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## INVESTIGATING PLOT.

### Department of Justice Officials Are Running Down Clews.

Washington, Nov. 15.—A. Bruce Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice, left to-night for New York, where he will confer to-morrow with John Rathon, editor of the Providence, R. I., Journal, concerning the disclosures made by Dr. Joseph Goricar, former Austrian consul in this country.

It is understood the department has been assured by Mr. Rathon that it will be put in personal touch with Dr. Goricar. Before Mr. Bielaski returns to Washington he will probably hold a conference with the former consul. It was stated at the department this afternoon that the whereabouts of Dr. Goricar are known.

The Department of Justice is particularly interested in the portion of the recent statement made by Dr. Goricar which declared that James J. F. Archibald was in the office of Consul-General von Nuber when former Ambassador Dumba's correspondence and reports, which Archibald attempted to carry abroad, were prepared for him and that consequently he knew the nature of the documents.

Archibald was denied knowledge of the character of the papers and the government had been unable to obtain any proof to the contrary. Archibald being an American citizen and his attempt to deliver the documents, providing he knew what they were, being a violation not only of the neutrality of this country, but of specific provisions of the penal code, the department is anxious to make an example of him. The government also believes if it can succeed in obtaining evidence against Archibald this may lead to disclosures of even more vital importance.

There were strong intimations by a high official of the Department of Justice to-day that the case against certain diplomatic and consular officials accredited to this country is strengthening day by day. The opinion was expressed that while the acts which Fay and his associates attempted to commit were more spectacular than the offenses of Franz Melloy, now under indictment in New York, the case of the latter is of much greater importance in its ramifications.

Melloy will soon be brought to trial. The government has its evidence well in hand and believes conviction will follow. Melloy was associated with Rentilin, a German agent of prominence and influence. He started back to Germany with Rentilin, the latter traveling under a false passport. Rentilin was arrested in England and imprisoned, while Melloy was sent back to this country. The evidence against Melloy, it was said to-day, has to do with frauds against American passports and the financing in this country of the attempted counter-revolution by Huerta in Mexico, for the purpose of embarrassing the United States.

The evidence gathered for the prosecution of Melloy in connection with passport frauds carries the trail of violations of the neutrality of the United States to the doors of certain high foreign officials, according to intimations of those who are instrumental in working up the case.

It was said at the Department of Justice that no report concerning the confession of Fay has arrived. Doubt was expressed as to whether Fay would disclose the names of the men under whose orders he operated, but no attempt was made to discredit the reports that a confession had been extracted from the prisoner.

At the State Department there are indications that arrangements have been made to deal with the whole bomb and munitions plot question from a much broader standpoint than heretofore. It is held by legal advisers there that plots against munitions plants engaged in foreign commerce between the States comes under the Sherman anti-trust laws and that persons attempting to interfere with their business or injure their property may be prosecuted for conspiracy in restraint of trade.

State Department officials say the new revelations concerning the alleged actions of Consul-General von Nuber of Austria have not yet come before the department and will not be passed upon there until after a full report from the Department of Justice follows the investigations that are now under way. Secret

agents of the Department of Justice are now at work on every angle of the case.

### The Farming Movement.

The more profitable farming campaign in eighty-three counties in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi, which opened Tuesday, Nov. 9, in Shelby County, has for its purpose the betterment of farming and farm conditions and make the farm a more profitable investment as well as a more inviting place to live. The business organizations of Memphis, the members of which have raised the sum of \$25,000 to make the campaign a success, are supported by business men thruout the territory reached by the campaign. It is everybody's campaign and everybody is interested in it because everybody will be affected by its results. In order to bring the importance of the campaign before the general public it will be necessary that personal work be done by every man, woman and child in each district where the meetings are to take place. Merchants, bankers, ministers, farmers, housewives and school children should consider this campaign their own personal affair and keep its work constantly before the entire community. The dates of the meetings should be advertised in places where the people congregate so as to induce discussion of the scope of the work.

The purpose of this campaign is to increase the prosperity of farmers in the territory in which the work is to be carried on. Special attention will be given in each territory to peculiar conditions affecting the growing of crops or the production of any particular agricultural output. Experts who have given years to the solution of these problems will lecture and demonstrate on all topics vital to the success and happiness of rural dwellers. Every branch of agricultural activity will receive attention at the hands of competent men. Not only crop raising, dairying, beef production, tick eradication, silos, soil tillage, forage, fertilizers, but also social and home economic problems and domestic betterment will be discussed by men and women who know.

### WOMEN SPEAKERS TO LECTURE.

Women speakers on questions relating especially to the work of women on the farm, to sanitation and general improvement of domestic matters in the average farm house are to address meetings of women. The meetings will take place in district schools, separate rooms being set aside for meetings of men, women and children. Problems peculiar to any district will receive prompt attention. Questions will be answered on any subject of vital interest.

The campaign in three States will be followed by permanent co-operation between farmers and merchants of rural communities and the Memphis Farm Development Bureau, which will represent the city business interests. Problems that have heretofore baffled farmers, such as purchase of guaranteed seed, finding ready markets for agricultural products or the necessary information leading to the profitable sale of live stock, will be handled by the Farm Development Bureau with the one aim to protect the farmer. It will be a gigantic co-operation between business men and farmers based on the principles of brotherhood. Such a system cannot help developing the rural districts in the three States in which the campaign will operate.

### THE PROGRAM.

The following itinerary of Team No. 1 has been announced by the Bureau: Tipton County, Nov. 17 and 18; Lauderdale, Nov. 19; Dyer, Nov. 20; Lake, Nov. 22; Obion, Nov. 23; Weakley, Nov. 24; Hardeman, Nov. 25.

### Ladies to Have Local Organization.

Miss Cora Benedict, of Paducah, State president of the Woman's Rivers and Harbors Congress, spent several days here this week, the guest of Mrs. C. A. Holcombe.

While here she instituted a local organization, which will have its first meeting at the courthouse Friday, at which time officers will be selected, as well as delegates to the National Convention in Washington Dec. 8, 9, and 10. This convention is held in joint session with the Rivers and Harbors Congress and both organizations are recognized by Congress as co-workers for permanent national improvement.—Hickman Courier.

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## DEMOCRATS FACE HARD STRUGGLE IN CONGRESS

### Elements of Trouble Loom Up in Both Houses.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The approach of the regular session of Congress, in the minds of thoughtful Democrats, is in a cloud whose silver lining is all too faint at best. The prospect is anything but propitious at either end of the capitol. Although in this Sixty-fourth Congress the Democrats have a majority which, while reduced, is still sufficient with members loyal to party trust to execute any programme decided upon, there are elements of trouble in both Houses which at this time are unmistakably ominous.

It is everywhere conceded that the coming session will be one of the most important and eventful in American history. What with important domestic affairs to be considered, including appropriation bills and taxes to meet unprecedented emergencies, there looms the titanic European war, which, despite all efforts to avert such consequences, has involved this country's most vital rights of sovereignty as a neutral power in a way the end of which the most optimistic leaders contemplate with the gravest concern.

The chief factors of mischief are seen to lie in the coming struggle in the Senate to revise the rules so that business may be transacted with the greatest possible dispatch, and in the House, thru the announcement of Majority leader Kitchin that he is opposed to the administration's policy, as made known, to urge upon Congress provision for the military establishment which the belligerent conduct of the leading nations of the world admonishes us is essential to our safety.

It is generally held among Democrats as extremely important that they should not have a leader in the House who has seen fit to precipitate friction in the party he would lead by avowing his antagonism in advance to any proposition before it has been promulgated in any definite form, especially when it is known what direction discussion of that policy will take.

What makes it all the more regrettable is that Mr. Kitchin himself admits that the majority of Congress, and even of his own constituents, are against him in his declaration on the subject. He contents himself with the qualification that his attitude is a matter of his individual conscience. On that point some of his colleagues suggest that a member trusted with leadership who is thus so nice of scruple as to part company with a majority of his fellows on a vital question ought to be nice enough to yield the badge of leadership to one more truly representative of the party will.

In the Senate the fight over the cloture proposition is likely to be indefinitely prolonged, as all such struggles have been. The proponents of cloture are up against the high, hard stone wall of freedom of debate at the very outset of consideration of any measure for the limitation of debate. Unless the minority leopard changes its spots and joins with the Democrats, yielding unanimous consent, cloture will fail. Arriving Senators are studying the records from the earliest days of Congress for every possible light of parliamentary history on the subject of forcing conclusion of debate.

### SOUTH HAS WEALTH IN ITS PECAN ORCHARDS

#### Arkansas Planter Has a Five Hundred-Acre Grove.

Capt. C. W. Riggs, of Maple Cliff Farm, Greenland, Ark., who is registered at Gaston's, has an Arabian Night's tale to tell with a setting 30 miles west of Memphis which almost staggers the imagination.

"One of our native pecan trees bore eight bushels of pecans, for which we received \$8 per bushel, a total of \$64 for that tree," said Capt. Riggs.

This information was elicited by a question as to what was the value of the yield of one pecan tree, that crop being under discussion. Capt. Riggs said that this pecan grove consisted of 500 acres in Cross County, near Earle, Ark. It is a neutral grove and the trees are so thick that they are being cut out to give the older trees more room to grow and spread. The tree that yielded the eight bushels is under 30 years of age, according to the rims on it. At present there are young trees in the grove which have not reached the

bearing age. The oldest trees are not above 30 years.

"We are thinning them out and giving the bearing trees a chance," said Capt. Riggs. "In a few years we will have a pecan orchard that will pay the State debt. Very few people know anything of pecan culture. One acre will support 50 pecan trees 30 years of age and 30 trees 50 years of age in perpetuity.

"Suppose we strike an average of \$30 worth of pecans per tree and an average of 30 trees per acre, we have \$900 per acre income. Then think of the life of the pecan tree. They have been known to be bearing much fruit at the age of 300 years, and the assertion has been made that 500 years would not be too long a life to give to a healthy tree. What will one tree, maintaining an average yield, produce in 200 years in value at the market price of pecans?"

"The sum reaches the dazzling figure of \$270,000. Multiply that by 30 trees. It is staggering, yet it is not a fancy, but a fact. I have studied the pecan industry and there is no better section of the country in the world for the culture of this nut than the St. Francis basin."

Capt. Riggs does not live in the basin himself, having moved to the Ozarks on account of his family's health. He owns Maple Cliff Farm, which is about four miles from Fayetteville, Ark.

Capt. Riggs likes to talk of his experiences in the delta country. He came South in 1884. He was \$1,000 in debt. He began a search for Indian relics as a pastime. Then he became absorbed in this work. The result is that he furnished exhibits to the Field Museum in Chicago, Eden Park Museum at Cincinnati, Buffalo Institute of Arts and Sciences of Buffalo, Brooklyn Institute, Smithsonian Institute, a museum in New South Wales and one in London. The exhibits consist of pottery and copper.

"This valley was once thickly populated," he said. "I have dug up about 5,000 skeletons, some with copper bands around the skulls. I still like the research. These mounds were built with ceremonial fires, as is evidenced by ashes and charcoal found at great depths. While at this interesting pursuit, I have discovered the wonderful resources of this basin and am here yet."—Commercial Appeal.

### KILLING NEAR HICKMAN

#### Lonnie Johnson Shot Chester Stowe Sunday.

Chester Stowe was killed Sunday at Ashlog Ridge in the bottom, below Hickman, by Lonnie Johnson. Bad blood had existed for some time between the two men and Stowe had threatened Johnson's life and attempted to shoot him a short time ago. Sunday morning Stowe rode up to the home of W. F. Johnson, an uncle of Lonnie, who lived here. He started around the house when Lonnie procured a shot gun and fired, striking Stowe in the right ear and killing him instantly. He was attempting to draw his pistol when shot and had it half out of his pocket.

Johnson is a single man, a quiet citizen and had been in no trouble before. Stowe was a married man with a wife and two children, but was separated from his wife. He was under three or four indictments varying from crap shooting to killing and was regarded as a tough citizen. Johnson gave himself up to Sheriff Huddleston. He is to be tried Monday afternoon.—Fulton Leader.

### In Cumberland River.

The friends and neighbors of Mrs. Sam Ellison bow their heads in sorrow over the loss and murder of her only brother, James Gordon, of Hunters Point, near Lebanon, Tenn. It was indeed a sad affair. They are the oldest grandchildren of the late Joe Armstrong, of Trousdale County, one of the most highly respected families of that community, well known all over Trousdale, Sumner, Wilson, Davidson. Mr. Gordon has friends in this county, who will no doubt be shocked to hear of the awful tragedy, which was the result of his leaving home with a considerable sum of money.

### Unofficial Library.

"Well, how's things in Plunkville?"  
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