

QUINTON MAY REFUSE TO FIGHT VEDRINES

Head of French Aerial League Doesn't Consider a Duel Justifiable.

AVIATOR LOSING FRIENDS

Mechanic Who Became Expert Airman Seems to Have "Swelled Head."

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Feb. 16.—The four seconds in the proposed duel between Jules Vedrines, the aviator, and M. Quinton, the president of the National Aerial League, met today to consider the question.

It will be recalled that while Vedrines was at Cairo, after coming to his flight from Paris, M. Roux, another aviator, who had flown as a passenger with Aviator Ducaudot to the Taurus Mountains, where they had an accident, approached him and offered his congratulations. Vedrines replied by slapping Roux in the face. The latter immediately challenged Vedrines to fight a duel, but the latter declined to accept the challenge. M. Quinton then telegraphed M. Vedrines that if he did not fight Roux he had better return to France. To this Vedrines sent a reply to the effect that he would come back to Paris and fight M. Quinton.

After today's conference M. Quinton's seconds informed the representatives of M. Vedrines that their principal did not consider that a duel was justifiable, on the grounds, first, that Vedrines did not fight Roux and, secondly, that M. Quinton's telegram to Vedrines did not constitute an offense.

Vedrines has failed to swing popular feeling in his favor, although at first he made out a fair case. Some of his peculiar sayings since his return to Paris may perhaps account for this. In one interview Vedrines said: "I smacked Roux because he acted like a tradesman, not a Frenchman, and deserve to be promoted to be an officer of the Legion of Honor for this smack."

At another time the aviator said: "I do not wish to say anything. Remember the history of the Ems despatch. Almost the same thing has happened again. Other remarks indicating that Vedrines is suffering from what is generally known as the swelled head are attributed to him.

The duelling code would allow M. Quinton to refuse to fight M. Vedrines on the ground of the difference in their social position, Vedrines being a mechanic, but M. Quinton is willing to waive this, as Vedrines is a chevalier of the Legion of Honor.

OPPOSES BAGDAD AGREEMENT.

Paris "Temps" Says It Means Eviction of France From Railroad.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Feb. 16.—The agreement reached by France and Germany in regard to railroads in Asia Minor is entirely unsatisfactory to Le Temps, which calls it the eviction of France from the Bagdad Railway, the only great railroad in western Asia whose construction is under immediate consideration. The Armenian system, which under the agreement is reserved for France, affords no real compensation, in the opinion of the Temps, which says:

"It is true that the advantage remains that a religious question with Germany is arranged and the risk of a conflict is suppressed. We have a school of diplomats who are in a minority, but who are most active, which considers that any agreement with Germany is a victory no matter what the cost may be."

The Temps concludes by arguing that the people will not agree with this state of mind. They will consider that a badly conducted matter has been badly liquidated.

FERDINAND COMING IN 1915.

Bulgarian Queen, However, Will Visit U. S. This Spring.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 17.—A Sofia despatch to the Times says King Ferdinand will not go to America in 1914, as has been reported, but if circumstances permit he will probably visit the Panama Pacific Exposition at San Francisco in 1915, when he will be accompanied by his sons, Princes Boris and Cyril.

Queen Eleanor will possibly go to America this spring on a visit of some weeks. Her trip will be made because of her interest in some charitable objects.

HEAVY FINE FOR BRITISH M. P.

Sir Stuart Samuel Has to Pay \$85,000 for Silver Deal.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Sir Stuart Samuel, Member of Parliament and member of the firm of Samuel Montagu & Co. bankers, was fined \$13,000 (\$65,000) in the King's Bench Division of the High Court to-day. He was convicted of having sat and voted as a member of the House of Commons when he was a member of a firm making profits as Government contractors. In 1912 Sir Stuart's firm carried out a very important silver deal on behalf of the Government in India.

The judgment was obtained by William Bird, who sued the defendant as a "common informer."

The district represented in the House of Commons by Sir Stuart Samuel is the Whitechapel division of Tower Hamlets. Sir Stuart, who is a Radical, has been expelled from to-day's election. To-day's suit was the third brought against him under the law which gives any informer the right to claim penalties. The two suits were dismissed on technicalities.

ZAMOR'S TROOPS IN HAYTI WIN.

Defeat Theodor's Men in Two Battles; Capture Port de Paix.

PORT AU PRINCE, Feb. 16.—Government troops which had been sent by President Oreste Zamor to suppress the revolutionary movement under the leadership of Senator Davilain Theodor won two victories in the north yesterday. A detachment of rebel troops was routed at Plateau, a town on the road from Gonaives to Cap-Haitien, and the Federal troops captured Port de Paix, which had been in the hands of the rebels since the outbreak of the revolution, after a fight.

The Government troops were under command of Gen. Carlos Zamor, Minister of the Interior, who is a brother of the new President.

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DEPORTED MEN AT LAS PALMAS.

African Labor Leaders Say Their Trip Wasn't Entirely Unexpected.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LAS PALMAS, Canary Islands, Feb. 16.—The steamship Ungen, on which a dozen labor leaders from South Africa are being taken to England, called here for provisions to-day and remained for two hours. No one was allowed to go aboard or leave the vessel.

The labor leaders who had been deported so unexpectedly talked to some reporters, who approached the ship in a launch. They declared that their deportation was not altogether a surprise to them. They declined to make any statement until after they have had a consultation with the English trade union leaders.

LINEAR NIAGARA RETURNING.

All on Board Disabled French Steamship Reported Well.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. HAVRE, Feb. 16.—A wireless message from the disabled French liner Niagara says that she is 130 miles southwest of Bray Head bound for Havre under her own steam. She is being escorted by two vessels whose names are not given.

The Compagnie Generale Transatlantique received a wireless message early in the day saying that all on board the Niagara were well.

The Niagara lost one of her propellers on Saturday and was obliged to turn back. She has 147 passengers on board.

INSTALL NAPOLEONIC RELICS.

Gifts From Late J. P. Morgan in the Carnavalet Museum.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. PARIS, Feb. 16.—The Carnavalet Museum installed to-day with due ceremony the late J. Pierpont Morgan's Napoleonic relics which were presented to the museum by the late financier. The relics include one glove, one shoe, a brooch and a drinking cup.

The city fathers seized the opportunity to remove from the museum a decayed coat of Victor Hugo, which has attracted undue attention in a civic museum.

BALFOUR CONFERS WITH KING.

Rumor Now Phase of the Home Rule Question May Follow.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 16.—The fact that Arthur J. Balfour, the former Unionist leader, who took luncheon with the King to-day, remained at the palace for two hours, is the subject of gossip in Parliamentary circles.

It is rumored that the conference was a prelude to some new phase of the home rule question.

HAMMERSTEIN GETS PLAYLET.

"Should a Woman Tell?" to Be Seen Here March 16.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 16.—William Hammerstein has secured the American rights to "Should a Woman Tell?" which he will present in New York on March 16.

On November 2 last Gaby Deslys said in an interview that she was in negotiation with the Rev. A. J. Waldron, Vicar of Brixton, the author of this playlet, for the American rights. She thought the play had "true Christian qualities and a beautiful moral" and would like to act in it on Sunday evenings in New York.

CARMANIA'S MAIL ON OLYMPIC.

It Will Leave Southampton for New York to-morrow.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 16.—The mail bags left behind at Queenstown yesterday by the steamer Carmania are being transferred to Southampton, where they will be placed on board the White Star liner Olympic with the other America mail. The Olympic will sail from Southampton on Wednesday afternoon.

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MEXICAN EXCHANGE HIT HARD BY RUMOR

Federals Escape Rebels in Desert, Being Without Water for 86 Hours.

CARAVEO EXECUTES FIVE

Gen. Orozco Is Said to Be Near Monclova With Between 500 and 600 Recruits.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. MEXICO CITY, Feb. 16.—Owing to the publication of a false story of an official bulletin on the Stock Exchange, presumably for speculative purposes, to the effect that the Government had decided to stop the coinage of silver and issue small bills instead, there was a slight reaction in the price of exchange, which closed at 290. The Government says the story is untrue.

A Federal captain who left Ojinaga with Gen. Caraveo has arrived here. In a report to Gen. Blanquet, the Secretary of War, the Captain says Gen. Caraveo crossed the desert from Ojinaga to Torreon with only nineteen men. On several occasions they were thirty-six hours without water.

Big parties of rebels pursued them and they had several narrow escapes from capture. They finally reached Sierra Mojada, one of the terminals of the National Railways. Gen. Caraveo then learned that there was a big force of rebels in that vicinity hunting for him.

The leader of these rebels, a man named Rioja, and four of his men were at that time negotiating for horses for the rebels at the La Lamo ranch.

On hearing this Gen. Caraveo and his party went to the ranch. They captured Rioja and his party and shot them.

Gen. Orozco, who was reported by the Government a week ago as being in Torreon, is now believed to be near Monclova with a newly recruited force of 500 or 600 men.

Col. August Bustamante, one of the most capable officers in the Federal force at Ojinaga at the time of its capture by the rebels, has arrived alone at La Paz, Lower California.

The Government admits that there was a serious uprising at Jalapa, State of Oaxaca, a week ago. Order has now been restored.

The Finance Department announces that the Government is about to issue a decree levying a tax of one-eighth of 1 per cent. on all capital and real estate. It will also issue 500,000,000 pesos worth of fiat notes.

The Finance Department also announces that the Government has paid in Paris the first money instalment on a tremendous quantity of arms and ammunition from Japan, which will be shipped immediately.

SPECIAL GUARD FOR SALAZAR.

Federal Commander Fears Attack by Rebels.

EL PASO, Feb. 16.—Jose Ynez Salazar is locked up in the guardhouse at Fort Bliss to-night, where the rebels cannot get him and where the American guards won't be so nervous. He slept to-night peacefully within four steel walls and seemed to like his transfer as a change from his isolated tent in the prison camp, with the steady tramp, tramp of the two armed sentries on the outside.

Salazar had a tip that the rebels were planning to make a demonstration near his tent in an effort to convey to his guards the impression that it was a plan to rescue him. He became frightened, fearing that the demonstration might cause his guards to shoot him and investigate later. He told this to Gen. Hugh L. Scott, and also complained that the constant presence of the sentries outside of his tent was making him nervous. Gen. Scott told the Huerta General that he could go to the guardhouse, and Salazar embraced the opportunity.

Gen. Scott received a telegram from one of his officers in New Mexico this afternoon stating that Maximo Castillo's bandit band had been located on the ranch of the Palomas Land and Cattle Company, an American concern south of Dog Springs, N. M. for Washington and that rebel troops were in close pursuit and that the Castillo band was exhausted.

Pancho Villa in Juarez also received advice that Castillo's band is on the Palomas ranch and that Castillo is with the band. Villa declared that he is certain his men have surrounded the bandits at last.

Villa remains in Juarez without explanation of his continued presence. Reports from Sonora say that Venustiano Carranza is headed for Juarez. Just when he will come, if he is coming to Juarez or Chihuahua, Villa does not say. He said to-night that he expected Carranza "in a day or two," but explained that if his arms and ammunition arrived from New York before Carranza got to Juarez he would go south at once and see Carranza later.

E. F. Villarreal, recently appointed treasurer of the rebel government in Chihuahua, left to-night for Washington and New York. He was formerly manager of the Torreon Smelter, owned by the Madero estate.

JAPANESE ENVOY RETURNS.

Made Arrangements for Protection of Nationals in Mexico.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—It was learned to-day that Masano Hanhara, formerly counselor of the Japanese Embassy here, will arrive in Washington this week en route from Mexico to Japan.

Mr. Hanhara went to Mexico city on a special mission for the Japanese Foreign Office, to which he is now attached, and has just completed his work there. He went to Mexico on the cruiser Izumina, the west coast of Mexico. He said he was instructed to investigate the condition of the 2,000 Japanese subjects said to be in Mexico and direct such preparations as might be necessary to arrange for their protection in the event of more serious troubles in Mexico.

It is presumed that during his visit here Mr. Hanhara will give Ambassador Chinda the benefit of his first hand knowledge of conditions in Mexico and it is thought quite probable that the Ambassador will present him to Secretary of State Bryan. At the Embassy it was said to-day that Mr. Hanhara is coming to Washington to renew acquaintance with many warm friends here and that there is no political significance to his visit. Mr. Hanhara was one of the most popular members of the Diplomatic Corps during his service in Washington and acquired a reputation for extraordinary energy and ineffectiveness.

ROME COURT BAIL BRILLIANT.

Many Americans Present—Ladies Wear Coral Jewelry.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. ROME, Feb. 16.—The second court ball to-night was less crowded than usual, but was very brilliant. Queen Elena and many of the ladies wore coral jewelry, which the Queen is trying to boom in fulfillment of her promise to the coral fishers, whose industry has been on the decline.

Many Americans were invited, including the following: Mrs. Hugh T. Inman of Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Florence Palmer of Washington, D. C.; Prof. W. T. Dellatorre of Charleston, S. C.; Thomas P. Lindsey and Mrs. Lindsey, the stepson-in-law and stepdaughter of Ambassador Page; Mrs. Louise Richardson, mother of the Second Secretary of the American Embassy; Rear Admiral and Mrs. Rodgers and their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Arthur Moore, Jr. and Truman H. Newberry, former Secretary of the Navy, and Mrs. Newberry.

SWEDISH CABINET FORMED.

Baron Hammarskjold Becomes Premier and Finance Minister.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. STOCKHOLM, Feb. 16.—Baron Hammarskjold, former Minister of Ecclesiastical Affairs and a member of the new Hague court of arbitration, has succeeded in forming a Cabinet to succeed the one headed by Karl Staaf, which has just resigned because of opposition to King Gustav's plans for increased armaments.

The Baron in addition to the Premiership will be Minister of Finance. M. Wallenberg is the new Foreign Minister and the other posts are filled by prominent men.

FRESH ATTACKS ON HAMILTON.

Great Eastern's Head Once Thought Little of American Railroads.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 16.—To-day's fresh attacks on Lord Claud Hamilton, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Eastern Railway, who declared in announcing the appointment of Henry W. Thornton as general manager of the road that no suitable man could be found in England, include the resuscitation of a statement he made after a visit to America in 1907. At that time Lord Claud Hamilton told the shareholders of the Great Eastern that English railroads had very little to learn from the American systems.

ATHENS BEAUTIFIER COMING.

Report Thomas Mawson Will Make a Visit to U. S.

Special Cable Despatch to The Sun. LONDON, Feb. 16.—It is said that Thomas Mawson, the lecturer on landscape designing, who has been selected to draw the plans for the beautifying of Athens, will shortly make a visit to the United States.

BACON SERVICES IN SENATE.

Body Will Be Taken to Georgia Today for Burial in Macon.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Senate adjourned to-day out of respect for the memory of the late Senator A. C. Bacon of Georgia, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, who died on Saturday. A resolution was adopted providing for the appointment of a committee to attend the funeral and arrange for a public funeral in the Senate Chamber to-morrow.

The funeral ceremonies will take place at 1 o'clock, when the Senate will meet. It is doubtful whether or not President Wilson will be able to be present.

The plan for having the body lie in state in the Marble room has been abandoned. The coffin will be carried into the Senate Chamber by members of the Capital police force to-morrow morning. Services will be conducted by the chaplain of the Senate, the Rev. F. J. Prettyman, assisted by the Right Rev. Alfred Harbridge, Bishop of Washington. There will be no eulogies and no music.

A RECORD FIGURE

The filling at the Apollinaris Spring during the year 1913 Exceeded 40,000,000 Bottles

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U. S. WELL PREPARED

More Than \$1,000,000,000 Expended in Ten Years, Report Says.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—More than one billion dollars has been expended for the maintenance of the military establishment of the United States in the past ten years, according to a report made to-day on the military appropriation bill by Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs.

This year's militia bill is notable for the fact that it contains no authorization for extraordinary expenditures, despite the rumors of war that have been in the air the past few months. The estimates of the Secretary of War were cut to the bone and the appropriation authorized for war purposes in the fiscal year that will begin July 1 next is less than the amount allowed for the purpose in the current fiscal year.

At the beginning of the session Secretary Garrison estimated that \$104,947,758 would be needed by the War Department in the new fiscal year. Last year's appropriation amounted to \$94,241,145. The appropriation proposed foots up to \$94,241,173, which is \$10,735,000 less than the amount called for by the Secretary of War.

Justifying this slash in the War Department estimates Chairman Hay embodies a table in his report showing that more than a billion dollars has been expended in the army in the past decade.

Among recommendations by Secretary Garrison was an appropriation to maintain an army of 85,000 men exclusive of the Philippine Scouts, the Quartermaster Corps and the Hospital Corps. This would have provided an increase of about 15,000 men in the army. This appropriation was refused by the House committee.

No Increase Needed. "The committee is not able to see the necessity for this material increase of the army," said Chairman Hay in his report. "Nor in the opinion of the committee was any good reason given for an increase in the army over what it was last year."

The committee recommended that the same number of men be appropriated for—77,500. From reports of the Adjutant-General of the Army it appears that the average strength of the army for the last ten years has been, exclusive of the Philippine Scouts, the Hospital Corps and the Quartermaster Corps, 68,705 men.

"The bill provides for nearly 10,000 men more than the average strength for the above period. Moreover, the Secretary of War in his testimony stated that it is proposed to place on the Canal Zone 8,315 men and in the Hawaiian Islands 15,655 men.

"The Adjutant-General of the Army in his report states there are 11,200 men in the Philippine Islands. Thus there will be out of the country 25,175 men, leaving in this country 42,321 men—an ample number to deal with any normal condition which may arise here.

"If," continued Chairman Hay, "for any reason more men are needed either at home or abroad it is assumed by your committee that the Congress will grant the necessary money to pay, sustain and equip any number of men which may be called for by the President.

"It may be pointed out that besides the American troops in the Philippine Islands we constantly maintain a body of Philippine Scouts of more than 5,000 men.

"The committee exhibits a table showing the amount of money which has been appropriated for the military establishment in the last ten years. This shows an expenditure of \$1,007,416,276 for that period.

"Besides having the regular army thoroughly equipped with guns, ammunition and supplies of all kinds we have our militia—so far as it is organized—equipped in the same way, a body of 120,000 able soldiers, equal to any emergency and ready to respond to any call of duty.

"But beyond all this we have in reserve 200,000,000 rounds of small reserve ammunition, 800,000 rifles and large reserve supply of clothing and equipment.

"Much has been said of our lack of reserve of field artillery guns and ammunition, but when we consider the evidence of the chief of ordnance officer of the army we find that we have in reserve 57 per cent. of the artillery and guns desired for an army of 375,000 men and 20 per cent. of the ammunition for these guns and the appropriations carried in this bill will serve to increase materially this reserve.

"In view of our relations with all the great Powers of the world your committee believes that it is making ample provision to accumulate a reserve of ammunition and guns and that it would not be the part of wisdom to expend more money in any one year for this purpose."



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