

THREE WOMEN AND MAN HELD FOR ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE LLOYD GEORGE AND HENDERSON

Plot to Poison Premier and Member of War Council Foiled—Expert Chemist, "Conscientious Objector," Among the Accused—Trial Saturday

DERBY, Eng., Jan. 31.—A poison plot against Premier David Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, member of the Empire's War Council, was revealed today in the arraignment at Guildhall of three women and one man charged with "conspiracy to murder."

Crown Prosecutor A. H. Bonkin, who appeared against the quartet, declared that the plot had been hatching between December 26 and January 30. It was also stated that Scotland Yard and the Government secret service had been working on the case since Saturday, when the conspiracy was first unearthed.

After formal evidence of the plot had been outlined by the Crown prosecutor the four prisoners were remanded until Saturday.

The only evidence which the Crown gave against the defendants was formal statement of the charges on which they had been taken into custody. It is understood that the Crown has thirty witnesses to support the charge of "conspiracy to murder."

The defendants are Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, Miss Harriet Wheeldon, her daughter; Mrs. Mildred Mason, another daughter, and Albert Mason, a chemist.

Mason is the husband of one of Mrs. Wheeldon's daughters and is one of a number of individuals in England who have sought to evade military service because of "conscientious scruples" against war. The three women are supposed to be suffragettes.

MASON A CHEMIST

Mason is an expert chemist and has been known as a "C. O." (conscientious objector to war and war service), as they are known in England.

Mrs. Mason was arrested at Southampton. The other three alleged conspirators were taken into custody at Derby.

Publication of the charges against the four persons arrested created an immense sensation, coupled with general indignation that England's "man of the hour" should have been the object of such a plot. The fact that the chief inspector of Scotland Yard should have assumed personal charge of the case was regarded as evidence of the gravity with which it was regarded.

Although existence of the plot was discovered Saturday no information concerning it became known to the public until the arrests were made.

The cable dispatch telling of the police court hearing of the four alleged conspirators is the first intimation to reach this country of an attempt on the Premier's life.

Whether dissatisfaction with the war or suffrage issues prompted the alleged plot was not made apparent by first dispatches passed by the censor. Lloyd George has been a friend of the suffrage movement, however.

News of the attempt comes, strangely enough, at the same time that the Committee on Electoral Reform in England issues its formal recommendations for extension of the franchise in some elections to all British women more than thirty or thirty-five years of age. This announcement was made in London at night. It had long been expected such a step would be taken.

SUFFRAGETTES ACTIVE

The recommendations, however, were entirely unsatisfactory to the suffrage parties in England, according to a statement issued by Miss Sylvia Pankhurst. She held a majority of women wage-earners were between twenty-five and thirty years of age and it would be unfair to exclude them.

Of late the militant suffragettes have turned their attention to vigorous agitation against peace meetings and alleged office-holders in England having a slight sympathy for the Germans.

Viscount Grey, former Foreign Secretary, and Viscount Haldane have been particular objects of attacks because of the supposed Germanic leanings of those statesmen which it is charged leads them to deal leniently with prosecution of the war.

"C. O.s" or "conscientious objectors," against the war have frequently been encountered in application of the military conscription law. Most of them are Quakers, or else they swore to a belief in the wrong of killing fellow-creatures approaching the Quaker belief.

The combination of supposed suffragettes and a conscientious objector in a plot against Lloyd George is therefore a bizarre one, totally inexplicable on any grounds of general belief of the apparent political and economic beliefs of the plotters.

Firemen Rescue Man Hurt in Elevator. It was necessary to call in Fire Truck No. 10, of Clearfield street and Frankford avenue, to extricate Joseph C. Scinsky, forty-eight years old, 2825 Tilton street, from the shaft of the freight elevator of the York Button Company, B and Lippincott streets, where he is employed. While loading a box on the lift, Scinsky's foot slipped and he was caught between the elevator and the shaft so firmly that other employees who ran to his rescue were unable to get him out. Firemen got away the woodwork of the elevator and the injured man was taken to the Episcopal Hospital, suffering from a broken leg and bruises in many parts of his body.

THE WEATHER

FORECAST

For Philadelphia and vicinity—Unsettled, with probably rain tonight, and with coldest about 35 degrees; Thursday clearing and much colder; fresh easterly winds tonight, shifting to strong northeasterly Thursday.

LENGTH OF DAY. Sun rises... 7:10 a.m.; Moon sets... 2:13 a.m. Sun sets... 5:17 p.m.; Moon rises... 7:23 p.m. DELAWARE RIVER TIDE CHANGES. CHESTNUT STREET. High water... 8:29 p.m. Low water... 2:15 a.m. HIGH WATER. 8:47 p.m. TEMPERATURE AT EACH HOUR. 7:10 11 12 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12

JUST AS LINCOLN LOOKED



Benjamin Chapin, noted stage impersonator of Lincoln, today visited Independence Hall, where he attracted a big throng of spectators. He is shown standing on the exact spot where the President once stood.

BERLIN TO STATE TERMS IF FOE ASKS

Note to U. S. Will Mark New Peace Move by Central Empires

HOLLWEG SPEAKS TODAY

Germany is ready to name the peace terms of the Central Empires if the Allies make formal request that she do so. This, it is reported, is the burden of a note addressed to Count von Bernstorff for presentation to the United States that will be dispatched shortly or may be already on its way.

Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg is expected to make official announcement of Germany's new peace move in an address to the Reichstag today.

The Chancellor's address, it is predicted, may take the form of a general statement of the Teuton peace terms and a reply to President Wilson's address in the Senate when he urged the establishment of an international Monroe Doctrine and a league to enforce peace.

The German Embassy at Washington admits it expects the arrival of an important communication from home, but refuses to discuss the nature of the note.

NOTE TO U. S. MAY BE ON WAY TO EMBASSY

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Germany is about to tell America that she is ready to formulate her peace terms if the Allies request them, in a communication now en route, or shortly to be sent, to Ambassador Bernstorff at Washington. Holland dispatches today give this as a new German peace move, apparently decided upon at the conference of German and Austrian royal and officialdom at the German great headquarters on Saturday—the Kaiser's birthday.

Presumably it is this new move which is to be the topic of Imperial Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg's announced speech today to the German Reichstag. Formal announcement that he would make an address was made by Berlin yesterday.

These reports aroused the greatest interest here today, but there was an entire lack of response to the suggestion that the

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STORM AND RAIN COMING

Temperature Expected to Drop to 20 by Tomorrow

A western storm headed this way will bring rain late this afternoon and tonight and end the present warm spell, according to the Weather Bureau. The thermometer will hover around thirty-five degrees all through the night, dropping gradually to below twenty by tomorrow afternoon. The rain will be over by 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, and a generally fair day is expected.

Shipping men have been warned of the approaching storm, which is at present in Illinois. It is expected to be especially active from Sandy Hook to Eastport, Me.

AUTOISTS HIT GOUGING

Determined to End Graft of Country Constables and Magistrates

Gouging of motorists by country constables is threatened with elimination by proposed action by members of the Automobile Club of Delaware County.

"Last year more than \$12,000 was collected from motorists by a coterie of grafting magistrates and constables," said J. H. Weeks, president of the club. "They boasted of their ability to 'rake in' the graft and their boasts proved their undoing. This year their graft will be so small that they will be forced to go to work as water tenders or flagmen." Any pretext, he said, was sufficient for an auto driver to be hauled into court for "breaking the law."

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Crawford's Condition Unchanged

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Captain Jack Crawford's condition is unchanged today. The "most recent" remains critically ill, and his recovery is not expected.

BRUMBAUGH TRIP CHARGED TO CITY

Got Pay for Office-Seeking Journey to Educational Convention

WON PRESIDENCY FIGHT

Expenses Paid by Public for Brumbaugh Candidacy

ON HIS trip to Richmond to attend an educators' convention in 1914 Governor Brumbaugh, then Superintendent of Schools, charged his expenses to the city as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Expense Item, Amount. Round-trip ticket \$9.69, Pullman ticket to Richmond 1.25, Pullman ticket from Richmond 1.25, Meals on way to Richmond 2.00, Meals on the way home from Richmond 1.20, Meals in Richmond 12.00, Hotel room in Richmond 20.00, Total \$47.39

Dr. Martin G. Brumbaugh as superintendent of schools went to Richmond, Va., and sought to get himself elected president of the department of superintended of the National Education Association, according to Henry R. Edmunds, president of the Board of Education, and for this personal trip insisted that his expenses be paid out of public funds.

In spite of the demurring of members of the Board of Education, Mr. Edmunds said, the bill was paid. The future Governor definitely stated to him that he intended to attend the meeting with a view of becoming the president of the department. He succeeded in his efforts. That was when Doctor Brumbaugh was being mentioned generally as a candidate for the governorship and before the actual start of the campaign.

A duplicate bill on file at the headquarters of the Board of Education at Nineteenth and Market streets shows that the expenses were paid and that the total was \$47.39. This amount was charged under the general caption of "services other than personal." The specific items to which the expenses were charged were "car fare," "meals" and "hotel expenses."

"I don't recall just why it was, but as I remember it, Mr. Gratz was asked to sign the bill," said Mr. Edmunds. "He was unwilling to sign it, but this bill came to him with a number of others and he signed it with the entire collection."

On record also at the headquarters of the Board of Education is this resolution adopted by the Committee on Elementary Schools:

Resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. M. G. Brumbaugh, be granted leave of absence from February 23 to February 25, to attend the meeting of the National Education Association at Richmond, Va., and that the board make provision for the payment of his traveling expenses.

The resolution failed to include hotel bills. This resolution, it was explained, could not guarantee the payment of Doctor Brumbaugh's expenses by the public treasury. Before he could receive the money he

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CITY WILL MARK NAVY YARD BOOM

Councils Expected to Provide Celebration for Beginning of \$10,000,000 Works

NOTABLES WILL ATTEND

Start on New Buildings to Be Made in About Three Weeks. Lennon Enthusiastic

The first breaking of ground for new buildings in connection with the \$10,000,000 improvements at the Philadelphia Navy Yard, which will take place within three weeks, will be the occasion for an unusual civic celebration.

James E. Lennon, president of Select Council, at the suggestion of the EVENING LEDGER, this morning promised that the matter would be brought to the attention of Select Council at the regular meeting to-morrow afternoon. This, of course, will demand the appointment of a special celebration committee of Council, he said, to head the movement and to confer with the officials of the Navy Department at Washington on the details of the program.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels and Admiral Harris, Chief of Yards and Docks, will be present in company with many others from Washington.

MAYOR TO PARTICIPATE

It is possible that Mayor Smith may be asked to turn the first shovelful of earth, attended by perhaps all the members of the city Council and other important officials of local government. Although the exact date for the beginning of operations is not known, advices from Washington indicate that it will be within three weeks.

When interviewed this morning by an EVENING LEDGER representative, Mr. Lennon grew enthusiastic over the idea of having a civic celebration.

The importance of the occasion demands

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WHITMAN FAVORS PROBE IN BIRTH-CONTROL MERITS

Would Have Experts Examine Records Elsewhere and Study Practicability of the Theory

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—Governor Whitman favors an investigation of the practicability of birth control. He informed Mrs. Amos Pinchot and a delegation of prominent New York women this afternoon he would approve a commission to investigate birth control in other countries and to make recommendations for birth control laws in this country and State.

He also promised pardon for Mrs. Ethel Byrne, hunger striker, if she would agree not to take up again the work of disseminating birth control information, for which she is now serving thirty days in the workhouse. Doubt was expressed by Mrs. Pinchot that Mrs. Byrne would accept such proffer.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, who had expected to appear with the delegation, was not present.

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QUICK NEWS

WILSON NOMINATES FIVE FOR REAR ADMIRALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—President Wilson today sent to the Senate the nominations of the following captains in the Navy to be rear admirals: Harry McL. P. Huse, Robert S. Griffin, George E. Burd, John Hood, Wm. S. Sims.

BOSTON BANK TO HAVE BRANCH IN BUENOS AIRES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The First National Bank of Boston will open a branch in Buenos Aires, capitalized at \$1,000,000, shortly. Application has been approved by the Federal Reserve Board, it was learned today.

"BONE DRY" ALASKA BILL PASSES SENATE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The Senate today passed the Alaska "bone dry" prohibition bill. The bill not only prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquor in Alaska, but will not permit it to be shipped into the Territory.

P. R. R. TO PAY \$1,900,000 TO CANAL BONDHOLDERS

The sum of \$1,923,408.16 will be paid bondholders of the defunct Pennsylvania Canal Company by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company after six and one-half years of litigation, according to a report just sent to the United States District Court by Samuel Rea, president of the railroad company, and the trustees of the mortgage on which the bonds were issued.

12,314 ENGLISHMEN KILLED IN JANUARY

LONDON, Jan. 31.—England lost 12,314 officers and men killed, 17,754 wounded and 2928 missing in January, according to the official casualty lists issued today.

COMPANY C, STATE ENGINEERS, ORDERED HOME

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 31.—Orders were issued today for the departure February 15 of Company C, Pennsylvania Engineers.

COAL OPERATORS TO FACE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TODAY

Several large independent coal operators will be examined today by District Attorney Samuel P. Rotan in his investigation to discover whether there has been a conspiracy to raise the price of coal. Among the independents who have been summoned are Louis C. Madeira, of Madeira, Hill & Co. The Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company and other large coal-producing companies have accused the independents of taking advantage of coal shortage to mulct the public.

FIERCE BLIZZARD GRIPS INTERMOUNTAIN STATES

DENVER, Jan. 31.—The intermountain States are in the grip of a severe blizzard today, with heavy snows and below-zero weather reported at many points. Railroad traffic is greatly impeded.

WHOLESALE PRICE OF EGGS UP ONE CENT

The wholesale price of fresh eggs went up a cent today following yesterday's drop of one-half cent. Today's market quoted best fresh eggs at forty-one and one-half and forty-two and one-half cents. Scarcity of recent shipments to this point was given by wholesale dealers as the reason for the advance. Wholesale storage eggs remained at thirty-six and thirty-eight cents. The retail price of eggs remains unchanged. Butter remained at the wholesale price of forty-two and forty-four cents a pound.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—"The hens are laying again." This was the call that went up and down Chicago's egg coast today along with the prediction that within thirty days eggs would be selling from ten to fifteen cents a dozen below present prices. With the egg tumble, commission men are looking for an eight to ten cent drop in butter.

CANADIAN CITIES WANT WHEAT GAMBLING STOPPED

WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 31.—The City Council of Port Arthur passed a resolution asking the Government to put a stop to wheat speculation in Canada on the grounds that the exchange gamblers are thus tampering with prices of flour which people must pay for. This resolution is to be followed by a similar one from Port William. These two cities are at the head of the Canadian Lakes, from which all grain is exported.

"GUFF," SAYS WILSON OF REPORTED CABINET CHANGES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—President Wilson administered a rebuke to those persons who desire to reconstruct his Cabinet. He made it clear that he has not given the slightest consideration to remodeling the personnel of his official family, and indicated that he did not believe a single one would express a desire to resign. Interrogated concerning the recent report that Secretary of State Lansing, Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Secretary of Commerce Redfield and Attorney General Gregory would retire after March 4, the President pronounced it to be "guff."

PORTO RICAN CITIZENSHIP BILL TO BE RUSHED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—At its first night meeting of the present session, the Senate began consideration of the Porto Rican citizenship bill. An effort will be made to pass the measure at another night session later this week. Minor committee amendments were agreed to. The bill passed by the House last May would give Porto Ricans American citizenship, further self-government and representation in Congress by delegates.

1916 AUTO TAGS EXTENDED UNTIL FEBRUARY 15

The privilege of using 1916 auto tags on pneumatic-tired automobiles will be extended until February 15, according to a statement issued by State Highway Commissioner Black. The extension is made because of the failure of the Prison Labor Commission to make delivery of the 1917 tags.

FRENCH ADMIT TRANSPORT SUNK; 141 LOST

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The French transport Admiral Magnon was torpedoed and sunk January 25, an official statement said today. Of the 520 soldiers on board 141 were lost. The Admiral Magnon was proceeding eastward to Salonica, under the escort of the destroyer Arca, when attacked. Sinking of a transport 250 miles east of Malta by a German submarine January 25 was reported by the German Admiralty Monday. The report said the transport was accompanied by a French torpedo boat and sank within ten minutes after it was torpedoed.

SHIPPING BOARD OPENS OFFICES AT CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—The United States Shipping Board will open offices in Washington today and proceed to organize by electing William Denman, of San Francisco, as chairman. Commissioners White and Donald took the oath of office in Secretary McAdoo's room at the Treasury Department. Commissioners Denman and Trent were sworn in last Saturday.

GREAT BRITAIN BUYS TRAWLERS AT NEWPORT

NEWPORT, R. I., Jan. 31.—Five large steam fishing vessels hailing from this port have been bought by the British Government from the Seaboard Fisheries Company, of New York, it is reported here. It is understood that they are to be used as trawlers. The purchase price was said to be \$500,000.

VOTES FOR WOMEN OF MORE THAN 30, BRITISH PLAN

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The report of the Committee on Electoral Reform, issued last night, shows that by a majority of the committee, it was decided some measure of woman suffrage should be conferred. The majority also were of the opinion that if Parliament passed such a measure the franchise should be given to women already entitled to vote at municipal elections, but that such women should not vote in parliamentary elections until they attained a specified age, which the committee thought should be between thirty and thirty-five years.

Y. M. C. A. HEAD SAYS FOLWELL AIDED MORALS

"Jack" Hart, President of Student Association, Says Coach Improved Discipline

TAUGHT CLEANER LIVING

Issue Probably Will Be Decided at Faculty Meeting Late Today

Head of Christian Association Praises Folwell's Character

"JACK" HART, president of Penn's student Christian Association, says Folwell raised Penn football to higher moral plane.

He helped more than one player to cleaner morals on the field.

I never saw Folwell take a drink. It would have been revolutionary to have made the men stop playing cards on trips, since all the teams do it and always have. So far as I know, Bob Folwell was never told to start a revolution.

I will back him to the limit.

Captain Mathews, of Folwell's Last Year's Team, Backs Bob

I doubt if any coach ever commanded the love and admiration of his men as Folwell did. He was a big, generous-hearted man.

I deny that any man on our team slid down the moral scale as the result of playing cards on trips.

Folwell is accused of being lax after games. I assert that it is just the system by which Penn kept from going stale.

I deny that his personal influence was bad for the team's morals. It had the opposite effect.

I will not hear his character assailed, because I know him through and through.

I feel he has been wronged.

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Instead of having a bad moral influence on the members of the University of Pennsylvania football team, as was charged by the Faculty Athletic Committee, Coach Bob Folwell improved the men and preached clean living to them at every opportunity.

This was stated today by John R. Hart, president of the Christian Association at the University. Furthermore, Hart, who has been referred to as the "student boy," asserts that he is in favor of Folwell as a man and a coach, and will back him to the limit.

This was the most important development in the case today and it is believed that Hart will clear up many of the clouded accusations if he appears before the committee. The Christian Association is closer to the students and strives harder to improve the morals of the men than any other body at the University and it is their advantage to have high-class coaches to have charge of the teams.

FACULTY COMMITTEE MEETS

The faculty committee will meet again late this afternoon to reconsider the case, which means that Folwell has drawn first blood in his fight for a fair hearing. It is probable that the question will be settled at this meeting, when Folwell will appear in his own defense.

Nell Mathews, captain of the 1916 football team and the player who had more to do with Folwell than any member of the squad, also backs up the coach and has nothing but praise for his methods, both on and off the field.

Hart indignantly denied that he had been "spying" on Folwell or the team when he made the trip to Michigan, but said that he was glad he went to Michigan now that the case has come up. He saw things with his own eyes and he is ready to talk.

IMPROVED MEN'S MORALS

"Bob Folwell has put Penn football on a higher moral plane than it has had for years," said Hart. "I, personally, will back him to the limit. As for the Christian Association, that body will not enter into the fight. It is our policy to help and not to intrude. We feel we would be doing the latter if we opposed the committee."

"There is something back of it all that none of us can fathom. This year I have come into very close contact with most of the men and with Folwell himself. I admire him very much. I went on the trip to Michigan with the boys and had an excellent chance to see the team in its play moments. I have never seen Folwell take a drink. I see Folwell in the light of a reformed man. By that I mean he preaches clean living to the boys every chance he gets. He will not tolerate swearing on the field. He talks to the men on clean living continually, and the proper care of their bodies if they are to amount to anything. I have noticed a great improvement take place in the boys right under by one's eyes. They are a cleaner set of men, I believe, as the result of Folwell's ideas."

Hart said he had seen card playing on the trips, but he did not believe that was the least to the discredit of Folwell.

"Naturally, I do not approve of card playing for money," the Christian Association member said.

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BODY FOUND ON TRACKS

Special Officer for P. R. R. Evidently Struck by Train

The body of Charles Haynes, forty years old, of 5615 Pemberton street, a special officer of the Pennsylvania Railroad, was found on the tracks in the city street and Chicago street, near the intersection of the two streets, this morning.

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