

PRESIDENT CALLS ON SECRETARY OF STATE

NEW PRECEDENT IS ESTABLISHED BY EXECUTIVE

Believed That Ambassador Dumba's Case Was Considered.

"NOTHING NEW" WILSON'S REPLY

Quizzed by Newspaper Men as He Passed Through Corridor Without Attendants—Unusual Event in Washington This Morning.

Washington, Sept. 8.—President Wilson went to the state department today and conferred with Secretary Lansing. It is generally understood they discussed the case of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador.

The president's action was so unusual that the White House and state department attaches were slow to realize what had happened.

So far as officials could recall, the only precedent for a president going to call on the secretary of state was recorded when President McKinley went to call on Secretary Day.

The president's call was not arranged in advance. He left his study, passed out of the executive floor through a little used entrance, crossed the avenue which separates the White House ground from the state, war and navy buildings, walked up the stairway unattended while dozens of surprised tourists and employes stopped to look.

President Wilson continued on up the inner stairway into one of the long corridors leading to Lansing's private office. Here he passed a messenger and entered unannounced.

Mrs. Lansing, calling on her husband, and the secretary, was at his desk with his coat removed as his custom to begin the day's work.

After spending fifteen minutes with the secretary, the president started back for the White House. The corridors were thronged by this time, and newspaper correspondents crowded around the president.

"The state is not troubling," the president said just before he over some papers of a routine nature, which ordinarily I would have sent over. There is nothing new at all."

The president returned to the White House.

LONDON READY FOR CATTLE SHIPMENTS

London, Sept. 8.—Live cattle intended for slaughter at the port of London will be admitted to the country on September 21, thus abrogating the prohibitory order issued by the board of trade more than five years ago.

A reduction in the cost of beef estimated in some quarters at 25 per cent is expected in consequence of the new departure. Importers of frozen meat will have formidable competition, although full development of the trade in live cattle may be delayed by the present high freight rates, and the shortage of suitable shipping facilities.

EARTHQUAKE IN SAN SALVADOR

La Libertad, Salvador, Sept. 8.—A strong earthquake has occurred in San Salvador and Guatemala. Jutiapa, capital of the department of the same name in Guatemala, has been ruined. In the city of San Salvador no victims have been reported. In Santa Ana there were a few casualties. The churches in Santa Ana, Sonsonate and other villages of the republic are in ruins.

AMNESTY DECREE WILL SOON EXPIRE

Mexico City, Sept. 8.—General Pablo Gonzalez will today make public a decree calling the attention of all Mexicans and others to the fact that the amnesty decree issued by him on July 15 last will expire on September 15.

KELLY IS NOT SEEKING ESCAPE

Winnipeg Contractor Returning to Detroit and Will Face Charges.

(Herald Special Service.) Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 8.—Thomas Kelly, contractor of the Manitoba parliament building during the period that four government ministers, including former Premier Roblin, are accused of conspiring to defraud the government of large sums, is not seeking to escape such action as the province of Manitoba may launch against him.

Kelly's counsel announced here today that Kelly is returning to Detroit Lake, Minn., from a business trip to New York, and that there has been no attempt to avoid service of any papers the government may have prepared.

The services will seek the extradition of Kelly to Manitoba to compel him to face charges in which the ex-ministers also are involved.

TEN KILLED, 46 HURT, IN LATEST ZEPPELIN RAID IN EAST ENGLAND

London, Sept. 8.—Ten persons were killed and 48 wounded in a German air raid on the east coast of England last night.

BILLION BUSHEL WHEAT PROSPECT IS BRIGHTENED

Government Estimate Today Increase Spring Variety 15,000,000.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Prospects for a billion bushel wheat crop in the United States were increased by today's government report which forecasted 981,000,000 bushels.

The spring wheat indicates a crop of 322,000,000 bushels, an increase of 15,000,000 bushels since the August prediction was made.

ARTILLERY BATTLE STILL PROGRESSES

German Aviators Bombard Towns in France—Allies Drop Bombs on Ostend.

Paris, Sept. 8.—Artillery fighting on the battle line through France continues. There has been cannonading from Belgium on the north as far south as the Woeyve district.

German aviators bombarded towns in France, and aviators of the allies dropped bombs on Ostend.

EDWARD B. MOORE DIED YESTERDAY

Washington, Sept. 8.—Edward B. Moore, 63, former United States commissioner of patents, died yesterday at his home here. For thirty years he was connected with the patent office and as commissioner from 1907 to 1912. He took a prominent part in the negotiations of many treaties relating to patents during his administration and represented the United States at several international congresses. He was born at North Anson, Me.

RELIGIOUS PROCESSION IN PETROGRAD; PRAYERS FOR VICTORY



This enormous religious procession was recently seen on the Nevsky Prospect in Petrograd. On this occasion public prayers were offered for victory for Russia.

SINKING OF THE HESPERIAN NOT ACT OF GERMANY

Persons in Berlin in Position to Know Deny Responsibility.

CONDITIONS MAY BE DIFFERENT

Secretary Lansing Calls on Gerard for Information—Established That One American Met Death on the Liner.

Berlin, Sept. 8.—Persons in position to speak with authority, assert positively the conviction that the liner Hesperian was not torpedoed by a German submarine; at least not under the conditions thus far described.

The assumption here that the Hesperian was sunk by a German submarine met with ever increasing doubt in official circles. Although authorized and quoted comment is withheld for the time, the positiveness of opinions expressed informally by individuals who may be assumed to have authoritative information, is noteworthy.

Asks Information. Washington, Sept. 8.—Secretary Lansing called Ambassador Gerard at Berlin today to forward any information available on the sinking of the liner Hesperian.

One American Lost. Queenstown, Sept. 8.—It has been established that an American, named Wolff, was lost on the Hesperian. Wolff signed as an able seaman of the Hesperian's crew. He came from Newark, N. J., and was of Dutch parentage.

There is absolutely no doubt that a gun was mounted aboard the Hesperian. It is understood the gun was visible to all who cared to look at it, no secret being made of its presence.

ARRIVE AFTER TEN DAYS. El Paso, Tex., Sept. 8.—Arrivals yesterday on the first train from Mexico City in ten days brought reports of the removal of the railroad officials and archives from Torreón to Chihuahua together with various other moveable governmental property.

Letter is Found on Archibald And Ambassador Must Explain

London, Sept. 8.—Here is the exact text, in English, of the Dumba letter, seized among the effects of James F. J. Archibald, which has made such a sensation in the United States:

"My Lord: Yesterday evening Consul General von Nuyz received the inclosed aide memoire from the chief officer of the locally known paper, Smalldag, after a previous conference with him and in pursuance of his proposal to arrange for strikes in the Bethlehem Schwab steel and munitions war factory and also in the middle west.

"Dr. Archibald, who is well known to your lordship, leaves today at 12 o'clock on board the Rotterdam for Berlin and Vienna. I take this rare and safe opportunity to warmly recommend the proposal to your lordship's favorable consideration.

"It is my impression that we can deorganize and hold up for months, if not entirely prevent the manufacture of munitions in Bethlehem and the middle west, which, in the opinion of the German military attaché, is of great importance and amply outweighs the expenditure of money involved.

"But even if strikes do not come off, it is probable that we should exert, under the pressure of the crisis, more favorable conditions of labor for our poor, downtrodden fellow countrymen. In Bethlehem, these white slaves are now working 12 hours a day and seven days a week. All weak persons succumb and become consumptive.

"So far as German workmen are found among the skilled hands, a means of leaving will be provided for them.

"Besides this, a private German registry office has been established, which provides employment for persons who have voluntarily given up their places, and is already working well. They will also join, and the widest support is assured us.

"I beg your excellency to be so good as to inform me with reference to this letter by wireless telegraph, replying whether you agree.

"Dumba. "His excellency, Count Burián, Minister of foreign affairs, Vienna."

\$150,000,000 TOTAL AMOUNT FOR ENGLAND

Yesterday's Shipment Was Less Than Stated, Says Announcement.

SOME AMERICAN MONEY IS SENT

This Great Sum Will Be Used in Paying for Ammunition and War Materials Shipped to England and France From Here.

New York, Sept. 8.—With the placing of the third and largest shipment in the treasury here, the total of \$150,000,000 was reached in gold and securities shipped from England to New York since early in August.

Great Britain's third shipment amounted in gold to \$19,465,000, not approximately \$20,000,000 as reported yesterday from Portland, Maine, according to official announcement by J. F. Morgan & Co., consignees, fiscal agents of the British government.

No official statement is made as to the value of American securities accompanying the gold, but these are reported to be worth approximately \$20,000,000, making the total value of yesterday's shipment about \$39,000,000 in gold and securities.

The great sum in the three shipments sent by Great Britain recently to Halifax on warships, hence transferred by rail to New York will be used in paying for war munitions and other supplies shipped to England and France from this country.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Generally fair; tonight and Thursday; cooler in east portion tonight.

UNIVERSITY READINGS. 7 a. m., 56; maximum, 80; minimum, 45; precipitation, .15; barometer 29.63.

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NORWEGIAN SHIP VITALIA HELD

London, Sept. 8.—The Norwegian steamer Vitalia, from New York August 19 for Rotterdam, has been detained at Falmouth by the British authorities. On an earlier voyage last winter the Vitalia was held at Falmouth more than a month.

ORDERS ARREST MELVILLE REEVES

Known as Skyscraper Burglar—Figured in Office Building Robberies.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—Captain D. O'Brien of the detective bureau said last night that he had ordered the arrest of Melville Reeves, known as the "skyscraper burglar," who figured conspicuously in an investigation of office building robberies a little more than a year ago, in connection with the burglary at the home of Mrs. J. Ogden Armour. Captain O'Brien declared Reeves had been taken into custody and was being held in hiding. He said Reeves answered the description of one of the two men who entered the Armour home, held Mrs. Armour and her three maids at bay with a pistol and escaped with \$75 in currency and \$2,385 in jewels. The detective said that he had made arrangements to have Reeves confronted by Mrs. Armour for identification.

Reeves was arrested several days ago in connection with an attempt to blow a safe in a busy parlor in a downtown building. He was taken to custody a year ago charged by the police with numerous burglaries in large office buildings. His wife, who was similarly charged, was released by a jury which disagreed when it took up the charges against Reeves. No other arrests were made during the day.

GRAND DUKE NICHOLAS DEPOSED AS HEAD OF RUSSIAN ARMIES BY EMPEROR, WHO TAKES COMMAND

FOUR YOUNG CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH IN HOME AT LORRETTE, MAN.

Winnipeg, Man., Sept. 8.—Four young children of R. Wolfson were burned to death in the destruction of their home by fire at Lorette, Manitoba early Tuesday morning. The mother, father and the 2-year-old baby escaped. The bodies were brought here this morning.

ONE DEAD, THREE INJURED, FIRST DAY OF HUNTING

Boat Capsizes While Johnson is Shooting Ducks—He is Drowned.

One dead and three injured was the price paid by North Dakota hunters for their first day in the fields in search for small game.

Enoch Johnson, aged 31, of Flasher, went to death while hunting ducks, his boat capsizing in a small reservoir near Flasher.

At Devils Lake, Mrs. S. S. Morgan was the victim of careless hunters hiding in an automobile, who discharged a shotgun, almost the full charge of which hit Mrs. Morgan in the back of the head and shoulders, at a distance of about forty yards.

Mrs. Morgan and her husband were hunting the autoists passing near by at high speed. They continued on their way, their identity being unknown.

Near Mandan, E. E. Patterson was thrown from his carriage and dragged for some distance when his horse ran away. He was badly bruised up. James Hanson of Sweetwater, shot himself through the foot with a small calibre rifle.

IMPORTANT STEPS TAKEN BY ARMY

This is the Most Effective Work the Army Has Done so Far.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 8.—The United States army today took the most important steps it yet has made in border complications on the lower Rio Grande valley, when an order was issued giving army officers command over the actions of the civilians on the river bank in case shooting across the international boundary is resumed.

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POST IN CAUCASUS, WITH LITTLE POWER, GIVEN FORMER COMMANDER OF CZAR'S VAST ARMIES IN WORLD WAR

Petrograd, Sept. 8.—Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus by Emperor Nicholas. The emperor took this action on assuming command of the military and naval forces of Russia.

In transferring the grand duke, the emperor appointed him viceroy of the Caucasus and commander of the army in the southern front.

The order is addressed to "the valiant army and fleet." The announcement as forwarded from Petrograd by Reuter's Telegram company says that the emperor has placed himself at the head of the military naval forces.

The grand duke thanks his troops for their heroism in the past and he predicts that with the change of leadership they will perform fresh exploits. The text of the order is quoted as follows:

"Today I have taken supreme command of all my forces of the sea and of the land armies operating in the theater of war. With firm faith in the clemency of God and with unshaken assurance of final victory we shall fulfill our sacred duty to defend our country to the last. We shall not dishonor the Russian land."

The action of Emperor Nicholas in transferring his cousin, Grand Duke Nicholas, to the Caucasian front, is perhaps the most important change of this nature which has been made by any of the belligerent nations.

The only comparable incident was the retirement by Emperor William in October of last year of Lieutenant General Count Helmuth von Moltke, as chief of the German general staff.

The post which Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to is of relative unimportance as compared with the prestige and vast powers of his former office as commander in chief of all Russia's fighting forces.

The Caucasian campaign presents only a minor aspect of the war. The Russian and Turkish forces involved in the struggle in the Black sea region are not large.

Although there has been heavy fighting in the Caucasus earlier in the war, the hostilities have been conducted only in a perfunctory manner for several months, as both of the nations involved had need of all available forces in other quarters.

Germans Sink Ship From British Line

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Advertisement for Fall Fashion Number. Text: Sept. 12th & 13th. Watch For It. Image: A woman in a dark, elegant dress, possibly a coat or dress, standing in a dramatic pose.