

U. S. REVENUE OFFICE SAFE IS ROBBED

Over Half Million in Revenue Stamps Taken From St. Paul Federal Building.

ROBBERS MAKE ESCAPE IN AN AUTOMOBILE

Safe Was Unlocked at the Time; Only Negotiable Stamps Are Taken by Thieves.

St. Paul, Jan. 7.—Federal and city authorities said tonight they had no clue to the identity of the robbers who early today blew open the unguarded vault of the local internal revenue office in the old federal building, located in the heart of the business district, and escaped with approximately \$650,000 in negotiable internal revenue stamps, and about \$3,639 in currency.

Authorities in all surrounding towns and in virtually every large city of the United States have been asked for co-operation in the search for the robbers, who are believed to have taken their loot, weighing more than 200 pounds, away in an automobile.

Record Robbery. Unnegotiable stamps were not taken. The robbery is said to be the largest in the history of the internal revenue department.

The exact amount of loot obtained will not be known until E. J. Lynch, revenue collector, and his assistants have checked up their accounts, which probably will be completed to-morrow morning. Mr. Lynch said to-night that indications were that the face value of the stamps taken, which were principally document tax stamps, would not exceed \$650,000. Earlier in the day, he had estimated the amount at nearly \$1,000,000.

Estimates by internal revenue agents as to the amount the robbers might obtain on the stamps varied.

CLASH IN HOUSE ON WAR PROPOSALS

Representatives Stanford and Cooper of Wisconsin Attack Rep. Gardner.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Stanford and Cooper of Wisconsin hurled hot criticisms at Representative Gardner of Massachusetts today when the latter attacked Germans for suggesting proposals on munition embargoes.

The two Wisconsin men were joined in their attack on their Republican colleague by Representative Longworth of Ohio. Representative Stanford and Longworth denounced the statements of the Massachusetts member as unwarranted, and particularly improper at this time.

Representative Cooper had just had time to declare that Mr. Gardner's speech might be expected in the British parliament when a point of order cut short the discussion.

Later Mr. Stanford apologized for what had been construed as a reflection on Mr. Gardner's Spanish war service, after Mr. Moore of Pennsylvania had produced the records showing the representative had been promoted for bravery. Mr. Gardner had left the house after speaking.

NOTED AVIATOR IS SUED FOR DIVORCE

London, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Claude Graham-White, wife of the well-known aviator, who is now a flight commander of the Royal air service, has filed a petition for the restoration of her conjugal rights, an action which ordinarily is the prelude to a suit for divorce.

Claude Graham White and Dorothy Cadwell Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Loy Taylor of New York, were married in Wiford, England, in 1912.

KNOX ADJUDGED INSANE.

Baton Rouge, La., Jan. 7.—Robert L. Knox, surveyor of customs for New Orleans, who on December 22 shot and killed two men in a railroad station here, was adjudged insane by a lunacy commission and ordered confined in the criminal division of the state hospital.

POWDER PLANT BURNS.

Mount Union, Pa., Jan. 7.—One of the finishing mills of the Aetna Explosive company's plants here was destroyed by fire tonight. The loss is estimated at \$60,000. No lives were lost. The origin of the fire is believed to have been spontaneous combustion caused by an increase in the temperature in the building.

YOUNG VANDERBILT MANAGES REUNION



Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., son of Mr and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt, managed the reunion last week of the Knickerbocker Greys, a military drill class composed of wealthy young men. This class, which meets twice a week for military drill, was established by some of New York's most prominent men, and has some very famous names on its membership roll.

FORD PARTY WILL REACH HAGUE TODAY

Committee Will Welcome Party; Meetings Will Be Held in Zoological Gardens.

WILL TREAT THE DOVES AS AMERICAN TOURISTS

The Hague, via London, Jan. 7.—Two hundred and ten members of the Henry Ford peace expedition will reach the Hague at 11 o'clock Saturday morning. Arrangements were completed today by a local committee to welcome them at the railway station and conduct them to various hotels.

The arrangements so far made for the party after reaching here include public meetings on Monday and Tuesday in the Zoological Garden at Grant Hall. No restrictions have been placed by the authorities on their proceedings, as in Denmark. The attitude of the Dutch authorities may be described as benevolently passive.

The American legation today authorized the official statement: "This legation will be delighted to extend to the Ford party as private citizens, travelling abroad, all the courtesy to which they are entitled. They will have the opportunity to see some of the treasures of Dutch paintings and architecture, and, doubtless, will have a peaceful, instructive stay in Holland as American tourists."

PANAMA CANAL IS OPEN ONCE MORE

Panama, Jan. 7.—The steamer, Newton, the last vessel waiting for passage through the Panama Canal, passed through the waterway today. The Newton has the greatest draught of any vessel using the canal since it was closed last September.

Major General Goethals, governor of the Canal Zone, said that while the Newton was permitted to pass through the canal it was not yet in condition for continuous traffic and that the waterway was not open.

NO VERDICT REACHED IN NEW HAVEN CASE

New York, Jan. 7.—The jury in the case of the 11 former directors of the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroad, charged with criminal violation of the Sherman law, was locked up for the night at 11:35 p. m., no verdict having been reached.

The case was submitted to the jurors for decision shortly before 11:30 o'clock in the morning.

All of the defendants except William Rockefeller, who was ill, had been present in the court room to receive the verdict. They face the possibility of jail sentences of a year should the case go against them. Judge Hunt's charge was regarded as favorable to the defense.

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED ON THE LUSITANIA CASE

Tension Regarding Submarine Situation Is Relaxed Says Washington.

OFFICIALS GRATIFIED AT TURN OF AFFAIRS

Promise Made That Submarines Will Operate Under International Laws.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Two communications from Germany reached the United States today—one conveying a proposal to pay an indemnity for the Americans lost in the Lusitania disaster, which may bring negotiations on the subject to a conclusion, and the other conveying assurances that German submarine commanders operating in the Mediterranean would not torpedo non-combatant ships without warning them and affording safety to their passengers and crews.

The communications were delivered to Secretary Lansing by Count von Bernstorff.

Near Final Settlement. Official Washington tonight considered that America and Germany at last were near a final agreement regarding the conduct of submarine warfare.

Officials made no attempt to conceal their gratification over the attitude Germany has assumed. It was considered to be virtually in harmony with the American viewpoint.

Tension regarding the entire submarine question seemed to have lessened considerably. Austria in reply to the last Ancona note, having insured the United States of its intention to operate submarines with regard to international law and humanity, Turkey and Bulgaria, it is understood, next will take steps to give such guarantees. It is stated authoritatively that Germany and Austria will use their influence to accomplish this end.

Will Pay Indemnities. The Lusitania controversy, except for the wording of the agreement to be entered into, is considered, in Teutonic circles here, virtually ended.

Under the terms of the proposals submitted for the approval of the United States, Germany, while offering to pay an indemnity makes the reservation that no admission of wrong thereby is admitted. It is contended that the Lusitania was sunk as an act of reprisal.

Won't Molest Americans. The state department was advised today by Ambassador Shock, at Paris, that the French government had ordered the captain of the cruiser, Descartes to act with great care and circumspection and not to stop any more American vessels. The cruiser recently stopped three in Port Rican waters and removed Germans, who have since been released.

An Act of Reprisal. It is contended that the Lusitania was sunk as an act of reprisal for the British blockade of Germany.

While Secretary Lansing is understood to have not indicated to Count von Bernstorff whether the proposal was satisfactory, several officials in a position to be familiar with the American attitude indicated that it would be accepted.

Consideration of the German assurances and of the apparent attitude of Austria as reflected in dispatches from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna, led officials to believe that the sinking of the Persia might result in differences so grave as at first were feared.

SEATTLE PHYSICIAN HELD BY BRITISH

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—Dr. Walter Gellhorn, a prominent physician of Seattle who was taken from a ship at Kirkwall December 9 and is believed to be a prisoner in a British detention camp, is alleged by British secret agents here to have been carrying plans for certain military inventions and some chemical formula to Germany.

JUDGE JOHN CARMODY OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

Fargo, Jan. 7.—Judge John Carmody of Hillsboro, who is in the city attending federal court as assistant United States district attorney, celebrated his sixty-second birthday yesterday. He received congratulations and many tokens of esteem from his friends.

BIG OFFENSIVE MAY BE STARTED BY RUSSIANS

Bombard Austrian Position With 400 Guns for 50 Hours at Czernowitz.

BRITISH SUBMARINE WRECKED OFF HOLLAND

Nine Ships Laden With Grain in Mediterranean Have Not Been Heard From.

London, Jan. 7.—Some idea of the determined nature of the Russian blow in the Bessarabian front is conveyed by Petrograd's dispatches today, which state that the Russians for fifty hours concentrated 400 guns on the Austrian positions at Czernowitz for a preparation of infantry attack.

The Russian communications do not yet claim that that point has fallen, but dispatches from Berlin admit that the Teutonic position there is critical.

It is not yet clear whether the Russian operations in this theater herald a big general offensive movement of all the Russian armies from the Baltic to the Roumanian border. The fighting has been of the most bitter character, according to both the Austrian and Russian reports. Few prisoners are being taken and the infantry engagements are largely in the nature of hand to hand encounters.

Other Fronts Quiet. The situation along other fronts is comparatively quiet.

The loss of the nine ships laden with grain purchased in America has either arrived or been signaled.

Echo of Dardanelles. An echo of General Ian Hamilton's important review of the Dardanelles operation is found in a report published today that Sir Frederick Stopford, who was recalled on account of his account in the Subla Bay operations, has demanded an inquiry by the war office into the whole circumstances of the landing of troops in the Dardanelles.

In connection with the submarine activities in the Mediterranean sea, an Athens dispatch notes that alarm is noted there, owing to the fact that none of the nine ships laden with grain purchased in America has either arrived or been signaled.

Consuls Are Released. A dispatch to the Havaas agency from Athens, under date of Jan. 6, says that Jean Guillemin, the French minister to Greece, has announced that the consuls of the Teutonic allies arrested at Saloniki have been released.

Greeks and Bulgars Clash. Irregular Bulgarian troops have clashed with Greek gendarmes between Popovselo and Paviati, according to a Havas dispatch from Saloniki.

The Greek authorities, the dispatch adds, will take measures to prevent bands of Bulgarian irregulars crossing the Greek frontier.

Submarine Attacks Arsenal. Reports received from Constantinople by a local newspaper declared that a British submarine made its way from the Sea of Marmora to the Golden Horn and attacked an arsenal on the Pera side, causing much damage and a panic among the inhabitants.

Churchill at Front. Major Winston Churchill, former first lord of the admiralty, who resigned his subsequent post of chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster and went to the front with his regiment, has been appointed to manage a corps of fusiliers.

Close Call For Emperor. The Bourse Gazette to day prints a sensational story of a narrow escape from death by Emperor William in a flight over Warsaw in a Zeppelin. Although the story is officially denied in Germany, the Bourse's Gazette correspondent claims he is in possession of circumstantial details of the incident, and in corroboration of his story says the crew and officers of the airship were especially rewarded for saving the emperor's life.

Russian Losses Heavy.

Russian losses on the Bessarabian frontier and the Stryva region during the New Year's fighting were at least 50,000, according to an official statement issued by the war office today. The statement says: "Trustworthy estimates of the enemy's losses make them at least 50,000."

Boat From Persia.

The Journalist reports the finding of one of the lifeboats of the steamer Ancona, that was sunk by an Austrian submarine, which it says gives "clear proof that it was fired upon by the Austrians while it was full of men, women and children."

Gov. Hanna Will Leave For Home

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 7.—Gov. L. B. Hanna of North Dakota, who has been ill of influenza in Copenhagen since leaving the Ford peace expedition, has recovered and will sail for United States as soon as he can arrange transportation, according to a cablegram received tonight from the governor by his brother, R. C. Hanna of Minneapolis.

The cable message was dated last Tuesday and referring to the governor's illness, said: "Am just about well. Expect to be out in two days."

Mr. Hanna, the executive's brother, expects to hear shortly that the governor has sailed for the United States.

WITNESSES TESTIFY IN PRICE TRIAL

Prisoner Shudders When White Skull of Wife Is Placed Before Him.

STATE TO COMPLETE ITS CASE TUESDAY

Minneapolis, Jan. 7.—Frederick T. Price, a local business man, shuddered today as the whitened skull of his wife for whose murder he is on trial in district court, was placed upon a table before him, while medical experts testified that the injuries which resulted in death could not have been caused by the fall from the East river road cliff. They declared that death apparently was due to a blow on the head.

When court adjourned tonight until Monday, a dozen witnesses had testified in support of the state's charge that Price hurled his third wife from a cliff on the night of November 28, 1914, and then went below and crushed her skull, in the hope of inheriting her fortune, \$10,000, of which, it is alleged, was given to her by her father the day before her death.

The state expects to complete its presentation of evidence next Tuesday with the testimony of Charles D. Etcheson, who after his arrest swore that Price killed his wife and gave him \$4,700.00 for his silence.

SECRETARY REDFIELD ON TRADE CONDITIONS

Submits Memorandum to President on General Business Conditions.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Secretary Redfield, in a memorandum on business conditions, transmitted to President Wilson today, pictures the country as in the most prosperous state of its history. The warning is added, though, that inflation of commerce will last only until the war ends and that business foresight alone will prepare the United States for peace.

The slump that will follow the war abroad, the secretary's summary declares, must find Americans ready to take their share of the world's trade.

"It is not to be expected," the secretary says, "that our business movements will continue in its present form. No one dreams that we can now in the future maintain an export movement of more than \$5,000,000,000 actual value, or expect a net balance in our favor in merchandise transactions of \$3,000,000,000 in any one year."

"It is, alike, impossible and undesirable that these things continue. It is impossible for no other reason than because the world has not the power to pay to any one nation such vast sums for any long period in addition to the waste of war."

Opportunities for a normal prosperity after the war are outlined, the secretary pointing out that the United States has jumped to first place among the nations in international trade.

"Whether we shall retain first place," the memorandum continues, "depends on the energy of our bankers, manufacturers and farmers."

ASTOR ASSUMES TITLE.

London, Jan. 7.—William Waldorf Astor, formerly of New York, who was raised to the peerage by King George, has assumed the title of Baron Astor of Hever Castle.

YOUNGSTOWN IN THROES OF A SERIOUS STRIKE; STATE MILITIA CALLED

RUSS ATTACK WHERE 3 FRONTIERS MEET



The most recent battle on the eastern front, which is regarded in London as a serious operation on a large scale, is developing where the frontiers of three nations meet—Russia, Austria and Roumania—and is considered to be intended partly to impede Roumania, if it be not a preliminary to Roumania's entrance into the war.

The heaviest Russian attack on the Austrian lines, which here still practically parallel the frontier, is being made in the wooded country north of Toporutz, a few miles northwest of Czernowitz. It is intimated that if the Russians succeed in clearing the Austrians out of Bukovina the Roumanians will declare war and occupy that province.

WHITE HOUSE PARTY FOR THE VISITING DELEGATES

President and Mrs. Wilson Hold First Public Reception in the Blue Room.

Washington, Jan. 7.—A brilliant reception given at the White House tonight by President and Mrs. Wilson crowned the social attention paid the visiting delegates to the Pan-American Scientific congress during the last two weeks. In numbers present and in splendor the affair surpassed anything of the kind seen in Washington in recent years.

Martial music lent color to the scene. For more than three hours, the guests passed down the receiving line in a stream. By the side of the president stood his bride of less than three weeks, who tonight made her first appearance at the White House. She wore a white satin gown with a long train.

The reception was held in the historic blue room, but the entire first floor of the mansion was thrown open to the guests.

At more than 4,000 men and women shook hands with the president and at times the carriage line outside extended six blocks.

Military and naval aides in full dress uniform were on duty at all points and directed the crowds.

SPECIAL SESSION TO CONSIDER LAWS

Chicago, Jan. 7.—A way by which the names of candidates for county offices in Illinois may be placed on a ballot separate from national and state tickets at the election next fall was paved in a formal call for a special session of the state legislature issued by Governor Dunne today.

The special session will convene next Tuesday. Practically all of the state elections and primary laws will be considered for amendment or revision.

AMERICANS EXPLORE "RIVER OF DOUBT"

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The River of Doubt (Dubina), which Theodore Roosevelt reported he found in South America, has been traced to its source in the Cordillera Gera (Andes) mountains by two Americans, George and Stephen Gester of Berkeley, Cal., engineers for the Standard Oil company, according to their story, told here today, on their return from South America.

They describe it as getting its supply from glaciers and running for 900 miles from the boundary between Bolivia and Brazil into the Madeira river, near latitude 5. Pictures taken along its course were lost, they said.

THREE KILLED AS RESULT OF DAY'S RIOTING

Employees of Youngstown Sheet and Tube Metal Company All Walk Out.

3,000 TROOPS ON SCENE TO PREVENT RIOTING

Six Blocks in the City Burned; Strikers Threaten to Blow Up Residence Section.

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Three men were killed, more than twenty persons wounded, six city blocks of buildings burned, with a loss of \$800,000, and three regiments of state troops called out to restore order, as the result of rioting in East Youngstown tonight, following a battle between a crowd of strike sympathizers and armed guards, at the plant of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company.

BLOW UP BRIDGE. The bridge from East Youngstown to Struthers was burned to prevent rioters from entering the town. Besides the state troops, two companies of United States regulars from Columbus are reported to have been ordered to East Youngstown because of the looting and burning of the post office.

The trouble was the culmination of a strike of laborers which began at the plant of the Republic Iron & Steel company a week ago, and spread to the plant of the Tube company, the Youngstown Iron & Steel company and the Brier Hill Steel company, all independent concerns. The men demand 25 cents an hour. The company offers an increase from 19 to 22 cents an hour.

The trouble started early this morning when strike sympathizers and workers at the Sheet and Tube plants clashed. Stones were thrown and several shots fired, but no one was injured. Later in the afternoon a riot occurred just outside the Tube company's plant and two men were so badly injured that they were taken to a hospital.

Crowds Stone Police. The most serious trouble started tonight when a day shift at the Tube mills left work. A crowd of 6,000 men gathered at the entrance to the works and stoned a squad of private police in charge of Chief J. M. Woltz, of the Sheet & Tube company force.

According to a statement made by Woltz he fired a blank shot in the air to scare the crowd and then the firing became general. Nineteen in the crowd were wounded, following which the mob swerved into the Youngstown business district and fired several buildings. As a torch was first applied to a clothing store and jewelry store, looting began. A saloon was fired and looted, the liquor being distributed through the crowd.

Drive Firemen Away. The Youngstown fire department went to the scene of the fire, but were driven off by the crowd. The East Youngstown department also attempted to check the blaze, but the hose was cut and the firemen driven away. The flames quickly spread and at midnight were burning beyond control.

Sheriff Umstead found the situation beyond his control and asked that state troops be sent here. The first man killed was fatally shot while attempting to loot a store. The other two rioters were killed in a saloon fight.

Fifty Rioters Arrested. Shortly before midnight mob leaders whose names were on a list containing 500 pounds of dynamite. They took the dynamite and started toward the residential part of East Youngstown, declaring that they would blow that section of the city to pieces.

An unidentified foreigner was seriously shot while looting the post office shortly before fire destroyed the structure. Fifty rioters were arrested by the police and placed in the East Youngstown lockup.

Columbus, O., Jan. 7.—Two regiments of the Ohio National Guard, comprising more than 1500 men, tonight were on their way to Youngstown, to assist local authorities in quelling rioting, which broke out late today in connection with the strike of steel workers in that city. Another regiment was mobilizing in that city and had orders to proceed to Youngstown.

Before daybreak tomorrow, it was expected, 2600 guardsmen under command of Brigadier General John C. Speaks, of Columbus, would be in Youngstown, ready for duty.