

ROBBERS BLOW SAFE IN ST. PAUL FEDERAL BUILDING LAST NIGHT

MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STAMPS IS THEIR LOOT

Get Between \$600 and \$5,000 in Cash for Cleverly Executed Job.

DISCOVERY MADE THIS MORNING

Yeggs Use Care in Selection of Their Booty—Police Hard at Work.

St. Paul, Jan. 7.—Between \$600 and \$5,000 in cash, and approximately \$1,000,000 in negotiable internal revenue stamps, were stolen from the old federal building here some time last night by robbers who blew the vault.

The police of St. Paul and Minneapolis, and the state authorities, joined with federal agents in an effort to hunt down the robbers.

At the same time, E. J. Lynch, revenue collector, with his office staff, went to work to check over the contents of the vault on the inside of the exact amount secured by the robbers.

The robbery was one of the boldest and most successful ever executed in the northwest. Close inspection of the wrecked vault showed that the work evidently had been done by experts.

Only one small hole had been bored in the wall of the vault to admit the explosive, yet the door was blown out completely.

Lynch stated that the robbers carefully had taken negotiable stamps, leaving a large amount of unnegotiable stamps.

Obviously well informed, the robbers gained entrance to Lynch's office during the night. With apparent deliberation, they used an electrical drill in opening a hole five inches in diameter in the outer door of the big vault. Then a small hand mirror was inserted in this aperture, the location of the lock on the inside of the door determined by exactness.

A charge of high explosive was poured into this lock from the inside and the big door blown out without further trouble.

The second door of the vault was opened by picking the exposed lock. The third door was easy, as it had not been locked last night. This last door guarded directly the large amount of revenue stamps and currency.

The police are baffled in their endeavor to get a clue. This afternoon they knew no more than when they started to work at 10 o'clock this morning.

LEGISLATURE OF OKLAHOMA CALLED

Oklahoma City, Okla., Jan. 7.—Governor R. L. Williams issued a proclamation yesterday calling the legislature of Oklahoma in extraordinary session January 17.

The proclamation does not mention questions that the governor may submit for consideration, but it is believed here the so-called "grandfather law" will be submitted for amendment and the legislature asked to enact a more stringent anti-usury law.

WANT PLAN ABANDONED.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Recommendation that the 40 year old plan of paying the annual expenses of Washington be abandoned was made yesterday by a joint committee of congress.

Citizens of the district now pay one-half the expenses and the United States pays the other. The committee would substitute a plan to assess citizens of the district taxes comparable to those levied in other cities of a similar size, the national government pay any money needed in excess. An inheritance tax is suggested.

SOCIAL SEASON OPENS TONIGHT

White House Will Hold Reception for Pan-American Congress Delegates.

BRITISH SUBMARINE IS REPORTED SUNK—NAME IS NOT KNOWN—CREW LANDED

London, Jan. 7.—The sinking of a British submarine off the coast of Holland is officially announced. The crew was saved.

The admiralty statement said that the submarine, name not given, sunk yesterday off the Island of Texel, the largest and most southerly of the Frisian group.

The entire crew numbering 33, were rescued by the Dutch cruiser Noord Brabant, and brought into the Dutch port of Helder.

SIX COACHES GO IN DITCH—NO ONE KILLED

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 7.—Two hundred and fifty passengers on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad's fast train, after a special, escaped death or serious injury between Oklahoma and Rentiesville, Okla., when the all steel train, speeding to make up lost time, left the rails, and six coaches, slipped off their trucks, plunged into the ditch.

Escape is considered nearly miraculous. Not a member of the crew or passengers on the train, recently put in service between St. Louis and Galveston, was seriously injured, although every one was badly frightened.

MURDERER GETS LATE REPRIEVE

Slayer of Montana Man Delays Trip to Scaffold a Month.

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 7.—Preparations had been nearly completed at Regina for the hanging of George Ball following his sentence received at Swift Current on Friday, October 15, when at the request of the United States government a reprieve was granted. Governor Kennedy had his workmen erecting the scaffold just outside the prison door in the yard of the Regina jail and within sight of the condemned man. There were just a few details left and the whole structure would have been ready. The official hangman arrived in Regina on Monday and paid two visits to the jail to look after the erection of the scaffold.

When the governor announced the contents of the telegram to Ball in his cell, the man appeared to be quite relieved and said, "if they hang me they are hanging an innocent man."

George Ball was convicted of the murder of William Long of Saco, Mont., and the sittings of the district court in Swift Current last October 15, when he was sentenced to hang on January 8. The telegram received yesterday has postponed the date to February 7. Long was a rancher. The shooting affair occurred early in April, 1915, on Ball's ranch in the Wood Mountain district, near the international boundary line.

The plea of self-defense was urged at the trial and strong evidence was brought before the judge and jury concerning the character of Long who was alleged to be a "gun toter." A week previous to the shooting, Ball stated at his trial, that Long had tried to shoot him, but that he (Ball) had secured the drop on him first and Long had gone away muttering that he would get him (Ball).

Ball since his incarceration, has continuously proclaimed his innocence, and repeats that he acted in self-defense.

THE WEATHER. North Dakota: Fair tonight and Saturday. Colder in east. A partial clearing.

MANY SURVIVORS SAY NO WARNING WAS GIVEN PERSIA

Officers and Crew of Vessel go to England to Give Affidavits.

OFFICIALS ARE STILL UNINFORMED

Situation Placed Before the Cabinet in its Meeting Today.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Consul Garret at Alexandria has advised the state department that he had secured affidavits from 31 survivors of the Persia, including Charles H. Grant, an American citizen, and that all confirmed previous statements that "no warning was given and no vessel was seen."

Without information. The Austro-Hungarian government, until yesterday, was without information concerning the sinking of the Persia, according to a cable received by the state department from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna.

Ambassador Penfield's dispatch, dated yesterday, contained the only information in response to his inquiry as to whether the Austro-Hungarian government had knowledge of the sinking of the Persia, and if so, what the circumstances were. The officers and crew of the Persia, the consul said, have left Alexandria for England, where their affidavits probably will be obtained on arrival.

Still Uncertain. The submarine crisis, still of uncertain status because of the lack of details, was today placed by President Wilson before the cabinet in its first meeting since his return from Hot Springs, Va.

The Austro-Hungarian relations committee also met to consider the situation, but as Chairman Stone was detained at the white house by a contagious illness, the president, it adjourned without action.

Although more than a week has elapsed since the steamship Persia was sunk in the Mediterranean with the center of American life, officials are still uninformed as to whether the vessel was torpedoed and if so, the nationality of the submarine.

GROUND BROKEN FOR BIG NEW BUILDING

London, Jan. 7.—Ground has just been broken here for a huge new permanent exhibition building to be known as the Palace of Industry.

The building, located at Willemsden Green—about six miles distant from the center of London—will cover an area of 610,000 square feet, nearly four times the size of any similar building in London. It will be opened early in 1917, with an exhibition known as the "Imperial Exhibition of the Empire Fair," which is planned to be "the greatest trade exhibition ever organized."

The fair will be under the cooperative auspices of all the principal trade organizations of the British empire, and over 3,000 exhibitors representing seventy distinct lines of business have already applied for space. The frontage of the stalls will reach an aggregate twelve miles in length. It is to be solely a display of British goods, no foreign exhibits ever being allowed.

STEAMER TO LEAVE PART OF CARGO

London, Jan. 3.—(Delayed by Censor)—The Norwegian steamer Balto has sailed from Kirkwall to Greenock to discharge part of her cargo that has been ordered to be taken to the Danish steamer "Texas," from Baltimore and New York, to Copenhagen, with a general cargo and the Norwegian steamer Aladdin from New York to Liverpool with a cargo of wheat, have been taken to Kirkwall. The Danish motorship Slam has been released.

ROCKEFELLER CASE IS WITH THE JURY

New York, Jan. 7.—The case against Wm. Rockefeller and ten other former directors of the New Haven railroad, charged with criminal conspiracy to violate the Sherman law, was submitted to the jury today.

GERMANY OFFERS TO PAY INDEMNITY IN LUSITANIA CASE AND GIVES ASSURANCE REGARDING SOUTHERN SUB CAMPAIGN

Washington, Jan. 7.—Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, presented to Secretary Lansing a proposal to pay indemnity for Americans lost in the Lusitania disaster, and thereby conclude that controversy, and gave assurances that any German submarines in the Mediterranean would not attack non-combatant ships of any character without warning, or destroy them without opportunity for non-combatants to reach a place of safety.

U. S. GIRL EATS DOG WITH IGORROTES



Miss Dorothy Murphy, San Francisco, Jan. 7.—After taking part in a canoe with the Igorrottes in Northern Luzon, where specially fattened dogs were the delicacy of the feast, riding carabao just for experience, and doing the dozen and one things that a young girl may do in the Philippines which are novel Miss Dorothy Murphy is on her way back to her New York home. She arrived last week on the Persia Maru after a riding her brother in Manila for several months.

SAY OFFICERS DID NOT WRITE LETTER

Letter Was Found When H. D. Napier Was Taken off Greek Steamer.

Athens, Jan. 7.—The denied here yesterday that an diplomat officer of the British legation wrote the personal letter captured when Colonel H. D. Napier, formerly British military attaché at Sofia was taken off a Greek steamer by German submarines near Messina in December. Parts of the letter have been quoted, but without context, and it was said that the Greek flag and the deep respect and sense of loyalty which we feel toward the minister of marine.

In an interview with the Associated Press, Admiral Cardale said: "I am personally acquainted with the Greeks over three years, during which time we have taken part in the wars against the Bulgarians and Turks in the Balkans, and I have seen the Greek flag and the deep respect and sense of loyalty which we feel toward the minister of marine."

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JAPS TO PROTECT CRUISERS

Tokio, Jan. 4.—An announcement is made in the Jiji Shimpo that a squadron of Japanese warships will sail for the East Indies to protect the Japanese shipping, to protect the armored cruisers Kasuga, Tokiwa and Chitose have been assigned for this service.

ELECTION LAST CARD GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO PLAY

Conscription can be Won in That Manner, View of All Britishers.

SEE SUCCESS BY PRESENT METHODS

Passage of Measure on First Reading Yesterday Follows Lengthy Debate.

London, Jan. 7.—That a general election will be the very last measure resorted to by the government to obtain the desired "general consent" to the establishment of an attenuated form of conscription, provided for in the pending military service bill, seems to be little doubted.

That such general consent could be obtained by an appeal to the country was admitted by virtually every one, but the belief was expressed in many quarters that it can be won without such upheaval.

The West Minister Gazette, emphasizing that fact that only 46 members of the house of commons opposed the measure, thinks the minority can be convinced of the necessity of enacting the law, and that the threat of national unity will be removed by free debate in the latter stages of the bill's course through parliament.

London, Jan. 7.—Amid scenes of wild enthusiasm, the house of commons last night passed the first reading of the government bill for compulsory military service, by the decisive vote of 403 to 105. The vote seems to preange the passage of the bill.

The vote came shortly before midnight with the galleries again packed. Each member of the house occupied the ministerial benches filled and an air of eager expectancy prevailing.

Balfour Closes. A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, closed the debate in behalf of the government, and he did it in a persuasive appeal of half an hour which roused the lagging spirits of the advocates of the bill, and turned the tide of adversity which had been running steadily against the measure through the debate and the outside events of the day.

"Let this vote tonight show that we are a united people," was his closing appeal. "Abandon your abstract theories and remember we are dealing with stern realities which call for great sacrifices."

Cheer the Result. Then came the vote. The announcement of the figures was received with a tremendous outburst of cheering.

Scores of members in khaki waved their handkerchiefs and the air was rent with white papers flung in triumph at the government's success.

An analysis of the vote showed that the government had held the great bulk of the liberal and conservative vote. The Irish nationalists supported the bill, but the Irish unionists supported the measure. The minority showed a sprinkling of liberal members.

Three Resign. London, Jan. 7.—Arthur Henderson, president of the board of education and leader of the labor party in the house of commons, Wm. Bracebridge, under secretary for home affairs, and Geo. H. Roberts, lord commissioner of the treasury, all labor party leaders, have resigned their seats in the house of commons.

It is understood that Mr. Henderson will take an early opportunity to explain his position to the house of commons.

There are now four vacancies in the cabinet, the ministry including that caused by the resignation of Sir John A. Simon, the home secretary.

Labor Opposes. London, Jan. 7.—Organized labor of Great Britain, sitting in conference at London, today decided against the government's conscription bill by the overwhelming majority of 1,988,000 votes to 782,000.

The government's measure was uncompromising and necessitated the resignation from the coalition ministry of all three labor members: Arthur Henderson, Wm. Bracebridge and Geo. H. Roberts.

In addition to the formal vote against the government's conscription bill the congress rejected by four to one a motion pledging support to the principle of compulsory single men and passed by two to one another motion directing the labor party to oppose the bill in all its stages in the house of commons.

Arthur Henderson and his two minor labor colleagues will remain in the labor party and retain their seats in parliament.

LONDON SEES RUSSIA IN NEW POSITION AS RESULT OF BATTLE

DOGS OF SERVICE ARE CARED FOR IN SPECIAL WAR AT GERMAN HOSPITAL

Berlin, Jan. 7.—Dogs of the army hospital service, wounded in work on the battlefields, have had provided for them in Jena a hospital. Many dog patients already have been treated there for wounds and various ailments. The hospital was built by convalescent soldiers.

FORD PARTY GOES FROM COPENHAGEN ON SPECIAL TRAIN

150 Peace Advocates Pledged to Abide by Military Rule in Germany.

Copenhagen, Jan. 7.—The Ford party left Copenhagen for The Hague aboard a special train, for the passage of which, through part of the war zone, permission has been given by Germany. There were 150 peace advocates and they will be in Germany for 11 hours, from the time they cross the frontier at Warnemunde this afternoon, until Holland is reached.

Each member of the party is pledged to abide by military rule.

Holland is the last in the country in Europe which the party will visit. It is expected that the delegates from a large number of neutral countries will gather at The Hague for a protracted peace conference.

STEEL WORK IN THE FAR NORTH

Winnipeg, Man., Jan. 5.—Word comes from the far north that grading on the Hudson Bay for The Hudson Bay government owned road, has reached a point 35 miles from the Bay. Steel is within 100 miles of the terminus. Work is stopped there owing to the construction of a huge steel bridge which will not be completed until early in the spring. J. D. McArthur, the contractor, has recently returned from a trip of inspection along the line. He says the steel will be laid to the Bay by early next fall. The line will then be ready to handle traffic. Men will be kept on the work all winter. The force will materially be increased when spring comes. There is much bridge building to be done, as the country toward the end of the line is very wet, with rivers and streams running in all directions.

WILL NOT DESTROY AMERICAN INDUSTRY

New York, Jan. 7.—Persons who predict destruction of American industry through the "dumping" of cheap foreign-made goods after the European war were described as pessimistic prophets of evil by Secretary Daniels of the navy in a speech here last night at the annual banquet of the Society of Automobile Engineers.

"I would be ashamed," he said, "to believe that, with a large portion of the European workers killed in battle and more maimed and crippled American able-bodied men trembled for fear they would be ruined by such competition when the war ends. And I would be more ashamed if I did not believe that the American government could be depended upon in any such remote emergency to preserve American commerce from any unfair practices of other nations following the war without the necessity of resorting to a tariff system enacted for the far fryers."

MANY TOPICS ARE DISCUSSED

Resolution Calling on President for Information Gone Over.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The status of the preparedness program, revenue plans, conservation, Mexican affairs, as well as the submarine crisis, furnished topics of discussion at the session of the cabinet.

The senate resolution calling on the president for information about Mexico was gone over thoroughly. The administration will furnish the desired facts.

VIENNA DECLARES ATTACKS SLACKEN; SMALL ADVANCES

Maintained that Successes of Past Few Days Give New Power.

WILL BECOME MORE POTENT IN BALKANS

Even without Further Fighting, it is Contended She is Stronger.

London, Jan. 7.—According to official advices from Vienna, fighting on the eastern front has decreased in violence, the Russians having ceased to attack with vigor between the Pripiet and Bessarabian frontier.

The only gain officially announced for the Russians yesterday was at Czartorysk, where it is said the Austrians were driven from a cemetery. Any advance in this region will threaten Kovel, one of the strongest Austro-German positions.

It is believed that even though no further gain should be made, Russia's forces have attained a position which will give her a degree of power in Balkan affairs it has not had since its armies were driven back from the Carpathians.

The Teutonic allies still threaten to expel the French and British from Macedonian positions, but no forward movement has been as far detected in that direction.

Expected to Strike. The Russians here are expected to strike at the Kolmea-Stanislaw-Hallex line, where however defensive works have been in preparation for some time by the Austro-Germans.

Meanwhile, the Russian position 250 miles farther north on the Middle Sty river has been greatly strengthened by successful operations in the region of the great marshes, where the Russians are beginning to emerge with prospects of being able to use the roads leading either northwest, west or southwest.

The interest in the fate of Serbia's refugees among the Serbs, by the question asked in the house of commons Thursday: "Whether a considerable part of the Serbian army is in distress at Scutari and whether His Majesty's government will offer the Serbian army some suitable locality in the Mediterranean where the men may rest and recuperate?"

In reply, Lord Robert Cecil, under secretary for foreign affairs, said there was a considerable body of the Serbian army at Scutari, where at first the Austrians had been in great distress. But the situation, he added, had now been largely relieved.

Telegrams from Athens say the number of Serbian refugees in Greek territory is now 40,000, of whom 5,000 are at Saloniki.

HOLLAND WILL NOT ENTER WAR

The Hague, Netherlands, Jan. 7.—The fears, early in the war, that Holland would be drawn into it sooner or later have been gradually allayed and now prevail as a probability, but preparedness for any eventuality continues to be a popular policy. The Dutch Red Cross is to be completely reorganized in January, under the superintendence of high officials of the army and navy medical corps, and some of the most prominent civilian medical authorities. The headquarters of the society, which have been in an inadequate building near the United States legation here, are to be moved to a large mansion on Trinsengracht, the former home of an old Dutch aristocratic family which is a gift to the Red Cross from four wealthy residents.

There has also been formed recently a committee of wealthy Hollanders who are to present to the government a number of splendidly equipped ambulance trains.

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