

HINDU TROOPS TO BE SHIFTED

Frequent Mutinous Uprisings Among British Forces in Egypt.

REFUSE TO FIGHT MEN OF FAITH

Mohammedans Make Trouble and British Government Will Transfer Them to Other War Zones—Germans Accused of Fomenting Uprising in Madagascar, French Possession—Russian Officials in Scandal.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Feb. 18.—A mutiny of Hindu troops in Egypt is reported by the Cologne Volks Zeitung as quoted by the Overseas News Agency. It is said an entire regiment mutinied, killing twelve officers, including a major, and that other Hindus went over to the mutineers. After a battle of two hours, it is said, the mutinous troops were routed.

The news agency's statement follows: "The Cologne Gazette publishes a report received from reliable sources in Cairo that strong opposition has developed among the Hindu troops to the British. A captain of the Australian troops named Brown, on Jan. 10, shot two Mohammedan servants, who had made a mistake, the Gazette says, in mistaking the captain with a bayonet. Officers in flight.

"The whole regiment then mutinied. A majority of the officers saved themselves by flight, but twelve of them, including the commander of the regiment and a major, were killed.

"Other Hindu troops were sent to suppress the uprising but refused to fire on them. After two hours fighting with the Australian regiments, part of the mutineers fled to the desert. The others were killed or wounded. There have been other cases of mutiny."

MAY WITHDRAW MOHAMMEDANS.

The Cologne Volks Zeitung says that Maj.-Gen. Sir John Maxwell, commander of the British forces in Egypt, has ordered the withdrawal of Mohammedan troops from the Suez canal and their transportation to another theater where they will not fight against other Mohammedans. It is said there have been frequent desertions among these troops.

GERMANS ACCUSED OF PLOT.

Charged With Planning Overthrow of French in Madagascar.

Paris, Feb. 18.—The Paris Journal's correspondent at Tananarivo says that German agents financed and otherwise encouraged a native plot to overthrow the government of Madagascar on Dec. 13 last. The seat of the conspiracy was at Fianarantsoa and it was planned to poison the French officers and soldiers on New Year's and either gain the native troops to the cause of the conspirators or obtain from them military weapons. The white officials and colonists were then to have been massacred. The plot was revealed to the authorities and already over 200 persons have been arrested and others are expected to be arrested.

The great bulk of the population remains loyal to France and has not been affected by the propaganda of the conspirators. The correspondent adds that the documents discovered at the German consulate show that the plans were made for fomenting an insurrection even before the war broke out.

SCANDAL IN RUSSIA.

Army Officers Alleged to Have Sold Exemptions From War Duty.

Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, Feb. 18.—A Russian newspaper publishes sensational disclosures disclosing illegal exemptions from military service, says the Overseas News Agency.

A secretary of the recruiting committee at Petrograd and several surgeons have been arrested. They are charged with receiving amounts ranging from 10,000 rubles up in each case.

"The Russian press also reports that a Moscow committee for the relief of refugees received 200,000 rubles from the government in December of 1915. The president of the committee, Prince Troubetzkoy, stated later that 200,000 rubles more was sent to the committee in December and 700,000 rubles in January, but this money never reached its destination. The leakage has not yet been explained.

"This corruption, together with the reactionary policy of the Russian authorities caused a strong opposition movement among members of the duma. After the downfall of Premier Goremykin, the new premier, M. Sturmer, attempted to calm the storm by meeting party leaders individually. Most of these leaders declined to receive him. He then invited the leaders to afternoon tea but this move was equally unsuccessful, as was demonstrated by the recent convention of party leaders.

"Anquith Wants More Millions. London, Feb. 18.—New votes of credit amounting to approximately 400,000,000 pounds will be asked by Premier Asquith at the house of commons.

Capture of Erzerum Accomplished By Russia In Unprecedented Time

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 18.—The fall of Erzerum, the most important Turkish stronghold in Asia Minor, and for a long time considered impregnable, offers the unprecedented spectacle of a first class fortress built on a steep mountain ridge, nearly a mile above sea level, yielding to bayonet attack after only thirty-six hours' bombardment.

The operations were conducted under the most severe weather conditions, the snow being deep, and the thermometer registered sometimes more than 30 degrees below zero Fahrenheit.

The Turkish army defending Erzerum, taken by surprise under the methods adopted by the Russians, is said to be in disorderly flight on the roads leading to Sivas. As the garrison apparently scattered in all directions, it is assumed here that large numbers of men were taken prisoners.

After the taking of Niskaia it appeared the Russian attack would be directed upon the Turkish right flank, and by rapidly transferring troops the Turks made all plans to resist the main assault from this quarter. Apparently they had little fear of the success of this attack because of the strong character of the fortifications in that direction, and even less apprehension of danger from a frontal attack.

Nevertheless after the Russians took by storm the first line forts on Feb. 2, there began a persistent bombardment of the Turkish center, followed by a bayonet charge. The highest tribute is paid to the bravery of the Caucasian troops, whose charge is considered likely to go down into history as one of the most brilliant feats of the war.

It is recognized here that the success of the assault was due almost entirely to the bayonet work of these troops, since the artillery preparation was insufficient in intensity and duration, according to military experts to reduce even a strong field position.

tal of war appropriations to 2,062,000,000 pounds.

BRITISH ATTACK FAILS.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 18.—The British have made a new attempt to retake the southern coast of Tripoli, Belgium, recently captured by the Germans, but were beaten off with heavy losses, it was officially announced today.

ROMANIA TO ENTER WAR.

Fall of Erzerum Hastens Decision of Government to Intervene.

London, Feb. 18.—"Dispatches from Petrograd state that the capture of Erzerum by the Russians is crystallizing the decision of Roumania to intervene at an early date," says the Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegram Company.

"In Roumanian official circles it is stated that in March there will be a concentration of Russian troops in Bessarabia for the purpose of permitting Roumania to transfer troops to the Bulgarian frontier.

"In the meantime the allies are hastening the transportation to Saloniki of the Serbian, Albanian and Montenegrin armies, which, with the French and British troops, will make possible an offensive movement simultaneously with the intervention of Roumania."

HAVELOCK SUFFERS GREAT FIRE LOSS

Much of Business District in Ruins as Result of Blaze of Unknown Origin—Loss Estimated at Between \$15,000 and \$25,000

Humboldt, Feb. 18.—Much of the business district of Havelock, near here, is in ruins today, the result of a fire late last night. Driven by a high wind, the fire, which was of unknown origin, for a time threatened the entire town. Among the buildings destroyed were the Sheldon drug store, the Gardner general store and the Odd Fellows' hall.

The loss is estimated at between \$15,000 and \$25,000 and is partially covered by insurance.

Roosevelt at St. Thomas. St. Thomas, D. W. I., Feb. 18.—Theodore Roosevelt arrived here today on the steamship Guiana. He dined with the governor's secretary in the absence of the governor at St. Croix.

The colonel declined to be interviewed on political affairs, saying he had come here for a rest. He will leave St. Thomas tomorrow.

DEMOCRATS DISCARD FREE SUGAR CLAUSE

Repeal of Provision of Underwood Tariff Law, Which Was to Become Effective May 1, Virtually Assured—Would Have Meant Large Loss.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Legislation repealing the free sugar clause of the Underwood tariff, before May 1, the date on which the provision would be effective, with a resultant loss of \$40,000,000 revenue annually, virtually was assured today as a result of the house democratic caucus last night.

The proposed legislation was decided upon by a vote of 84 to 20, after a vigorous fight against it, led by Representative Keating, of Colorado, who denounced the action. Ten democrats declined because of other pledges, or convictions to be bound by the caucus decision.

MUST KEEP SEAS FREE TO TRAVEL

Senator Lodge Defends Principle Laid Down by Wilson in May, 1915.

CHANGE OF POLICY AN UNNEUTRAL ACT

Americans Free to Travel on Merchantmen of Belligerent Nations, Armed For Defense—To Deny Citizens Such Right Would Be to Court War—Would Make United States Ally.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Senator Lodge, ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, made a speech in the senate today, declaring that abandonment by the United States at this time, of the principle that its ports were open to and its citizens free to travel upon merchantmen of belligerent nations, armed solely for defensive purposes, would be an unneutral act and a step toward war.

He said it would make the United States the ally of the belligerent whose merchant marine had been swept from the high seas.

As late as the president's note of May 13, 1915, signed by Mr. Bryan, Senator Lodge said, this government recognized that "American citizens were in their undisputed rights in taking their ships and traveling wherever their business calls them upon the high seas."

"Such," he added, "has been the practice of all nations in regard to the armed merchantmen. It seems utterly incredible that this position should be in any way altered now, or that our government should be ready to surrender the unquestioned rights of Americans to travel or ship goods on a belligerent merchantman, subject to all the rules which have been established by all the courts and by all international authorities for at least two centuries. The abandonment of those rights by any neutral government on the ground that the intention of submarines, with the necessary limitations upon the power of capture possessed by those boats, is inconceivable."

"There is, however, another side to this matter which is of even greater importance. There can be no question that any act by a neutral which alters conditions created by the war is an unneutral act and places the neutral upon the side of one belligerent or the other.

"This is eminently true of any form of embargo and there is no need that I should repeat the unanswerable argument on this point embodied by Mr. Lansing in his note of last August to the government of Austria-Hungary. The war and the war which also created conditions under which which change at this time in the attitude we took officially at the outset of the war in regard to armed merchantmen would be an unneutral act.

"I can not give the moment of altering the well defined position which it took at the outset of the European war and I believe that it must stand as firmly on this question as it has on the question of the embargo. Should it otherwise, it would accept a humiliation and incur a danger of war from which even the boldest would shrink."

AUSTRIA TO BE NOTIFIED.

Position of United States on Submarine Situation to Be Made Clear.

Washington, Feb. 18.—The submarine situation with its new developments was discussed at today's cabinet meeting. Secretary Lansing went to the White House before the cabinet assembled and discussed the situation with the president.

It was indicated today that Austria to be notified of the assurances which the United States is making for so that the position of this government may be fully known to the German allies.

NATCHEZ TO AID REFUGEES.

Preparations Made to Care For Hundreds Made Homeless by Floods.

New Orleans, La., Feb. 18.—Preparations for taking care of hundreds of additional refugees, made homeless by the flood waters still pouring thru the Buck River crasse, were being made today at Natchez, Miss. Rescue boats are expected at Natchez today.

Flood waters today were threatening several thousand head of cattle, mules and horses, corralled on Sittie island, near St. Joseph. Many isolated small groups of refugees in the vicinity of Newellville have been concentrated at Central point.

No new breaks in any of the levees were reported by the state and federal engineers. The death list today remained at three.

CARTOON CALLS FOR FINE.

British Weekly Prints Picture Alleged to Be Prejudicial to Discipline.

U. S. Insists That Germany Obey All International Sea Laws

Washington, Feb. 18.—A long dispatch from Ambassador Bernstorff was on its way to Berlin today, explaining that negotiations between Germany over submarine warfare the United States will accept nothing short of a complete agreement covering all points for which it has contended as to assurances that the warfare in the future will be conducted in accordance with the established principles of international law.

It is understood that the ambassador informed his government that the United States considers Germany's intention to sink armed merchantmen without warning, after Feb. 29, is inconsistent with assurances given in the Arabic case.

MRS. MEYER GIVEN SIXTEEN YEAR TERM

Aged Woman, Convicted of Complicity in Murder of Daughter-in-Law, Given More Severe Punishment Than Son—Appeal For New Trial Denied.

Winterset, Feb. 18.—Sixteen years in the penitentiary was the sentence given today by District Judge Applegate to Mrs. Ida Meyer, the 60-year-old woman, who earlier in the week, was convicted of complicity in the murder of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Ethel Meyer, last July.

Counsel for Mrs. Meyer had petitioned for a new trial, but this was overruled by Judge Applegate. Mrs. Meyer appeared composed when sentenced and she made a short statement to the court in which she emphatically denied that she or her son, Fred, had been implicated in the murder.

The heavy sentence was a surprise to Mrs. Meyer's friends. Fred Meyer, her son, was convicted last December on a similar charge, but was sentenced to only fifteen years, the minimum under the law.

Fred Meyer and his wife were married just one year ago today.

Later Mrs. Meyer was released on bond of \$20,000 pending an appeal of her case to the state supreme court.

SECURE IMPORTANT EVIDENCE.

Youths Under Arrest at Detroit Corresponded With Foreign Consul.

Detroit, Feb. 18.—Investigation of the alleged plot to dynamite the plant of the American Arms Co., in the city here, will be aided over to agents of the department of justice, it was learned today. It is understood the police and the prosecuting attorney have obtained important evidence in the arrest of two youths formerly employed by the company.

The prisoners are August Bartholomew, 21, and Ernest McCord, 23. Investigation of recent acts of the youths and correspondence which bears their names indicated the former has been corresponding with at least one consul of a nation involved in the European war.

AVIATION SERVICE CALLED DEFECTIVE

Senator Robinson Offers Photographic Copies of Letters to Prove Contention That Military Flying Corps Should Be Investigated.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Photographic copies of correspondence between officers of the army aviation corps, which Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, declared established beyond doubt the defective condition of the aviation service were shown by him to the senate military committee today.

A letter presented to the committee purported to be from Colonel Reber, in charge at San Diego, under date of June 2, 1915, and read:

"I wish you would have your engineering department get me out some drawings for the size of sheets to be placed under the seats of aviators for armor protection. I will have several of these plates made so we can have armored aeroplanes, not that I think it vitally essential, but in order that we can meet any charge that our machines are not armored."

"Captain Cowan in a letter to Colonel Reber declared that 'if the service ever came under investigation by any one outside our own corps it is impossible to explain the rotten way in which the work has been handled.'"

Senator Robinson declared that the defective equipment of the service at San Diego could be established beyond doubt and that Colonel Reber had instructed Captain Cowan to keep it a secret.

DRAINAGE CONTRACT LET.

Joint Ditch Established in Story and Boone Counties.

Nevada, Feb. 18.—At a joint meeting of the boards of supervisors of Story and Boone counties, held here yesterday afternoon, the contract for what is known as the Boone-Story drain No. 8, which has been established in northwest Story and northeast Boone counties, the estimated cost of which is \$21,225.41, consisting of both open and tile drain.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST I. H. C.

Harvester Company Accused of Fomenting Yucatan Revolution.

SENATE COMMITTEE WILL INVESTIGATE

Accusation Made by Levy Mayer, of Chicago, Who Alleges Plot to Secure Control of Sisal Crop—Attorney For Harvester Company Makes Denial, Mayer Says He Has Evidence—Mexican Government Seeking Villa's Loot.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Charges that the International Harvester Company had furnished money for arms and ammunition for the Ortíz-Argümedo revolution against the Carranza government in Yucatan, Mexico, were made today by Levy Mayer, of Chicago, in the senate's agricultural committee's investigation into an alleged monopoly for control of the sisal market.

Walter L. Fisher, former secretary of the interior, counsel for the harvester company, displayed to the committee a bundle of bills, part of \$300,000 pesos issued by the Yucatan commission, formed for controlling the sisal crop. He was undertaking to explain that the bills had come into the possession of the harvester company from a draft of \$480,000 in gold issued to Angelino Montes, a sisal purchaser, who the Yucatan planters asserted represented solely the harvester company, when he was interrupted by Mayer, who declared they gave the draft to raise money for stirring up a revolution.

"That's just talk," retorted Mr. Fisher.

"We will be able to show and introduce into the record the invoices and bills showing that at least part of the money went to an arms purchasing company in Yucatan, to buy rifles and ammunition," replied Mayer.

Mr. Fisher asserted the money from the draft was given the Yucatan government in exchange for the commission's money in order to have currency to pay the sisal planters.

The Ortíz-Argümedo government had control of Yucatan for a short time in 1915 and was overcome by the Carranza army.

FLETCHER NOMINATION UP SOON.

Renewed discussion of the Mexican situation in the senate and a quick vote on the nomination of Henry P. Fletcher as ambassador of Mexico, forecast today as a result of President Wilson's response to a senate resolution calling for the facts leading up to the recognition by the United States of the de facto government in Mexico headed by Venustiano Carranza.

The president's reply was submitted in a letter from Secretary Lansing, summarizing conditions which preceded recognition of Carranza. It gave a list of seventy-six Americans who lost their lives in Mexico in the years 1913, 1914 and 1915.

Secretary Lansing in his letter said that in the territory controlled by the Carranza government it was affording "reasonably adequate protection to the lives and property of Americans."

The senate foreign relations committee is expected to meet next Wednesday to take up Mr. Fletcher's nomination.

SEEKING VILLAS LOOT.

Mexican Authorities Hunting For Buried Treasure.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 18.—Gold and silver bullion of an estimated value of hundreds of thousands of dollars, said to have been confiscated and buried by Carranza, is being sought by Mexican government authorities, according to Andreas Garcia, Mexican consul here, who stated further that if recovered the treasure would be forfeited to the de facto government.

"We have done all the work and taken all the risk to secure it, therefore it is ours," Garcia said.

American mining men interested in Chihuahua state properties construed Garcia's statement to mean that confiscated bullion that might be recovered in the future would not be returned regardless of ownership.

Garcia defended the action of the de facto government officials in Chihuahua in selling for exports hides bearing brands of American owners, who declared they had not been consulted and received nothing from the sale.

"The shipments of hides or beef is a right of the de facto government of Mexico," Garcia said, "and cattlemen on the American side of the border have no right to interfere."

Several carloads of hides are on the way to Juarez for export to the United States, Garcia added.

ALTANS FOUND GUILTY.

Alleged Conspirator Sentenced to One Year at Penal Servitude.

T.-R. BULLETIN. NEWS OF THE DAY

The Weather. Sun rises Feb. 19 at 6:48; sets at 5:41. Iowa—Fair tonight and Saturday; rising temperature Saturday.

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Markets and General: Liverpool Advance Lifts Wheat. Corn Market Hardens. Cattle Weak. Hogs Inclined Downward.

IDENTIFY NOTE AS FROM CRONES

Signature to Threatening Letter Said to Be That of Anarchist Chief.

THREAT SERIOUS BELIEVE POLICE

Captain Hunt, Chief of Chicago Detectives, Declares Cronos Will Not Hesitate to Sacrifice His Own Life to Destroy Police—New York Authorities Take Great Precautions Against Attempt on Lives at Ball.

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Officials of a correspondence school have identified the signature of Jean Cronos on an application for their chemistry course as the same attached to the letter published in a New York paper in which Cronos confessed poisoning soup served at a banquet to Archbishop Mundelein here last week, it was announced today by Captain Hunt, chief of detectives. The captain believes Cronos also wrote the second letter published today.

Cronos was serious in his threats against the police, contained in the second letter, according to Hunt.

"I believe he is carrying an infernal machine and that he would sacrifice his own life to whip out any policeman who may try to capture him," Captain Hunt said.

The detective chief is expecting a photographic copy of the first letter from Police Commissioner Woods, of New York, and today received official notice of the receipt of the second.

Safeguard Guests at Ball. New York, Feb. 18.—The fact that Jean Cronos, the anarchist chief, accused of poisoning soup at a dinner given to Archbishop Mundelein in Chicago, is supposed to be in this city, caused the police today to take extraordinary precautions to safeguard guests at a ball to be given in Madison Square Garden tonight by the Knights of Columbus.

Governor Whitman, high city officials and many dignitaries of the Catholic church, are expected to be present.

Detectives have been ordered to watch every section of the auditorium and another large detail will patrol the garden.

The police have been spurred to renewed activity by the definite establishment of the fact that two letters, received by the New York Times and purporting to have been written by Cronos were mailed in New York. The second letter, which was received by the Times last night and published today, conveyed a threat that a new outrage was planned in this city.

DISCORD IN COMMITTEE.

Progressives Fail to Decide Whether to Name Full State Ticket.

Des Moines, Feb. 18.—After battling all morning the Iowa progressive state central committee failed to decide whether or not a full progressive ticket would be placed in the field this fall or what instructions should be given to delegates to the Chicago convention. Another meeting will be held later today.

The French fishing fleet off the Newfoundland banks, consisting of eleven steam trawlers and twenty-five sailing vessels, caught 23,244,230 pounds of fish.

HANS SCHMIDT ELECTROCUTED

Pays Penalty For Murder of Anna Aumuller in New York.

ASKS FORGIVENESS; MESSAGE TO MOTHER

Current Applied Three Times and Schmidt is Declared Dead in One Minute—Declared He Died For Love and Not For Murder—Calls Execution Judicial Murder—Admits Moral Responsibility For Girl's Death.

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Hans Schmidt, former priest, was electrocuted at Sing Sing prison this morning for the murder of Anna Aumuller, Sept. 2, 1913.

Schmidt went quietly to the death chamber, accompanied by the principal keeper and the Rev. Father Cashin, the prison chaplain. Leaving the death house, he said goodbye to those who remained.

When he entered the chamber the guards attempted to direct him toward the chair, but Schmidt gently shook them off and insisted upon addressing the seventeen witnesses. The guards desisted from their efforts and with Father Cashin, standing on one side and the keeper at the other, Schmidt said:

"Gentlemen, I ask forgiveness of all those I have injured or scandalized. I forgive all who have injured me. My last wish is to say goodbye to my dear old mother."

Schmidt then seated himself in the electric chair and within a minute he was dead. He had spent the night up to midnight in praying and talking with Father Cashin and slept from midnight to 5 o'clock, when he was awakened for breakfast. He would take only a cup of coffee.

Recognized to Fate. Schmidt issued a statement Thursday night thru his attorney declaring he was "fully reconciled to die and willingly accepted death as retribution for his frailties." Schmidt admitted, however, that he will be executed for "lying and not for murder."

Miss Aumuller's death resulted from an operation, but added, "I feel morally responsible for the girl's death, which could not in honor drag those teachers who took part in the operation at my solicitation."

"The court of appeals admitted the error below had made a grievous error," the statement continued, "but they said I had lied and lied, therefore, could not get a new trial. The court of appeals also decided on my affidavit that I had not been insane at the time of my trial, although the affidavit in question was made two years after the girl died."

"I declined at all times to appeal to Governor Whitman for clemency because he had been the district attorney who had prosecuted me and because I wanted justice, not clemency. The doctors he called to investigate my story seemed to miss the whole point of my contention."

"I hope and pray that time will prove every one of my contentions and that my judicial murder will help to abolish executions, for not one-third of the men have been in the death chamber with me, including Becker, were guilty of murder."

OUTLINE CHURCH PLAN.

Forward Movement Discussed at Iowa Methodist Conference.

Ottumwa, Feb. 18.—The Methodist forward movement was outlined today at the Iowa conference at the First Methodist Episcopal church here. Bishops Theodore Henderson, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; E. H. Hughes, of San Francisco, and Frank M. Bristol, of Omaha, resident bishop for this territory, were in attendance.

This movement, which has as its goal the acquisition of 250,000 new church members and 500,000 recruits to the time Legion, originated in the mind of Bishop Henderson, who he was chairman of the evangelical commission.

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ASK PARDON OF KELLY.

Former Filipino Insurgent Chief Heads Petition For Attorney.

Manila, Feb. 18.—Emilio Aguinaldo, the former insurgent leader, has headed a petition for the pardon of the American lawyer, Kelly, who was disbarred, fined \$600, and sentenced to six months' imprisonment, for publication of a book alleging that General Noriel, the insurgent leader, who was put to death last year for order of a political enemy, was innocent. Kelly, accused sixty persons, including high officials and supreme court justices of assassination in connection with the execution of Noriel and his two accomplices.

It is not regarded as likely that the petition will be granted.

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