

U. S. Citizens Being Impressed Into Greek Army

Veterans of World War Taken Forcibly From Homes and Compelled to Join Greek Forces— Stripped of Clothing—Passports and Other Papers Taken—Thrown Into Jail If Protests Are Made.

Smyrna, June 17.—(By the A. P.)—American citizens are being impressed into the Greek army by agents of the Athens government and George Horton, United States consul general here, has made a vigorous protest to Governor General Steriades against the continuance of the practice.

For many months past Americans, even men who served in the army in France, have been taken forcibly from their homes, or from vessels arriving from the United States and compelled to join the Greek forces.

There have been scores of such cases in Athens, Smyrna, Patras and Saloniki, and only those able to escape and get into communication with American consular officials have obtained redress. In many instances they have been stripped of their clothing and their passports and other papers have been confiscated. When they have protested, it is charged that they have been hounded, thrown into jails and mistreated.

Consul General Horton declares this action by the Greek authorities is in flagrant violation of existing agreements between the United States and Greece. One case is cited as typical of many. Private James Ratfel of New York city, who was cited for bravery in the Argonne campaign and who has been receiving a disability allowance of \$50 a month from the United States government, was recently arrested by Greek authorities at Mitylene.

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Get Motor Taken From This City

New York, June 17.—Two young men and a woman who were arrested last night in Brooklyn, where the young man was driving a motor car, were arraigned today in Bridgeport, Conn., where they were held in \$2,500 bail each for further examination.

Late Telegraph News

BUNKER HILL DAY

Boston, July 17.—Bunker Hill Day, the 146th anniversary of the battle of Bunker Hill, was observed today in greater Boston.

CLERGYMAN RECKLESS DRIVER

New Haven, June 17.—Rev. John H. Bell, superintendent of the New Haven district in the New York East Methodist Conference, who was summoned to the Berlin town court on a charge of recklessly driving his automobile at a railroad crossing in that town, May 5, was given a nolle as no complainant appeared against him. It was alleged that Rev. Mr. Bell crashed into the crossing gates which had been lowered by John Neary, the gate tender.

CURZON CONFERS WITH BRIAND

Paris, June 17.—Lord Curzon, British Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, arrived here today to confer with Premier Briand relative to problems facing France and Great Britain. Great interest was taken in his visit in view of the recent reports that Prime Minister Lloyd George has decided to confine his attention to home politics, leaving foreign affairs to Lord Curzon.

FIFTY MILLION FOR CATTLE INDUSTRY

New York, June 17.—Arrangements for a loan of \$50,000,000 to the cattle industry were expected to be completed today at a meeting of some 25 bankers of the East and West. The conference was to insure making the funds available immediately.

OIL OUTPUT 260 MILLION BARRELS

Mexico City, June 17.—Reports of depletion of Mexican oil fields were described as "absurd and unfounded" by the treasury and commerce and industry departments of the Mexican government. Figures were made public showing that since 1901 production of oil in Mexico has constantly increased and that it was estimated the total output for the present year would be more than 260,000,000 barrels.

Opinions Differ On Petitions

Dawe Says There Are No Restrictions—Dr. Finnegan Says Proce- dure Was Against Rules.

That the circulation of petitions in all fire houses of the city yesterday afternoon, asking for the retention of Arthur Connor as tax commissioner of Bridgeport, did not constitute a violation of any rules of the Fire department, was the defense put forward today by President Samuel Dawe, of the Board of Fire commissioners.

Mr. Dawe admitted that the petitions to Chief Daniel E. Johnson, as a favor to a member of the Taxpayers' league, who requested that the petitions be distributed among the firemen. A stand of practically the same nature has been taken by Chief Johnson.

Miss Wren Weds Today

The marriage of Miss Irene Wren, daughter of Peter W. Wren, of 484 State street, vice-president of the First Bridgeport National Bank, and Walter Flocker, of New York city, took place this afternoon at 3 o'clock at St. Augustine's rectory. Rev. James B. Nihil performed the ceremony. There were no attendants.

Miss Leitch Wins Again

Fountainbleau, France, June 17.—Miss Cecil Leitch, British woman's golf champion, today defeated Miss Joece Wethered, also of England in the final of the French women's open golf championship tournament by 6 up and 5 to play.

Both Cornell And Robinson Condemn Petition For Connor

"The act of the person who circulated political petitions through the fire department is to be severely condemned," stated John A. Cornell, chairman of the Democratic town committee, this morning.

Sold Bogus Fight Tickets

Reading, Pa., June 17.—Joseph Schwartz and William J. Morrow, both of Philadelphia, were arrested today on a charge of selling counterfeit tickets for the Dempsey-Carpenter fight. It was alleged that they sold tickets admitting to \$35 seats for \$20. They were held for a hearing.

Made Fine Run Against Mackintosh

George W. Hopkins, general sales and advertising manager of the Columbia Graphophone Company, was defeated yesterday for the national presidency of the Associated Advertising Clubs of the World. Charles Henry Mackintosh of Chicago, was the successful candidate.

CUMMINGS MAY TAKE TRIP SOUTH

State's Attorney Homer S. Cummings, former chairman of the Democratic national committee, is reported planning a trip to South America where he is said to have acquired extensive business interests.

Claim Lake Failed To Sign Validating Act Within Time Limit

City Attorney Comley Holding This Viewpoint De- clines to Assent to Motion to Vacate Injunctions Preventing Payment of Bills—May Have to Call Special Session of Legislature.

City Attorney William H. Comley, representing the city, has declined to assent to a motion to vacate the injunctions brought by members of the Chamber of Commerce preventing payment of bills which the city owed to the Bridgeport Construction Co., and which also means that the bills owed to a great many other business firms amounting to the aggregate of \$300,000 will not be paid at once.

Governor Lake signed the validating act which was passed by the Legislature on the closing day of the session. He has also signed many other measures of statewide importance.

Lewis' Supporters Claim He Will Defeat Gompers

Denver, Col., June 17.—John L. Lewis, head of the United Mine Workers of America, has enough votes pledged and enough in sight to assure his election as President of the American Federation of Labor in place of Samuel Gompers, according to claims of his supporters today.

Men Refuse Wage Offer Of Company

New Haven, June 17.—That arbitration of the wage differences between the Connecticut company and their platform men is the only solution of the apparent deadlock in the negotiations pending for some time, is held here today, following the announcement of the refusal of the men to accept the offer of the company for a reduction in wages. It is understood the company will be favorable to this suggestion. It is considered likely, however, that the men will attempt to negotiate further with the officials.

ELKS PREPARE FOR OPENING OF NEW HOME

Arrangements are rapidly being completed for the ceremonies incidental to the opening of the new Elks Home on State street, on Tuesday, June 21. Exalted Ruler L. T. Gallagher announced today that the lodge will be open to the public from 2 to 6 on that afternoon. After that hour Elks only will be admitted.

New Haven Road Not To Start Jitney Routes

Officials of the New Haven Railroad this morning denied reports that the road was planning to establish jitney routes throughout the state. The possibility of the use of motor buses on highways had been considered by the officials, but had been rejected as impractical at this time.

PUT GIRL ON PROBATION.

Henry Morosky, proprietor of a saloon at 78 Green street was arraigned in the City court this morning, charged with being the keeper of a disorderly house. George Preville, of 1333 Pembroke street, were arraigned as free editors of the "Liberator" and Preville was nolle, and the girl was put on probation.

Case Continued.

Joseph Mondrozski, proprietor of a saloon at 65 Allen street, appeared in the City court today, charged with selling liquor in his establishment. The case was continued until tomorrow under \$200 bonds. During the excitement of the trial last night Mondrozski's wife fainted away.

England To Ask America Watch Gun Shipments

Irish Office Announces Seizure of Machine Guns At Hoboken Completely Smashes Plans of Irish Republican Army for Big Fall Offensive—Repe- tition of "Alabama" Incident Not Desirable.

London, June 17.—Great Britain will address a friendly note to the United States requesting that the closest possible watch be maintained in the future to prevent contraband shipments of arms and munitions to Ireland for use against the Crown forces by the Republicans, it was learned from a high source this afternoon.

British secret service agents are in America and are keeping under surveillance Irishmen who are suspected of being in league with the Sinn Fein. Scotland Yard is thus kept in touch with the movements of the Sinn Fein agents. The Sinn Fein sympathizers are said to make their headquarters in New York.

Shelton Bank Affairs Are In Court Again

The affairs of the Shelton Bank & Trust Company were again subject for argument before Judge Kellogg during the short calendar session of Superior court. Two motions were taken under advisement by the Judge. The receiver, ex-Governor Marcus H. Holcomb, and the City of Shelton, represented by Joseph Shapiro, asked the privilege of exchanging deposits for certain bonds and evidence of indebtedness in a simple manner in which deposits were exchanged for mortgages, to a great extent.

Are To Hear Bishop Case Next Tuesday

By request of Jacob Klein, attorney for William D. Bishop, the divorce action pending against him by Bianca West Bishop will be heard before Judge John F. Kellogg on Tuesday, June 21.

Police Have Two Working Theories In Tierney Case

After more than a day of investigating in the case of Patrolman Thomas A. Tierney, who was shot and dangerously wounded by an unidentified man Wednesday night, the police have decided on two possible theories which might be involved in the affair. Tierney's condition still remains critical.

Ask China's Recognition

Washington, June 17.—Appealing to America as the "Mother of Democracy" and the "traditional friend" of China, the South Chinese government today formally asked the United States today for recognition as the constitutional government of China. The request was contained in a letter from Dr. Sun Yet Sen to President Harding.

Stratford People Who Rely On Buses Will Fight To Retain Jitney Service

Stratford people who rely upon the buses were stirred up to a high degree when it was reported that an effort was to be made to route the buses on a back road trail that would just about mean the end of service to Paradise Green, and are making themselves heard to such an extent that it hardly seems probable now that the jitneys will be so completely erased from the transportation scheme.

Stratford people have not forgotten that there were no jitneys running to the Green before the trolley company's "strike" last summer, and that in spite of the fact that Stratford had no fight with the Connecticut company, Stratfordites were made the goal of the Bridgeport fight and service denied. It was when this occurred and the trolley company refused to send cars to the city line that buses first appeared on this run. They immediately became popular, and more so last winter when for a number of days no trolleys operated to Stratford and the buses never missed. A private meeting was held by the selectmen last evening at which Stephen J. Duch, the jitneys' representative, was present. He was assured that the selectmen of Stratford would appear at the Bridgeport hearings Tuesday and Wednesday and fight for the retention of the Stratford lines.