

U. S. HELPLESS TO PROTECT ITS MISSIONARIES

State Department Admits It Can Give Little Relief to Americans in Persia.

ONLY AID THROUGH ENVOYS

Secretary Bryan Deluged With Telegrams Asking That Prompt Action Be Taken.

With two great warships in the Mediterranean and a gunboat in the Bosphorus, the United States is helpless to protect American missionaries who are being outraged in Persia.

The State Department admitted this today when it let it be known that the only efforts being made to secure protection for Americans admittedly in grave danger was through Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople and American Consuls scattered over Asiatic Turkey and Persia.

"We are doing what we can," said Secretary Bryan, "but I am not prepared to say what we may or may not do."

Prompt Action Urged.

Officials of the American board of foreign missions and church people throughout the country who have relatives in the danger zone are deluging the State Department with telegrams asking prompt action. It was explained that because of the location of the region affected the best hope was that Turkey could reach the scene.

Reports that Americans have actually been killed are still without official confirmation, but the reports received through unofficial circles indicate that some have fallen victims to the savagery of the Kurds.

G. A. R. WOULD USE OLD CENSUS BUILDING

Members Plan to Do Away With Necessity of Pitching Tents on White Lot.

If the old Census Bureau building at First and B streets northwest can be secured at a low enough rate it will be used as headquarters during the G. A. R. encampment here next fall, and will do away with any necessity to pitch tents on the White Lot.

A decision to this effect was reached today at a meeting of William F. Oude, chairman of the committee of one hundred; Thomas Grant, secretary, and Dr. Frank Gibson, chairman of the entertainment committee, with Col. John McElroy, Col. George H. Slaybagh, Capt. Thomas H. McKee, Dr. Frank Gibson, and Judge I. G. Kimball, representing the G. A. R.

The old census building will be large enough to allow each department to have a headquarters there, and the committee members do not believe the lease for a few weeks will be prohibitive.

Chairman Robert N. Harper, of the finance committee, is visiting all of his sub-committees today and the collection of a fund for the encampment is progressing rapidly. It is understood that all the banks and trust companies in the city will make a uniform contribution. One of the large department store companies in the city will give a check for \$500, it was learned today.

NAVY OFFICER'S NEW HOME



COM. MACFARLAND BUYS IN CHEVY CHASE

Purchases John L. Weaver Property at Brookville Road and Kirke Street.

Commander Horace G. MacFarland, U. S. N., retired, has purchased the home of John L. Weaver at the northeast corner of Brookville road and Kirke street, Chevy Chase. The property consists of an acre of ground, improved by a ten-room dwelling with additional quarters for servants.

Vaughan Class Campaign Will Close Tomorrow

A two months' membership campaign by the Vaughan Class of Calvary Baptist Church will close tomorrow, 23 new members having already been added to the class roll. The class was divided into the "Davids," all of whom are single, and the "Jonathans," who are married men. The losers must serve the winners at a victory supper April 7. The score last Sunday was 28 for the Davids and 70 for the Jonathans.

Two Plaza Property Owners Receive \$12,550

Two checks aggregating \$12,550 were mailed today by the Plaza Commission in payment of property acquired for extension of Capitol Park.

W. H. Harnberger received \$5,500 for lot 2, in square 723, and Denison P. Row 41, \$7,050 for lot 33, in square 722. This brings the total payments to date to \$20,000.

Awards in square 723, hearings on which were concluded yesterday, will be announced next week.

Realty Transfers

Pennsylvania avenue southeast, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets—Julius Haislein et ux. to Alvin J. Scott, lot 22, square 8, of square 723, \$10 (stamp \$1.50). Alvin J. Scott to Joseph J. Taylor and C. Vernon Snider, same property \$10 (stamp \$1.50).

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STRICT OBSERVANCE OF METHODIST DUTY URGED BY BISHOP

Five Candidates for Ministry Told Spiritual Life Cannot Be Counterfeited.

'LECTURING NOT PREACHING'

Aimless Talk Comes From Empty Heart, Says Head of Southern Conference.

Strict observance of Methodist discipline and a spiritual life that cannot be counterfeited by mere intellectualism was the injunction of Bishop Warren A. Candler to five candidates for the ministry at the Baltimore conference of the M. E. Church South, held in the Mt. Vernon Place Church today.

The men addressed by the bishop were Charles N. Hall, Frank C. Ridgeway, S. J. Dulaney, Walter S. Thomas, and S. R. Speed, and his talk to them was the principal event of today's meeting.

Lacks Spiritual Purpose.

"We can never know Him by mere intellectuality. Paul tells us that the princes of this world did not know Him or they never would have crucified Him, yet they had a better opportunity for intellectual development than we have the apostles. Too many preachers are disposed to reduce preaching to mere lecturing. Though it may be good lecturing it does not serve a spiritual purpose, but merely fills in an hour. It is nothing more than a program. 'Aimless preaching' comes from an empty heart. If we have not our own spiritual life very full we use the Bible only to get texts out of for our discussions. We are apt to have no more use for it than for a book of familiar quotations."

The tendency of some modernists to be less strict in the matter of church discipline was criticized by the bishop in the latter part of his address, who held that Methodists ought to live up to their principles, at least as well as the members of other churches.

"For example, I have never talked to a Baptist who would not defend baptism and close communion, but I have heard several Methodists who thought the church should countenance card playing, theater-going and dancing. 'Mostly, brethren, I don't believe it would hurt a Baptist as much to take communion with a Methodist as it would hurt a Methodist to go to show.'"

Editor Gives Report.

A report of the work of the Christian Advocate, a Southern Methodist publication of Nashville, was made today by the editor, who will be celebrating the seventy-fifth anniversary of its foundation next May.

The report was followed by detailed reports from all of the Sunday schools in the conference, most of them showing an increase in membership. Following a communication from an attorney in Staunton, Va., was read saying that in an old safe deposit vault, formerly owned by W. E. Martin, deceased, there had been found 250 shares of stock in the Wesleyan Female Institute, having a par value of \$100,000.

Attack Bus Plan.

W. F. Ham, vice president and superintendent of transportation of the Washington Railway and Electric Company, told the members of the committee that they should ask themselves whether the introduction of jitney buses would be an improvement for the city. The buses, he added, come into either street or the cream of traffic, and leave the unprofitable business—the long hauls—for the railway companies. In the cities where they are now established, Mr. Ham continued, the buses do not run a regular service in bad weather. As a result, the street railway companies, having reduced their equipment, cannot put cars out on the inclement days to meet the demands, and the traveling public, consequently, suffers.

Mr. Metzger declared that it would greatly disorganize the transportation facilities of the city, if the jitney buses were not strictly regulated as to the service which they would afford, since an irresponsible competitor, he said, can work havoc with any business.

Hunting for Sneak Thief.

Effort is being made by the police of the Tenth precinct today to learn the identity of the sneak thief who entered the apartments of Edward R. Harvey, at 327 Thirteenth street northwest, yesterday and stole jewelry valued at \$250.

BALTIMORE & OHIO EASTER TOUR TO NEW YORK CITY

The Baltimore & Ohio Railroad has arranged an Easter Vacation Educational Tour to New York City on the "all-expense" plan, to leave Washington Thursday, April 1, on the well known "Royal Limited" leaving Union Station at 3:00 P. M., arriving New York, 23d street, at 8:10 P. M., allowing four full days at New York City, and returning on the "Royal Limited" Monday, April 5, at 3:50 P. M.

The cost of the trip from Washington will be \$25, which includes the railroad fare in dining cars both directions, hotel expenses for four days in New York City, transfer charges to and from hotels and two special sightseeing trips.

The "Royal Limited," which is the best of its kind, is a beautiful, electric-lighted, all-steel train, known the world over for its splendid coaches, vestibule observation parlor cars and famous table d'hote dinners.

A representative will accompany the party and look after the details of the tour.

For tickets and detailed information write, phone or call Baltimore and Ohio ticket office, 619 Pennsylvania avenue, and Union Station, N. B. HEGER, District Passenger Agent.

GEN. CARRANZA PUTS NEW TAX ON SISAL

Takes Advantage of Fast That Farmers Are Dependent on Output.

Taking advantage of the fact that farmers of the United States are absolutely dependent on the sisal hemp of Yucatan for the twine they use in their binder machines, General Carranza has decided to impose an even greater tax on the export of the fiber to this country.

Foiled in his attempt to blockade the port of Progreso by the plain threat that American ships would bombard the port, Carranza had already imposed a tax of 4 cents per kilo in Mexican gold, or about 1 cent a pound in American money. This tax, however, would not have become effective under the original decree until April 20, and would not effect the \$60,000 sales of the sisal hemp, which is now ready for shipment, and for the movement of which the United States is willing, if necessary, to use army or navy transports.

Effective Now.

Today, however, Rear Admiral Caperton, commanding the American squadron in Mexican waters, sent a wireless to the Navy Department stating that Carranza has since decreed that the new taxes shall be retroactive to the date from March 20. Unless the United States takes a firmer stand the 100,000 bales, which the American importers have agreed not to sell at any price, will have to bear the burden of an extra tax of \$4 a bale.

Edward C. Heidrich, Jr., vice president of the Peoria Cordage Company, and Edward Frensdorf, chairman of the board of control of the Jackson, Mich., State Prison, which manufactures binder twine, called at the White House and the Navy and State Departments today urging that even more strenuous action be taken, if necessary, to force Carranza to permit the free export of the fiber.

Wilson and Taft at Dedication Today

Cornerstone of First Memorial to Womens' Heroism to Be Laid This Afternoon.

President Wilson at 3 o'clock today, will lay the cornerstone of the first memorial to the heroism, self-sacrifice, and patriotism of women. On the program will be former President Taft, Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge, and Associate Justice Lamar, of the United States Supreme Court. Mr. Taft will make the principal address. The President is not expected to talk. Miss Mabel Boardman will give an historical sketch.

The memorial building will occupy a square on Seventeenth street, between the Corcoran Art Gallery and Continental Memorial Hall, and facing the White House grounds. The building will be of white Vermont marble, and its style of architecture will be Georgian colonial, corresponding to the White House. It will fill the only gap in the row of splendid structures on the west side of the White House grounds. Congress appropriated \$50,000, and the Red Cross raised \$40,000 for the building.

Besides serving as a national headquarters for the American Red Cross, the memorial building will serve as a meeting place for patriotic organizations. An assembly room will be the most magnificent in the building. The articles to be placed in the cornerstone will be sealed in a copper box and placed in the stone by President Wilson. The box will contain a Bible, copies of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, plans of the building, the original L'Enfant map of Washington and a new map, autographs of men connected with the building project, the Washington daily papers of Friday, copies of the Red Cross magazine, the American flag and a Red Cross flag of red and white.

H. E. Perkins Purchases House at 417 2d St. N. E.

Henry E. Perkins has purchased, through the office of J. Leo Kolb an eight-room-and-bath brick dwelling at 417 Second street northeast. The consideration was \$5,000. Mr. Perkins for a number of years lived at 122 E street northeast, but sold the property to the Government for Plaza improvements. His new residence will overlook the entire Plaza when a few buildings that now partially obstruct the view are removed.

Urging Prohibition Here.

Recommendation of prohibition in the District of Columbia and of eventual national prohibition by the Baltimore conference of the M. E. Church South was made in the report of the committee on temperance.

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CONFERENCE HELD

McManus Indemnity is Now in Progress in Mexico City between the Brazilian Minister, representing the United States, and General Palafox, representing the convention forces.

The amount is expected to be agreed on and the money turned over to Mrs. McManus and her children early next week.

This Government will then declare the incident closed, accepting the original apology as covering everything connected with the murder of McManus, and agreeing to wait until Palafox can fix personally responsibility for the punishment of the murderers, who are still at large.

Fighting for possession of the port of Matamoros is troops in progress, with the Villista forces making a supreme effort to take the city. Villa intends to utilize it as a base for operations against Tampico from the ocean, it is said here. The continued illness of Catholic operations probably will be delayed.

Army of Million Easily Raised, Bryan Says

The United States could raise an army of 1,000,000 men between dawn and sunset in time of national need, in the opinion of Secretary of State Bryan. Addressing the students of Catholic University last night, Secretary Bryan said:

"If the President should need 1,000,000 men to go to war, he could issue his call at dawn, and at sunset there would be 1,000,000 men in line. They would come from every State. They would not wear the sign of the cross or the donkey, or any other political badge, but they would all be ready to die for their country."

Col. McElroy Installed As G. A. R. Vice Commander

Col. John McElroy was today installed as senior vice commander, Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., at Past Department Commander C. C. Royce officiating. Colonel McElroy will be acting District commander of the organization through the continued illness of District Commander L. H. Patterson.

SKIN AFFECTION CAME ON FACE

In Small Bumps, Grew Larger. At Times Could Not Go Anywhere. Itched and Burned. Cuticura Soap and Ointment Healed My Face.

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