

BERLIN TURNS DOWN PLAN TO LET U. S. PROBE 'MURDER' CASE

Rejects Grey's Proposal to Submit Charge That Sailors Were Killed in Cold Blood to Americans.

Announces It Will Adopt Methods of Reprisal for Death of Submarine Crew—To Send No More Notes.

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Jan. 15.—The German government today rejected the suggestion made by Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, that the Baralong case, in which officers of a British steamer were accused of the murder of a German submarine crew, be submitted to investigation by a court of American naval officers.

The text of the German note transmitted to Great Britain through the American embassy, was made public here today. It denies British charges that German soldiers and sailors have been guilty of inhuman practices, and informs Great Britain that Germany will adopt methods of reprisal for the alleged cold blooded murder of the German submarine crew.

WANTED U. S. COURT.

Great Britain offered to submit the Baralong case to an American tribunal if Germany consented at the same time to submit three cases of alleged German brutality to the same neutral court. The German government must reject as inapplicable the British proposal to submit these three cases, with the Baralong case, to investigation by a court of American naval officers. It was stated, "The German government takes the standpoint that the charges against members of German forces must be investigated by its own competent authorities and that these give every assurance of an unprejudiced verdict, where necessary for just punishment. It has advanced no other request to the British government in the Baralong case, not doubting that the British court-martial composed of British officers would decree suitable punishment for this cowardly and perfidious crime. This request is the more surprising because the affidavits of American witnesses, therefore neutral, witnesses submitted to the British government, placed the guilt of the commander of the crew of the Baralong practically beyond doubt."

Representations At End.

The German government adds that since the British government has answered its request evasively, thereby indicating its desire "to no longer observe against German submarines one of the first rules of war—namely, to spare enemies when incapacitated for further action," it will make no further representations in the Baralong case.

Daniels Makes Plea for Navy and Merchant Ships

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels, in an address today before the National Democratic Club, pleaded for a merchant marine and a stronger navy, to go hand in hand. "We must have a merchant marine," he said, "to carry American commerce abroad, particularly to countries on the Western hemisphere, and we must strengthen the navy, not for aggression, but to give the American commerce and American diplomacy the power that can only be won under present conditions, from sea power."

Two British Ships in Collision; Many Drown

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The British steamers Argus and Larchwood collided in the Bristol Channel today and several persons were drowned. The Argus was landed some of the Larchwood's survivors.

The Larchwood is a 69-ton vessel owned and registered at Middleborough. There are two British steamers named the Argus, one displacing 1,238 tons, registered at Belfast, and one of 704 tons from the port of Goole.

Florida—Superior Service via Atlantic Coast Line. N. Y. & Florida Special leaves 2:15 p. m. daily. Other all steel 10, training daily. Office, 106 N. Y. ave. n. y. c.

Miss Wilson's Voice Benefits Red Cross

\$1,000 Turned Over to Society from Proceeds of Phonograph Records.

Miss Margaret Wilson has turned over \$1,000, which she received for phonograph records of her voice, to the Red Cross for the Red Cross Training School for Nurses in Bulgaria. Miss Mabel Boardman told the Congressional Club yesterday. The money already has been cabled.

PRICE JURY STILL UNABLE TO AGREE

Sharp Division Indicated After Nineteen Hours—1,000 Hear Final Plea.

MINNEAPOLIS, Jan. 15.—After being out nineteen hours, the Price murder case jury had reached no verdict at noon today.

The jury is limited to one of two verdicts, "guilty of murder in the first degree" or "not guilty," by the charge given by Judge Daniel Fish. When the hours had passed and no verdict was announced, loud argument from the jury room indicated that there was a sharp division among the jurors. The court had told the jury that the Minnesota law does not permit a conviction on the unsupported testimony of an accomplice.

MRS. PANKHURST IS BARRED FROM U. S.

Militant Suffragette Held to Be "Undesirable Alien" in Eyes of Law—Sent to Ellis Island.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Despite her angry protests, Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst was sent to the Ellis Island immigration station upon her arrival here from London today.

WASHINGTON YOUTH GETS POST IN NAVY

Commissions Will Be Issued to Twelve as Assistant Paymasters.

Twelve young men, including one Washingtonian, will be commissioned assistant paymasters in the navy, with the rank of ensign, as the result of a recent competitive examination. The Navy Department today announced that the twelve successful candidates will take rank in the following order, which was their relative standing in the examination:

Edward R. Eberle, Arkansas; Andrew L. Houde, New York; Malcolm J. Starrow, District of Columbia; Benjamin S. Gantz, South Dakota; Raymond C. Hickman, Indiana; William D. Alexander, Maryland; Homer C. Sewell, Georgia; Merton F. Ring, Massachusetts; Raymond Bright, Pennsylvania; Vincent Wheeler, South Carolina; Louis English, Georgia; Otto B. Trigg, California.

Zuider Zee Dikes Burst; Farms Flooded

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—The Telegraf reports that the Zuider Zee dike at Katwilde has burst, and that Zuider Zee has been flooded. The inhabitants fled to Edam, which also is partly flooded, the newspaper adds.

Many farms were completely inundated, the inhabitants proceeding in boats to surrounding villages. Volendam is entirely flooded, and Montkendam, on the mainland, and the island of Marken are under water. A later message from Edam says that the dike protecting Polderzeveving is in danger, and that if it breaks the result will be the flooding of the greater part of north Holland.

Daniels for Early Action On Larger Annapolis Bill

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today wrote to Chairman L. F. Padgett, of the House Committee on Naval Affairs, suggesting the advisability of at once introducing a bill to increase the number of midshipmen at Annapolis.

JURY AWAITS U. S. AWAITS TALE OF DEATH TEXT OF CAR DRIVER PAPER PAPERS

Mohr Trial Adjourns Until Next Week After Preliminary Evidence.

LITTLE ADVANTAGE GAINED

Barrington Officer Gives Story of Alleged Confessions of Negroes Accused.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 15.—After a week's attack, the State of Rhode Island adjourned with scarcely any advantage today in the campaign to wrest Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, widow of Dr. Charles F. Mohr, from her two children and send her to prison perhaps for life.

Charged with hiring Cecil Victor Brown and Henry Spellman, negro youths to ambush her physician husband, Mrs. Mohr today stands only in the shadow of the gray old prison. A rumor is current that Health, the negro chauffeur, is about to make a new confession that will completely exonerate Mrs. Mohr. It has been reported that Health had sent word from his cell that he would like to see William H. Lewis, attorney for Victor Brown, one of the negroes now on trial with Mrs. Mohr. Health pleaded nolo contendere that he might appear as a State's witness.

U. S. SILENT ON MAIL ABUSE ACCUSATIONS

State Department Officials Refuse to Comment on New Charge Against Germans.

State Department officials refused today to comment on those reports published in London alleging abuse of the privilege given the German embassy in Washington of sending mail to Berlin in the diplomatic pouch.

FIVE HURT IN DU PONT BLAST; LOSS \$25,000

Accidental Explosion Destroys Ammonia Crystallizing House at Gibbstown, N. J.

GIBBSTOWN, N. J., Jan. 15.—The explosion that destroyed the ammonia crystallizing house of the du Pont Powder Company here last night when five men were injured, two of them seriously, was of unavoidable cause, and did \$25,000 damage, officials of the company today declared.

The seriously injured, Edward Bubb, of Gibbstown, and Isaac Gibson, of Paulistown, were removed to Cooper Hospital, at Camden. They are expected to recover.

The Most Completely Baffling Crime In Washington Police Annals

Veteran sleuths at headquarters tell the facts in a murder case which remains as much of an unfathomable mystery today as on the morning the crime was first discovered. Will be reviewed and discussed by veteran Washington detectives in

Lansing Announces Government Will Take No Action Till Documents Arrive.

DOESN'T RECOGNIZE CASE

Accuracy of News Not Doubted, But It Must Be Confirmed Officially.

Secretary of State Lansing said today that the United States Government will take no action in the new German intrigue, brought to light by seizure of papers from Capt. Franz von Papen until these documents are received from Ambassador Page at London.

While officials show no inclination to doubt the accuracy of news summaries of these documents, which were given out by the British government before they were turned over to Mr. Page for transmission to Washington, the department refused to take official cognizance of unofficial reports.

PERSON ONLY SAFE.

It was recalled today that before von Papen sailed for Germany it was officially announced at the State Department that the safe conduct given him applied only to his person, and not to any papers or documents he might carry with him. This was so well understood that surprise was expressed today when it became known that check stubs and bank books of his accounts with the Riggs Bank, of Washington, correspondence, and other papers were taken from him en route.

What is considered the most damaging evidence disclosed by the seized papers is the record showing that von Papen paid \$700 to Werner Horn, the German reservist now under indictment for attempting to destroy the Vaneboro, Me., international bridge, and equally significant is an item showing the payment of \$2,000 into Captain von Papen's account by the German embassy the day before the Van Horn payment.

Payments of \$100 to Carl Kueferle, who committed suicide in a British prison after confessing that he was a German spy, and heavy payments by von Papen to the German consulate at Seattle prior to the Seattle explosion may also be inquired into.

DISTRICT TAX BILL SOON TO BE READY

Chairman Ben Johnson, of the House District Committee, did not complete today, as expected, his bill putting into legislative form the recommendations of the joint committee which investigated the fiscal relations of the District and the Federal Government. Mr. Johnson said he hoped to have the bill in shape within a few days.

Congressman Rainey, a member of the joint investigating committee, has also been unable to complete his draft of a bill carrying out these recommendations, but it is expected both the Johnson and Rainey measures will be before the District Committee by the middle of next week.

Work on the District appropriation bill, which is handled by the Appropriations Committee, was practically halted over Saturday. Mr. Fack, chairman of the subcommittee in charge, said the subcommittee would begin to scrutinize the Commissioner's estimates on Monday, and he smilingly acknowledged that there is a "pruning knife" somewhere about the committee room.

CARRANZA'S PLEDGES LED AMERICANS ON TO DOOM, OFFICIALS SAY

KAISER PLEADS FOR QUIET THOUGHTS AND PRAYER

BERLIN (via wireless to Sayville), Jan. 15.—Kaiser Wilhelm addressed a manifesto to the German people today, asking them to celebrate his birthday on January 27 with quiet thoughts and prayer.

Whoever wishes to give special expression to his feelings is urged by the Emperor to do so by gifts that may heal the wounds inflicted by the war and may help soldiers' families. The Kaiser's manifesto in part follows:

"It is still necessary that the heart thoughts and the strength of the German nation at the front and at home must be directed toward one great aim, to gain definite victory and win a peace which, as far as the human mind can conjecture, permanently safeguards the country against a repetition of hostile attacks."

MONTENEGRINS IN FLIGHT, VIENNA SAYS

Russians Renew Offensive Around Czerhovitz and Are Repulsed.

VIENNA (via Berlin wireless), Jan. 15.—Montenegrin troops after abandoning Cetina, retreated on the whole south and west front toward the Albanian border. It was officially announced today.

Hundred Thousand Are Reported Lost by Austrians in Drive

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Austrians lost 100,000, including 10,000 men made prisoners, during the recent Russian offensive, the Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Chronicle reported today.

To keep his troops from retreating across the Stripa river, in Galicia, the Austrian General Bothmer destroyed the bridges in their rear, the correspondent reported. The Austrians clinging to the east bank were then exposed to murderous attack by Russian artillery.

Italian Guns Shell Austrian Positions

ROME, Jan. 15.—The operations on the Italian front are largely confined to the artillery duel, in which, according to the official communication issued today, the Italian gunners are having the best of it.

PROMISES OF SAFETY MADE MINERS RETURN

Inquiries by State Department Show Absolute Assurances Were Given

PROBE GOES EVEN FURTHER

Expected to Show Whether Promises Didn't Come From This Government.

After careful inquiry of its representatives at El Paso and Jaurez, officials of the State Department, it was learned today, are convinced that the seventeen Americans and one Canadian massacred last Monday at Santa Ysobel by Villista bandits went to their death under assurances from the Carranza authorities that they would not be molested.

Officials of the department are also convinced from reports which have been received that General Obregon, Carranza's commander at Chihuahua city, not only issued these assurances through the Mexican consul at El Paso and the Mexican commander at Jaurez, but that he actually invited the Americans to return to their properties.

INVITED TO RETURN.

It also appears from these reports that the Carranza authorities had previously invited officers and employees of the American Mining and Smelting Company, with properties at Chihuahua City and other parts of the state of Chihuahua, to return under promises that they would be safe.

But the investigation has gone further. The department is making a careful examination of all letters and telegrams sent to the American representatives in Mexico during the last month or two to ascertain whether these assurances for the return of the Americans were not after a request Monday were not after all obtained at the Department of State at Washington.

The conclusions reached regarding the existence of the assurances are expected to have a far-reaching effect, not only in determining the degree of responsibility resting on the Carranza government for indemnity in case of the Americans already slain, but also in determining the extent to which the American Government may in the future rely on Carranza to protect foreigners in the territory over which he professes to control.

Officials of the department manifested no small amount of concern today over the publication of a report from El Paso claiming that Carranza, towards the American representatives at Jaurez, as stating that Gen. Gabriel Gaviira, Carranza's commander at Juarez, had granted to the American representatives for a special train for which C. K. Watson, manager of the Cuel Mining Company, and the others who were massacred after a request for the train had been made of him.

Said It Would Be Safe. In company with Mr. Watson, Edwards was quoted as saying, he called on General Gaviira and the latter said it would be perfectly safe for the Americans to make the journey. Also, Edwards said, they were assured of every guarantee of their safety by the Carranza government.

Consul Edwards was further quoted as stating that he had been instructed from Washington to get a guarantee from Carranza officials for the Americans returning to the mines.

After a lengthy conference with Secretary Lansing, Chairman William Stone, of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, expressed himself as more than satisfied that Carranza should be given opportunity to clean up the bandits in northern Mexico without interference by the United States in the way of armed intervention.

Americans Fleeing Troubled District Of North Mexico

EL PASO, Tex., Jan. 15.—Americans are fleeing from northern Mexico today. Threats of bandits to exterminate foreigners, the murder of a total of twenty Americans and one Englishman in Chihuahua within the last week, and the State Department's appeal to leave the troubled districts are having their effect.

A special train sent from El Paso is returning from Parral, a mining town in southern Chihuahua, with about 150 Americans, including many

WOMEN FACE DANGER OF UNDYED BONNETS

Ways and Means Committee Told Something Must Be Done to Relieve Situation.

Women will wear uncolored Easter hats and men's suits will cost from \$2 to \$3 more, unless the dye situation is quickly relieved, witnesses told the Ways and Means Committee today.

Men's suits require 500,000 yards of cloth for spring and summer, they said, and present prospects are for a 15 per cent underproduction because of dye shortage.

Prof. Herty, of the American Chemical Society, told of an alleged threat made by an English maker of dyes on the Boston Production Company. The Englishman agreed that if the American firm quit manufacturing European makers would sell aniline oil to them at a price making present contracts profitable. Otherwise, European dye makers were determined that the American enterprise should be snipped in the bud by selling European products below cost.

George W. Wilkie, of New York, gave one instance of dyes bought by his company costing \$1.75 before the war, and for which since the war \$2.00 was paid.

Mine Sinks Spanish Ship; 25 of Her Crew Drowned

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The Spanish steamer Bayo struck a mine and sank Thursday in the Bay of Biscay, off the French seaport of La Rochelle. Twenty-five of her crew were drowned. Only one was saved. The Bayo carried a cargo of ore, and was bound from the Spanish port of Huelva for La Rochelle. The Bayo displaced 2,778 tons. She was owned by La Maritima Espanola of Bilbao, and registered at that port.