

DUTCH TRY HARD TO KEEP NEUTRAL

Quiet City of Maastricht Startled by Descent of Bomb From Overhead.

ENGLAND SENDS REGRETS

Maastricht, on Border Between Germany and Belgium, Hit by Explosive From Aeroplane on Hunt for Kaiser's Sky Ships.

LONDON, Sept. 25.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—People of the quiet Dutch city of Maastricht, situated on a sort of peninsula, bounded on the east by Germany and on the west by Belgium, have been striving to maintain the neutrality of their kingdom. They were startled on the morning of September 22 by the descent of a bomb from the mist overhead and a great explosion, followed by the crash of glass.

An aeroplane had swooped down toward the roof of the town and dropped a bomb. The projectile fell near the Brussels gate of the old town, tore limbs from trees, ripped gashes in the walls of a house and shattered a number of windows. Several citizens attempted to follow the course of the aeroplane in motorcars, but it soon was lost to sight.

The Dutch government immediately took steps to inquire of the German and Belgian governments whether any flying men of their armies were responsible for the incident. The next day the British press bureau announced a raid by British aviators aimed at the Zeppelin establishments in Dusseldorf and Cologne. The British aerial expedition started from Antwerp and while the section bound for Dusseldorf reached its destination, the Cologne contingent confessed that it lost its way in the fog.

The British Minister at The Hague today expressed his regret of the British government at the incident, says a dispatch from that capital. He explained that the bomb was dropped accidentally by an aeroplane which had lost its bearings. There is no information yet whether the Dutch government will consider the incident and explanation adequate, in diplomatic phrase, to "close the incident."

PARIS, Oct. 5.—The Figaro says France has protested to Holland that German merchants using their flag to carry contraband and that Holland, after investigation, announced that the complaints were justified. It is believed, says the Figaro, that a state of siege will be proclaimed in Rotterdam to end the trade in contraband.

DRILL IS TO RAISE FUNDS

VANCOUVER BARRACKS TO AID NATIONAL RED CROSS SOCIETY.

Exercises on Columbus Day Under Auspices of Commercial Club Call for Contributions.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—The soldiers will drill and maneuver, the Twenty-first Infantry Band will give a concert and military athletes will compete at a benefit on Columbus day to raise additional funds for the National Red Cross Society. Colonel George E. Young, post commander and chief officer of the Twenty-first Infantry, has offered his services for the celebration on Monday, October 12. The exercises will be held under the auspices of the Vancouver Commercial Club.

Because no admission can be charged to enter the barracks, pot boilers at each entrance will be installed in charge of a non-commissioned officer. Those who enter will be encouraged to donate 10 cents or more, as they desire. The movement was instigated by the German Austrian Red Cross Society which was formed in Vancouver a few weeks ago. This organization already has raised \$100 for the National Red Cross Society. At another meeting Colonel Young suggested that his troops be invited to assist in increasing the Red Cross fund. This suggestion was acted upon by a committee from the Vancouver Commercial Club.

The Twenty-first Infantry Band's concert will be held on the parade grounds from 2:30 until 3 o'clock, while the crowd is gathering and at 3 o'clock the military drills will take place. Colonel Young and his staff are now working on the program, which will include company drills, (Buffet, manual drill, with music), battalion drills, a race by the machine gun platoons and a picturesque regimental drill.

Arrangements have been made for automobiles to enter from either the Tenth or Fifth streets, where they will be parked and left in charge of non-commissioned officers to insure their safety.

BAYONETS PROVE DEADLY

United States Officers Acquit Germans of Atrocities Charges.

NEW YORK, Oct. 5.—Lieutenant A. Elliott Brown, United States Army, who visited the battlefield of Steauz just after the fighting, reached New York today aboard the steamship Minnetonka with a vivid description of the battlefield. He said that he had seen a great number of dead German bayonets, he said, were responsible for the great slaughter, as the German soldiers were so strongly entrenched that they could be dislodged in no other way.

I saw Captain Parker, of the United States Army, while I was in France," said Lieutenant Brown, "and he told me that the German bayonets were responsible for the great slaughter, as the German soldiers were so strongly entrenched that they could be dislodged in no other way."

WAR KEEPS PLANTS BUSY

British Factories Get Large Orders From France and Russia.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Oct. 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The principal item of interest in this market is the announcement of large orders for manufacturers who are engaged for the Admiralty and War Office.

PEACE HOPE REVIVED

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He left the Secretary's room burdened with copies of peace commission treaties negotiated by Mr. Bryan with various countries and is understood to have been asked to forward these promptly to Berlin. The treaties are typical of all the peace conventions upon which Mr. Bryan has been at work, although they differ somewhat in detail.

BOMB GAS IS DESCRIBED

WOMAN TESTIFIES TO EFFECT OF FRENCH EXPLOSIVE.

San Francisco Man's Sister in War Hospital Also Says Dumdum Are Used.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Further testimony as to the terrible devastating effect of the new turpentine bomb which is being employed by the French, was given today by a woman described in recent dispatches who received here today in a letter to Roger Bocqueraz, well known in local circles as a society circles, from his sister, Mrs. Lucien Chiron, who has been assisting in caring for the wounded at the hospitals of Chambers, Savoie, France.

The letter, which tells of the horrors of the war and the terrible suffering it has occasioned, is, in part, as follows: "I realize how terrible war is since I have been working in the hospitals. Chambery will soon be one big hospital; all the schools and public buildings are being used.

"Many of our friends have been wounded by dumdum bullets and these wounds are awful. One of the soldiers gave us interesting information. He said an artilleryman called him and showed him 35 German soldiers in a trench who were aiming and seemed ready to fire. They had been killed by an asphyxiating bomb. We did not believe him at first, but he certified that his statements were true and produced others who also witnessed the terrible effect of the new explosive."

ROCKEFELLER IS ACCUSED

Mineworkers' Chief Says Interests Try to Destroy Union.

PITTSBURGH, Kan., Oct. 5.—That the "Rockefeller interests" are attempting to destroy the organization of the United Mine Workers of America was the charge made here today by John P. White, National president of the Mine Workers, in an address before a special convention called in district No. 14.

The convention was called, it is understood, as a result of internal difficulties in the miners' organization that developed a few weeks ago during the consideration of a contract by a conference of mine workers and operators. Disorder occurred in the district, causing the suspension of operation for more than a week, although announcement had been made that the miners would continue work while the contract deliberation were on.

LEWISTON FRANCHISE SOLD

Trolley to Clarkston Promised by St. Paul Capitalists.

LEWISTON, Idaho, Oct. 5.—(Special.)—Following a meeting of the stockholders, approving the sale of the Lewiston Terminal Company properties to R. C. Dahlbjelm, of St. Paul, and his associates for \$40,000 worth of 7 per cent cumulative preferred stock in a new railway company to be organized by Mr. Dahlbjelm, the directors have closed the transaction.

HOOD RIVER COURT OPENS

Trial of Two Charged With Burglary Most Important Case.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—The last term of Circuit Court for the year was convened this morning by Judge W. L. Bradshaw, the docket is light, containing a few minor civil cases. The grand jury is in session today.

WOOL FOR TROOPS BOUGHT

Demand Steady for Material to Go Into Army Clothing.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Since the close of the auctions a generally good demand has been experienced for wools suitable for manufacturing army clothing.

Richmond W. C. T. U. Meets Today

The Richmond W. C. T. U. will meet this afternoon at 2:30 of the home of Mrs. Courland L. Booth, 1973 Clinton street. A report of the state convention at The Dalles will be given.

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There was every reason to believe that the conference was confined entirely to a discussion of various treaties and that the war was mentioned only in passing, if at all. It was regarded here as significant, however, that Secretary Bryan should undertake negotiations looking to the inclusion of Germany among the nations with whom the United States had made peace conventions at this time, when that country is engaged in war.

EXPENSE PROBE LIKELY

SENATE COMMITTEE MAY URGE CAMPAIGN INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Investigation into financing of Senator Palmer's campaigns in Illinois and Pennsylvania urged by Senator Norris' resolution introduced a month ago probably will be recommended by the Senate committee on privileges and elections. Senator Kern, chairman of the committee, announced today that the vote of the committee would be taken next Friday.

Several Democrats of the committee said that favorable action on the resolution was likely, the attitude held ten days ago having changed. Witnesses who had appeared before the committee then in connection with the campaign of Roger C. Sullivan, Democratic nominee in Illinois, and Senator Penrose, Republican nominee in Pennsylvania, were directed to produce further information.

BRITON HALTS COALING

G. D. SMITH REPORTS WRECKING OF MAZATLAN'S WIRELESS.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 5.—Rather than send a wireless message to the German cruiser Leipzig, G. D. Smith, a British subject, wrecked the wireless apparatus of the German freighter Mazatlan. He told his story today to Rear-Admiral Pond, superintendent of the Twelfth United States Naval District.

After much correspondence with Washington, the Mazatlan, with 200 tons of coal aboard, was permitted to clear for Guaymas, Mexico, under \$90,000 bond to deliver the coal as consigned.

Two days later, August 25, Captain Frederick Jensen, owner, a German resident, a German "captain" named Zur Helle, and Gustave Traub were taken on at San Pedro.

RECALLED MEN STAY IN

SUPREME COURT ASKED TO OUST COLUMBIA OFFICIALS.

MAN WHO CLAIMS PROSECUTOR'S PLACE AND ONE WHO SAYS HE WAS CHOSEN JUDGE START PROCEEDINGS.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 5.—(Special.)—G. R. Mettsker, who says he was elected District Attorney of Columbia County at the recall election, today filed a writ of habeas corpus in the Supreme Court today to compel W. B. Dillard, who was recalled, to vacate the office. Mettsker says he won by about 350 votes and that if the election had been fairly conducted his majority would have been greater.

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HOWITZER HAS LIMITS

BIG GERMAN GUNS EFFECTIVE ONLY WITH STRONG SUPPORT.

Handling and Transport Difficult, Even 40 Horses Being Unequal to Task on French Roads.

LONDON, Oct. 5.—A wounded artillery officer who has returned here from the front, says Reuter's Paris correspondent, gives interesting details concerning the working and effects of the fire of the German 17-inch howitzers.

"If well served and employed under proper conditions," the officer said, "these guns are exceedingly effective, but their handling and transport is difficult. Even 40 horses harnessed to the guns were unable to drag these gigantic pieces over the French roads, soaked by the Autumn rains, while the mechanism of the guns is so delicate and complicated that it is extremely difficult to replace lost parts immediately."

"Again, while effective at distances, the big howitzers are comparatively harmless at close range, and the Germans are at the disadvantage of bayonet charges. Moreover, the shells nearly all burst too soon, too late or not at all.

"The troops quickly grasped the best method of dealing with these monsters. Once having passed the zone commanded by their fire, the French, being handy with the 75-millimeter guns, sweep away the German artillerymen and charge. Already a fair number of the guns have been captured in this way.

In conclusion, the officer said the big howitzers were really useful only if they were accompanied by efficient support from light artillery and infantry.

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Great Britain sent a cruiser to Lisbon on that date to fire a special salute to the Portuguese flag in recognition of the act. Legislation officials believed reports of military activities in Portugal probably arose from the fact that a force of 500 men left for Portuguese South-east Africa recently aboard British ships.

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Today's Notion Specials 50c Garment Shields 25c

Lipman, Wolfe & Co. Merchandise of Merit Only. A New Boucle Coat With Pleated Skirt. Selling Regularly at \$22.50. Special \$18.45.

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Exclusive Models in Trimmed Millinery \$10.00 Hats Worth to \$15.00

Blouses of Crepe de Chine New Models Regular Price \$5.50 Today \$3.95

Sale of Drugs and Toilet Essentials Creams and Powders 50c Pond's Cold Cream .29c

Submarine is Shanghaied Retired Italian Officer Makes Off With New War Vessel.

Central News from Rome says "A submarine boat which had just been completed by a private shipyard near Spezia, or the Gulf of Spezia, has disappeared and it is said a retired naval lieutenant, Angelo Bellini, who was in charge of her, has taken the vessel to some unknown destination."