

BRITAIN IS STIRRED BY ARMY SCANDAL

Mrs. Cornwallis-West and Others Rebuked by Court of Inquiry.

LORD FRENCH IS CENSURED

By the Associated Press. LONDON, January 4.—An army scandal involving the exercise of influence over high officers by a prominent society woman, is described in the report of a court of inquiry issued here, and Mrs. Cornwallis-West, wife of Col. William Cornwallis-West, and mother of the Princess of Wales and of the Duchess of Westminster, officially is severely censured.

Rebuked Mrs. Cornwallis-West. Barrett was a sergeant in the Welsh Fusiliers. Col. Delme-Radcliffe and other officers recommended him for a commission late in 1915, and his claims were supported by Col. and Mrs. Cornwallis-West and several prominent civilians.

"Probably before this time and certainly later," says the report, "Mrs. Cornwallis-West began to take more than ordinary interest in Mr. Barrett to which he consistently failed to respond. Eventually he wrote her in February last a letter of remonstrance, which she placed in the hands of her commanding officer."

was transferred to another battalion on the demand of Mrs. Cornwallis-West. Gen. Cowans, who aided the Cornwallis-Wests in securing Barrett's transfer, is censured for interfering with the discipline. Gen. W. H. Mackinnon, who was also concerned in the correspondence, is criticized for interfering with the affairs of the western command, after he relinquished his command, but is not disciplined, because he has since retired.

Society Leader Publicly Rebuked.

The court of inquiry, which consisted of Field Marshal Sir William Nicholson, formerly chief of general staff; Maj. Gen. Lord Chylesmore, Justice Sir James Richard Atkin and the Right Honorable Donald MacLean, member of parliament for Peebles and Sidkirk, reports regarding Mrs. Cornwallis-West:

"We have no doubt that her injudicious boasting of the power she wielded at the war office—which was wrong to an appreciable extent by the wording of some of Sir John Cowans's letters—was responsible for bringing her to the administration at the war office into disrepute. We feel obliged to record our opinion that this lady's conduct, as revealed in this case, has been highly creditable both in her behavior toward Second Lieut. Barrett before his letters of the 14th of February, in her vindictive attempts to injure him afterward and in the untruthful evidence she gave before us.

Boosted Col. Wynne Edwards. The report says that Col. Wynne Edwards reflected on Gen. Thomas, who is a brigade commander, in a letter to Mrs. Cornwallis-West, "with the apparent object of exalting his own qualifications for post of same." Mrs. Cornwallis-West sent the letter to Gen. Cowans with a postscript, which he forwarded to Lieut. Gen. Sir William Pittcain (Campbell) of the war office, advising him to keep an eye on Edwards in her expressing a high opinion of him.

"The report calls attention to the fact that it was in the month of February for a war office official to enter into private correspondence on official matters. "Regret is expressed that a letter sent by Lord French to the war office was so ambiguously worded as to be capable of misconstruction. In any case, a portion of the letter was in the nature of an adverse report on Brig. Gen. Owen Thomas, and should have been communicated to that officer at the time it is also regarded as unfortunate that Lord French should have occurred in the terms of the war office letter of July 29 to Brig. Gen. Thomas, which letter must have confirmed the latter's suspicion of sinister influence."

DEAD MONK "DARK FORCE" IN RUSS POLITICAL WORLD

Gregory Rasputin Was Strange and Powerful Figure in Governmental Affairs.

PETROGRAD, January 3, via London, January 4.—A more lenient press censorship has allowed the newspapers here to publish all conceivable versions of the story of the death of the monk Gregory Rasputin, some of them decorated with the dramatic touches and coloring of an Arabian night's adventure. Comment also is made freely on the life and influence of the dead monk.

It is stated that Prof. Milukoff and Vladimir N. Purihkevich, vice president of the Union of True Russians, have received numerous telegrams of appreciation for their action in being first to call the attention of the country forcibly to the evil influences at work, chief of which is declared to have been that of Rasputin.

The Bourse Gazette, however, decries the tendency to exaggerate Rasputin's importance in Russian politics, and states that it is a mistake to regard him as a symbol of conditions in the country or consider his fall as a changing point in the history of the nation.

The Rech discusses Rasputin's influence over important officials, and names persons, including several ministers, who not only owed their appointment to the monk's patronage, but were daily in contact with him, seeking his advice.

Army Officer Dies on Border. EL PASO, January 4.—Capt. Percy M. Cochrane of the Quartermaster Corps, U. S. A., died at the base hospital here late yesterday of pneumonia. He had been stationed at the quartermaster depot here for several months. He was a native of Florida and was promoted from the ranks in 1898.

RAILWAY PROGRAM UP IN HOUSE SOON

Announcement Made by Representative Adamson After Visit to White House.

TO PRESS SPECIAL RULE

RAILROAD legislation, urged by the President in his address to Congress, will be taken up in the House within a few days. Representative Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the House committee on interstate and foreign commerce, after visiting the White House yesterday, announced that he will introduce the bill designed to prevent railroad employees from striking without giving sixty days' notice; and to give the president power to place tied-up railroads in the hands of the military authorities in case of necessity.

It had been understood that the President wanted the railroad program completed by amendments to a measure now pending in the Senate. Mr. Adamson said, however, that he was tired of waiting for the Senate to act.

To Press His Proposed Rule. Mr. Adamson will press his proposed special rule, now in the House rules committee, for immediate consideration of his resolution to extend the life of the Newlands railway investigating committee for one year. The life of this committee will expire next Monday, unless it is extended.

Vigorous opposition to the proposed compulsory notice measure from organized labor generally is anticipated. It was to fight this proposal that the four railway brotherhoods and the American Federation of Labor representatives recently allied themselves unofficially to testify before the Senate committee, and it is expected that they will inaugurate then a fight on the Adamson proposals.

age of the Adamson bill by the House would not interfere with the Senate procedure. The Senate has before it a bill passed by the House at the last session to enlarge the interstate commerce commission, and any House measure easily could be attached to it as amendments. Action on the entire bill in conference then would be prompt, it is argued.

FRANZ BOPP TRIAL NEARS CLOSE AT SAN FRANCISCO

Arguments May Begin Tomorrow in Conspiracy Case Against German Consul General.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 4.—The trial of Franz Bopp, German consul general here, and six others on charges of conspiracy to violate American neutrality was nearing its close today in the United States district court. The last witnesses were expected to give their testimony today, and both sides believed that arguments would begin tomorrow morning and that the jury would take the case not later than Saturday.

The trial began five weeks ago. For the last week the government has attempted to connect C. Crowley, an agent for the German consulate, with the alleged dynamiting of munition shipments for the entente allies in the United States and Canada.

John A. McGregor, president of the Union Iron works of this city, called yesterday a witness for the defense, corroborated Crowley's previous testimony that submarine parts made here were sent to Canada and assembled by mechanics of the Union iron works.

ATHLETIC CLUB MEETING.

Organization Session Planned for Evening of January 11.

An open meeting of members, prospective members and others interested in the formation of the projected Washington Athletic Club is to be held Thursday evening, January 11, the place of meeting to be announced later. It was stated inadvertently in yesterday's Star that the meeting was to be held this evening.

MRS. E. W. FAIRLEY DEAD.

Was Widow of the Rev. Alexander Fairley.

Mrs. Elizabeth White Fairley, widow of Rev. Alexander Fairley, died at an advanced age early this morning at the family home, Oakenshaw, Ridge road southeast.

SAILOR STABS COMRADE.

Cutting Affray Takes Place Aboard Coast Steamer Lissa.

Griffin Gilden, twenty-three years old, is a patient at Emergency Hospital, suffering from several severe stab wounds in the back of his head, and his condition, it is stated, is serious. Codyn Hilton, twenty-two years old, who is alleged to have inflicted the wounds, was arrested by Policeman Osterman of the harbor precinct and held to await the result of his alleged victim's injuries.

at the foot of O street southwest, and it is charged that they participated in a fight on the deck of the steamer about 1 o'clock this morning.

FAILS TO CONFIRM DANIELS.

After a three-hour executive session the Senate again last night failed to reach a vote on the confirmation of Winthrop M. Daniels to succeed himself as a member of the interstate commerce commission. A speech by Senator Cummins in opposition to Mr. Daniels occupied the whole time.

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