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FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 3, 1915.

CONSPIRACY AND COMPLICATIONS.

Several men have been on trial in the federal district court of New York during the week for conspiracy to defraud the government in various ways connected with supplying munitions and material to the German war ships which were engaged in raiding during the early days of the war.

One of the peculiarities of this case is that most of the allegations of fact made by the government are admitted by the defense. It is alleged, proven by the evidence, and admitted by the defense, that the Hamburg-American line, some of whose officers are among the defendants in the case, outfitted ships with coal and other supplies intended for the use of German war ships at sea; that these supplies were actually delivered as intended; that false manifests and other documents of like character were used for the purpose of deceiving the American port authorities as to the destination of the vessels; that all of this was done in pursuance of an agreement with the German government; that large sums of money, running into millions, received from Germany, and disbursed by Captain Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German embassy at Washington.

All of these facts are undisputed. The attorney for the defense offered to concede most of them in advance. It is an offense against the laws of the United States to use its territory for the purpose of outfitting belligerent ships. And yet the case of conspiracy is not quite clear. Captain Boy-Ed is a German who is here in his official capacity as a representative of his government. He is not subject to our laws. Our courts have no jurisdiction over him. Hence, no matter how he may have conspired, he cannot technically be held guilty of conspiracy. If he cannot be held guilty of conspiracy, it is not possible to hold him liable for the offenses which appear to be perverting the authorities.

If Captain Boy-Ed has conducted himself in a manner displeasing to the American authorities, the only recourse is to request his recall, as was done in the case of Ambassador Duibof of Austria. If such were not needed the offending representatives would be handed his passports and told to absent himself promptly. It seems quite clear that there is no possibility of involving the attache in any criminal proceedings, and with what may be considered a vacuum existing on the side of the case, it may be difficult to secure action against those who are tried, and who are undoubtedly subject to the laws of the United States.

THE BAGDAD CAMPAIGN.

In the Mesopotamian campaign we have the agencies of advanced science as applied to modern warfare in an antique setting which belongs to a past so remote that what is historical and what is legendary concerning it merge into each other and cannot be separated.

Bagdad, the capital, and the present British objective, is the former center of Moslem power, the seat of the Caliphs, and its name at once suggests that benign ruler, Haroun al Raschid the Arabian Nights, and a whole world of mystery, adventure and romance.

But away back of the history of Bagdad there lies the history of those great cities of the past, Babylon and Nineveh cities in which was reached the very pinnacle of old-world civilization, and which have crumbled into ruins.

Of the beginnings of human activity in that territory we have no record. Tradition assigns to the Garden of Eden a location in the formerly fertile but now desolate country between the Tigris and the Euphrates.

In this country, full of relics of ancient life, rival groups of men are contending for the mastery, and in their conflict using every means which science has been able to devise for carrying on the work of destruction.

In science, in the use of the forces of nature to minister to the desires of man, we have made marvelous progress. But on the plains of ancient Mesopotamia in this twentieth century, human rivalry, and passion and greed and intolerance are driving men into deadly conflict, just as they did in the old days of Nineveh and Babylon, and way back beyond those cities, when the world was fresh and green.

DUTIES OF EXPORTERS.

Under our constitution the federal government cannot impose a duty on exports. Under the peculiar conditions which exist just now this is, in a manner, unfortunate.

Our people have suffered in various ways because of this war. Their trade with all of central Europe has

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been entirely cut off. Other commerce has been interrupted. The war has affected our finances, and its influence has extended to every line of activity. And when the war is over we will inevitably be forced to bear some portion of the burden which the ruin and destruction will have placed upon the world.

On the other hand, there are lines of business which profit by the war. It is not at all certain that the profit which comes to the manufacturers of munitions will exceed or equal the profits which these manufacturers would have made had there been no war. It has cost vast sums of money to equip factories and organize working forces to handle this new line of business, and when the demand for these enormous quantities of war material is over the work of readjustment involved in a return to the ordinary lines of work will also be costly.

The chances are that even the manufacturers who are handling the largest lines of war material would in the end have been better off had there been no war and no war orders.

The fact remains, however, that war orders are bringing large, immediate profits to a comparatively small number of American business men. It would be quite fair for these profits to be divided with the rest of the country which must also share in the losses. This could be done by means of an export duty on munitions, but export duties cannot be levied. The same end can be reached by imposing special revenue taxes on munitions, and such taxes could be adjusted so as to bear only or chiefly on the particular sorts of munitions made for export.

McCUMBER ON PREPAREDNESS.

Senator McCumber thinks that the defenses of the country are in pretty good shape, and that most of the present agitation for army and navy increases is due to the desire of the people of particular localities to have their prosperity increased by means of government expenditures. That is the conclusion to be reached from the statement which he recently made in Washington.

On certain questions of fact there is a decided difference between the senator and others who have been understood to be informed, and to speak with authority.

Senator McCumber says that the American navy is the second best in the world. The British navy, of course, stands first. Of this there is no question. According to practically all of the information available to the public the American navy, even on paper, is vastly inferior to that of Germany, while it is sadly deficient in many of the elements which it needs to make it an efficient and well balanced force.

While exact statistics on the present strength of the navies of the warring nations are not now available, it is generally accepted that our navy, instead of second, stands about fourth or fifth on the list.

It is to be remembered, too, that the effectiveness of a fleet is not measured alone by the number and tonnage of its ships. There must be taken into account the duty which it has to perform. Aside from her scattered island possessions, which may be considered an asset or a liability, according to the point of view, the United States has bordering its continental possessions a coast line far greater than that of any European continental nation. Alaska, stretching away westward, almost to the Atlantic coast; the Panama canal, which could be rendered useless to us by a single hostile warship, if that ship were not overmatched by a force of our own. Obviously, the greater the exposure, the greater is the force required to defend it.

There has been a great deal of glib talk about the submarine super-seeding the dreadnought, and Senator McCumber seems to have listened to it. "Of what use are Germany's dreadnoughts?" he asks, and "of what practical benefit have been the hundreds of millions expended on British dreadnoughts?" Germany's dreadnoughts are held at home by the presence of a superior force just outside her harbors, just as the American navy would be compelled to seek shelter if this country were attacked by any first-class naval power. To do otherwise would be to court destruction.

As to the British navy, whose backbone is the dreadnought, it has driven German commerce from the sea. It holds today, in the shelter of neutral harbors, hundreds of German ships. In this manner it holds, tied up in this shipping, and absolutely useless, hundreds of millions of German money. To all intents and purposes it has cut off Germany's commercial communication with the outside world. It has made it impossible for Germany and her allies to receive small quantities by devious and roundabout methods, anything whatever in the nature of military supplies, of which she is sorely in need, while Great Britain and her allies are able to receive such supplies in unlimited quantities from every quarter of the world.

As to the submarine, it is a highly useful craft, used in conjunction with other craft. But the submarine is a craft with very decided limitations. It is assumed that Germany has made the very most possible of her submarine equipment. By means of it she has sunk a few British warships, a large number of fishing and other small trading vessels, and a few passenger liners, with their complement of women and children. But from the standpoint of military effectiveness, what is the value of all this? For a year Great Britain has been pouring across the channel men and horses by the hundred thousand, and equipment by the million tons. And this work has proceeded without interruption and practically without casualty. The submarine has been powerless against it. And, as against the vessels actually sunk by submarines, every port in Britain has been busy constantly, receiving and discharging goods. Ships by the thousand have entered and cleared and commerce in enormous volume has been carried on with every part of the world. Moreover, in spite of the

submarine, British squadrons proceed to the Belgian coast and there bombard the German positions at will, and return unharmed.

We have some submarines of our own. They are small and slow. In the recent war game off the Atlantic coast the commander of the defending force undertook to use these boats to intercept the attacking fleet, the purpose for which they are useful, if for any. Under excellent conditions the flotilla was able to make only four or five miles an hour, and the plan was abandoned. The attacking fleet sailed in untouched.

The submarine is necessarily a slow boat. Not one has ever been constructed that would make 5 miles an hour. Destroyers make 35. And the destroyer carries guns one shot from which will send the best submarine to the bottom.

Senator McCumber believes that we should get out of the Philippines at the earliest opportunity. It is generally realized that under present conditions our possession of those islands involves us in considerable risk. That fact was realized when we took possession. But possession seemed to be forced on us, and the possession entails its obligations. We could probably relieve ourselves by turning the islands over to some other power, thus repudiating our own obligations. That would, perhaps, be the easiest way. Or we could simply move out and leave the islands to their fate. But such a program is not usually adopted, even by those who are most insistent on our departure. The extreme limit of American retirement that has been advocated is that the natives shall be given their independence, and that their integrity and independence shall be guaranteed by the United States in conjunction with other great powers. There was such an arrangement with reference to Belgium.

A WONDER.

"Biggles thinks he's a great fisherman." "He's entitled to think so. He can have more fun not catching any fish than anybody has ever threw out a line or told a story."

LEGAL NOTICE

Proposals will be received at the Office of Her D. Keck, Architect, Crookston State Bank Bldg., Crookston, Minn., by Mr. W. W. Reybeck and the architect, until 2:30 P. M. Saturday, December 18th, 1915, for a Department Store, 7x128 ft. to be built at Grafton, N. Dak., springs of 12 ft. diameter.

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Authorized by Owners, BERT D. KECK, Architect. Dated December 1st, 1915. (Dec. 2-10, 1915.)

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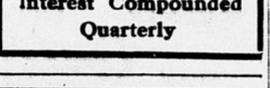
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