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FLEEING TURKS ARE CUT DOWN BY ARMENIANS

Vengeful Population Takes Heavy Toll of Remnants of Erzerum Army.

50,000 JOIN RUSSIANS

Situation in Constantinople Declared Acute with Revolts and Agitation Everywhere.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Rome, Feb. 20.—News received here states that the Russian line is already from thirty to sixty miles west of Erzerum.

The Turkish debacle in Armenia surpasses all imagination. No unit remains intact, and the debris of the army in flight is being massacred by the insurgent Armenian population.

The Armenians have now begun giving organized aid to the Russians. After the massacres of last year by the Turks, all the able-bodied men who escaped enlisted in the Russian army and Grand Duke Nicholas now has under his command a force of 50,000 Armenian volunteers.

Information from Constantinople depicts the situation there as tragic. No direct news has reached the Turkish capital from Asia Minor for ten days, but the Greeks have informed the Turks of the catastrophe at Erzerum.

Agitation and revolt are the order of the day. The troops refuse to march today toward Asia. The Sultan has summoned the principal authorities of the empire to make decisions of supreme importance.

It is stated that the Germans are preparing to leave Constantinople, where the position has become difficult.

Turk Overthrow Complete.

Petrograd, Feb. 20.—The capture of the City of Mush and the remnants of the Turkish Thirty-fourth division strikingly illustrates the significance of the Russian victory in Armenia. It is no isolated incident, but merely a phase of the complete overthrow of the Ottoman plans in Asia Minor.

By taking Mush the Russians apparently have occupied the road between the Turkish center retreating from Erzerum and the Ottoman forces about Mosul, on the south bank of the Tigris River, just across from the ruins of ancient Ninevah. Mosul is about 200 miles from Bagdad. The Turkish force at Mush and at Ahlaba, which town also has been captured, consisted of about one corps (40,000 men). Its task was to guard the northern approaches to Bitlis, near Lake Van, southeast of Erzerum. Now it is retreating south and probably will jein the army which has its base at Mosul.

The extreme left flank of the Turkish line in Asia Minor is operating along the southern littoral of the Black Sea and also is apparently in a perilous situation. Not far from the frontier of the Russian Caucasus the Turks had concentrated at a strong position and were firmly established there.

With the co-operation of the Russian fleet, the Turks have now been expelled from these trenches and are retreating on Trebizond. It is said they will either have to take to the coast road and be exposed to the Russian naval guns or pass through Huimiush Hame, some distance inland, and probably find their path barred by Russians from Erzerum.

Altogether the situation of the Turks in Armenia seems to be almost hopeless.

Kaiser Hastens Drive in France

Presence at Carleville Believed Preface to Big New Offensive.

By C. F. BERTELLI.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The arrival of the Kaiser last week at Carleville, in the French Ardennes, where the German general headquarters on the western front are located, lends color to the belief entertained by all French military critics that the Teutons are about to deliver a heavy blow in France.

Reports that the German crown prince has massed 100,000 reserves and a huge number of heavy guns to support an attack on Verdun are credited, but it is believed that this stroke will be in the nature of a big diversion while another great force attempts to blast its way through the French defenses.

Today's newspapers point ou t that the fall of Erzerum is likely to precipitate the plans of the Germans, who feel acutely the necessity of offsetting the political and moral effect of the Russian victory and checking Roumania's present headlong rush towards the allies' camp.

The latest unofficial information from the French front shows that the cannonade is general without being accentuated at any particular point except in Lower AElsace where, however, no big drive is expected.

Woman Bank Head Dies.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Anne McLean Towler, said to have been the first woman bank president in the United States, died at her home here today.

Berlin Butter Cards Cut Down the Supply

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—The bread card, which tomorrow will be a year old, will henceforth cover butter also, in Greater Berlin.

The authorities have decided to limit the sale of butter to a quarter of a pound for each person weekly, to be obtained on presentation of the bread card.

Pending the introduction of a similar system throughout the empire, the authorities cannot even guarantee that this amount will be available for Berliners.

LIKELY TO TAX INCOMES MORE

House Committee Relies Largely on This Source for Defense Expenses.

LEVY ON WAR MUNITIONS FACTORIES ALSO FAVORED

Wilson's Proposals of Imposts on Gasoline and Steel Find Scant Favor in House.

The increased revenues necessary for carrying out the administration's preparedness program will be raised chiefly by changes in the income tax law and by a levy on war munitions factories.

This is indicated clearly by a poll made of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, which originates all revenue legislation.

A majority of that committee, including nearly all of the Democrats, favor relying mostly upon the income tax for necessary new revenues, and a majority also is disposed to levy a tax in some form upon war munitions. There is also strong sentiment in the committee favoring an inheritance tax.

A noticeable feature of the poll is that not a single member of the Ways and Means Committee spoke in favor of the program of revenue legislation proposed by President Wilson, except as it involved changes in the income tax law and the repeal of the free sugar clause of the tariff law. There is absolutely no sentiment in favor of a tax on gasoline, or a general tax on fabricated iron and steel, or on the other items suggested by the President.

Rocks in Course of Plan.

While the Democratic party in Congress, as evidenced by the attitude of the Ways and Means Committee, is intent upon making those with incomes bear the chief burden of the national defense expenditures, it is apparent that the plan of some of the leaders to tap this source exclusively will meet stubborn opposition. It is evident, too, that there will be strong opposition within the Democratic party to any plan which contemplates merely a boosting of the surtax as applied to incomes over $10,000 a year. Many influential Democrats will insist upon a lowering of the present income tax exemptions so as to make the application of the tax more general. Many members of the Ways and Means Committee favor reducing the present exemptions of $4,000 and $3,000. A poll of all the members of the New York delegation in Washington showed that the New Yorkers are practically unanimous in opposing further increases in the income tax unless there is a lowering of the exemptions and a more equitable distribution of the burden.

The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee believe that national defense revenues should be raised by an upward revision of the tariff.

As the Democrats will not assent to this, the Republicans will be obliged to take their choice from changes in the income tax law, a tax on war munitions and an inheritance tax. Some of the Republicans will support a program of taxation containing one or more of these features.

Representative Kitchin, the Democratic leader and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, believes the only practical way of raising money for national defense is by changes in the income tax law.

Twenty-seven Snakes in One Den.

Greenville, Pa., Feb. 20.—Two residents of Stoneboro were walking through what is known as Lynch Woods, a heavy timber tract near the village, when they saw something moving near an old log. They investigated and discovered a snake, which they killed. The log was then moved a few inches and a den of snakes was unearthed. The men killed twenty-seven of them. They were blacksnakes and several were of good size.

Duck Ducks War Noise.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 20.—A dead harlequin duck, on one leg of which is a metal tag bearing the legend "22 Berlin Zoo," has been received here and mounted by a local taxidermist. The harlequin duck was killed near Heavener, Okla., and purchased by a banker at Heavener and sent here. It is believed that the duck was driven out of Europe by the noise attending the war.

Stole Wire; Crippled Phones.

New Egypt, N. J., Feb. 20.—Accused of stealing copper wire from the lines of the Farmers' Telephone Company, greatly crippling the service for some weeks, James Barbers was arrested yesterday.

JAPAN SEEKS BASE IN WEST

Reported Negotiating with Colombia for Naval Site on the Coast.

PANAMA REFUSED SIMILAR OFFER OF JAP AMBASSADOR

State Department Has Proposal of Mikado's Envoy to Panamanian Minister for Island in Pacific.

Information was forthcoming from an authoritative source yesterday that Japan has renewed her attempts to obtain a footing on the Western Hemisphere.

At the present moment, it was stated on high authority, Japan is negotiating with Colombia for the purchase of a site on her coast.

These negotiations are of comparatively recent origin, it is said, following the failure of Japan to consummate a similar bargain with the republic of Panama.

Japan approached Panama, according to the International News Service informant, through her ambassador to Spain, who broached the subject last summer to the Panamanian minister at Madrid, Antonio Burgos. The negotiations, begun verbally, finished with a four-page document, written in French, setting forth the terms on which Japan would make the purchase.

Immediately Mr. Burgos got possession of this document he left Spain and came directly to Washington, where he presented himself at the State Department and laid before Secretary of State Bryan all the evidence, verbal and written, showing Japan's intentions.

The island named in the document is Coiba, situated in the Pacific more than 200 miles from the coast of Panama.

Included in the offer made to Panama for the island, it is understood, was a guarantee by Japan that she would protect Panama's independence.

Visited Minister Here.

Dr. Eusebio Morales, Penamanian Minister to the United States, recalled last night the circumstances of the visit to Washington last summer of Mr. Burgos. "Mr. Burgos is a very old friend of mine," he said. "But until last summer he had never been out of Europe for a great many years.

"Mr. Burgos was my guest while he was in Washington. The reason he gave for his presence here was his desire to show his wife some small part of the United States. It is quite true that Mr. Burgos paid several visits to the State Department while he was in Washington, but of course it was not my business to inquire into his reasons."

Supplementing this statement, an official of the legation said:

"The island of Coiba is unique. It is the furthest away from the Isthmus of any of the scores of islands which belong to Panama. It is also nearest the west coast of the United States than any other island that belongs to Panama."

"If any such negotiations were initiated by Japan I can state positively that they came to nothing. The republic of Panama has no doubt as to its independence being guaranteed. And it has no doubt as to its choice between the United States and Japan as guarantee of its independence.

Panama Refused All Offers.

"The only fact I am at liberty to state at this time is that Panama has no intention of granting any concessions of any kind to Japan. For years there has been attempts by more than one Japanese Ambassador to the United States to negotiate a commercial treaty with Panama, but such a treaty is yet to be signed.

Colombia owns no islands in the Pacific and is, of course, even further removed from the United States than Panama. The disadvantages, it was pointed out last night, are offset, however, by the fact that a stretch of coastal territory in Colombia would offer Japan a base even better suited to its needs than a relatively small island.

The pessimism expressed in diplomatic quarters concerning the Colombian treaty now pending in the Senate was cited today as a reason why Japan might possibly find Colombia inclined to acquiesce in her proposition.

Sweden Enters Denial.

London, Feb. 20.—A Central News dispatch from Stockholm states that the Swedish government denies that it has tried to persuade the United States government to participate in a conference of neutral states on the subject of the blockade.

Lays Two Eggs in Hour

St. Joseph, Mo., Feb. 20.—Queenie B., a white hen owned by T. H. Buckingham, of St. Joseph, established what is believed to be a new world's record in egg laying here recently when she laid two eggs within an hour.

Killed by Keg of Beer.

Philadelphia, Feb. 20.—John Strang, 26 years old, 1808 South Front street, was killed early yesterday morning by a keg of beer falling on him. The keg of beer rolled from the second floor to the bottom of the stairway along with Strang.

Big Oil Tanker Sinks.

New York, Feb. 20.—The big Standard Oil tanker John D. Archbold sank on Red Hook Flats off South Brooklyn today as a result of damages received in a collision yesterday with the British steamer Hova.

Kaiser Calls Unfit and Aged To Keep Army Till Autumn

At Present 4,600,000 Teutons Are Struggling on All Fronts and Only 600,000 Reserves Remain to Replace 200,000 Men Who Fall Monthly.

By JOHN L. BALDERSTON.

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London, Feb. 2.—Calculations, compiled from official sources, concerning the available number of men would not only interest the public, but would prove more interesting than any other data that could be presented about the war excepting for one fact—that is, the public has lost faith in figures of all kinds because the experts have appeared consistently wrong.

In this story I purpose to take the statistics compiled by the French headquarters staff concerning the German army and show that by the extraordinary recruiting efforts now being made in Germany the actual decline in the number of men on the fighting fronts cannot be postponed beyond September. These figures I believe to be accurate in the main.

Germany, on February 1, had about 240 divisions, or 4,000,000 men, in the field. Some 800,000 men are being used in guarding lines of communication and in garrison duty in occupied territories. One hundred divisions, or 2,000,000 Germans, are believed to be on the east front, ten divisions, or 200,000 men, in the Balkans, and Turkey, and upon the west front facing the British and French are ninety divisions, comprising 1,800,000 men. This great force of 240 divisions represents the full strength of the war machine, with

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GERMANS PUSH BACK BRITISH

Berlin Claims One-fifth of Mile of Trenches Taken North of Ypres.

LONDON STATEMENT TELLS OF REPULSE OF ATTACKS

English Aeroplane Captured, Say Teutons, While Allied Report Is that All Machines Escaped.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Feb. 20.—One-fifth of a mile of British trenches have been taken by storm north of Ypres, according to the Berlin official statement received tonight. All English attempts to recapture the defenses during a night attack failed, says the Berlin report, which adds that the Germans captured thirty British prisoners.

The British statement, issued by the war office tonight, makes no mention of such a loss to the Germans. On the other hand it states that a German attack west of Sarre failed completely. The British report admits, however, that the Germans captured "an unimportant advanced position."

Germans Driven Back.

The midnight communique from Paris, covering the operations in Belgium, states that the Germans attempted to cross the Yser Canal at Steenstraete, north of Ypres, and were able to reach the first-line trenches, but immediately were ejected.

Artillery engagements and mining operations continue without cessation on all points of the front. The fighting with the larger engines of war is intense, but there is little infantry activity.

Air raids on Lunville by the Germans resulted in raids by the British. The Germans brought down one English machine armed with two machine guns. The occupants were found dead.

British Official Report.

The British headquarters report states: "Last night the Germans made a raid against our trenches to the west of Serre after a heavy bombardment. The raid failed completely.

"Southeast of Boesinghe the Germans seized an unimportant advanced post held by us.

"A successful night air raid was made by our aeroplanes against the Cambrai aerodrome. Bombs were dropped on and exploded inside the sheds. Our machines returned safely."

SOCKLESS STATESMAN OUSTED.

Kentucky Legislature Unseats Aged "Uncle" Bill Allen.

Frankfort, Ky., Feb. 20.—"Uncle" Bill Allen, the aged, sockless mountain politician-minister, has been unseated as representative of the mountain counties of Clinton and Wayne by the house and his Democratic opponent, S. C. Dobbs, seated.

"Uncle" Bill sat in the house with one hand cupped behind his ear, eager to hear every word of the contest. It was pointed out by the Republicans that "Uncle" Bill's certificate of nomination did not reach its destination in time to go on the ballot, and as a result the mountain folks wrote his name where there was room enough. Three Democrats voted with the Republicans to seat "Uncle" Bill.

Blind Negro Finds 'Possum.

Larue, Ky., Feb. 20.—One day while Charlie Ragland, a blind negro of this city, was coming out of the Slaughter Woods, near town, he heard an animal growling at his feet and struck out with his cane. The cane found its mark and he struck again, and later learned that he had killed it. He located it with his feet, and, picking it up by the tail, discovered that it was a big, fine opossum.

Plays Own Wedding March.

Parsons, Kan., Feb. 20.—Miss Mae Freeman, pianist in a motion picture theater here, played her own wedding march the other night. Of course, she didn't do any marching, but after she played Mendelssohn music, she stood up and was married to William James, who turns the machine in the same theater where she plays.

BREAK JAIL; KILL SHERIFF

Escaping Prisoners in Auto Battle with Posse in New Mexico.

ONE FUGITIVE IS SLAIN AN ANOTHER IS WOUNDED

Merchant Seriously Hurt in Fight. Men Overpower Marshal, Open Cells and Sack Town Armory.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Deming, N. M., Feb. 20.—In a running battle between pursued and pursuers in automobiles, which came as the climax of a cross-country chase after five fugatives who broke jail here this afternoon, Sheriff Dwight Stevens, of Luna County, was killed late this afternoon.

One of the escaped prisoners also was killed and another wounded. Buck Sevier, a Deming merchant and a member of the sheriff's posse, was seriously wounded.

The three remaining prisoners escaped in a thicket of cotton wood trees. Armed citizens and special deputies surrounded and laid siege to the place.

The five prisoners this morning overpowered City Marshal Tabor in the jail, took his keys, opened every cell door, sacked the armory, telephoned to the jail garage for a machine, commanded it at the point of a pistol and headed for the Mexican border.

Sheriff Stevens quickly organized an auto posse and started in pursuit. The fugitives were overtaken near Rincon, N. M., when the fatal running fight occurred.

PRIEST LOCATES "HELL" IN SHOWER OF EGGS

Goes to Jail on Charge of Blasphemy While Girl Who Threw "Fruit" Is Freed.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—Blasphemy, and the story of how a priest found that hell, for the present, consists of six eggs hurled by a pretty girl, were heard today in the Western Station.

Michael Mockaus, Lithuanian priest, was commited on the unusual charge of blasphemy. Annie Mekanus, 19 years old, who threw the eggs, was dismissed by Magistrate Saylor.

It all came out of two meetings, at which Mockaus had been expounding his peculiar views on religion.

"I was at the meeting Wednesday," said Annie, "and I never heard such language. So last night I went to a grocery store and bought six eggs. They were fresh ones, judge, but I picked out the biggest I could find. Then I went and sat in the fifth row from the front of the hall."

Mackaus, the testimony declared, had just reached the subject of hell.

"Where is hell?" he shouted. "How far is it from Baltimore? I want to know where it is."

Said Annie:

"This was when I let him have the eggs, one after the other. I can throw, too. I guess he knows now where hell is."

60 Per Cent of Wounded Recover.

Paris, Feb. 20.—Based on figures obtained at the Bordeaux Clearing Hospital where, out of 64,385 wounded treated during the past year, 38,902 were able to rejoin their regiments after convalescence, it develops, according to Le Neatin, that 60 per cent of the wounded in the French army return to the firing line.

Boom in Wedding Rings.

London, Feb. 20.—Business not allied with munition work is hard pressed, but there is one striking exception—that is the manufacture of wedding rings. Statistics show that last year twice as much gold was used for wedding rings as in 1913.

Girl Rides Heifer.

Corydon, Ind., Feb. 20.—Alma Beal, the 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Beal, of Harrison County, is the owner of a 1-year-old Jersey heifer which she has trained to carry her wherever she wishes to go.

Five Persons Killed In Wreck of Train

Special to The Washington Herald.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 20.—Five persons were killed and six injured today when a Northern Pacific passenger train, the North Coast Limited, eastbound, crashed into the rear end of the Northern Pacific and Burlington at South Washington.

Those who lost their lives: Elmer Fulton, State chemist; L. J. Minnik, B. L. Berkey, J. J. White, and Lee M. Coroy, traveling passenger agent Northern Pacific.

CRONES QUEST ALL IN VAIN

Poisoner Successfully Eludes Police and Writes More Taunting Letters.

ONE MAILED IN CAPITAL, BUT SLEUTHS SKEPTICAL

Detectives Declare Handwriting in Latest Missives Different from Those First Received.

Special to The Washington Herald.

New York, Feb. 20.—One week ago tomorrow the police were notified that Jean Crones, who made an attempt to poison 300 guests at a dinner given to Archbishop Mundelein, in Chicago, was believed to be in New York.

The police admitted today that they are without a clew in their investigation. Only by good fortune do they expect to land the anarchist. While officials would not admit Crones has escaped from this city, it was learned that they have little hope of success in their hunt.

Crones, in a letter written to the newspapers, told of his being in New York. His last letter, printed on Saturday morning, stated that he would remain in the city but forty-eight hours longer. The belief that he may have left New York was borne out in a letter received at police headquarters this afternoon.

Inspector Cary would not admit that the letter was authentic. It was signed by Jean Crones. According to the inspector, the signature on today's letter does not compare with those on previous letters signed by Crones which the police believe to be authentic. The letter received today was written on a cablegram blank. It was mailed at the Grand Central Station mail box and was not enclosed in an envelope. It was triple folded and addressed to "Chief of Police, New York City. Important." The letter follows:

"So sorry to be obliged to leave the good city of New York. Just for my safety's sake I like it better, for you're really not clever at all. Your detectives are looking for me and no one can catch me. I was at Grand Central Station this night at 28 past 11. Thanks for your kindness.

(Signed) "JEAN CRONES."

The letter was dated February 19. Inspector Cray is of the opinion that the letter is the work of a practical joker. He asserts that the handwriting in the original letters and one received today is not a bit similar. At the same time the police received the letter, a note, mailed from Washington and also signed by Jean Crones, was received at the office of the New York American. The missive was turned over to the police.

The letter was mailed from Washington at 11:30 a. m. on February 19. The envelope was addressed to the editor of the New York American.

The contents follow:

"To Police of N. Y.:

"Look for me. I intend to lead you all a merry chase. And then blow you all to hell. There is three men I want—Governor Whitman, Capt. Tunney and one man in Chicago. I will leave this pullman here and then I will vamoose.

"Signed JEAN CRONES. (J. C.)"

The police, after examining the letter, declared that the writing was not all similar to the original Crones letters. Inspector Cray is of the opinion that cranks have sent the letter.

Extraordinary precautions were taken today to guard churches in this city. Every uniformed man on the force was instructed to keep watch for Crones. A dozen detectives were scattered throughout the churches during the services. Cardinal Farrell's house was watched over by a squad of policemen.

Frozen Fish Revived.

Winchester, Ky., Feb. 20.—Charley Sloan, the barber, a few nights ago had two goldfish in a bowl sitting on a stand table in his home. The water in the bowl froze solid and the fish were caught in the solid block of ice—motionless and apparently dead. When the ice melted several hours later the fish continued their usual habits as though nothing had happened.

Mrs. Catt Hurt by Fall

New York, Feb. 20.—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, while on a speaking trip in Providence, R. I., last Thursday, fell on the ice and was painfully but not seriously hurt. She is now at her home, 2 West Eighty-sixth street, and has had to cancel all her engagements for the time being.

TEUTON AIRMEN BOMB COAST OF ENGLAND; KILL THREE PERSONS

Four Seaplanes Take Part In Raid—Towns In Suffolk and Kent Counties Bombarded, Causing Considerable Damage

CHURCH ROCKED BY SHELLS

Explosion Blows Stained Glass Windows in on Congregation, Which, at Moment, Was Singing "Te Deum." Italians Attack Austrian Town.

Special Cable to The Washington Herald.

London, Feb. 20.—Four German seaplanes today carried out a raid on the east and southeast coasts of England, killing two men and a boy and wounding another, a marine. About thirty bombs were dropped.

The material damage was considerable, but the military damage was apparently nil. Lowestoft, in Suffolk, and Walmer, north of Dover, in Kent, were the towns attacked.

Two striking features of the raid were an attack on the Kentish Knock Light, off the mouth of the Thames, and the explosion of a bomb beside a church in Walmer, blowing in the windows upon a congregation which at the moment was singing the "Te Deum."

All Fliers Escape.

All the German fliers escaped, though pursued by British machines.

The war office tonight issued the following statement covering the raid:

"Four German seaplanes raided the east and southeast coasts about noon today. The first of the raiders, two biplanes, appeared over Lowestoft at 10:55, circled over the south side of the town for five minutes, dropped some bombs and then rose to a great height and seemingly vanished.

"At 11:10 the two seaplanes again appeared over the town and then vanished to the eastward.

"Seventeen small high explosive bombs were dropped with no casualties, but considerable damage to outbuildings, a restaurant and two dwellings.

"Our naval aeroplanes ascended at 11:06 and pursued the raiders, without result.

Two Others in Raid.

"Meanwhile, two other German seaplanes were making for the Kentish coast. The first passed over the Kentish Knock Light, dropping bombs in that vicinity at 11:20.

"The last raider made straight for Walmer, reaching the town at 11:27. Flying at less than 3,500 feet, it dropped six bombs and then turned sharply back to the eastward. Two of the bombs fell on and destroyed roofs, breaking windows in the neighborhood. Another fell in the roadway running along the beach killing one man, a civilian and injuring one marine.

"The total casualties were two men and one boy killed and one marine wounded.

"Two of our aeroplanes ascended from Dover and reached Walmer at 11:15. They pursued the raider, but apparently could not overtake him."

Italian Aviators Attack.

Rome, Feb. 20.—In reprisal for the violations without number, of international law of which the Austrians have been guilty since the beginning of the war, one of the Italian air squadrons raided Laibach.

Notwithstanding the fire from numerous batteries and an attack by numerous Austrian aeroplanes, the squadron kept to its course and reached Laibach, upon which it threw several dozen bombs.

One of the machines of the Caproni type was attacked and surrounded by six Austrian aeroplanes and captured. The others returned safely.

LANSING'S IRE MAY BE SHAM

Hinted Dissatisfaction with Bernstorff Believed Intended to Quiet Public.

ENVOY NOT CALLED UPON FOR EXPLANATIONS OF CONDUCT

Department of State Fails to Show Hand in Suit Filed to Determine Appam Ownership.

Pending the receipt of Germany's answer to Secretary Lansing's demand for a modification of the new Teutonic submarine decree, the administration plans to devote as much energy as possible toward clearing the atmosphere of the impression that the State Department has "about faced" on the question of armed merchantmen.

It became more apparent yesterday that there is no likelihood of any real break between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff on the basis of what has already taken place. In fact, Washington generally seemed to have reached the conclusion that the official hints thrown out of irritation on the part of the President and Secretary Lansing over the German Ambassador's conduct were intended chiefly to relieve the administration of the embarassment it was experiencing as the result of the latest submarine developments.

There is no doubt that some administration officials attribute to Count von Bernstorff partial responsibility for the impression that has gained ground that the United States had definitely committed itself on the question of armed merchantmen. This has been held out against the German Ambassador for some time, but it was not until the administration began to feel the effects of public criticism that hints were thrown out of official dissatisfaction with the Ambassador's conduct.

Bernstorff Not Asked to Explain

Following the publication of reports that Count von Bernstorff had got into the bad graces of the American government it was officially denied that Secretary Lansing contemplated calling the Ambassador to the State Department for an explanation. It was insisted that there had been no change in the relations, official or personal, between Secretary Lansing and the Ambassador.

Because of its indirect bearing on the pending controversy with Germany, officials are watching with interest the latest developments in connection with the case of the British steamer Appam, which, captured on the high seas by the German raider Moewe, was sent into Hampton Roads with a German prize crew in charge.

The New York agents of the British owners have initiated proceedings at Norfolk to libel the ship. It rests with the State Department through the Department of Justice to say whether the court has any jurisdiction over the ship in view of the fact that the Prussian treaties specifically provide that German prizes brought into American ports shall not be subject to legal processes. Officials of the two departments refuse to say whether they will interfere.

Lansing Declines Party Job.

New York, Feb. 20.—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, has declined to become permanent chairman of the New York State Democratic convention. The chairmanship, both temporary and permanent, will fall to former Gov. Martin H. Glynn.

Dragged Him Off Wagon.

Fort Worth, Tex., Feb. 20.—"I pulled him off a wagon and said, 'Let's go and get married,' declared Mrs. Lizzie B. McNeece as she signed an affidavit in the office of County Clerk Logan that she had proposed to Sidney Johnson.

OTHER SPY ARRESTS.

Persons Who Aided Lincoln to Be Taken in Net.

New York, Feb. 20.—Four arrests—and maybe more—are scheduled to take place as a sequence to the arrest of Ignatius T. T. Lincoln, the German spy.

The arrests will be made by the United States government. The charges are that the marked persons aided Lincoln in escaping, assisted him to elude the Secret Service operatives, and planned to get him to the Pacific Coast and thence to the Far East. The Secret Service has the names of several women and men who are alleged to have rendered the fugitive material assistance.

GAS FOR EYE-OPENER.

Wife Accuses Man of Arousing Her by Fumes.

New York, Feb. 20.—S. E. Schoenfield, of Post street, Yonkers, his fourth wife (Ida) alleged in Domestic Relations Court there yesterday, uses gas to wake her in the morning.

She says he gets up too early. When she refused to arise, she alleges, he opened the jet and let just enough gas escape to make it unbearable to remain in the room.

Silent Three Years; Speaks

Joplin, Mo., Feb. 20.—After having been unable to speak for three years as a result of an affliction of the throat, William Hilton, of Crane, Mo., fifty miles southeast of here, regained his power of speech recently.