

FABRE LINER, HAVING 1,600 RESERVISTS ABOARD, AFIRE IN MIDOCEAN, HALIFAX TOLD

Lives of Italians Returning to Fight for Country Are Said to Be in Peril.

BOMB PLOT SUSPECTED

Departure of Ship From New York Had Been Delayed to Make Investigation.

New York, Sept. 13.—The Fabre liner, which was on fire in mid-ocean, is said to have proceeded under escort to the Azores, according to a wireless message received at the line's local office today.

The message was from the captain of the Sant Anna and came via Cape Race. It reads:

"Fire in hold No. 2. Fire is out. Proceeding to Azores, escorted by cruiser."

Halifax, N. S., Sept. 13.—The marine and fisheries department here has received no word from the liner Sant Anna since the brief message received last night by way of Cape Race, telling of her plight early 1,600 miles off this port.

Agent Harry said today that the steamer was directly in the line of travel between New York and Northern ports and he believed that by this time other steamers were standing by.

New York, Sept. 13.—The local office of the Fabre line received no word during the morning hours today regarding their liner, Sant Anna, bound for New York for Italian ports via Cape Race. It is reported that the liner was on fire about 1,600 miles southeast from Halifax, N. S., in a collision with a vessel reported at the latest point late last night.

H. E. Jones, editor partner of the firm of Jones, W. Kilwell & Co., local agents of the Fabre line, said he was a passenger on the liner when it was on fire and he was actually on fire in his compartment.

"It is possible that the fire which occurred on the Joseph W. Fordney, one of the firm's American liners, was responsible for the message regarding the Sant Anna," said Mr. Jones. "The Fordney, which is a freighter, sailed from Archangel, Russia, on Aug. 18 for New York. Last Wednesday a fire was discovered in one of her holds among the stowage of flour."

Reported Out of Danger.

The Fordney got into St. Johns, N. F., Wednesday and the fire department then got the flames under control and the ship sailed yesterday for New York. The cause was reported yesterday by the Cape Race radio station as being electrical.

The message received at Halifax stated the Sant Anna was on fire, in distress and needed assistance. Her position was given as latitude 40 23 north, longitude 47 39 west. This is approximately 800 miles southeast of Halifax.

The Sant Anna sailed from New York on Sept. 8 for Naples, Genoa and Marseilles with 17 first-class, 144 second-class and 1,700 steerage passengers. With few exceptions all of the steerage passengers were Italian reservists who had come to New York from all parts of the United States.

THE WAR TODAY

(Associated Press Summary.)

England has again been visited by German Zeppelins, the latest raid, over the east coast, occurring last night. The raid was harmless to both life and property, according to the British official account.

A German attack north of the Somme station was easily repulsed. Today's French war department statement says, Germany infantry assaults on the Lorraine front broke down, too.

The British parliament, at its re-assembling tomorrow, will take up the problem of increasing the national income. It is expected, as a principal measure, that the scope of the income tax will be considerably broadened.

New measures are to be employed by the entente allies in the future conduct of the war, according to reports in Rome, where it is said the next meeting of the Italian cabinet will deal with the subject.

Reports from various quarters describe conditions in Constantinople as chaotic and declare that the position of the Turkish forces on the Gallipoli peninsula is precarious.

Russian reservists in Italy have been called to the colors, advices from Rome state.

Former Governor of Ohio Dead.

Eaton, Ohio, Sept. 13.—Andrew L. Harris, 80, former governor of Ohio died here today. He was a member of the United States industrial commission from 1898 to 1902.

INSURANCE AGENT IS HELD FIRE BUG

Julius R. Bensch, Head of Large St. Louis Concern, Accused in Extensive Conspiracy.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 13.—Julius R. Bensch, vice president of one of the largest insurance agencies in St. Louis, last night forestalled his arrest in connection with yesterday's disclosures of an alleged gigantic "arson trust" by voluntarily sending \$1,000 bond for his appearance in court today to Chief of Detectives Allender. Bensch's arrest had been ordered, but his attorneys in presenting bond stated that their client denied having any connection with the so-called "arson trust."

Bensch was the sixth to give bond since the disclosures by the police of an organized band comprising insurance men, property owners and "human torches" found active incendiaries whose operations in St. Louis during the last few years are believed to have netted them more than \$2,500,000.

Bensch is the employer of Herbert O. Baker, who, the police say, confessed "promoting" fires following the arrest of himself and four so-called "human torches" as the latter were about to carry their plans and agreement to fire the Christen Helwaga company plant last Saturday.

Resistance against Baker, Bensch and the four "torches," the police say, was obtained by a stenographer who hid in a book case, transcribed conversations between these men and officers of the Christen company, who, to aid the police, had agreed to have the plant burned.

The police now are looking for the head of an art company whose establishment was burned mysteriously several weeks ago.

The "torches," the police say, was commonly referred to by the members of the arson syndicate as "the man from Chicago." "Torches" received from \$1,000 to \$5,000 for starting a fire.

TEUTON POLICY IN TURKEY OPPOSED

Attitude of Djemal Pasha, Former Minister of Marine, Giving Committee of Union and Progress

Rome, Sept. 13 (via Paris, Sept. 12).—The attitude of Djemal Pasha, former minister of marine, is giving the Turkish committee of Union and Progress much anxiety, the Tribune says. It has learned from sources of information in the Balkans. He is reported to be in Arabia in constant contact with sheiks and emirs hostile to the committee, while Arab preachers are attempting to foment rebellion among the inhabitants.

Talât Bey, minister of the interior, replies, it is said, that the situation is serious and is not holding entirely aloof from the movement to return to power Hilmi Pasha, former grand vizier, who now is ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Hostility to the German policy is reported to be becoming increasingly violent.

STREET CAR MEN IN BIENNIAL SESSION

Rochester, N. Y., Sept. 13.—Delegates to the 14th biennial convention of the Amalgamated Association of Street Railway Employees of America were welcomed this morning by Mayor Edgerton. Later President W. D. Mahon was to organize the convention for its two weeks' labors here, which will cover developments in the association's affairs since the convention at Salt Lake City two years ago. The Amalgamated has a membership of 85,000 with an approximate annual wage of \$75,000,000.

MAN HELD BY MEX BANDITS ESCAPES

John Lesebruck, American, Gets Away While Guard is Asleep—Walks Twenty Miles.

El Paso, Texas, Sept. 13.—John Lesebruck, the American cattleman held for ransom by supposed Salazar men south of Hachita, N. M., last night, and who escaped from his guards, arrived here today.

He said the bandits burned his automobile and took everything of value from him at a point 12 miles south of Hachita, then marched him into the country until he was 75 miles from the border. There he was placed under a guard Friday night. The guard dozed and he escaped on foot, walking 20 miles before he came on a posse of Americans searching for him. They returned to Hachita just as the rescuing party with the ransom had left there Saturday.

ARCHIBALD CASE IS BEING STUDIED

Federal Attorney at New York Conducts Investigation—Von Papen, Not Disturbed Yet.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13.—Acting under instructions from the White House, agents of the department of justice will meet James F. J. Archibald, the American correspondent involved in the case of Dr. Dumba, the Austrian ambassador, when he lands at New York on the steamer Rotterdam from Holland. Mr. Archibald carried Dr. Dumba's letter to the Vienna foreign office disclosing plans to cause strikes in American munitions plants.

All officials here are maintaining strictest silence regarding Archibald's case, but it became known today that United States Attorney Marshall at New York has been instructed to look into the case by the department of justice, which takes the view that there is ground for considering whether Archibald violated a federal law. The question of whether he actually knew the contents of the papers he carried probably will be the deciding factor in what action the government ultimately takes toward him.

The statute on which the government is proceeding fixes a fine of not more than \$2,000 and imprisonment of not more than three years for its violation.

There was no indication today of any further move by the government in the case of Captain Franz von Papen, military attaché of the German embassy, for whom Archibald also carried a letter and who was mentioned in Dr. Dumba's report as being connected with the strike plans.

At the German embassy it was said no intimation has been received from the state department that Captain von Papen was persona non grata, but that the embassy would accept in any request the United States might make in his case. All that was asked was a safe conduct for the captain back to Germany.

POLICE ON HEELS OF BANK ROBBERS

Confederates of George Nelson, Who Succeeded When Cornered in Home, Near to Capture.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 13.—The city was being combed today for "Chasey," missing member of a gang of bank robbers, whose leader, George Nelson, committed suicide early yesterday after standing off for six hours a large force of policemen besieging him with pistols and rifles in his Berkeley apartment in a rooming house.

Working on a clue in the form of an automobile storage receipt found behind a picture in Nelson's bullet-riddled bedroom, detectives traced a man believed to be the missing bandit to a garage, where he appeared in search of an automobile at 4 a. m. Just about the time Nelson is thought to have given up his long battle with the police and shot himself through the head.

Two other suspected members of Nelson's gang, which robbed a Los Angeles bank of \$3,000 last month, were arrested today in Los Angeles.

SOMEBODY GIVING UP THAT \$500,000

Judge Carpenter Declares Rock Island Road's Interest Will be Paid in Due Time.

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 13.—The attempt to raise the \$500,000 interest due on debenture bonds of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway company is meeting with success, according to a statement made by Judge Carpenter in the United States district court here today. The court therefore deferred further action on the matter in court pending developments in New York, where the money is being sought.

By the terms of the debenture bonds the interest should have been paid today.

"A considerable portion of the money has already been obtained," said Judge Carpenter. Before making this statement Judge Carpenter conferred with John F. Lee, attorney for David R. Francis of St. Louis, trustee of the underlying mortgages.

The question brought before the court was whether to pay the interest from earnings.

Burke National Committeeman.

Pierre, S. D., Sept. 13.—Former Congressman Charles H. Burke of Pierre, has been selected by Chairman Hills of the republican national committee to fill the position of national committeeman from South Dakota to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas Thorson.

Russia Lets Canadian Contract.

New York, Sept. 13.—Russia has virtually completed a \$2,000,000 contract with the Canadian Car and Foundry company for shrapnel and shells, it was announced today. Delivery is for April. Part of the work will be let in this country, it was said.

RUSS PEOPLE FLEE IN FRONT TEUTON RUSH

Wholesale Exodus From the Province of Grodno, Refugees Resting in Woods

SUFFERING FROM COLD

Austro-German Armies on Eastern Front Making Progress Everywhere.

Berlin, Sept. 13 (via London, 5:55 p. m.)—The battle along the Dvina river, which has been virtually in a state of deadlock for several days, has swung in favor of the Germans. The war office announced today that the Russians had been ejected from several positions on the left bank of the river. This battle probably will decide the fate of Riga.

London, Sept. 13 (noon).—A wholesale exodus of the people in virtually all the towns and villages of the Russian province of Grodno is reported by the correspondent at Minsk of the Reuters' Telegram company. The people are fleeing on foot to the Barogovichi, the junction point of the railway, leading to Vilna, Rovno, Best-Litovsk and Minsk.

The refugees, numbering thousands, are sleeping in the woods all night, stretched by the cold rains. The authorities are doing their utmost to relieve distress.

The Austro-German armies on the eastern front, still striving for definite results, are making progress everywhere, except along the Galician frontier, where the Russians report a further success.

In the north where the Russian line has been strengthened by a withdrawal of forces, Field Marshal von Hindenburg is directing a violent drive towards Dvina, and a crossing of the Dvina. In the center, Crown Prince Leopold has forced his way over the Zelivskaia and is attacking in the vicinity of Skidel. In the south Field Marshal von Mackensen on both sides of the Pinski railroad is pressing eastward toward the town. These movements have resulted in the capture of several thousand Russians.

Says Petrograd is Safe.

The final objective of the central powers in this campaign is still a matter of conjecture, but General Russky, commander of the northern Russian army, declares positively that there is no danger that Petrograd will fall this year before the guns of the invaders.

On the other front there is little to report. It appears to be established that Bulgaria has struck a bargain with Italy, rumors are again current of an Austro-German offensive movement toward Constantinople.

English newspapers devote much space to the announcement of David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, that the nation must increase her efforts very greatly if victory for the entente allies is to be secured.

Hand Grenade Combats in West.

Paris, Sept. 13 (7:35 p. m.)—French official statement:

"Several hand grenade combats were reported during the night near the Bethune-Arras road and an enemy attack was easily repulsed to the north of the Souchez station. At the same time there was artillery activity on both sides."

The mine fighting proceeded continuously and stubbornly before Ypres. There was violent bombardment in the sectors of Armentcourt and Beuvrains, as well as on the plateau of Quennevillers and Nouvron. Intermittent sniping took place in the Champagne and the Argonne. On the Lorraine front our batteries directed an effective fire on the German trenches in the neighborhood of Emberviller, Leintrey and Anserviller."

THE WEATHER

Forecast till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for Rock Island, Davenport, Moline and Vicinity.

Generally fair and continued warm weather tonight and Tuesday. Temperature at 7 a. m. 73. Highest yesterday 88. Lowest last night 73. At 1 p. m. today 88. Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 8 miles per hour.

Precipitation none. Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 72. at 7 a. m. 82, at 1 p. m. today 40. Stage of water 3.7, a fall of .2 in last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

GERMANS DISPERSED BY BELGIAN FORCES

Havre, France, Sept. 13.—The following official statement regarding the operations of the Belgian army was issued today:

"There was a light bombardment along the entire front. Our artillery dispersed Germans working near Milestone number 12 on the Yser and near Diegracht."

TROOPER KILLED BY BORDER BAND

One American Dead and Two Others Wounded in Attack Upon Patrol at Pumping Plant.

Brownsville, Tex., Sept. 13.—One United States trooper was killed and two others wounded, one probably fatally, when a gang of Mexican bandits early today attacked the American patrol of seven men at an irrigation pumping plant several miles up the river from this point.

The soldier killed was Private Kraft, who received a wound through the head. Private Forney was shot through the back and is expected to die. Private Walsh also was wounded, but his condition is not considered serious.

The squad of troopers was fired on from the darkness by a gang estimated at 40 in number. It is thought that the bandits have crossed into Mexico. The men were from troop C, 12th cavalry, and were in charge of a non-commissioned officer.

Immediately on receipt of a report of the fight, Col. A. P. Blockson, commanding at Fort Brown, left for the scene to make an investigation.

Washington, Sept. 13.—State department advices from Torreon, described as coming from an unofficial but reliable source, say Villa troops in all the recent encounters with Carranza forces in northern Mexico have made a poor showing.

In many cases, it was declared, the Villa soldiers cast away their arms and abandoned towns apparently without any real defense.

TRY BANKERS FOR ALLEGED FRAUDS

Four Former Officers of Defunct Kansas City Institution Face a Federal Jury.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 13.—Four former officers of the defunct American Union Trust Company were placed on trial in the federal court here today on a charge of using the mails to defraud. The trial is the first of a series of operations growing from the failure of the all night and day bank and the closing of the American Union Trust company which had absorbed the bank. Both were Kansas City institutions.

The men on trial are George L. Davis, Kansas City attorney; John W. Beery and W. L. Moyer of Kansas City and A. L. King of Chicago. Henry W. Richardson, the organizer of the institution, was also included in the indictment, but has not been arrested. The indictment charges that fraudulent statements of the assets of the trust company were made and sent through the mails.

MAQUON BANK IS ROBBED AT NIGHT

Only \$60 in Money and \$100 in Stamps Missing—Inner Safe is Not Touched.

Florida, Ill., Sept. 13.—Robbers last night entered the First National bank at Maquon, 20 miles northwest of here and looted the vault of \$60 in money and about \$100 in stamps, the latter the property of the town postmaster.

An entrance was effected to the outer vault but the inner safe containing several thousand dollars in cash and securities was not touched.

Maquon authorities are without clues as to the identity of the robbers. The sheriff of Knox county is on his way to investigate.

CHARLES H. SCHWAB TO SURVIVE INJURY

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 13.—Charles H. Schwab, the shoe manufacturer who was injured in an automobile accident here yesterday, will recover, it was stated at the Michael Reese hospital today. Mr. Schwab, who is 79 years old, sustained a broken shoulder blade and numerous cuts and bruises but, it is said, was not injured internally. Mrs. Schwab, who was his companion on the ride, was not injured.

GERMANS TAKE RUSS SEAPLANE IN FIGHT

Berlin, Sept. 13 (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Russians lost one of their seaplanes in the attack of these craft on a small German cruiser off Windau, officials reported yesterday. A statement issued today tells of the attack by several Russian hydroplanes on the cruiser and of their dropping eight bombs, all of which missed the mark, and adds:

"One hydroplane was shot down and brought to Windau. Its occupants, two Russian officers, were made prisoners."

Oil Prices Increased.

Pittsburgh, Pa., Sept. 13.—Five cents a barrel was added to the price of the principal sellers of crude oil today, the South Penn Oil company announcing these prices: Pennsylvania, \$1.85; other grades quoted are Mercer Black and Castle, \$1.23; Cabell, \$1.25; Cornucopia, \$1.12; Somerset, \$1.08, and Ragland, unchanged, at 6c.

PROPOSAL OF BERLIN THAT ARABIC CASE GO TO HAGUE NOT APPROVED BY WILSON

PRESIDENT CALLS SITUATION GRAVE

Expresses Views on International Affairs in Declining Invitation to Visit Manassas.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 13.—President Wilson today expressed his views of the gravity of the international situation to a delegation of Virginians, who asked him today to visit the Manassas battleground late this month.

"We are all hoping and praying that the skies may clear," said the president, "but we have no control of that on this side of the water, and it is impossible to predict any part of the course of affairs."

The president was reminded that some time ago he had promised to go to Manassas to dedicate a tablet.

"When I made that promise," the president told the delegation, "things were just beginning, and a great many things have happened since which have altered not only the aspect of our own affairs, but the aspect of affairs of the world. My experience here day by day is that questions turn up so suddenly and have to be handled so promptly and sometimes with so much thoughtful discretion that I really dare not let my thoughts go out to other matters."

"I could not come to Manassas without having something to say. It would not be worthy of the occasion if I did not make preparations that would be worth while, and that is out of the question. My thoughts are mortgaged beyond recall for the present."

"I simply feel that I have forfeited my liberty for the present and that my immediate duty is the most obvious and imperative duty. I have been obliged to say this in all invitations, however tempting in character, and I would not be worthy of your trust if I did not come to such a conclusion, because I know that you want these international matters taken care of as best we know how and I ought not to stand my thoughts afield."

NO NEGRO BISHOP FOR METHODISTS

Illinois Conference Draws Color Line in Acting Upon a Petition from Mississippi.

Springfield, Ill., Sept. 13.—The Illinois conference of the Methodist Episcopal church drew the color line here today by refusing to adopt a resolution petitioning the general conference to appoint a negro bishop to represent the colored membership of the church in the south.

The intent of the resolution was attacked by the phrase, "a bishop of languages and races," but its meaning was made clear in the storm of discussion which followed. It was defeated by a vote of 41 to 114. Dr. W. J. Hamilton of Frankston, one of the strongest opponents of the resolution, declared a submission appointed by the last general conference, of which he was a member, to investigate the need for a negro bishop, did not favor the idea.

Rev. J. A. Kemler of Hamilton, Ohio, speaking in favor of the resolution said:

"When we push this people out of the church, Jesus Christ will feel himself a stranger to it. The negro race has men who would be an honor to the Methodist episcopacy." The resolution was sent by a negro conference in Mississippi and was read by the secretary of the Illinois conference.

Shortly before the discussion of the race question Governor Dunne addressed the conference for a few minutes. He said America's proudest boast should be her religious freedom.

HILL BOOSTS FOR A LOAN TO ALLIES

Railroad Builder Says Flotation of Big Credit is of Greatest Importance to Nation.

New York, Sept. 13.—Financiers of the west and northwest came to New York today to lend a helping hand to the Anglo-French financial commissioners in their task of arranging a way by which Great Britain and France can pay for the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of imports already shipped abroad and other vast amounts contracted for and contemplated.

The first of these arrivers was James J. Hill, railroad builder and financier, of St. Paul. Mr. Hill was said to be provided with data on which he based his belief that the flotation of a mammoth credit loan here to Great Britain and France is of more vital interest, perhaps, to the United States than to the two countries seeking the loan.

Must First Have Confirmation of Assurances of Cession of Sub Attacks.

AMBASSADOR IS HEARD

Von Bernstorff Meets Lansing Again—Attempt on Orduna Held an Error.

Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, held a conference, lasting a half hour, with Secretary Lansing today on the Arabic case. Germany proposes arbitration. President Wilson insists that there must first be confirmation of Germany's announced intention to cease submarine warfare on vessels without warning.

Germany says attack on liner Orduna was a mistake, due to bad weather conditions, which confused the submarine commander.

Dr. Dumba, Austro-Hungary ambassador, believed to be preparing to leave for home in response to request of President Wilson for his recall.

Washington, Sept. 13.—Secretary Lansing announced today, after a conference with President Wilson, that no decision had yet been reached by the United States on Germany's proposal to arbitrate the Arabic case.

It was indicated in official quarters that both Germany and the United States agree that to arbitrate the question of indemnity involves arbitrating the justification and the facts.

Secretary Lansing, after his visit to the president, returned to the state department for a conference with Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who is trying to bring the situation to a point where this government will agree to submit the question to arbitration. The conference began at noon.

It was generally believed that before the United States will enter into formal negotiations on the Arabic case in particular, or any phase of the general subject which might include the sinking of the Lusitania, it will be necessary first to confirm Germany's assurances of the cessation of attack by submarines on liners.

The declaration that the United States would not discuss the Lusitania case until it had been established whether the sinking of the Arabic was a justified act, includes in the importance of decision in the Arabic note.

Must Be Limited to Fact.

The German view, it was said, is that an agreement could be reached to arbitrate the question of reparation for American lives lost on the craft, inasmuch as the Berlin note had renewed assurances that submarine commanders had been ordered not to attack peaceful liners without warning.

Administration officials maintained silence, not only on the Arabic situation, but on the Dumba case. Nevertheless, it was understood that while Germany's explanation of the sinking of the Arabic was considered unsatisfactory, the United States would consent to be arbitration of the issue if the discussion were limited to the question of fact as to whether the submarine commander was justified in launching his torpedo. That would not involve general principles for which the Washington government has contended. The Berlin note declared the commander attacked the Arabic because he thought she was about to attempt to ram the submarine. Testimony of the liner's passengers, however, tends to show the ship was torpedoed without warning.

Talk a Half Hour.

Ambassador Bernstorff's conference with Secretary Lansing lasted just half an hour. As he left the state department he told inquirers:

"I really cannot say anything about what I said to the secretary or about what he said to me. That rests with Secretary Lansing; I really cannot talk, you know."

The ambassador made it clear, however, that the situation had not come to an impasse. From his manner some of his questioners inferred that his conference with the secretary forecasts a favorable outcome and that

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Tennis Play Delayed.

Philadelphia, Pa., Sept. 13.—Play in the annual tournament for the intercollegiate lawn tennis championship, which was to have started today on the courts of the Merion Cricket club at Haverford, was delayed until tomorrow to give some of the contestants who had been in other tournaments last week another day's rest.

Mexican War Veteran Dies.

Danville, Sept. 13.—John Shotts, who fought in the Mexican war under General Taylor, 70 years ago, is dead at the National Soldiers' home, aged 89 years.