

BOMB SENT TO HERRICK EXPLODES IN HOME; RAILWAY PEACE DEPENDS ON LABOR BOARD

AMBASSADOR'S VALET IS HURT BY EXPLOSIVE WRECKS ROOM

Police Believe It Was Sent By Communists As a Protest

HERRICK WAS NEAR BY Coming Up Stairway As Bomb Is Thrown Out By Servant

(By Associated Press.) Paris, Oct. 19.—A small oblong package, wrapped in plain white paper, tied with a string and marked, "perfume" lay on a table in the American embassy at this morning. It was addressed personally to the American Ambassador, Myron T. Herrick and has been delivered by registered post.

Thinking it was a gift the Ambassador's secretary, Lawrence Norton, carried it to the Ambassador's residence. Early in the evening the Ambassador's valet saw the package on a desk, and following a custom, started to open it.

The removal of the paper revealed a small pasteboard box as might be used for holding soap. Almost immediately a spring was released and the valet, Blanchard, lifted the lid and heard a familiar noise which came back the days when he was a member in the British army. He lifted the box through the open bedroom door and ran from the room. The bomb exploded in the doorway, two fragments hitting the valet in the back. He was not seriously injured.

Ambassador's Narrow Escape
The Ambassador, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Parmley Herrick, and her 10-year-old son were just at this time ascending the stairway preparatory to entering Mr. Herrick's suite. Blanchard came running out as the Ambassador reached the top.

"A bomb has exploded and I am in the room," the valet shouted. "Thank God we were not in the room."
Blanchard then collapsed and was carried down stairs. The Ambassador returned immediately to the hotel to ask General Pershing the best thing to do and the Prefect of Police was summoned.

The bomb is believed by the police to have been sent by French communists as a protest against the conviction of two communists in the United States, charged with murder. It contained the deadliest of explosives, according to the Prefect and staff of bomb experts.

Proof of the strength of the explosive is shown by the fact that the bathroom was wrecked, that the damage was done in the bed room and that seven fragments went through a thick steel wardrobe.

How Communists Campaign
A typical of the campaign the communist press has been conducting for the past fortnight in connection with the conviction of two communists on first degree murder charges in Massachusetts last summer the following appears in the journal du Peuple:

"A machine so powerful as America cannot be fought with wandering words and party manifestations, we need something else. What must we do? Here is an idea. Let every Frenchman write to Ambassador Herrick, protesting against the judicial machinery which is about to kill two in-

STEPHENSON TESTIFIES COYLE FELLED HIM TO FLOOR AND HE FIRED

Minister On Trial For Slaying Priest Goes On the Stand

(By Associated Press.) Birmingham, Oct. 19.—Rev. Edwin R. Stephenson, the Methodist minister who is charged with the killing of Father James E. Coyle, a Catholic priest, took the stand in his own defense late today.

Father Coyle, it has been alleged, was shot by Rev. Stephenson because of the latter's belief that his daughter, Ruth, was being weaned away by the Catholic church. On the day of the shooting, the witness said, he believed Ruth had run away but he was unaware that she had married Pedro Gussman, a Catholic.

Describing his visit to Father Coyle Stephenson said: "I told him my daughter was away from home and would appreciate it if he would tell me where she was. He said he didn't know anything about it."

Says Priest Struck First
Rev. Stephenson testified that he did not intend going to the rectory until he saw Father Coyle sitting on the porch. When he entered he sat down in a chair, he stated, until he was struck by the priest after, he said, he had called Father Coyle a "dirty dog" on being informed that the priest had joined his daughter in wedlock to a Catholic.

He jumped back when the priest struck him the first blow, the witness said, and a second blow knocked him down. Then the defendant declared Father Coyle kicked him in the side.

"The priest put his hand toward his pocket," Stephenson said, "I could not see whether he had a pistol or not. When he did this I fired." Mr. Stephenson said he had had trouble with his daughter but had never mistreated her.

Gussman was brought into the court room just before court adjourned but was not examined. Attorneys for the defense said they just wanted the jurors to see him.

Prisoner Attempts Suicide While Held On a Fraud Charge

(By Associated Press.) Hastings, Oct. 19.—Following his arrest by United States Marshal E. O. Dyson here today on a warrant charging use of the mails to defraud in connection with a stock selling plan, Prof. Daniel Lagreau stabbed himself just over the heart with a small awl while being held for the arrival of a train on which he was not to be taken to Jacksonville. He was not seriously injured.

Lagreau came into some prominence at the time of the arrest of Lena Clarke, former West Palm Beach postmistress, in connection with the slaying of J. H. Miltimore in an Orlando hotel when he testified that he had a room next door to that occupied by Miss Clarke where Miltimore was shot. He is a musician and has been trying to organize a band at Hastings.

"Your letters will bring unspeakable remorse to Americans! the lives of Sacco and Vanzetti are no longer in the hands of American justice but in yours."

(By Associated Press.) Brussels, Oct. 19.—Protest against the action of a Massachusetts court last summer in convicting Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, two Italians, of first degree murder, were voiced at a meeting of Belgian communists here today. After the meeting 200 persons joined in a procession to the American embassy where they held a demonstration until they were dispersed by the police.

HUNDRED CARS IN MOTORCADE WHICH GOES TO HASTINGS

Palatka Will Call On Sister City With a Serenade

EVERYBODY IS INVITED

Is First of Other Such Trips to Palatka's Neighbors

Palatka's initial visit to neighboring communities, headed by the Palatka Concert Band, is an assured success. The Hastings trip scheduled for this evening has found such general favor as to establish these visits as a welcome diversion. Tonight at six o'clock the motorcade will form on First street, between Lemon and the bridge, and when organized will depart in single file for Hastings. The departure will be not later than six fifteen.

This will be another time when Hastings will be crowded if the promises so far received are any criterion. Grand Marshall John Q. Tilghman has arranged for seats for one hundred from Palatka and is busily engaged in securing automobiles for the band and all those desiring to hear the first out of town concert.

The highway to Hastings will be blocked with the eastbound cars and there will be no fast driving or any cars permitted to pass those in the line. This has been assured through the appointment of the following aids to the Grand Marshal: Frank Waymer, Will Merriam, Arthur Corcoran, George Hilty, Ernest Rowton, Earnest Mobley, J. B. Darby, Morris Cochrane, Herman Leeks, Jim Hart and Ridley Wilkinson.

Only one man has flatly refused to go with the motorcade and his objection was that the parade did not pass his house. If time permits it is possible that the line of the parade will be altered so as not to leave anyone at home tonight.

These community visits are for the enjoyment of Palatkans as well as for the people of the other towns visited. A committee of the Chamber of Commerce went to Hastings yesterday and perfected all arrangements for the reception and comforts of the Palatka delegation. Hastings is most enthusiastic with the good spirit that encouraged the start of these plans and when several trips have been made it is doubtful Palatka will have sufficient cars to accommodate those who will wish to make the trips.

The main consideration of Grand Marshall Tilghman is in having enough automobiles to care for the band and at the same time carry the crowd that will be on hand. Car owners can help a great deal in this by making up their parties of friends and arriving at the forming point promptly at 6 p. m. tonight. There cannot be too many in line. The more the better. The ladies of Hastings will care for their Palatka sisters.

In addition to the Band Concert which begins at 7 p. m. Hastings has arranged a basket ball game between a selected team of their players and a team that will go from Palatka. Director Shearouse says he will undergo himself in the concert program which means that the band will bring further credit to Palatka.

TROUBLE IN PORTUGAL

(By Associated Press.) London, Oct. 19.—A military movement against the Portuguese government broke out in Lisbon today, according to a dispatch to the London Times. The troops seized strategic positions in the city and environs.

EAST PALATKA COUPLE ARRESTED ON A MURDER CHARGE AT WAUCHULA

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend Being Held For Alleged Slaying

(By Associated Press.) Wauchula, Oct. 19.—Charged with the murder of T. J. Lee, here September 7, 1916, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Townsend, of East Palatka, and Mrs. W. A. Lytton, of this place, were arrested today by Sheriff Poucher and lodged in jail without bail.

The killing of Lee was effected by shots fired through a window of his home at night. His son, Bob Lee, was suspected at first, but proved his innocence after arrest. Mrs. Townsend was at that time young Lee's wife. Sheriff Poucher says he believes he has evidence that will fasten the crime on the trio.

LEADERS OF BOTH BIG PARTIES JOIN ATTACK ON NEW TARIFF BILL

Underwood Says Worst Measure Ever Offered In Senate

(By Associated Press.) Washington, Oct. 19.—The compromise tax revision bill was assailed today in the senate by both Democrats and Republicans.

Senator Underwood, of Alabama, Democratic leader, characterized the measure as the worst ever presented to congress. No one understood it, he declared, except a few treasury experts who framed it and he predicted that if the bill became law the courts would be several years in interpreting it.

Senator Moses, Republican, of New Hampshire, paid his respects to the committee bill and also to the amendments sponsored by the agricultural bloc, which he termed the "Ken-Cap-Klan" a play on the names of Senators Kenyon, of Iowa, and Capper, of Kansas, leaders in the bloc. Entering the Smoot manufacturer's bill taxes Senator Moses declared the committee still "plainly was drawn under the inspiration of the slogan, sack the rich."

Getting down to work the senate, after a technical discussion, voted down a committee amendment under which treasury experts had figured the government would receive taxes on about 85 per cent of the earnings of "close" corporations accumulated prior to March 1, 1913.

A. C. L. Official Says Refrigerator Service Impossible

(By Associated Press.) Tampa, Oct. 19.—S. C. Stockard, general superintendent of the Atlantic Coast Line railway, opened the carrier's case at the Interstate Commerce Commission hearing here today on the request for express refrigerator cars to ship Florida's strawberry crop to market, telling of the difficulties his road would encounter if required to establish such service.

Under examination by council for the railroads he estimated that shipments of the Florida crops over his road in the express refrigerator cars would not average more than five cars a day during the heaviest shipping season. An extra service to transport these cars would be necessary, he said, the exorbitant cost of which would not justify its maintenance.

Purchase of 250 express cars and ten locomotives, the latter costing \$650,000, would be required of the Atlantic Coast Line to provide the desired facilities, he testified.

NEGRO CONFESSES HE CUT BODY OF A GIRL INTO PIECES

Louis Lively Lodged In Jail For Heinous Crime

IMPLICATES HIS WIFE

Says She Knew of Crime Since Body Was Buried

(By Associated Press.) Mount Holly, N. J., Oct. 19.—Louis Lively, the negro who is said to have confessed that he killed seven-year-old Matilda Russo, at East Morristown, last June, was brought here late today from Bridgeton and locked in the county jail. He was arrested earlier in the day at Vineland after shooting a policeman. A number of persons were waiting outside the prison when Lively arrived in custody of three officials, but there was no demonstration.

Prosecutor Kelsey said tonight Lively had supplemented his earlier confession with a statement implicating his wife. She took no part in the actual killing, the negro was quoted as having said, but has known since the night of the crime that he slew the little girl.

According to the confession, the negro killed the little girl when she was playing about the house and disturbed him. He said that he flew into a fit of anger and hit her with a stick of wood before he realized what he was doing and later cut the body to pieces and buried it to hide his crime.

Search for Sender of Poisoned Candy to Hospital Nurses

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Six nurses at the West End Hospital, rendered ill by eating candy anonymously sent one of them, tonight were said to be well on the way to recovery. Postal inspectors and police worked on slender clues to identify the sender. A typewritten note which accompanied the home made candy to Miss Helen Rosenfeld said it was a present "from a patient who is an ardent admirer of yours."

Miss Rosenfeld gave the officers the name of a suitor whom she suspected.

Three mysterious telephone calls to the young nurse who received the candy, and alleged death threats made to Dr. Breakstone, chief surgeon at the hospital, also were investigated.

Records at the hospital were searched for former patients whose initials might correspond with "H. L. W." crudely printed on the candy box.

General Diaz Is Arriving in N. Y. Given an Ovation

New York, Oct. 19.—General Diaz, who led the armies of Italy to victory in the great war, was welcomed to New York today with cheering un-surpassed since the city hailed the military men of America on their return from the battlefields of France. Thousands of his own countrymen residents in the Italian colonies of the city, shouted "Viva Diaz" and "Viva Italy," with fervor as the general rode through three miles of the business streets to his hotel. Office workers in downtown skyscrapers showered the procession with confetti, paper and flying streams of ticker-tape, reviving memories of the great celebration when the armistice was signed. General Diaz remarked the spirit was akin to that of his own countrymen.

SALE OF OKLAWAHA IS DEFERRED; A NEW PLAN OF SETTLING PROPOSED

Comptroller and Attorney General Agree to Postponement
(By Associated Press.) Tallahassee, Oct. 19.—Sale of certain properties of the Oklawaha Valley railroad scheduled for November 7 at Silver Springs was today postponed until December 5, under an agreement entered into by Attorney General Buford, Comptroller Amos and H. S. Cummings, the receiver for the road. It is said new proposals have been put forward as a means of settling the road's \$19,000 indebtedness to the state in overdue taxes. The new plans, it is understood, would remove the necessity of issuance of certificates, authority for which was granted by Circuit Judge Bullock, at Ocala recently.

Although nothing definite could be learned of the new proposals, advices from Ocala were to the effect that the issuance of the certificates had been ordered deferred until October 6.

Whether the recent purchase of some 55,000 acres of hardwood timber along the route of the road by a Mississippi lumber syndicate is involved in the new proposal is a matter of conjecture, but the proposed development of this timber is expected to add greatly to the road's revenue.

Following Separate Peace Harding Puts Salve Out to Allies

(Special to the News.) Williamsburg, Va., Oct. 19.—President Harding was given the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the college of William & Mary today at exercises of installation for Dr. J. A. C. Chandler, as president of the institution. In cap and gown, Mr. Harding, in an address, appealed for increased patriotic attention to the national educational systems and praised the part played in American history by the institution which is the second oldest college of the country and among whose graduates are numbered three presidents of the United States.

Before coming here the President delivered an address from the spot in Yorktown where Lord Cornwallis surrendered the British forces of the revolution to General Washington, in 1781, and announced to the world a policy of Anglo-American friendship for all future time.

The United States and Great Britain, the President asserted, had consecrated a long time friendship by associations in the common sacrifice of the world war and found themselves "arrayed" in a trusteeship for the preservation of civilization. He spoke also a word of gratitude for the aid given by France in revolution and declared the time had come for world wide cooperation and amity among nations.

Wife Slayer Must Pay Penalty Says the Higher Court

(By Associated Press.) Tallahassee, Oct. 19.—The state supreme court has denied an application for a writ of prohibition in the case of Bernard Whitten, convicted in Hardee county last week on a charge of murdering his wife. Whitten was convicted of the same charge in Desoto county several months ago and sentenced to be hanged but the supreme court ordered a new trial on a technicality. Whitten killed his wife in what is now a part of Hardee county before DeSoto county was split.

Application for the order to prevent the court and the county officials from taking further steps in the case was filed today.

FORCES WORK ON SOLUTION OF SITUATION NOW CRITICAL

Many Are of Belief a Settlement Will Be Effected

IS UP TO LABOR BOARD

Maintenance of Way Is One of Unions Not Willing to Quit

(By Associated Press.) Chicago, Oct. 19.—Preparation for the various moves through which it is hoped the threatened rail strike will be averted were completed today and tomorrow the peace efforts will be in full swing.

Tonight heads of the unions and of the carriers were silently alert with, figuratively speaking, one eye on the conference tomorrow between the Big Five rail union leaders and the Railroad Labor Board, and the other on meetings of officials of eleven unions which have not yet joined the conductors, engineers, trainmen, firemen and switchmen in a strike order, for both sides were agreed that out of these conferences would come the final decision as to whether a general walkout of rail employes would materialize.

Rests With Labor Board
In the conference with the Labor Board rested the possibility of the Big Five being persuaded to cancel their order for a walkout, while in the meetings of the eleven unions which actually started today, was to be decided whether these organizations, holding the balance of man power through numbering three fourths of the nearly 2,000,000 rail workers in their membership, would join the Big Five if they walk out October 30, as planned.

While the Big Five conference was looked on as the most important of the peace moves, railroad men tonight professed to see signs of a peaceful settlement of the difficulties in the attitude of B. M. Jewell, head of the 476,000 members of the six railway shop craft organizations and J. C. Smoak, vice-president of the Maintenance of Way union, which numbers 300,000.

Shop Craft to Confer
The shop craft executive council met today but took no action, other than to call in the conference committee of one hundred. The committee, while having power to call a strike, also is expected to defer action by calling in the 1,000 general chairmen for a meeting Friday when the final attitude of these groups probably will be known.

The Maintenance of Way executive council met only informally today, the formal meeting coming tomorrow when all of the members are expected to be present.

"I cannot speak for my entire organization now, but personally I will say that we do not want a strike; that we would never strike on the wage question unless forced to, and that we will not go into any walkout with the brotherhoods unless we have definite promises of cooperation which, so far, has not been forthcoming from them," said J. C. Smoak, Maintenance of Way vice-president tonight.

Labor Board Has Backing
The Labor Board will go into conference with assurance of full support from every interested governmental department, its members said tonight following an executive session.

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