

WORD FROM MR. LARABEE IS RECEIVED

Urumiah Horrors Described in Cable Message by Son-in-Law of S. W. Fleming

WAY FORCED INTO AMERIC'N MISSION

Relatives Here Still Believe That the Labarees Are Safe in Tabriz and That the Information the Missionary Sent Reached Him at That Place

New York, March 26.—All the men at Julpashan, a large village near Urumiah, Persia, have been shot by Kurds, the women violated, an American missionary beaten and sixty-five refugees taken from the French and American missions have been hanged on gibbets erected in the mission yards, according to a cablegram received here to-day by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

The missionary referred to as having been beaten, is E. T. Allen, who was born in London, Ontario, and became a naturalized American. Mr. Allen has been in the service of the board since 1891. He was sent for the second time to Persia in 1911.

Six thousand dollars for relief at Urumiah was cabled to-day to the American consul at Tabriz by the Persian war relief committee.

The first information since January concerning the Rev. Robert M. Labaree, one of the American missionaries to Persia, known in Harrisburg through having married Miss Mary Fleming, daughter of Assistant Postmaster and Mrs. Samuel P. Fleming, of this city, was conveyed in a dispatch received here to-day through the Associated Press. Mr. Labaree, with his family, had been stationed at Urumiah, Persia, the center of the present Turkish massacres, but recently went to Tabriz, some distance away.

Although the dispatch refers to him as being in Urumiah, Mr. Fleming continues to-day to adhere to the belief that the Labarees still are safe in Tabriz.

The cable message received to-day is from Tiflis, Russia, and dated "Thursday, March 25, 3 P. M., via Petrograd, March 26, 10 a. m.," and says:

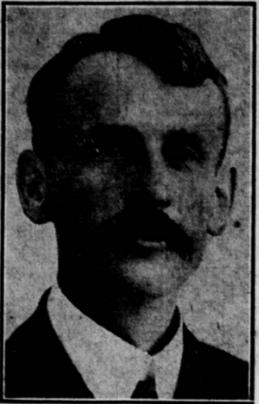
"Turkish troops have committed further acts of violence at the American mission in Urumiah, Persia, according to a message received by the local viceroy from Gordon Paddock, the American consul at Tabriz.

"Mr. Paddock transmits a message from Missionary Robert M. Labaree, at Urumiah, to the effect that the Turkish consul at Urumiah forced his way into the mission compound with a number of Turkish regular troops and removed some Assyrian Christian refugees who were then massacred.

"The Turks also beat and insulted the American missionaries.

"Mr. Fleming, when shown the dispatch, was inclined to doubt that Mr. Labaree is in Urumiah. He thinks that while in Tabriz Mr. Labaree received information regarding the Turkish atrocities from the Rev. Dr. F. S. Coan, the head of the Urumiah mission; Dr. H. P. Packard, the medical doctor at the mission; the Rev. Mr. Allen and the Rev. Dr. McDowell, also stationed at the mission, and transmitted it to the American consul in Tabriz who in turn sent it to the local viceroy at Tiflis.

Mr. Fleming said that of course it is possible that Mr. Labaree has recently gone back to Urumiah, where the disturbances are occurring, but he thinks it hardly likely as the four above mentioned Americans could direct the affairs of the mission.



THE REV. ROBERT M. LABAREE
Son-in-law of Samuel W. Fleming, of Harrisburg, Is Reported by Cable To-day to Be in Zone of Turkish Massacres

RETURNS TO WIFE RATHER THAN GO TO PRISON CELL

Youth, Whom Court Directed to Make Choice, Announces He Is Ready to Resume Housekeeping and That the Furniture Is Bought

Wilson Potteiger, a farm-bred youth, now under suspended sentence on a criminal charge, to whom in January Judge Kunkel gave the choice of going to jail or returning to his young wife, whom he deserted a fortnight after the wedding day, told the Judge in court to-day that he has made preparations to go to housekeeping again with his wife on next Monday.

In view of Potteiger's decision and since the youthful defendant has paid his wife all the back money due her under a court maintenance order, the Judge again suspended sentence, this time directing Potteiger to report at the June quarter sessions.

A house had been rented, a part of the furniture bought, the couple have settled all differences and, Potteiger said, he and his wife will buy the rest of their furniture to-morrow. Monday will be his moving day.

Jacob Judy, a Reftalton man, under suspended sentence on a charge of assaulting Philip Muto, of Londonderry township, barely escaped going to jail this morning because he has not paid the costs of the case—\$62. Muto has paid the \$58 costs of a cross suit. In addition, he has paid an \$80 verdict which Judy obtained against him in a civil action.

Judy complained to the court that he is unable to pay the costs and Judge Kunkel remarked:

"Well, I guess there is nothing for us to do but to impose sentence."

Later, however, the court consented to give Judy until June to pay up.

Several dozen defendants in criminal cases, who got off with suspended sentences, reported to the court this morning. Some were finally discharged, while in other cases the parole order was continued.

IS BLINDED BY STEEL CHIP

Operation Necessary to Remove Object Which Pierced Eyeball of Penny Workman

Sidney Snyder, 426 Harris street, a laborer in the machine shops of the Pennsylvania railroad at Enola, was blinded in the left eye yesterday afternoon when a chip of steel he was working on pierced his eyeball and lodged in the bone surrounding the eyeball.

The chip measured one and one-quarter inches long and five-eighths of an inch in width. It was the largest piece of steel ever removed from an eye at the Harrisburg hospital. Efforts to remove it with a magnet were not successful and an X-ray examination was taken. This examination showed the great size of the chip and an operation was deemed necessary.

INVESTIGATE POLL TAX ASSESSMENTS

County Commissioners Want to Know About 1,750 Uncollectable Charges

ALL OF THEM IN ONE WARD

Fewer Than 100 of 1,400 of These Charges That Have Been Examined Are Opposite the Names of Actually Registered Voters

The County Commissioners announced to-day that they have started an inquiry to learn whether the poll tax assessment list in one of the wards of the city has been padded. They decline to say which ward they refer to.

The decision to make an investigation was reached after the tax collector for that ward submitted a request for exoneration from the collection of 1,750 individual poll tax charges which appear on the assessor's list. The County Commissioners have examined 1,400 of these names and say that fewer than 100 of them have been found to be the names of registered voters.

Assessors are paid at the rate of \$2.50 a day and the placing on the books of the names of forty persons, under the plan that has been established by precedent, has been regarded as constituting a day's work for the assessor. For the 1,750 names of supposed electors, whose tax, the collector reports, is uncollectable and for which he asks to be exonerated, the ward assessor was paid \$108.38, according to the Commissioners. The Commissioners said the suggestion that some 1,300 or 1,400 electors in one ward did not get registered and vote appears, on its face, to be ridiculous.

The names of a few more than fifty registered electors are contained in the list of 1,400 names examined by the Commissioners and the County Controller, and the tax collector will be asked to make a further effort to get the tax from those individuals. In the remaining 1,300 or more cases the electors' names do not appear in the registration books of that particular ward.

WINTER RETURNS FOR FLING

Weather Bureau Forecasts 25 Degrees for To-night

Just after the blue birds, robins and blackbirds got firmly established winter comes back for another fling, its coming being forecasted by Observer Demain in no uncertain terms. He fixes to-night's minimum temperature at about 25 degrees. Saturday will be fair and continued cold.

TELLS WILSON HE'S KIDDIN'

Tumulty's Daughter Doesn't Believe President Is Telegoning

Washington, March 26.—Miss Mary Tumulty, eldest daughter of the President's secretary, was 13 years old Wednesday. Wednesday night the Tumulty telephone rang and Miss Mary was called. When she said "Hello," a voice on the other end of the wire replied:

WHEAT FLOUR EXPORTS HEAVY

Increase of Five Million Dollars Last Month Over February, 1914

Washington, March 26.—War's continued demand on American granaries was shown to-day in a commerce department report of a single sale of flour to continental Europe which required 12,000 bushels of wheat for its production and two steamers to transport it from New York. Its value was \$750,000 and it was milled by a middle western company. The buyers paid for the shipment at seaboard and assumed all transport risks.

Wheat flour exports increased from \$2,603,282 in February, 1914, to \$3,962,160 last month.

CONDUCTOR KILLED BY A TRAIN IN STEELTON

William L. Newcomer, of This City, Long An Employee of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Is Run Down By Fast Passenger Engine

William L. Newcomer, a freight conductor on the Philadelphia division of the Pennsylvania railroad met instant death near DF tower, at Frantz's bridge, in Steelton, this morning when he was struck by passenger train No. 1033, going west. His body, which was dragged about 300 feet and badly mangled, was removed to an undertaker's establishment in Harrisburg after Coroner Eckinger investigated the accident.

Newcomer was making up his train in the Steelton yards prior to taking it to Harrisburg. He started up the west-bound passenger track, supposedly to signal the engineer to cut one more car off the train, when the fast line train came along and hit before he had time to get out of harm's way.

At the place where the conductor was killed the tracks are in straight lines and none of the local railroad employes can understand why Newcomer should have used the passenger tracks to walk on when he could have signaled the engineer from the north side of the tracks just as well and would not have been exposed to danger.

IS IN DANGER OF EXECUTION

Former American Midshipman Charged With Having Large Sums of Spurious Villa Money

El Paso, Tex., March 26.—Arrivals from Torreon to-day reported that Minor Merriweather, an American and former midshipman at the Annapolis Naval Academy, who is held in the Sitalito, Coahuila, penitentiary, on charges of having in his possession large sums of spurious Villa money, is in danger of being executed by the Mexican authorities.

GETS ORDER FOR 1,400 TONS OF STEEL

The receipt of an order for 1,400 tons of structural steel for the Remington Arms Company, of Bridgeport, Conn., was announced at the Steelton office of the Pennsylvania Steel Company last evening. This material will be used by the Connecticut firm in the extension of its large plant to keep pace with its increased business caused by the European war.

AGREES TO MAKE SALE IN 'HARDSCRABBLE' ARGUMENT

Major Ensminger Puts Value of His Property at a Figure Which Makes Dinger Think It Is a "Good Buy" and the Transaction Is Arranged

Testifying before the board of three viewers, whom the court designated to fix the damages and benefits incident to opening North Front street and the wiping out of "Hardscrabble" homes, Major John T. Ensminger this morning declared that his land on the east side of the street, immediately opposite "Hardscrabble" will not be enhanced in value by the proposed improvement. It now is worth \$100 a foot front, he said, and it will not sell for more than that, he added, when the properties on the west side of the street are razed.

WATER CO. MEN SUED ON NOTE

Raup Speaks to Recover \$5,000 From Richwine, Disbrow, Deeter and Boll

A. Grant Richwine, Charles A. Disbrow, J. N. Deeter and Charles S. Boll are mentioned to-day as defendants in a civil action begun by Kimber C. Raup to recover \$5,000, the amount of a note. Interest is demanded at the rate of 5 per cent, to date from October 1, 1914.

VON BUELOW QUILTS POST AS MEDIATOR

His Efforts to Arrange an Agreement Between Italy and Austria Have Failed

LATTER'S FINAL TERMS REJECTED

German Ambassador Says They Were of Such a Nature That He Did Not Consider It Worth While to Submit Them in Rome

Rome, via Paris, March 26, 5 A. M. Efforts of Prince Von Buelow, the German Ambassador, to bring about an agreement between the Italian and Austrian governments regarding the cession of territory, have definitely failed, according to the "Agenzia Nazionale," which says it is informed that when the last courier from Vienna brought to the Ambassador Austria's final terms they were of such a nature that he did not consider it worth while to submit them to the foreign office here. It is reported that Prince Von Buelow has resigned the role of mediator.

STEAMER DELMIRA TO-DAY

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LATE WAR NEWS SUMMARY

Another British merchantman has been sent to the bottom as a result of Germany's submarine warfare. The steamer Delmira was torpedoed in the English channel after the crew had been permitted to quit the ship.

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AFTER BACK SCHOOL TAXES

Treasurer Copelin Will Adopt Radical Methods of Collecting

The list of those Harrisburg property owners who have not yet paid their 1914 school tax is being compiled by City Treasurer Copelin's corps of clerks and all claims not settled by April 1 will be "sued out" and the properties sold. The Treasurer announced that there are several hundred of such cases.

COLONEL WILL NOT TESTIFY

Has No Information Bearing on Ship Purchase Bill Probe

Washington, March 26.—Colonel Roosevelt has not accepted the invitation to testify before the Senate Ship Bill Lobby Committee, on the ground that he has no information on the subject of the investigation, except such as is available to the public generally.

2 KILLED, 2 INJURED IN AUTO WRECK AT CARLISLE

A. L. Thompson and C. D. Bixler Die Instantly After Former Loses Control of Car Which Crashes Against a Telegraph Pole

(Special to the Star-Independent.) Carlisle, Pa., March 26.—Two men were instantly killed, another seriously injured and a fourth badly bruised last evening when an automobile in which they were riding struck a telegraph pole and upset in the Bonnybrook road near Rudy's woods, about one mile from this city. The four men were returning to their homes here from Mt. Holly Springs where they had been on a business trip.

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Divers Descend to a Depth of 196 Feet in Effort to Locate Missing Vessel and Are Brought to the Surface Unconscious

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26 PERISH IN SUNKEN U.S. SUBMARINE

F-4, Submerged Yesterday Morning at Honolulu, Still Beneath Surface of Water

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