

BOMB PLACED IN MINNEHAHA'S HOLD EXPLODES, SETTING FIRE TO SHIP WHICH REACHES HALIFAX IN SAFETY

BELIEVED HOLT SET EXPLOSIVE IN TRANSPORT

Two Sailors Hurlled Into Air and Many Stunned by the Shock.

THRILLING RACE ACROSS SEA AGAINST FLAMES

Captain Brings Craft to Haven Through Gale and Fog.

Halifax, N. S., July 9.—The bomb placed aboard the Atlantic Transport liner, Minneha, probably while she was at her pier at New York, caused the explosion and fire at sea, in the opinion of the officers of the steamer, which put in here for examination today.

The explosion occurred in No. 3 hold, with terrific force, shaking the vessel from stern to stem.

Those of the crew forward were fairly stunned by the shock and two were hurled into the air. The flames followed quickly and for two days and nights the crew battled heroically to save the ship.

There is no doubt in the minds of the officers that Erich Muenster, alias Frank Holt, or his confederates, are responsible for the explosion, which occurred on the afternoon of July 7, the date upon which Muenster predicted some vessel, the name of which he appeared uncertain, would be destroyed. Muenster's plans were frustrated by the fact that his weapon of destruction was placed with miscellaneous freight forward and was so separated by stout bulkheads from the enormous cargo of ammunition, which, with other inflammable munitions for the Allies, filled the after holds. While the sailors fought the fire, Captain Charet headed the ship off Halifax and brought her safely through a gale and fog to anchorage in the lower harbor here.

The flames were extinguished late this afternoon.

Huerta Bound Over to Await Jury's Action

El Paso, Tex., July 9.—General Huerta, under arrest, charged with conspiracy to violate the neutrality of the United States by inciting a new revolution, waived preliminary hearing the federal court and was held to Port Bliss in the custody of the United States marshal. Five other Mexicans were arrested with Huerta, and also waived hearing and were released on bond.

BOTH CLAIM VICTORY.

Washington, July 9.—General Villa telegraphed the American consular agent at Chihuahua today that he led the Carranza forces under General Hill into a trap and severely defeated them in the vicinity of August Calientes. The consular report received at the state department tonight contradicts a message from the consul at Aguas Calientes earlier in the day, who reported Villa was defeated 50 Aguas Calientes and his forces are retreating northward. On the other hand, the Carranza agency had the report that its forces administered a crushing blow to Villa's army, which claimed to be cut down to about 7,000 or 8,000.

CASE TRANSFERRED TO FEDERAL COURT

The injunction hearing of the case of the State vs. The C. M. & St. P. railroad has been transferred from the district court of Judge Hanley at Mandan to the federal district court at Fargo, on motion of the defendant company.

SHRINERS' BAND ENTERTAINS HERE EN ROUTE WEST

First of Shriners' Specials With El Zagal Band in City Yesterday.

POTENTATE GAGE HEADS PROCESSION

Bismarck Residents Entertained for Short Time by Visiting Bodies.

The first of the six Shriners' specials to pass through Bismarck arrived yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Hundreds of people were gathered at the Northern Pacific depot, to see the train and meet friends who were aboard.

The Fargo delegation left the train here and for a few short minutes entertained the Bismarck people. Headed by El Zagal band the delegation marched through the principal streets in the business section of the city.

The first special was chartered by the Fargo and Duluth Shriners, and is known as El Zagal Special. The second train arrived last evening about 7:45 o'clock, but was not scheduled to stop here for any length of time. Another arrived at 8:50 o'clock and the fourth and last followed a short time after No. 1.

The Detroit delegation will pass through here on their special at 6:05 o'clock this morning, and the Chicago crowd will be here at 11:15.

Schedule of Trip.

El Zagal special will overtake Imperial Potentate Fred Smith and his distinguished body at Helena tomorrow, where El Zagal will participate in the dedication of Algeria temple and the ceremonial which will follow. After the event at Helena, the special will proceed to Spokane, arriving there Sunday. A special program has been arranged for that day. The special will arrive in Seattle—destination of the pilgrimage—at 7:30 Monday morning. Five days will be spent at the pilgrimage. A trip will then be taken on to Astoria and up the seashore. The party will return to Portland Saturday evening at 7 o'clock leaving at 12:30 that night for Glacier National park, arriving at 2 o'clock that night for Fargo, arriving here Wednesday morning, July 21, about six o'clock.

The members of Osman temple of St. Paul arrived on the special which reached here at 8:50 o'clock last evening. A great many Bismarck residents, including Governor Hanna, had friends on the train. Governor Hanna was called on by the visitors to make a few impromptu remarks at the depot, which he did, expressing regret at the short visit they were forced to pay Bismarck.

Krist and Alfred Zuger of Bismarck and Kjelstrup of Underwood joined the party here and will continue the trip to Seattle with them.

Barn Fire Threatens Belfield

Belfield, No. D., July 9.—A fire which threatened the entire business district of our city was discovered by Roland Eslick, in a barn at the rear of what is known as the Sherman restaurant and about 20 feet from Mr. Sherman's large garage and feed stable.

The alarm was sounded immediately, and although the firemen gave quick response, the barn was well enveloped in flames by the time they arrived on the scene. The rapidity of the fire was probably the result of a ton of dry hay being in the building.

Finally the barn in which the fire was discovered collapsed. This helped to smother the flames and encouraged the firemen to greater efforts in their work to save the garage. The fire demon directed its efforts to the south and in a few minutes had gained great headway in the barn at the rear of the Elmer Brown store. Finally the latter barn was razed and gradually the fire burned itself out. Had the garage fallen prey to the fire it would have been impossible to save any of the buildings north of the Citizen's bank to the Model Clothing store.

BREWER LANDS SECRETARYSHIP OF NEW BOARD

Former Well Known Fargo Scribe Gets Much Heralded Appointment.

SESSIONS OF REGENTS WILL CONTINUE TODAY

Mrs. Minnie Budlong Reappointed as Director of Library Extension.

Announcement was made yesterday by President Lewis F. Crawford of the state board of regents that Chas. Brewer of Fargo had been selected as secretary for the new board. Mr. Brewer was selected for the position several months ago, but no definite announcement was made until last evening.

Colonel Brewer, who is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, is 44 years old, and is also a graduate of the newspaper school, having been connected with several of the well known papers in this state. He has lived in the state for the past 29 years, and has served in several official capacities.

At present he is secretary to the game and fish commission, and his new appointment will create a vacancy in that office.

Mr. Brewer has a host of friends throughout the state and has had a world of experience to fit him for his new position.

Library Department.

The board of control will also take over the duties of the former state library commission. The first official act of the new board in connection with the library department was the reappointment of Mrs. Minnie Clark Budlong as director of the state library extension. No more popular appointment could have been made. Mrs. Budlong has been in the office for some time and is thoroughly familiar with all the ins and outs of the library extension work.

Outlining Plans.

The board of regents continued in session the greater part of yesterday, but will very likely finish their meeting today. Arrangements were made yesterday for fitting up an office for the board on the ground floor at the capitol.

The board will conclude its first session today and will adjourn. Considerable work has been mapped out by the board and will be made public in a short time.

THAW'S LAWYER CHARGES TRICKERY

New York, July 9.—It was charged by John Stanchfield, Thaw's chief counsel that the state had in court "expert lip readers," translating for the benefit of the alienists, whispered conversations that Thaw had with his attorneys and members of his family. This precipitated a request by Deputy Attorney General Becker that a mistrial be declared.

Justice Hendrick refused to grant the petition and instructed the jury that counsel's remarks should not be considered by them. Thaw was on the stand at the time. He was excused without cross-examination. Earlier Thaw told his own story of how he shot and killed Stanford White. He said before he shot White the latter made a move toward his pocket.

THIEVING FARMER NOW DOING TIME

Schafer, N. D., July 9.—Ira Cray has gone to Bismarck to begin a two-year term in the state penitentiary for stealing 100 bushels of flax. He has fought for two years to escape prison, and it is announced that each bushel of flax he secured has cost him \$100.

Cray was a prominent farmer here and was never suspected of any offense until the flax stealing for which he was convicted. He took a change of venue and had the trial in Williams county, where he was found guilty.

Denied New Trial.

He sought a retrial, and when that was denied he appealed to the supreme court and the district court was affirmed. He then sought a rehearing and that was denied. As a last resort he had petitions circulated asking Judge Fisk of this district to suspend sentence and parole the prisoner. This failed and he has at last started to serve his term.

Prices of Products of Farms Drop

Washington, July 9.—Prices paid farmers for big crops grown this year decreased about five and six tenths percent in June, according to an estimate of the department of agriculture. For the past seven years the price level increased two tenths percent in June. This reduction brings the price to the farmer below the seven years average for July 1 by one-tenth percent, although the level is one percent higher than a year ago, and thirteen and two-tenths percent higher than two years ago. The record breaking acreage and good condition of crops generally is regarded as the cause of price reduction.

'HUGE JOKE' SAYS DEFENDANT IN MURDER CASE

Wealthy Iowan Charged With a Crime Dating Back to 1863

Laughs.

FOUR MEN ARRESTED IN UNIQUE CASE

One Woman Who as Girl of Fourteen, Saw Deed, Held as Witness.

Bedford, Ia., July 9.—With four men under arrest for alleged complicity in the murder of a wealthy stockman and his son, at Milan, Ia., in September, 1888, arrangements were made for the protection of the state's chief witness and representatives of Attorney General Casson's office tonight said they were prepared for the next phase of Taylor county's double murder and buried treasure mystery.

This, it is said, was done Tuesday, when the preliminary hearing of the defendants, Bates Huntman, Samuel Scribner, Henry Danewood and John

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ENGLAND BADLY NEEDS MEN TO CRUSH ENEMY

Kitchener Tells English So in a Vigorous Appeal for More Recruits.

SLIGHT GAINS REPORTED BY ALLIES IN FRANCE

Arabs Join Turkish Forces in Attack on British Possessions.

London, July 9.—Field Marshal Kitchener, whose conduct of the war office has been criticized by certain sections of the British press, received a remarkable ovation from the public today on his visit to London Guild Hall to make an appeal for recruits, and particularly for reserves for the great army he has raised since the outbreak of the war.

From the far office to the Guild Hall great crowds assembled to welcome Kitchener. As he drove through the troop lined streets, cries of welcome and confidence were shouted at him, while at a meeting of business men in Guild Hall confidence was unanimously voted in his administration.

The great need of the moment, said Kitchener, was men, material and money. Money being raised by loan was a success, he said, and assured the meeting of the question of material is being dealt with in a highly satisfactory manner by the new minister of munitions. But there still remains the vital need of men he said.

"Men and more men are needed," he said, "until the enemy is crushed." The country is in a better position than when the war broke out, Kitchener said, but its position is still serious. He made an urgent call for men to fill the gaps which were made in the ranks of the army.

THE WEATHER.

North Dakota: Partly cloudy, cooler Saturday, probably show-ers Sunday.

Germany Promises Protection For Americans Travelling on High Seas Under Neutral Flag

SUGGESTS PASSENGER BOATS BE LABELLED AND ASSURANCE GIVEN THEY WILL CARRY NO CONTRABAND OF WAR.

Date of Arrival Is Asked To Be Given in Advance

WILLING TO PERMIT AMERICA TO PLACE FOUR HOSTILE PASSENGER STEAMERS UNDER AMERICAN REGISTRY IF NECESSARY.

Berlin, July 9.—Germany's offer embodied in the reply to the United States note regarding the sinking of the Lusitania and submarine warfare, was delivered to American Ambassador Gerard, and the text of which, obtained by the Associated Press, is:

First, there is reiterated assurance that American ships engaged in legitimate trade will not be interfered with, nor will the lives of Americans upon neutral ships be endangered.

Second, German submarines will be instructed to allow American passenger ships to pass freely and safely, Germany entreating in return confident hope that the American government will see that these ships do not carry contraband, and that such ships will be provided with distinguishing marks, and that their arrival will be announced a reasonable time in advance.

The same privileges will be extended to a reasonable number of neutral passenger ships under the American flag. Should the number of ships thus available for passenger service prove inadequate, Germany is willing to permit America to place four hostile passenger steamers under the American flag to ply between North America and Europe under the same conditions.

Mentions Order-in-Council.

After referring to the principles advocated by Germany regarding the freedom of the seas, the note recites the British orders-in-council, declaring a blockade of German ports, which meant starvation to German civilians, it says:

"We have been obliged to adopt the submarine warfare to meet the declared intentions of our enemies and the method of warfare adopted by them in contravention of international law.

"The case of the Lusitania shows with horrible clearness to what jeopardizing of human lives the manner of conducting the war employed by our adversaries leads, in most direct contravention of international law.

Distinctions Obliterated.

"All distinctions between merchantmen and war vessels have been obliterated by the order to British merchantmen to arm themselves to man the submarines and promise of rewards therefore. Neutrals who use merchantmen as travelers thereby have been exposed in increasing degree to all the dangers of war.

"If the commander of the German submarine which destroyed the Lusitania had caused the crew and passengers to take to the boats before firing the torpedo, this would mean sure destruction of his own vessel.

Mentions Lusitania.

"After the experiences in sinking much smaller and less seaworthy vessels, it might be expected that a mighty ship like the Lusitania would remain above water long enough even after being torpedoed to permit the passengers to enter the ship's boats. It may be pointed out that if the Lusitania had been speared thousand of cases of munitions would have been sent to Germany's enemies and thereby thousands of German mothers and children would be robbed of breadwinners.

Ready to Assist.

"In the spirit of friendship whereof the German nation has been imbued toward the union and its inhabitants since the earliest days of its existence, the imperial government always will be ready to do all it can during the present war to prevent the jeopardizing of the lives of American citizens.

"The imperial government, therefore, repeats assurances that American ships will not be hindered in the prosecution of legitimate shipping and the lives of American citizens in neutral vessels shall not be placed in jeopardy.

To Give Free Passage.

"In order to exclude any unforeseen dangers to American passenger steamers made possible in view of the conduct of the maritime war by Germany's adversaries, German submarines will be instructed to permit free and safe passage of such passenger steamers when made recognizable by special marking and when notified a reasonable time in advance.

"The imperial government, however, confidently hopes the American government will assume to guarantee that these vessels have no contraband on board and details of arrangement for the unimpeded passage of these vessels will be agreed to by naval authorities of both sides.

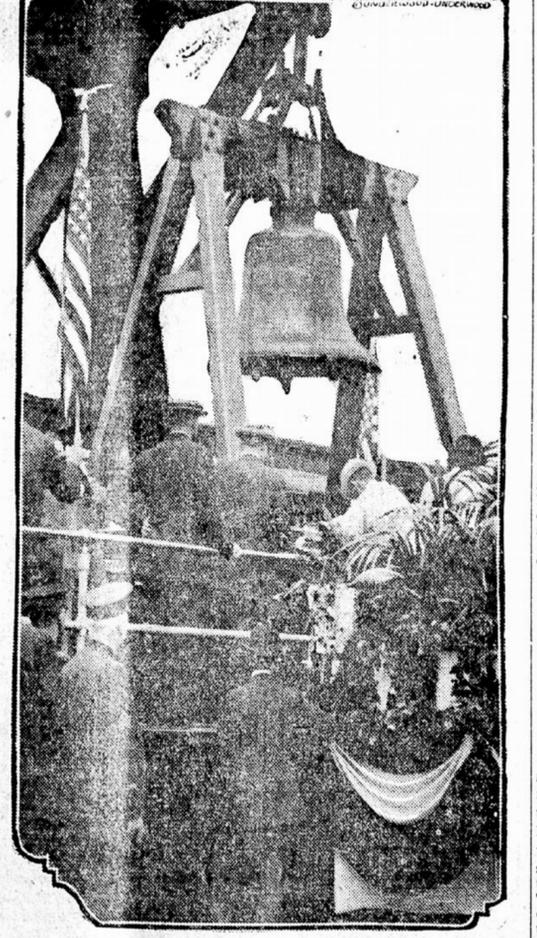
"In order to furnish adequate facilities for travel across the Atlantic for American citizens, the German government submits for consideration a proposal to increase the number of available steamers by installing in passenger service a reasonable number of steamers under the American flag, the exact number to be agreed upon under the same condition as the above mentioned American steamers.

Adequate Facilities.

"The imperial government believes it can assume in this manner adequate facilities for travel across the Atlantic ocean can be afforded American citizens.

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LIBERTY BELL GOES WEST FOR SIX MONTHS



Hoisting Liberty Bell on car at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia bade good-bye to the Liberty Bell on July 5. Escorted by a brigade of the Pennsylvania national guard the old Revolutionary relic passed before the eyes of thousands of persons gathered for the ceremony. The bell was hoisted on a specially constructed car and amid cheers left for the Panama-Pacific exposition. Six months will elapse before the historic bell will be returned to its case in Independence Hall, Philadelphia.

As a complement to San Diego citizens and school children Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink, the famous diva, recently sang before a huge outdoor audience at the San Diego exposition. The crowd of 25,000 was one of the largest before which she ever appeared.

Urge Wilson Not to Delay Action Longer

Washington, July 8.—Urgent suggestions that the United States wait no longer than another month before taking some decisive action to restore law and order in Mexico were forwarded to the state department by several American consular officers in the northern part of the republic. Threatened famine and inability of contending military factions to restore peace and establish a government recognizable by the United States are dwelt upon by the consular officers.

The ancient Mexican fortress, San Juan De Ullon, in Vera Cruz harbor, was declared to be no longer a military prison in a decree published by General Carranza, which reached the state department today. It is from this prison that Americans released many political refugees when they occupied Vera Cruz.