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CONVICT 2 NEUTRALITY VIOLATORS

Residents of San Francisco Are Found Guilty of Conspiring to Recruit in the U. S. for the British Army

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Ralph K. Blair, partner of Supervisor Muddock, and Dr. Thomas J. Addis, both of San Francisco, were found guilty today of violating American neutrality by conspiring to recruit men for the British army.

Lieutenant Kenneth Croft, Harry K. Lane, alleged field agent, and Clive Lawrence were acquitted.

The probable punishment for the crime will be two years' imprisonment and a \$10,000 fine.

This is the first conviction for neutrality violation of this nature since 1855, when a British ambassador was recalled by his government after being convicted of recruiting for the Crimean war.

Federal Judge Dooling's opinion, which took him 40 minutes to read, says with respect to the defense contention that no contract existed between the men and the British government that they were to enter the army:

"It would be taxing credulity to the utmost to urge that the defendants did not know what was sought by the consul-general, that they would go to England and enlist in the military or naval service."

Without leaving the box, the jury elected Wm. Leahy, of San Francisco, foreman, and voted a verdict as instructed by the court.

Blair and Addis will be sentenced Saturday. J. J. Dunne, their counsel, has filed a bill of exceptions. It is said that the case will be carried to the supreme court of the United States through English orders.

Judge Dooling said the instructions from the British consul-general to the British friendly association seemed designed for no other purpose than to secure new recruits for the British army here, without appearing to have violated the law; to accomplish the results against which the statute is directed, and to do the things forbidden without appearing to do so.

MONTENEGRO'S KING BEGS HELP FROM SON-IN-LAW

Rome, Oct. 27.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has telegraphed the king of Italy, his son-in-law, begging help against the Austrians. It was learned today.

CHAMP CLARK TO DIVIDE TIME WITH MRS. GALT

Washington, Oct. 27.—President Wilson today sent a letter to Speaker Champ Clark asking him to come to Washington as soon as possible to discuss the legislative program.

UNCLE SAM AIDS CARRANZA TROOPS TO MOVE ON VILLA

Washington, Oct. 27.—Officials today expedited the transfer of from 7,000 to 10,000 Carranzistas to prevent possible fighting with raiders along the border and to relieve the situation at Douglas, Ariz. They hoped these forces would arrive before Villa started his assault against Agua Prieta.

The Carranzistas will not be permitted to detrain while crossing America.

MUCH DAMAGE TO VENICE IN LATE AIR CRAFT RAIDS

Vienna, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 27.—Heavy damage was done to Venice in air raids made Monday and Tuesday. It was officially stated today. Bombs were rained from 10:30 o'clock Monday night until after midnight on the arsenals, railroad station, supply depots, fortifications and barracks. Numerous fires resulted. Tuesday's raiders observed these still flaming, and followed up the previous night's work by bombarding hangars and warships.

"Feeble" attempts by two aeroplanes and anti-aircraft guns to drive them away failed.

The damage thus reported is far more extensive than Rome admitted, though the latter told of damage to the St. Rialto church.

POPE WANTS PARTICULARS OF RAID ON VENICE

Rome, Oct. 27.—The pope has asked the patriarch of Venice for details of Austrian air raids this week over the city, intending to protest against destruction of churches, the *Correspondenza* said.

WINTER ADDS TO HARDSHIP ON THE EASTERN FRONT

London, Oct. 27.—The blasts of winter are adding to the terrors of the fighting on the eastern front, according to dispatches reaching here today. Roads are frozen hard, and the first snows are combining with the Russian resistance to make the path of the German invaders far more difficult.

In the Dvina region artillery and rifle fire still mark the struggle, according to the Petrograd official statement received here early today. This denied the German claim of progress in the Ilukst region, although it admitted the Germans tried an offensive there.

The Sty river fighting rages with varying fortunes, though the Russians claimed further successes.

"West of Volitz," said the statement, "heaps of enemy dead cover the ground."

REFUGEES FROM RUSSIA PREDICT CIVIL REVOLUTION

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Russia is on the verge of the greatest civil revolution in its history. It is only a matter of weeks before the peasants and people who are supplying the fighting men for the Russian army will declare against war.

So declared Mat Surgeowsky, Russian refugee, who arrived with 50 other refugees on the steamer *Monogolia* today.

Among the 50 are five men who escaped from the war zone after the success of the first German drive against the czar's forces.

K. Georgeoff, one of the party, tells of terrible hardships experienced in their break for liberty from Russia. They traveled by night through "Little Russia" amid the rigors of winter and were forced to travel by out of the way routes to escape detection. Through more than 1,000 miles of desert, Siberian steppes and vast stretches of uninhabited country the party walked, finally reaching Harbin, Manchuria.

The Russians will settle in the United States.

OPEN WAY TO TURKISH CAPITAL

Austro-Germans and Bulgarians Effect Union in Serbia, Thus Clearing the Road for March to Relieve Turks

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Berlin, Oct. 27.—After days of slow, persistent progress against fiery resistance, Austro-German and Bulgarian invaders have joined forces at Ljubicevac in northeastern Serbia. Thus the road to Constantinople, their ultimate goal, is open. The official statement today told of this junction and declared the valiant defenders had been hurled back at all points.

"Generals von Koeness and von Gallwitz have driven back the Serbians everywhere they attempted to stand," said the official statement.

"We are in direct communication with the Bulgarians at Ljubicevac. We have taken Nerseenci. Our forces captured 12 heavy cannon east of Orsova."

PAGE DENIES THAT HE INTENDS TO RESIGN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Oct. 27.—American Ambassador Page today denied persistent reports that he intends to resign. He said the origin of the stories is a mystery to him.

DIMICK'S GARAGE AT WOODBURN DESTROYED

Woodburn, Oct. 27.—Fire early today destroyed Dimick's garage, with an estimated loss of \$25,000. Four automobiles and two motorcycles were burned.

EDISON OUTLINES PLANS FOR MAKING U. S. NAVY MORE EFFECTIVE

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Holding that the war of the future will be a war of machinery, Thomas A. Edison, electric wizard and head of the new civilian naval invention board, outlined before leaving for the south some of the ideas for preparedness he will push if congress grants his committee a big experimental laboratory.

They include: Development of an invisible submarine periscope—the "eye of the submarine."

Improvement of submarine engines. Development and improvement of aeroplanes and aeroplane engines.

Creation of special machinery for making shells.

Creation of a new brain supply through organization of the 56,000 engineers of the United States.

Preparation must be the keynote, he held. While he would not have the nation pile up giant stores of munitions and field pieces, he would have everything in readiness for supplying on 48 hours' notice as much ammunition and artillery as are being used now on the European battlefields.

Admittedly, the few ideas he outlined were not all he has stored in his head. But they are a starter.

"Lack of munitions and machinery," he said, "is dragging the European war along. If both sides had had plenty at the beginning of the war it would have been ended long ago, and not so many would have been killed either."

Among the ideas already completed, Edison explained, is one for

BREITUNG IS HELD UNDER BONDS

Relative of Millionaire Charged With Conspiring With Germans to Blow Up Ships Carrying Munitions of War

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

New York, Oct. 27.—Max Breitung, nephew of Millionaire E. N. Breitung, appeared today at the federal building, where he was given preliminary hearing on a charge of participation in the alleged German conspiracy to blow up munitions ships.

He was held in \$25,000 bail for his appearance November 4.

Bail was furnished by a surety company.

John B. Stanchfield represented Breitung.

Assistant District Attorney Knox was assigned to conduct the federal grand jury investigation.

New York, Oct. 27.—With the arrival today of Max Breitung, relative of the wealthy E. N. Breitung, to surrender in the gigantic German bomb conspiracy, secret service men said their case is complete. Nevertheless, they continued to investigate reports that enormous sums had been provided for the conspirators to purchase explosives, hire autos and motor boats.

The prisoners already in custody were held incommunicado in the Tombs prison, following preliminary court action by the federal officials. Authorities were inclined to doubt the truth of Robert Fay's story that the plot included a plan to bribe Russian commanders to turn their copper cargoes into German ports, where they would receive a big price for them.

DEFEAT OF PET MEASURES SEEN BY GOV. JOHNSON

San Francisco, Oct. 27.—Admitting the defeat of his non-partisan and other measures at the special state election yesterday, Governor Johnson today expressed the belief that non-partisanship will ultimately—and not at a distant date—be adopted in California. His admission was based on incomplete official returns which indicate the non-partisan bills were defeated by pluralities exceeding 20,000 and the nine proposed constitutional amendments by small pluralities.

More complete returns today showed that most of the measures were defeated in nearly every county in the state. In San Francisco there was a majority of 7,000 against the non-partisan measures, while all other parts of the bay district registered heavily against the proposals.

In San Francisco only 30 per cent of the total registration, or 50,000 votes, was cast.

Returns from all parts of the state show that everywhere only a small percentage of the total registration went to the polls. Sentiment against non-partisanship was strongly expressed throughout the San Joaquin valley, with the exception of Fresno county, where the balance in favor of it was small.

In the Sacramento valley there was a majority against the measures, as there was in Alameda county.

BRAND WHITLOCK MISQUOTED BY THE BRITISH PRESS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Oct. 27.—Denial of British reports quoting American Minister Brand Whitlock in connection with the execution of Miss Edith Cavell by Germans at Brussels was issued in an inspired statement today.

"Minister Whitlock," said the statement, "states that Great Britain's publications regarding Miss Cavell's case are untrue, as far as he is concerned. Especially is it untrue that German authorities put him off by vain promises in order to conceal her sentence before executing her."

"Sir Edward Grey said the authorities did not keep their promise to inform Whitlock regarding the progress of the trial. No such promise was made, Whitlock admitted. He said he had been put under a painful reflection by the publications, and immediately informed Ambassador Page at London and the American government."

ENGLAND SENDS 13,000 SOLDIERS TO AID THE SERBS

Paris, Oct. 27.—Lord Lansdowne's admission in the British house of lords that only 13,000 British had been sent to Salonki was regarded here today as disposing of the possibility that Greece would aid the allies for the present.

How many French have been sent is unknown.

Greece, however, specified that 40,000 must be dispatched before she would even consider casting her lot with the allies. This number was regarded as out of the question.

The story that King Constantine is going to Salonki was doubted.

Reports of a clash of Greek troops on the border, presumably with Bulgarians, was thought not to have been serious.

BANDITS ROB OKLAHOMA TRAIN

Whole Gang of Robbers With Faces Blacked Hold Up a "Katy" Passenger Train and Dynamite the Safe

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Oklahoma City, Oct. 27.—Taking their time to work, a gang of masked bandits early today held up and robbed a southbound Katy passenger train two miles south of Onapa, blowing open the safe of the express car and escaping with an unknown amount of money and valuables.

Swarming over the baggage car, some of them forced the engineer to put on the brakes. Others went up the track and stopped a following freight train. Then for nearly two hours they systematically looted the passenger train.

The conductor was compelled to open the express cars. Five charges of nitro-glycerine were necessary before the first safe was opened, but the bandits failed in their efforts to blow the two safes in the second car and one in the third. Then, thanking the crews for their services, the masked men disappeared in the darkness. Passengers were unmolested.

Later reports said that there were from 12 to 18 bandits, with their faces blackened with cork.

Their loot was reported to be four packages containing cheap jewelry and whiskey.

The fireman was about to strike two of the bandits over the head, believing they were negroes. Then he noticed the cork blacking and was constrained to laugh, but the bandits flashed guns and the mirth subsided.

McAlester, Okla., Oct. 27.—Posses organized here and at Eufaula after the Onapa train hold-up early today failed to get any trace of the bandits. It is believed they scattered to hiding places along the Red River.

MR. BRYCE WANTS TO KNOW IF PEACE PLAN IS PROPOSED

London, Oct. 27.—A. Bryce, liberal member, announced today in the house of commons that he intends to interrogate Premier Asquith as to whether any official peace negotiations are proceeding, whether any neutral nation is inquiring regarding peace and whether Asquith still adheres to his Guildhall declaration that England will not stop fighting until "militarism is crushed, Belgium freed and the safety of small countries guaranteed."

It is believed that Asquith will answer Bryce, as cabinet members agree that the country should be definitely informed.

Asquith, too, has indicated that he plans to make a statement of the war situation soon, though he did not indicate how far he would care to go in this.

1,000 MICHIGAN CENTRAL CLERKS GO ON STRIKE

Detroit, Oct. 27.—One thousand clerks of the Michigan Central railroad in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois struck today because the company refused to meet a committee from their union regarding a demand for an agreement on wages and hours. Freight and baggage congestion was reported from a score of cities.

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