

AMERICANS VICTIMS OF GERMAN CROOKS

Countess von Blucher Robbed of 7,000,000 Marks' Worth of Jewels.

JOHN PERRY LOSES STUDS

Roger A. Burr, Attacked by Thugs in Tiergarten, His Purse Stolen.

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Americans in increasing numbers are the victims of assault and robbery as the crime wave spreads in Germany, as a result of the crooks' contemplation of the high value of the dollar.

Countess Alma von Blucher of Brooklyn, a great-granddaughter of the savior of Wellington at Waterloo, was throroughly while in bed in a hotel at Kreuznach and 7,000,000 marks (\$5,000) worth of jewels were stolen from under her pillow.

She came to Germany recently to place a wreath, donated by Americans, upon the statue of Gen. Blucher on the centenary of his death, at Gahn on the Rhine, the place where he crossed into France in 1815. The Countess retired early, but failed to appear in the morning, when the room was forced open by the management. The incident was kept secret until the Kreuznach detectives had asked the police of Frankfurt to assist in tracing the robbers.

John Perry, head of the American Press Association of New York, was another victim. While at the Palais de Danse, Berlin's gayest night resort, he lost a set of diamond and sapphire studs valued at \$250.

Roger A. Burr of Boston, a Harvard man and a special writer who recently crossed Siberia from Russia to China, was attacked by three thugs in the Tiergarten, in the heart of the city. He was badly beaten and robbed of his passport, purse and jewelry.

"It was the fault of a habit I learned in Russia," he said, "of stopping to give everybody a light who asked for one." Burr was walking early one evening in the park when he was accosted by a well dressed man who asked for a light. He was struck from behind. He showed fight, but a third man rushed up and he was knocked unconscious and beaten with clubs and brass knuckles till his face was a pulp. Then he was thrown into some bushes, where he lay insensible till morning.

J. C. Osborne of New York had his pockets picked in Potsdam place, the busiest corner in Berlin, in broad daylight yesterday.

Mrs. Ida Gash of New York was robbed of a trunk containing 2,000,000 marks (\$1,400) in jewels at the Friedrichstrasse station. An unknown woman lost a \$1,000 bracelet in the lobby of one of the principal hotels.

There have been numerous reports of Americans falling victim to pickpockets en route to Berlin from Hamburg, where they land from the ship. The lure of the dollar also is accountable for check forgeries amounting to 30,000,000 marks (\$21,400) by a Galician, Salizier Bimbaum, who was the head of a gang of pickpockets employed in robbing tourists of blank checks on American banks, and travelers' checks.

DEBT AMORTIZATION PROPOSED IN BERLIN Plan Like U.S. Farm Loan Act Submitted to Houghton.

BERLIN, Sept. 8. (Associated Press).—A program looking toward the stabilization of international finance on the basis of amortization is being submitted to Alexander B. Houghton, United States Ambassador to Germany, by Dr. Clarence J. Owens, chairman of the International Trade Commission of the Southern Commercial Congress, the members of which have arrived here from Holland.

The basis for the proposed scheme is said to be the principle that the Southern Commercial Congress introduced from Germany to the United States in 1913, on which the Federal farm loan act is based. It is understood that Dr. Owens called the attention of interested circles in Berlin to the system of finance in operation in the United States under the Federal farm loan act, declaring it makes possible absolute cancellation of a loan in thirty-four and a half years, in sixty-nine semi-annual payments, merely by adding 1 per cent to the interest charged.

FAMILY OF EX-KAISER OPPOSE HIS MARRIAGE

Seen at Doorn Walking With Blond Princess of Reuss.

DOORN, Holland, Sept. 8. (Associated Press).—The family of former Emperor William and his entourage strongly oppose his marriage to Princess Hermine of Reuss, widow of Prince Johann of Schoenach-Carolath, and hope to prevent the union. It is understood that the presence here of former Crown Prince Frederick William is connected with the opposition.

The correspondent to-day saw the former Emperor walking, accompanied by the Princess. They were in animated conversation. The Princess is a tall and handsome woman; blond, with abundant hair.



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Turks Demand Thrace as Condition for Armistice

PARIS, Sept. 8.—The Angora Government will grant an armistice to the Greeks only if a request is made direct by the Greek Generalissimo, says a dispatch to the Havas Agency from Constantinople. The dispatch adds that an armistice would be subject to two conditions—first, the evacuation of Thrace, and, second, the immediate departure of the Greek military and naval units in Constantinople. Permission to embark troops and material from Asia Minor would be subordinated to the above two conditions.

TURKS IN ASIA MINOR DRIVE OUT GREEKS

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accepted the task of forming a new Ministry.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Sept. 8. (Associated Press).—The Greek administration of Smyrna ceased to function yesterday. Revolution within the city is imminent, according to reports. The swift movements of the Kemalist army are looked upon as almost impossible to stop. The departure for Smyrna of M. Theodorakis, the Greek Minister of War, with plenipotentiary powers is interpreted here as signifying that the Athens Government is ready to begin armistice negotiations.

Some of the newspapers report that the British, French and Italian High Commissioners in Constantinople have been instructed by their governments to try to arrange an armistice, and that Brig.-Gen. Harlington, with high French and Italian officers, has gone to the fighting line to get in touch with the Kemalists.

It is stated that the officers' mission is not to announce Greece's readiness for an armistice, but to propose a cessation of hostilities on behalf of their own governments with a view to preventing further bloodshed, and also to attempt to gain guarantees for the protection of the Christian populations.

FRENCH SHIP AND TRAIN SERVICE LENGTHENED

Seamen Threaten Strike if 12 Hours Are Exacted.

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The French Government's decision yesterday to modify the eight hour law so as to provide for twelve hours' service aboard ships and to reduce the attendants at the smaller railway stations, economizing nearly 40 per cent in operation, is provoking the menace of a general strike. The Seamen's Syndicate to-day drew up a campaign of opposition which is believed to contemplate holding up merchant vessels in the event the authorities insist upon applying these measures.

In the case of the railways the situation is not so dangerous, as the reduction will not affect the main line stations, where the actual hours in excess of eight are paid according to union rates. In the country stations, where there often are only three or four daily, three separate crews have been required, but hereafter two crews will be paid for only eight hours' service during twelve hours' presence at their post.

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JUGO-SLAVIA MAY UPSET AUSTRO-ITALIAN PLANS

League Decision Is Awaited; Neighbors Likely to Veto It.

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However much Chancellor Seipel may favor the Italian scheme, it is difficult to see how he can get sufficient support to carry it through. It was the rapidly growing jealousy between the Little Entente and Italy that caused the Chancellor to go to Geneva. According to reliable information from travelers returning from the frontier, Jugo-Slavia despite all denials has concentrated troops ready to invade Austria at any moment, which would lead to similar measures by Austria's other neighbors.

The majority of industrialists and trades people are inclined to favor foreign control over Austria as an insurance against demagogic measures and new Socialistic experiments. Pending the decision of the league the Bourse has become dull, with the quotations for foreign stocks and currencies slowly declining after the exciting rise of last week. Bank notes of 500,000 crowns demoniation will be issued in the future. This brings Austrian paper currency close to that of Russia, where 1,000,000 rouble notes are used.

TURKS DEFEY BRITISH IN DRIVE ON GREEKS

Ferid Bey, Envoy in Paris, Says Adrianople Can Be Reached via Mesopotamia.

EYES ON PALESTINE, TOO

Greece Had Tacit Approval of London in Recent Move, He Declares.

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The Cross will not yet dominate Constantinople and Adrianople. Rather than permit Great Britain to delay a victorious peace by calling off the Venice conference to settle affairs in the Near East at the moment when the Greek armies are forced to accept defeat, the Turks will throw their whole influence in Mesopotamia and Palestine against the British, and as small uprisings already are in evidence there, a menace to Great Britain's eastern empire is possible.

Such will be the price Prime Minister Lloyd George must pay for his persistent refusal to heed the claims of Turkey, according to Ferid Bey, Angora's representative here and Turkey's delegate to the Venice peace conference.

In an interview given to THE NEW YORK HERALD correspondent Ferid Bey recited the Turkish exploits during the last week and said: "We will be in Smyrna to-morrow certainly. The Allies do not need to offer an armistice. Our victory will create a de facto armistice, whereupon peace demands will be formulated by Mustapha Kemal."

"These will not differ from those we have always contended are the sole basis of Turkey's integrity and which Lloyd George alone has succeeded in holding by causing the massacre of thousands. We have always claimed Smyrna and Adrianople, and although the British occupying Constantinople prevent us from taking the latter by force it must be remembered that there is another route to Adrianople and that is through Mesopotamia. I hardly believe that Lloyd George will take a chance in that direction and we will get Adrianople. Certainly Greece also will be asked to pay for the damage she has done by the invasion of our territory."

"As to Russia's interest in the future control of Constantinople, we consider that Russia's voice must eventually be heard the same as that of other nations. We are on friendly terms with the Russian Government and have passed friendly accords with them, but this does not mean that we believe in Bolshevism for Turkey or that there is any possibility of Russian internationalism guiding our policies."

According to Ferid Bey Greece's recent effort to enter Constantinople was planned with the tacit agreement of the British authorities and would have resulted only in further strengthening the bonds uniting the Moslem peoples all over the world and even in a rapprochement between the Moslems and Hindus.

"We want peace as soon as possible," continued Ferid Bey. "There is complete unity among the Turkish peoples. The intention now is to leave the Sultan in charge of the religious and intellectual zone in Constantinople, but as long as he is under the control of British Generals he cannot be entrusted with the signing of decrees of a purely political, economic or financial character. The day will come, however, when the Allies will decide to leave Turkey, and then the Sultan may return as head of the Government, but advised by the present political leaders."

One of the first changes when the Greeks have been ousted, he said, will be the transfer of the Nationalist capital from Angora to Kalsarieh, where coal and other resources provide a logical center for an active government besides affording greater protection than Constantinople against future Western aggressors. Incidentally Kalsarieh is virtually on the boundary of the zone of influence conceded to France.

KILLS HIMSELF PULLING NAIL.

Lorenzo Ferrara of 165 Chrystie street tried to pull a nail out of a fence on which he was working last night at 20 East Ninety-ninth street. It came, and he fell backward into a ten foot araway. His skull was fractured and he died a few minutes later.

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