unavailing. The money necessary has been found for Ecuador but through the workings of petty politics and personal interests the work has never been done.

It is believed that the distressing plight of the officers and men on the Yorktown will demonstrate to the world what a menace to humanity the port is in its present condition. Another officer of the navy said today: "They might just as well have taken these poor fellows out and shot them as maintain a port so filthy that Northerners cannot escape yellow fever except by staying on board ship."

The Yorktown was ordered to Guayaquil about three weeks ago when a faction seeking to overthrow the constitutional government destroyed American property on the Guayaquil and Quito Railroad, a United States concern. The Maryland was ordered from Honolulu to take up the Yorktown, the situation having grown worse up to a few days ago. State Department advisers received today word to the effect that peace has been declared and the presence of an American ship is no longer required. The rebels were defeated and obliged to make terms with the Government forces. The leaders of the revolt are now in prison.

The death of Commander Bertolotto is regarded as most tragic at this time because of the fact that his wife has recently given birth to a baby and is now in San Francisco awaiting her husband's return. They were married in Yorktown on the cruise of the Atlantic fleet around the world.

Commander Bertolotto was a native of Reading, Pa., and was born July 4, 1876. He was a member of the class of 1897 at the United States Naval Academy. During the Spanish-American War he was executive officer of the Vermont until his ship reached Manila on the cruise of the Atlantic fleet. He had been on the Yorktown since July 29, 1910.

Count von Aehrenthal Has Leucocythemia and Falls to Improve.

Count von Aehrenthal, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs, does not respond to the medical treatment he is receiving for his illness. His condition is said to be worse.

The Foreign Minister is suffering from leucocythemia, a disordered condition of the blood.

Ask any diplomat



CAMORRISTS FALSELY ACCUSED?

Judge Who Held Thirty for Murder Said to Be Conscience Stricken.

VITTIANO, Jan. 24.—There was a surprising development today in the trial of the thirty odd camorristas for the murder of Gennaro Cuccolo and his wife, Signor Spirito, a member of the Chamber of Deputies and a prominent Neapolitan lawyer, was called as a witness for the defense. He started the court at the very outset by declaring that Judge Lucchese Palli, the magistrate who conducted the preliminary investigation of the murders before the indictments were brought in, had become conscience-stricken.

Palli, the witness said, had weepingly confessed to him (Spirito) his belief that the charges made by Abbatemaggio, the informer, on which the camorristas are being tried for the murders, were false and that they had been made at the instigation of the carabinieri, who induced Abbatemaggio to make his confession.

The lawyers for the defense immediately demanded that Judge Palli be subpoenaed and placed on the stand. The Judge took the matter under consideration.

TURKEY BORROWS \$7,500,000.

Gets Assurance of Amity From Montenegro Despite Troop Movements.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 24.—A loan of \$7,500,000 has been made to the Turkish Government by the National Bank and the Salonica Bank.

CETTINJE, Jan. 24.—Mobilizations of Montenegrin soldiers on the Turkish frontier have caused uneasiness at Constantinople and the Turkish Minister, Sadrudin Bey, requested an explanation today from Dr. Tomanovitch, Premier and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro.

Dr. Tomanovitch replied that the movements of the army were merely for the purpose of training the soldiers and were of routine character. No hostility was intended, he said, toward Turkey, with which country Montenegro desired only the most friendly relations.

ORDERS STRIKERS TO WORK.

But Argentine Government Fails to End Trouble on the Railroads.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 24.—The Argentine Government has issued a decree ordering the railroad strikers to return to work immediately on the ground of public welfare. The strikers, however, are disregarding the order.

The men say they will refuse to abandon the walkout until the companies agree to discharge all strike-breakers and to find room for all their former employees.

TAKE LAND FROM FRENCHMEN.

Spaniards Resent Grants Made in Their Zone in Morocco.

MELILLA, Jan. 24.—Much indignation is expressed among the Spaniards here at the action of a French firm, the Braunschweig company, in securing a grant of land within the Spanish zone. It is maintained that the proceeding is high-handed and illegal.

The Spanish authorities have taken possession of the land.

"TRUTH" ACCUSES AMERICANS.

Mr. Vanderbilt Says He and Mr. Goelt Lost in Rubber Enterprise.

LONG BEACH, Jan. 24.—In an article in this week's issue of Truth charges the directors of the United Malaysian Rubber Company, which includes Cornelius Vanderbilt and Robert Goelt of New York and John L. Elliott, with inducing the shareholders of the English Malaysian Manufacturing Company to pay \$1,967,500, or \$9,987,500 for shares of the New Jersey company which were worth only \$24,000, or \$1,120,000. The paper also charges that afterward the directors paid the losses of the New Jersey company and frustrated the shareholders' demands for information.

The vendors' profits in the deal, it is alleged, exceeded \$1,000,000, or \$5,000,000. Of this amount Mr. Vanderbilt is alleged to have received \$217,000, or \$855,000; Mr. Goelt \$25,000, or \$425,000; Mr. Elliott \$171,000, or \$855,000, and a syndicate which was identical with Mr. Elliott \$294,000, or \$1,470,000. Of the syndicate's profits of \$1,470,000, a sum of \$147,000, or \$735,000, went to a group of Franco-American financiers among whom was the Marquis de Charnace.

Truth says that the concessions which the prospectus boomed are regarded by many authorities as worthless. The writer sets forth the whole affair in detail and contends that the shareholders have a strong claim for substantial redress. He says he understands that the Board of Trade will be asked to make a searching inquiry into the whole business.

INTERNATIONAL TAXATION.

Greece and Germany to Back Each Other in Death Duties.

ATHENS, Jan. 24.—Greece and Germany have signed an agreement relating to death duties. It provides for a process of taxing the estates of the subjects of the one country held in the other country at the time of death.

ALFONSO'S FESTIVAL.

King of Spain Gives Money to the Poor and Remits Death Sentences.

MADRID, Jan. 24.—King Alfonso has celebrated his name day by donating 100,000 pesetas to the poor and by remitting eight death sentences.

TO GIVE UP TURKS WHILE GUNS BOOM SALUTES

Italy Makes Complete Surrender to France on Manoubra Arrests.

KEEPS ON SEARCHING SHIPS

Men She Took Were Really Red Crescent Doctors—Blockade of Hodeida Notified to U. S.

ROME, Jan. 24.—The Italian and French diplomats who are handling the matter of the seizure of the French steamer Manoubra and the arrest and imprisonment by the Italian warships of twenty-nine members of the Turkish Red Crescent Society are arranging a protocol under the terms of which the Turks will be handed over to France. An Italian warship will take the twenty-nine men from Cagliari and proceed to some point outside, where they will be handed over to the commander of a French warship armed with the booming of guns and the dipping of flags.

The diplomats will also arrange for the landing of the Turks at some neutral point. It is feared that there might be popular demonstrations if they were landed either at Marseilles or Tunis. It has been proved that the Turks are really physicians and hospital attendants and bona fide members of the Red Crescent Society.

TUNIS, Jan. 24.—Italian warships are still busy stopping steamships off this coast suspected of carrying contraband. Several Italian destroyers stopped the French steamer Tafna outside Gabes, about 200 miles from here, yesterday, but after an examination allowed her to proceed.

The Tunisian steamship Eugene Resal was held by a flotilla of Italian destroyers twenty miles off Djerba, but was allowed to continue on her course after an examination of her papers. The German steamer Pera arrived here today with a German Red Cross force for the Bengazian mission in the Turkish war zone. Her captain called upon the French Resident to examine his papers and then proceeded to his destination.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 24.—The Porte has sent a full list of the names and the medical degrees of the twenty-nine members of the Red Crescent Society who were taken off the steamship Manoubra and are now incarcerated at Cagliari, Sardinia. The Italian authorities at the latter place ordered the doctors and the ambulance staff among the prisoners to submit to a medical examination. Every one of them passed in brilliant style.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—No official advice has been received by the French government in confirmation of reports from Rome that the Italian authorities intend to release the members of the Turkish Red Crescent Society seized aboard the French steamer Manoubra (Camille Barrère, the French Ambassador at Rome, has not notified the Quai d'Orsay of the result of the interview of the subject with the Italian Foreign Minister, Marquis di San Giuliano.

If it be true that Italy has examined the Turkish prisoners, and has ordered their release because they really are doctors and hospital workers, such a proceeding will not be satisfactory to France. The French government demands that the Turks be not merely released but be handed over to the French authorities. They must not simply be set free at Cagliari.

The French naval demonstration is well under way. Although it is officially denied that the manœuvres are intended to impress Italy the public does not doubt that this is the object.

MADEIRA, Jan. 24.—The French steamer Carthage, owned by the Compagnie Transatlantique, which was held up and taken to Cagliari by Italian destroyers because of the presence of an aeroplane on board, arrived here tonight.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—The Italian Government gave notice to the State Department today through the American Embassy at Rome that the blockade of the Turkish coast on the Red Sea in the vicinity of Hodeida will take effect five days hence unless it be allowed five days in which to clear from the blockade.

The blockade of Hodeida and vicinity has been declared because it is the belief of the Italian Government that arms, supplies and men have been leaving that port for Tripoli by way of Egypt.

TO SALUTE KING GEORGE.

British, French and Spanish Fleets Meeting the Yacht Medina.

MALTA, Jan. 24.—The Peninsular and Oriental Company's steam yacht Medina, with King George and Queen Mary on board, arrived in the harbor at Valetta today on the return voyage of the sovereigns to England from the Delhi durbar. The British Mediterranean fleet had assembled to meet them and a squadron of French warships under command of Admiral Boue de Lapeyrière was also in the harbor to salute the royal flag.

There are throngs of British and French visitors in Valetta. The King and Queen are to remain until the 27th, and the intervening time is to be given up to festivities.

The town of Valetta is elaborately decorated and the King and Queen got an enthusiastic reception when they came ashore. There was a parade of the troops in the garrison, and the people who crowded the streets cheered enthusiastically.

The Medina's propeller was damaged slightly by fouling something as she entered the harbor. Divers are making an examination to discover the extent of the injury.

MADRID, Jan. 24.—The Spanish battleship Pelayo and the armored cruiser Emperor Carlos V. and Catalonia have been ordered to proceed to Gibraltar to salute King George when he arrives there on his way home from the durbar.

FRANCO-SPANISH TALK.

Nothing Critical Regarding Morocco When Geoffrey Sees Poincaré.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—M. Geoffrey, the French Ambassador to Spain, who has returned to Paris for a conference concerning the Moroccan situation, had a long interview with Premier Raymond Poincaré yesterday.

It is understood that nothing at all critical could be discovered in the Spanish attitude and a happy solution is looked for.

THREATENING PARAGUAY.

Argentina Menaces Neighbor, Which Is Torn by Revolution.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 24.—The revolutionary trouble in Paraguay has taken an international phase. There is a quarrel on between Paraguay and Argentina and the Government of this republic threatens to break off diplomatic relations to-morrow unless the administration at Asuncion gives immediate satisfaction for attacks on shipping and other property belonging to Argentine citizens, and promises to furnish compensation.

The dispute over aggressions against the Argentine flag date back to January 17, when the Paraguayan revolutionists at Asuncion fired on several Argentine vessels in the harbor and the Argentine cruiser Espora replied by throwing shells across the city. Most likely, however, the acute phase of the dispute is due to the appearance yesterday of a Brazilian gunboat conducting President Rojas back to Asuncion to resume the Presidency which the rebels compelled him to resign two or three days previously.

Behind the Paraguayan revolutionary movement there is a conflict of Brazilian and Argentine influence. The two big republics are constantly engaged in a struggle for diplomatic supremacy in the little buffer State which lies between them.

Ernesto Bosch, the Argentine Foreign Minister, instructed the Argentine Minister at Asuncion a few days ago to make claims for compensation upon the Paraguayan Government. Paraguay, which was at that time under the Rojas or Brazilian influence, refused to entertain the proposition. The present threat of severing relations is the ostensible result.

MAKE LABOR DOMINANT.

Ben Turner Defines Ambition of British Party—Socialism Grows.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 24.—The annual conference of the British Labor party opened here today.

Ben Turner, president of the conference, in his address of welcome to the delegates said that the past year had been one of industrial unrest which had rebounded to the benefit of labor. Apart from Parliament, the workmen had been able to secure higher wages, fewer hours and better regulations. It had been a glorious year, said the president.

"Our business," he continued, "is to make the Labor party the dominant political party in the state. Slowly and surely the public conscience is deepening toward public ownership of the means of life. Scores of thousands of workmen who have joined trade unions have become socialists."

NEW FLIGHT RECORDS.

Tabuteau Raises Speed and Time Figures for Aeroplanes at Pau.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PAU, Jan. 24.— Maurice Tabuteau established three speed records to-day in his monoplane. He travelled 200 kilometers in 1 hour 54 minutes, 21 seconds, and then, continuing his flight, he passed the 250 kilometer mark in 2 hours 22 minutes 57 seconds and covered 300 kilometers in 2 hours 54 minutes 42 seconds.

In miles the distances for which the record was made are about 124.28, 155.35 and 186.41. The record for 200 kilometers has been held since September's last by Asturin, who made it in 2 hours 18 minutes 30.45 seconds in a Bleriot monoplane at Bordeaux.

New records for time flights were also established by Tabuteau, who made 265.287 kilometers, or about 127 miles 5 furlongs, in 2 hours, and 316.287 kilometers, or 196 miles 673 yards, in 3 hours.

FINE GIBBONS PORTRAIT.

Cervex of Paris Does the Cardinal for Charles Carroll of Maryland.

Special Cable Dispatch to THE SUN.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—Henri Cervex, the well known artist, has just finished a remarkable portrait of Cardinal Gibbons. The portrait was painted for Charles Carroll of Maryland and will be placed in his home at Emmetsburg, in that State.

FORM AN AIRSHIP COMPANY.

Brooklyn Men Expect to Carry Passengers—Woum Cross Atlantic.

ALBANY, Jan. 24.—Louis L. Crane, C. Crane and John F. Callaghan of Brooklyn are incorporating of Louis L. Crane's Airship Transportation Company, Inc., of Brooklyn, which was incorporated today to engage in the business of carrying passengers in air navigating machines. The capital is \$100,000.

Louis L. Crane lives at 259 Ninth street, Brooklyn. He said last night that he had been working on an airship for more than twenty years and expects to fly across the Atlantic next summer. His ship is to be a combination of a balloon 100 feet long and a forty-five foot box kite, equipped with two motors of 100 horse-power each.

Suspended from the kite is to be a room for seven passengers. There will also be two lifeboats, two pontoons and a stack of canned food.

Mr. Crane said that when the airship met a head wind the kite would carry it along, and that when the wind was behind the sails would be hoisted. He thinks he will cross the ocean in about four days, but will know more about it after making a trial trip from Long Beach to Philadelphia next June.

HEIKE'S IMMUNITY PLEA.

Meaning of Word "Concerning" Point at Issue in a Brief.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—An immunity plea was submitted in the United States Supreme Court to-day on behalf of Charles R. Heike, formerly secretary of the American Sugar Refining Company. Heike was found guilty of conspiracy to defraud the Government in connection with the sugar weighing scandals. In a petition filed in the Supreme Court to-day on behalf of Heike, review of the case is asked and immunity is claimed for Heike because of testimony he gave to the Federal grand jury which investigated the sugar trust.

"The kernel of the question," says the brief for Heike, "lies in the meaning of the word 'concerning.' The brief argues that prosecutions should be instituted for specific offences and not for conspiracy.

Appointed by Borough President Connolly.

John W. Moore, for fifteen years in the building business in Manhattan, was appointed Superintendent of the Bureau of Buildings in Queens yesterday to succeed John J. Simmons, resigned. John R. Higgins, an architect, was appointed Superintendent of the Bureau of Sewers in place of Oliver S. Hardgrove, whose resignation has been pending for some time.

MANCHU PRINCES NOW ASK AID FROM JAPAN

Doubtful if the Mikado's Government Will Bolster Up the Chinese Empire.

FEAR OF FIGHTING AT PEKIN

U. S. Ministers Call Americans to Zone of Safety—Mukden Treasures—Forced Loan.

Special Cable Dispatches to THE SUN.

PEKIN, Jan. 24.—There is a rumor in circulation to-night that the imperial clan has appealed, or will immediately appeal, to Japan to save the empire. The Princess Tsai Hsun, Tsai Tao and Chun, the former Regent, according to the report, urged the Dowager Empress to take this course and she consented.

Well informed people do not believe that Japan will listen to such an appeal now, although she might have done so at the beginning of the revolution.

There is talk of a renewal of the fighting and also of difficulties about raising funds, which are bothering both sides.

William J. Calhoun, the American Minister to China, has issued a warning to Americans in the vicinity of Peking to return to the capital, and he has advised that those in Peking refrain from wandering in unprotected districts.

The possibility of an uprising among the republicans about Peking is increasing and fighting may be started at any time. This would endanger foreigners not within reach of protection by their legations.

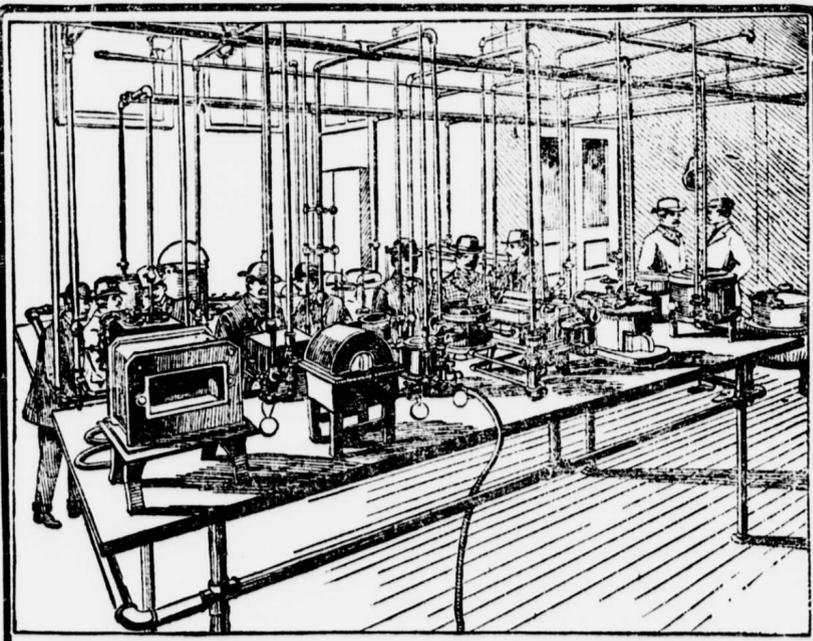
Friction between the Manchou troops of the imperial army and Yuan Shih Kai's force of Chinese troops is increasing and a serious conflict may take place at any moment. The report of the intention of Premier Yuan Shih Kai to leave Peking at the first favorable opportunity is again current with confirmatory details. It is said he intends to go to Tientsin and take up his residence in the British concession there.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A Peking despatch to the Daily Telegraph says a New York expert who has examined the treasures of the imperial palace at Mukden, Manchuria, says the 10,000 pieces of porcelain there are practically worthless. The best of the porcelains have been removed. But there are pearls, gold bronzes and objects of art which are highly valuable.

The sale of the imperial treasures in Peking has begun. Parisian dealers have already bought several million francs' worth of pearls. The Manchou princes are reserving the best porcelains, for which they are asking fabulous prices.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24.—The republican Minister of War has demanded that the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company hand over to the revolutionary treasury \$5,000,000 (10,000,000 taels) immediately with which to pay the republican troops.

Unless the money is delivered the War Minister declares he will commandeer the company's steamships and sell them to the highest bidder. The directors asked for time to consult the stockholders.



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MRS. WETMORE NOT GUILTY.

Court Decides That Offensive Letter to Rector Was Not Traced to Her.

YONKERS, Jan. 21.—In the Court of Special Sessions to-day Mrs. George H. Wetmore of 59 Villa avenue was found not guilty of writing an offensive letter to the Rev. George H. Houghton, Rector of St. Mary's Episcopal Mission, Sherwood Park. The letter was signed "Mrs. W." Judge Best decided that it was not proved that Mrs. Wetmore wrote it.

Mrs. Wetmore faintly when the Judge announced his decision. She was not put on the stand. Her husband had denied that she wrote the letter.

After the case was decided Mrs. Wetmore's lawyer said that he would begin a civil action against the clergyman for \$5,000 damages on account of the assault alleged to have been committed on his client by the rector in the mission vestibule when he tried to prevent her entering the building to attend a parish meeting two weeks ago.

Mr. Butler was recently exonerated by a Bishop's commission of a charge of slander preferred by Mrs. Wetmore.

Bill in for New Federal Building.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—Senator O'Connell today introduced in the Senate the bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for the purchase of a site and the erection of a new post office and United States Court house in New York.

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Chauffeur Held for Boy's Death.

The Kulp, the chauffeur whose machine ran over and killed seven-year-old Dominus Mahler, playing in front of his home at 152 West Sixty-fourth street on Wednesday evening, was held in \$2,000 bail by Coroner Hellerstein yesterday morning on a charge of homicide.