

INDICTMENT OF SUBMARINES IN NEW U. S. NOTE

Secretary Lansing Compiles Case Against U-Boat Activities for Submission to Berlin—Note Will Be Final Diplomatic Exchange on Question and Will Make Firm Demands.

Washington, April 15.—Secretary Lansing continued work today on the statement of the American case, designed to bring the submarine question with Germany to an issue. Intimations that the communication might already have been started on its way were thus dispelled.

Mr. Lansing compared the affidavits on the attack on the Sussex which arrived here last night, with information already before the department.

The President kept in touch with Secretary Lansing during the day and was informed of the contents of the affidavits received on the St. Paul.

The communication will go forward within the next few days at the latest. The impression prevails here that it will not be dispatched pending a careful examination of all the evidence at hand regarding the recent submarine cases, including affidavits in the case of the English Channel steamer Sussex which arrived yesterday.

Indications are, however, that the United States case against Germany is complete without the latest affidavits and that Germany will be informed that the Washington government considers she has not fulfilled promises made to this country.

It is made clear that the forthcoming communication, although intended as the final word of the United States, will still leave the way open for Germany to avoid a severance of diplomatic relations.

SENATE VOTES TO PLAGE MILITIANE UNDER OATH TO OBEY THE PRESIDENT

Washington, April 15.—To strengthen federalization of the national guard the Senate today, 83 to 23, amended the army reorganization bill to require guardmen to take an oath to obey the orders of the President as well as the governor of their state. The amendment was presented by Senator Wadsworth, who said it originated in the national guard issue.

"The chief purpose of the amendment is to place national guard soldiers primarily in the service of the United States and secondarily in the

Dr. Liebknecht Fired Upon in Berlin Street

London Hears That Woman Attempted Life of Socialist Member of Reichstag—Intended Victim Escapes Injury.

London, April 15.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. says that travelers arriving at the Hague from Berlin reported that a woman fired two shots from a revolver at Dr. Karl Liebknecht while the Socialist member of the Reichstag was walking in the street.

Both shots missed. The assailant, the report continues, was arrested.

STR. NAUGATUCK TO RUN MONDAY LEAVING 8 A. M.

Day Run to New York Will Be Inaugurated to Help Freight Shipments

On account of the heavy freight moving at present the New England Steamship Co. has decided to start the steamer Naugatuck on the day run beginning Monday, April 17.

The schedule will be as follows: Leaving Bridgeport at 8 a. m., returning will leave Pier 27, E. R., at 5 p. m. and pier foot of East 22nd street at 5:15 p. m.

service of the state," said Senator Wadsworth. Senator Sutherland urged adoption of his amendment increasing the coast artillery corps at once to maximum strength.

"Our coast defenses have cost \$41,000,000 and are the best in the world," said he "but we now have enough men to man only one-fourth of the guns. My amendment would give us enough men to man the rest. I think more men should be trained in the use of the guns and hence I would not leave it to the President to make the increase but would have Congress do it now."

FEARED WEAPON HE SAYS, WHEN HE HIT MERRITT

Christianson Admits "Soak in the Jaw," But Denies "Robbing Youth"

Admitting that he "soaked the complainant in the jaw" but denying the allegation that he robbed him of \$20, Walter Christianson, aged 19, of 218 South avenue, was fined \$50 and costs by Judge Frank L. Wilder in city court today.

Christianson was arrested upon complaint of Louis Merritt, 905 Lafayette street. The latter alleged that Christianson and Horace H. Brough, aged 17, of 218 South avenue, way-laid and robbed him last night. He said that while Brough asked him for a match, Christianson struck him a blow that felled him. He alleged that Christianson then rifled his pockets and stole \$20 from his person.

In city court today Christianson denied the latter allegation but admitted that he had "soaked" Merritt after the latter feigned to draw a weapon from his hip pocket. Christianson said that he and Brough were addressing three young women who were accompanied by Merritt. He said that Merritt did all the talking and that he endeavored to get in a word or two during the conversation. Christianson alleged that Merritt told him to "shut up" and not "butt in" on the conversation. Christianson admitted striking Merritt at this stage of the conversation.

The accused told Judge Wilder that he had been reading the daily papers of the many assaults with deadly weapons being committed and that he thought that "Safety First" was a good motto, so he hit Merritt when the latter put his hand on his hip pocket.

Judge Wilder said: "That soak in the jaw will cost you \$50 and costs." The charge of robbery was nolleed. Friends of Christianson paid the fine. The case against Brough was nolleed.

DISTURBER FINED

John Karske of 59 Green street was ejected from a Pembroke street saloon last night. John got even by hurling a few bricks through a window of the saloon. He was arrested by Policeman Timothy Shea, who was passing at the time. In city court today Karske was fined \$10 and costs.

FEAR SPREAD OF GRAPHOPHONE CO. STRIKE TROUBLE

Other Departments May Be Drawn Into Disagreement With Firm.

OFFICIALS REFUSE STRIKERS' DEMANDS

Decision to Be Made on Future Action at Meeting Next Monday.

As a result of the refusal of the management of the American Graphophone Co. to see a committee of strikers this morning, bearing demands from the men who walked out early this week, the strike threatens to spread to the rest of the plant.

A mass meeting this morning in Rakoczy hall, sentiment was in favor of instituting a general strike, but Organizer Frank Duffy counseled delay. He will communicate with officers of the union having members in other parts of the shop, and at a meeting to be held Monday, further action will be decided.

Manager J. P. Husen of the company declared today that he will meet a committee of the company employees, but no committee from a union, because he doesn't know any union. He declared the company is against the closed shop plan.

PASTORS WARN GIRLS AGAINST MORMONS HERE

Clergymen's Association Declares Sect's Missionaries Should Be Avoided.

A warning to women and girls of the presence in the city of missionaries of the Mormon church has been issued by the Social Conditions committee of the Bridgeport Pastors' association through the chairman, Dr. George H. Beard, pastor of the Park Street Congregational church. The male missionaries of the Mormon church are reported as making household-to-household visits, particularly seeking women converts.

The circular also contains a warning against Syrian impostors and against a "Home" at Devon. The Pastors' association has reports from the Charities' Organization society, which charges the officials of this home with unbusiness like methods, and declares it not worthy of support. The circular follows:

It seems important to warn such women and girls in our city as might otherwise be imposed upon, of the presence in our city of the city of agents of Mormonism. As everyone familiar with Mormon practices knows, this propaganda is not merely one of religion which should have no place among the many sects, but in too many cases is a mask by means of which many women and girls are betrayed into a life of polygamy. No one should be deceived by the apparently fair speech and pious phrasing of these Mormon people or their literature. Their ways have become the ways of death and worse than death to hundreds of innocent women and girls in the past.

Even where polygamy is not practiced among them, a tyranny remains that is fatal to free womanhood and true religion. Warnings of secondary importance, yet not without need, may well be given also to charitably disposed people in our city concerning two ostensibly charitable appeals that have been made from house to house, or may soon be made. One of these is for the so-called "Rescue Home for Aged Ladies at Devon." The character of this work and the unbusiness-like methods employed are such that it does not warrant support by sensible people who do not wish their benevolent gifts wasted.

The other appeal is being made from time to time by Syrian men. A number of these are traveling through New England, soliciting funds in the name of churches and missions in Syria, with which they have no connection. In some cases they are making use of forged endorsements and recommendations from patriarchs, or bishops, and unless people are sure beyond doubt of the genuineness of such documents, they should deny such requests.

Social Conditions Committee of The Pastors' Association.

LINCOLN, HELD AS SPY, FOILED ON NEW BREAK

New York, April 15.—Two keepers guarding Ignatius T. Lincoln, the self-confessed German spy, in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, have been dismissed for alleged complicity in plans made by Lincoln to make another escape, it was announced today.

Lincoln escaped from jail some time ago and was recaptured. He boasted that he would escape again.

THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Sunday, rising temperature Sunday, diminishing northwest winds.

ORDER APPREHENSIVE OF FATE OF TROOPS IN FIGHTING AT PARRAL

MANUFACTURERS AND MERCHANTS OUT OF C. OF C.

Board of Trade, Too, to Withdraw Membership as An Organization.

ANNUAL MEETING IS CALLED FOR APR. 24.

Disparity of Assessments Leads to Move Towards Re-organization.

The Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce will be reorganized on new lines after a year's attempt not altogether successful to harmonize the various civic, industrial and commercial forces which constitute its various departments. When the annual meeting on April 24 has been held, the Manufacturers' association, the Business Men's association and the Board of Trade will be independent organizations.

Notification of the annual meeting and the proposal to revise the constitution by-laws of the Chamber of Commerce was mailed to the individual members today.

The move which is believed by those in close touch with the situation to be for the best interests of the community and the only one which can bring complete harmony out of the existing conditions has not the full sanction of the minority members but the fair seeing heads who are actually in the present disorganization is said to be far stronger and have greater effect upon the community without the various independent organizations as organizations.

When elimination of the Bridgeport Business Men's, Manufacturers' associations and the Board of Trade has been effected, the Chamber of Commerce will comprise what is now known as the civic department, including the Housing association, which has already been merged. There will then be some 420 members, pledged to the payment of \$25 annually for a period of three years.

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CORPORATIONS IN SCRAMBLE AFTER UNSKILLED LABOR

Bridgeport prosperity is responsible for a new game that is being played by corporations, with laborers as the pawns.

Since the change to better conditions here, with the higher wages that followed, it has been hard for one corporation to keep a group of men to do heavy work, such as digging. The Bridgeport Gas-Light Co., the New Haven road, and the Remington Arms & Ammunition Co., all of which employ such workmen, are having an excited game, taking laborers from one another.

As fast as one company puts men to work on a job, another lures them away. The Remington Co., it is admitted, is gradually acquiring most of the men by paying higher wages. The Gas Light Co., it is said, is taking men from the New Haven road.

This was the gossip today following a story on the streets that 20 helpers and two gas fitters of the Bridgeport Gas Light Co. struck last Thursday for more wages, asking an increase from \$1.50 to \$2 a day, in the cases of the helpers.

Charles M. Gerdenier, superintendent of the Gas Light Co. declared today that he hadn't heard of any strike. He said the story may have originated from the emigration of some employees to the Remington plant.

MAN WHO KILLED SON-IN-LAW WAS JUSTIFIED IN ACT

Coroner J. J. Phelan Finds Danbury Man Shot to Save Lives of Family.

VICTIM THREATENED TO KILL WILDMANS

Father Tried to Wound Young Man in Legs But Charge Carried High.

That Joseph Wildman of Danbury was justified in killing George Anderson of the same city, his daughter's divorced husband, is the finding made by Coroner J. J. Phelan today. Wildman, it appears, fired a charge from a shotgun into Anderson after the latter had broken into his home, threatening to kill his former wife and all her family. Anderson was 39 years of age. Wildman is 77.

The daughter of the aged man, Caroline Wildman Chase, recently got a divorce from Anderson on the grounds of intemperance, cruelty and neglect. Wednesday Anderson, who had been drinking, appeared at the house where his former wife was living, threatened and abused her. She took their little son Charles, in her arms and ran to the Wildman home near by.

Wildman locked the door when Anderson demanded admittance and speech with his former wife. He ordered the infuriated man away from his premises but Anderson began to throw himself against the door, shouting:

"If God, I'll get in and kill you all." The woman with her child and her cousin, Ida Hotchkiss, who were in the kitchen, ran into a bedroom adjoining and locked the door just as Anderson lifted the rear kitchen door. Anderson was in the act of forcing the door into the bedroom when Wildman seized a loaded shot gun that was in the corner of the kitchen and fired a charge into him.

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WOLTER BURIED BESIDE BODY OF FRANK L. AMES

"I Am Sorry for Lou," Says Wife As Funeral Services Are Held

Louis H. Wolter, the cigarmaker who killed himself at his apartment on Cannon street Tuesday and seriously wounded his wife, Mrs. Cora Wolter, was buried today beside Frank L. Ames, former husband of Mrs. Wolter.

Funeral services were held in the undertaking parlors of August G. Baker at 3 o'clock. Rev. William H. Jepson, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal church, officiated. A large delegation of cigarmakers, members of the local union here, and other friends of the deceased were present. A large pillow of flowers was sent to decorate the grave.

"I am sorry for Lou," said Mrs. Wolter on her bed in St. Vincent's hospital when she was asked to release a part of the \$75 fund held by the cigarmakers here as a result of Wolter's nine years of work. In her choice of coffin she asked that the union committee purchase one of the better class. Though the Chicago relatives were anxious to defray the expense of transportation and burial in this concession, Mrs. Wolter refused to make this concession.

She donated \$20 toward a coffin for Wolter. The funeral will cost \$150. A letter was received today from H. G. Wolter, 2401 W. Lake street, Chicago. It is dated April 12, the day after the shooting. Addressing the cigarmakers' union here, it asked for particulars of Wolter's death.

Mrs. Wolter is believed to be the only heir of Wolter. Search, however, is being made for his union pass book in the event that he assigned his benefits to somebody else.

The body of Richard Harding Davis, the author, arrived at Philadelphia

No Reports Available From Tompkins' Troops Which Had Sharp Skirmish With Natives—Mine Owners Fearful That Raids on Property Have Been Most Destructive—State Department Starts Diplomatic Machinery in Task of Answering Carranza Note Asking Withdrawal

El Paso, April 15.—Fear for the safety of Americans and other foreigners in Parral, in which city the little cavalry force of 140 men under Major Frank Tompkins was attacked last Wednesday, was expressed here today.

The Mexican censorship over the land lines leading into Parral is strict.

Attack on Mines Reported

Representatives in mining companies with large plants in and about Parral are making frantic efforts to obtain information regarding their plants for there are persistent reports that following the attack on the American cavalry last Wednesday mobs vented their vengeance on American property.

Admission was made today by an official of the Alvarado Mining Company that the mob had made a destructive attack on its mill.

Official advices concerning Major Tompkins and his cavalry column were still anxiously awaited today.

U. S. Troops In Second Battle Near Parral

Washington, April 15.—Despatches from El Paso today refer to unconfirmed reports of a second fight with American troops at Parral.

General Funston today telegraphed the war department that he had not heard from General Pershing for three days. Secretary Baker said that General Pershing was urging General Pershing to rush a report on the Parral incident.

General Pershing's message was taken to indicate that the silence of General Pershing probably was due to inability to get information rather than to interrupted communication. General Funston asked General Pershing to report often, if possible, to keep the war department advised. Secretary Baker said he still was waiting for a report on the conference between General Pershing and Generals Herrera and Gutierrez.

VILLA HUNT PUSHED PENDING NEW NOTE.

Washington, April 15.—State department officials were prepared to set in motion diplomatic machinery in answering General Carranza, on his proposal for the withdrawal of American troops from Mexico. While the negotiations are under way the hunt for Francisco Villa will continue.

Secretary Lansing has given no indication that he will reply to the Carranza note proposing the withdrawal of the troops might be sent. Meanwhile a report from the commander of the American cavalry attacked by Mexican natives at Parral is anxiously awaited.

The Carranza version is that his troops did everything to stop the firing upon the Americans. It is understood that the success of the de facto government in demonstrating its intention of ability to hunt down Villa and his bandits, in event the American expedition is recalled would have great weight with President Wilson in reaching a decision regarding the matter. President Wilson had before him today several long messages from General Funston. They were presented to him by Secretary of War Baker at mid-conference last week.

VILLA'S "DRUG STORE," ON PACK MULE, TAKEN

General Pershing's Headquarters in Mexico, April 10.—By motor and aeroplane to Columbus, N. M.; April 15.—What the American troopers call "Villa's drugstore" was among the prizes captured after the Guerrero fight. It was learned today from men of the Seventh cavalry, who participated in that battle. The drugstore was a pack mule loaded with quinine capsules, antiseptics and bandages. In addition, the mule carried a quantity of coffee, which the Americans considered of equal importance with drugs in maintaining campaigning.

One of the results of this campaign, according to Brig. General Pershing, commanding the expedition, has been the effectiveness of the automobiles in mountains and deserts.

BRIDGEPORTERS GET RELIEF IN FREIGHT TIE-UP

Embargo Except on Coal, Lumber and Cement, Virtually Lifted.

L. B. Nickerson, general agent of the N. Y. N. E. & H. R. R. Co., today announced that with the exception of shipments coming from coastwise or ocean steamship lines by way of East River piers, Harlem River and Brooklyn, the embargo on freight, as applied to Bridgeport bound shipments, has been lifted.

This is limited in its application to shipments of coal, lumber and cement to the acceptance of one-third of the average daily receipts over each connecting line during April of last year.

The New Haven's general freight agent has informed the local offices that all trunk lines have modified their embargoes to conform to the announcement outlined above.

The lifting of embargo as applied to Bridgeport does not necessarily include all other points on the New Haven lines, the modification of the embargo being regulated by local conditions.

FOUR PAYDAYS FOR U. M. C. EMPLOYEES

Because of the great number of employees in the Union Metallic Cartridge Co., different pay days for departments have been instituted. On four days of the week, men receive their wages, instead of all on one, as has been the custom.

Paymasters have been kept busy all day long in some instances and men anxious to get home, have been delayed greatly. Pay days are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The same system soon will be