

CHARGE BRITISH WITH ATROCITY

Indian Statesmen Disclose Attack by General Dyer on 20,000 Unarmed Natives.

TWO ARRESTS START TROUBLE

Natives Seek to Present Petition for Release of Leaders and Are Attacked by Soldiers—1,000 Are Massacred.

New York.—An attack by British soldiers upon a crowd of unarmed natives of India, as they were seeking to present to a British deputy commissioner a petition for the release of two of their leaders, led a few days later to the massacre of 1,000 Indians in a great square at Amritsar, in the Punjab district of India in the spring of 1919, says a report prepared by the Punjab subcommittee of the Indian national congress.

Dissatisfaction among the natives first became apparent with the passage of the Rowlat bills, designed to punish sedition.

All over the country resolutions were passed by huge mass meetings protesting against the law and demanding its repeal.

The trouble, the report states, began in earnest when two influential natives, Doctors Kitchlew and Satyapal, were arrested and their friends heard they were to be deported.

Many Natives Killed. The report continues with a description of the fighting between natives and soldiers, during which many of the former were killed and the survivors inflamed to such a pitch of fury that they returned into the city and applied the torch to several principal buildings.

The occurrence which directly led to the subsequent wholesale massacres in the Jallianwala Bagh, the report asserts, was a proclamation issued about this time by Gen. Dyer forbidding the natives to assemble publicly.

"The public meeting in the Jallianwala Bagh," the report states, "was called before the proclamation had reached more than half the population. Shortly before the arrival of Gen. Dyer on the scene with ninety soldiers and two armored cars, Hans Raj had taken charge of the meeting, the audience numbering about 20,000.

What happened afterward is given by the Indian investigators in Gen. Dyer's own words recorded during his testimony at the subsequent inquiry:

"When you got to the bagh what did you do?" Gen. Dyer was asked.

Opened Fire in 30 Seconds.

"I opened fire. Immediately I had thought about the matter and don't imagine it took me more than thirty seconds to make up my mind as to what my duty was," he replied.

"In firing, was it your object to disperse?"

"No, sir. I was going to fire until they dispersed."

"Did you continue firing after they had dispersed?"

"Yes."

"After the crowd indicated that it was going to disperse, why did you not stop?"

"I thought it was my duty to go on until they had dispersed. If I fired a little, I should be wrong in firing at all."

Continuing their report, the investigators added:

"He, Gen. Dyer, said he continued firing for about ten minutes, until he had expended 1,850 rounds of ammunition. He said he had made no provision for aiding or removing the wounded. That was a medical question, he declared.

"One eye witness said: 'I saw hundreds of persons killed on the spot. The worst part of the whole thing was that firing was directed toward the gates through which the people were trying to run out. Many got trampled under the feet of the rushing crowds and thus lost their lives. There were heaps of bodies at different places. I think there must have been over 1,000.'"

Three-Months-Old Babies Matched to Play Tennis

Paris.—During a recent visit to Paris J. G. Parks, British representative in the Davis cup tournament, and A. H. Gobert, a great French tennis player, matched their three months' old infants to play lawn tennis 20 years from now.

Died at the Steering Wheel. Ironton, O.—When an automobile came to a sudden stop on the incline leading to a ferry boat, spectators investigated and found that the driver, Jefferson Champion, aged 72, a prominent Huntington (W. Va.) business man, was dead at the wheel. His dying struggle resulted in locking the brakes.

Too Much Lightning in One Day. Greenfield, Ind.—When lightning visits a man's place once in a year it is usually considered sufficient, but three visits on the same day are by much too many, according to Jasper Kemper, a farmer living near here. Within a period of ten hours lightning killed a horse, then a cow and finally a third bolt struck his house.

NEWS OF NORTH DAKOTA

BRIEF ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL PARTS

Edmore Election August 26. Edmore, N. D.—The city of Edmore will hold its first annual election of officers since the former village became an incorporation, on Thursday, August 26th. The following officers are to be elected: mayor, four aldermen, treasurer, justice of peace and police magistrate.

Dentist Buys Plane. Minot, N. D.—Dr. N. B. Livingston, local dentist, has purchased an airplane which he will use for his own pleasure. The doctor is now on his way to Yellow Lake, Wisconsin, but will go on to Cleveland, Ohio, where he will take a course in flying in order that he may use his plane when he returns home.

Oberon Attacked Again. Oberon, N. D.—Four men attempted to rob the Oberon Motor company. Gust Anderson, the man in charge, was sleeping in the office and when he heard the robbers he tried to go out of the back door and notify the manager. He found one of the robbers on guard there. Shots were exchanged but no one was hurt. The men escaped. It is believed that they went toward the reservation.

Miss Nielson Elected. Bismarck, N. D.—Miss Minnie J. Nielson, state superintendent of public instruction, has been named as a vice-president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women, which held its second annual convention at St. Paul last week.

Although North Dakota is one of the youngest members of the organization and there are only 376 members of business women's clubs in the state, Miss Nielson was chosen to fill an office in the national organization.

Camps For Tourists

Minot, N. D.—Minot is fast gaining the distinction of having one of the best camps for auto tourists along the Theodore Roosevelt highway and visitors at the camp are loud in their praise of the conveniences and service.

The night camp is now maintained by the Minot Park Board and is situated at the north end of Riverside Park in one of the park's best groves. Concrete fireplaces with plenty of good wood always on hand; a well with excellent water; neat toilets; comfortable park seats and extra shelter are all conveniently located.

Kubanka Wheat Strong

Bismarck, N. D.—G. W. Gustafson, recently returned from a field trip through the northern part of the county, reports that the crops there are in excellent condition.

He has been making a survey of the condition of the Kubanka rust resistant wheat through that section and comparing the rust found on the various types of grain.

Mr. Gustafson brought back some samples of Kubanka wheat and black bearded grain. These are now on exhibit in the office of the county agricultural service in the federal

building. Bismarck-Mandan Bridge. Bismarck, N. D.—The actual work of building the new Bismarck-Mandan bridge will probably start within a month. It is announced that the temporary bridge will be in place by November 1.

Bottineau Water Supply. Bottineau, N. D.—The proposition of maintaining the city water supply is becoming serious and many ways of remedying the situation are being discussed.

Among other methods suggested has been the bonding of the city for \$20,000 to pump water from the springs at the foot of the hills.

Train Kills Laborer. Fordville, N. D.—John T. Skach, a Bohemian farm laborer, was instantly killed here when a train in the yards there passed over him, cutting off his head and both hands.

It is believed that Skach attempted to crawl under the train which started to move.

Valley City Pioneer Dead

Valley City, N. D.—Word has been received here of the death of Herman Winther, which occurred at his summer home at Detroit. Death followed an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Winther was a resident of this city for more than 35 years. He has been active in the business life of the city and for the past 10 years has been president of the First National bank of Valley City. He was a past grand commander of the Knights Templar of North Dakota.

Postal Clerk Arrested

Williston, N. D.—Elmer O. Halverson, postal clerk in the local post office, has been placed under arrest by the United States marshal on a complaint sworn out by two United States postal inspectors who have had him under suspicion for some time. The charge laid against Halverson is tampering with registered mail. He was brought before United States Commissioner N. B. Ludowewe the first of the week, where he waived examination and was placed under \$2,000 bonds to appear before the federal district court at Minot.

Layer After New Trial

Carrington, N. D.—The law firm of Kelly & Morris of this city has been retained by relatives and friends of Henry Layer, farmer near Turtle Lake, now serving a life sentence at Bismarck for the murder of the Wolf family several months ago to make application for a new trial for the prisoner. Action will be taken next week.

Attorney James Morris will go to Turtle Lake at once to make a thorough investigation of the case. A new trial has been refused Layer in district court; an appeal will be made.

Feeling is strong in some quarters at Turtle Lake that Layer is not guilty of the eight murders, that at least two other persons are implicat-

ed in the case. Henry Layer was sentenced on the afternoon of May 13, and at 4 p.m. on that day, began serving his sentence.

The crime was committed on April 22. In his confession, Layer said he left his own home, about four miles from Turtle Lake, and went to the Wolf home a half-mile away, where he became involved in an argument with Wolf over a demand for damages for injury done to a cow of Layer's by Wolf's dog.

STEDMAN ASKS DEBS RELEASE

Chicago, Ill.—Condemnation of the continued imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs, Socialist party nominee for president, is voiced by Seymour Stedman of Chicago in his letter accepting the nomination for Vice-president.

"Our beloved standard bearer is mute by the judgment of a harsh and unreasonable interpretation of wartime legislation," says Stedman, in his letter. "His imprisonment is continued by a ruthless despotic chief of the Democrats, supported by a Republican Congress. At this clarion call will rally together all the intelligent workers of hand and brain, all who love liberty and believe in freedom and humanity."

Outlining the aim of the party, Stedman said: "The aim of our party is to transform the present capitalistic system into a collective and co-operative society. We have always in the past advocated a peaceful change and this hope is still cherished by us."

Stedman praised President Wilson's fourteen points and advocated a league of nations agreement "as the recognized and only genuine internationalist movement" but denounced the Wilson covenant as "an organization of international capitalists banded together for the purpose of subjugating and exploiting the people of the world."

"The ever increasing cost of living,

shortage of coal cars, scarcity in coal production, high interest rates, increasing unemployment calls for an immediate remedy," he wrote.

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Whiskey Raid Made At Valley City

Valley City.—Sensational developments may follow the arrest of four men here yesterday by Sheriff Larsen a few miles out of town. The men were driving a Buick Six, with no number, and a Studebaker with an Iowa license. One of the cars broke down and suspicious passersby reported to the sheriff who took the men in tow and confiscated the cars with 200 quarts of whiskey. Further light may be thrown on the affair at the preliminary hearing.

Knights Of Columbus For Ireland's Freedom

New York.—Knights of Columbus, in annual convention here, have adopted resolutions stating they believe that "Ireland has the right and ought to be a free and independent nation." The resolutions were adopted a short time prior to the receipt of a letter from Eammon de Valera, "president of the Irish republic," appealing for the order's support in an effort to gain official recognition by the United States of the "Republic of Ireland."

Mending Knives and Forks.

To mend a knife or steel fork which has come out of the handle, fill the hole with finely powdered resin and hold the rough end of the knife or fork in the fire until it becomes hot. Insert it in the powdered resin and hold it straight until firmly fixed.

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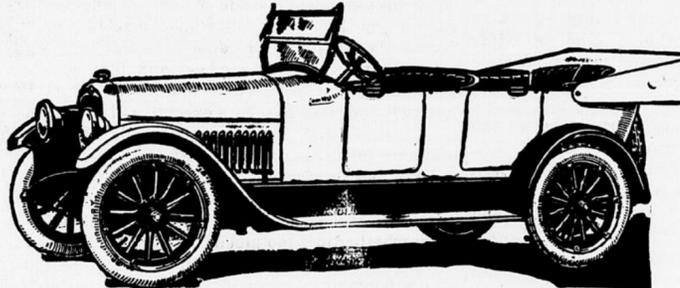
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