



MAIL SEIZURES ORDERED STOPPED

American Note to Allies Is Vigorous.

RADICAL CHANGE DEMANDED

"Vexatious" Abuses Perpetrated by Great Britain and France Are Cited.

LOSS CLAIMS PRESSED SOON

United States Expecting Prompt Action on Demands to Belligerents.

WASHINGTON, May 26.

The United States, denouncing interference with neutral mails, has notified Great Britain and France that it no longer can tolerate the wrongs which American citizens have suffered and continue to suffer through the "lawless practice" those governments have indulged in, and that only a radical change in policy, restoring the United States to its full rights as a neutral power, will be satisfactory.

This notification is given in the latest American communication to the two governments, the text of which was made public by the State Department tonight. The time in which the change must be effected is not specified, but the United States expects prompt action.

"Onerous" Abuses Cited.

"Onerous and vexatious" abuses, which have been perpetrated by the British and French governments in seizing and censoring neutral mails, are recited in the communication, and answers are made to the legal arguments contained in the reply of the entente governments to the first American note on the subject. It is vigorously set forth that not only have American commercial interests been injured, but that the rights of property have been violated and the rules of international law and custom palpably disregarded.

Notice is served that the United States soon will press claims against the British and French governments for the losses which already have been sustained.

The text of the communication, addressed to the British and French Ambassadors, to whom it was delivered Wednesday, follows:

"Department of State, Washington, D. C., May 24, 1916.

"Excellency:

Note Is Acknowledged.

"I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your excellency's note of April 3, last, transmitting a memorandum dated February 15, 1916, and communicated in substance to the American Ambassador in London on February 28, in which are stated the contentions of the British and French governments in regard to the right to detain and examine parcel and letter mail en route by sea between the United States and Europe.

"After a discussion of the use of the mails for the transmission of parcels and of the limitations to be placed on 'inviolable mail,' the joint memorandum of February 15 closes with the following assertions:

"First—That from the standpoint of the right of visitation and eventual arrest and seizure, merchandise shipped in post parcels needs not and shall not be treated otherwise than merchandise shipped in any other manner.

Hague Conference Recalled.

"Second—That the inviolability of postal correspondence, stipulated by the eleventh convention of the Hague of 1907, does not, in any way, affect the right of the allied governments to visit, and, if occasion arise, arrest and seize merchandise hidden in the wrappers, envelopes or letters contained in the mail bags.

"Third—That true to their engagements and respect of the genuine 'correspondence,' the allied governments will continue, for the present, to refrain on the high seas from seizing and confiscating such correspondence, letters or dispatches, and will insure their speediest possible transmission

\$500,000 SOL DUC HOTEL FIRE-SWEPT

HOT SPRINGS RESORT IN OLYMPIC MOUNTAINS DESTROYED.

H. C. Bowers, Manager, Formerly of Portland, Sends Word No One Was Injured in Flames.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., May 26.—The hotel, sanatorium, power plant, three cottages, stables and both houses of the Soulduc Springs Hotel and Sanatorium, situated in the heart of the Olympic Mountains, were destroyed by fire today, causing a loss estimated at \$500,000, partly covered by insurance.

Thirty patrons were in the hotel, but all escaped uninjured. A. J. Earling, president of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway; B. H. Earling, vice-president of the Milwaukee; Percy Rockefeller, C. A. Goodnow, assistant to A. J. Earling; J. Twachtman, a New York artist, and several other guests of Mr. Earling had just arrived at the hotel when the fire was discovered. The Earling party will return to Seattle tomorrow.

The fire, which was caused by a defective fuse, started in the roof of the hotel, and, in spite of the efforts of volunteer fire fighters, spread rapidly to the other buildings. One row of cottages, situated at a distance from the main group, was not burned.

Michael Earles, a wealthy lumberman, who built the hotel in 1912, said it would not be rebuilt this year.

H. C. Bowers, pioneer Portland hotel man, is manager of the Soulduc Hot Springs Hotel. Mr. Bowers, who for many years had charge of the Portland Hotel and later of the Mufnornah Hotel, left this city about a month ago to take charge of the Soulduc Hotel. His daughter, Mrs. A. A. Wright, of 757 East Broadway, received a message last night about the fire. It said that the hotel is a complete loss, but that no one was injured.

Mrs. Wright's son, H. A. Wright, is chief clerk of the Soulduc Hotel.

CHEHALIS PUPILS DRILL

Preparations Are Made for Decoration Day Parade.

CHEHALIS, Wash., May 26.—(Special.)—Preparatory to the Decoration day parade to be held here Tuesday, the pupils of the Chehalis schools are holding marching drills, that they may present a better appearance. Details have been worked out to make the celebration this year the most elaborate one ever held in this section.

The Chehalis Automobile Club, has arranged for autos to transport the veterans and their wives both to the cemetery and in the parade. Active participation of various fraternal societies of the city in the parade to Millet Field, where a program will be held in the afternoon, is assured. Chehalis business houses will close most of the day. W. H. Cameron is to be the orator for the occasion.

GERMAN AGENT INDICTED

Franz von Rintelen, Held in England, Wanted Here as Party to Plot.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Franz von Rintelen, the German agent who has figured in several alleged German bomb plots and is now detained in England, was indicted today by the Federal grand jury as a basis for obtaining his extradition to this country. The indictment charges him with fraud in connection with the procuring of a false American passport.

Von Rintelen is supposed to be wanted by the United States authorities to aid in the case against Representative Frank Buchanan, of Illinois, and against men who are alleged to have participated with Von Rintelen in a plot to block munitions shipments to the entente allies.

VOTE ON BRANDEIS IS SET

Opponents Concede Supreme Court Nominee Will Win.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Victory for the Administration in its fight to make Louis D. Brandeis an associate justice of the Supreme Court was regarded as assured tonight when the Senate agreed to vote on the nomination next Thursday, June 1.

Republican Senators who have been opposed to Brandeis conceded tonight that his nomination is a foregone conclusion; that he would receive practically unanimous Democratic support and in addition would get at least four Republican votes. This would give approximately 60 votes in favor of confirmation, leaving only 36 opposing votes, should every Senator be present.

GERMAN NOTES ACCEPTED

Offering of \$10,000,000 Will Be on 6.2 Per Cent Basis.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Negotiations have been virtually completed, it was announced tonight, between Germany and a New York banking house for a new offering in this market of \$10,000,000 6 per cent serial German government notes. They will be offered in this country on about 6.2 per cent basis. The notes, it is understood, will be dated June 1, and will mature April 1, 1917.

GREEK CABINET RESIGNS

Dispatch From Rome Tells News, but No Details Are Given.

LONDON, May 26.—According to a dispatch from Rome, the Athens correspondent of the Agenzia Nazionale reports that the Greek cabinet has resigned.

No confirmation of the report has been obtained.

MR. HOUSE IN DEPENDENT ROLE, GERMAN WISH

Berlin Expects Wilson Envoy to Visit.

KAISER'S TERMS MODERATE

Teutons, Like Poker Winner, Ready to Retire.

STATUS QUO IS POSSIBLE

Belief of Restoration of Belgium and French Provinces Prevails, in Spite of Imperial Chancellor's Statement.

BERLIN, Tuesday, May 23, via London.

Another visit by Colonel House to Europe would come as no surprise to initiated quarters here. The American rumors to this effect are regarded as having a certain basis in fact, although the opinion prevails that the trip would naturally be postponed until after the National conventions.

It is hoped here that should Colonel House pay such a visit he will come this time as a harbinger of peace, or at any rate, to prepare, if possible, the foundations for a peace proposal, difficult as this task is recognized to be.

Situation Is Changed.

During his last previous visit to Europe, Colonel House made no effort and conducted no investigations in the direction of peace—in Berlin at any rate—having, perhaps, found absolutely adverse conditions in capitals of nations hostile to Germany. Presumably also he had previous information that American mediation was not desired and it would not be accepted as long as the United States continued to supply Germany's foes with munitions. Moreover, no intimation had been given at the time of this visit that tractability in high quarters here on the munitions questions was in any way abated.

The Situation, It May Be Said, Has Not Changed.

Apparently there is no harm from either a political or a strategical standpoint in saying that Germany would welcome peace.

Germany Has All Winnings.

As Arthur Von Gwerner, the managing director of the Deutsche Bank in Berlin, said to the Associated Press correspondent recently, Germany is in the position of a poker player who has gathered in all the money on the table and naturally is willing to break off an all-night session and retire with his winnings, while the others persist in continuing in the hope of recouping some of their losses. The cards, however, to continue the simile, are running strongly in the Germans' favor. It is pointed out, as shown in the renewed postponement of the long-heralded Anglo-French offensive in the west, the steady though slow progress of the Crown Prince at Verdun, the victories of the Turks, and finally the

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TAFT SUPPORT TO T. R. NOT PLEDGED

NO PROMISE AS TO COURSE IN CASE COLONEL IS NOMINATED.

Professor Declines to Make Answer to Query Based on What He Calls Violent Hypothesis.

NEW YORK, May 26.—(Special.)—A good deal of interest was aroused here today by a report that William T. Taft would support Mr. Roosevelt if he were named by the convention. Mr. Taft, who is in Washington to attend a peace meeting, characterized this report as a "violent hypothesis."

"I do not feel called on to answer any such violent hypothesis," said Mr. Taft smilingly. A friend fully in the confidence of Mr. Taft said in connection with the report:

"The rumor is being circulated for a purpose. There is absolutely nothing in it. It has been in circulation for some time. The report is not a figment of the imagination. It is an absolute falsehood put out to make Mr. Roosevelt appear strong as a Republican candidate. Mr. Taft believes Mr. Roosevelt is not less of a menace to the country than Mr. Wilson. Instead of there being a reason for the assumption that Mr. Taft will support Mr. Roosevelt if he is nominated, it is to be assumed that Mr. Taft will feel it his duty to be active in opposition if Colonel Roosevelt is nominated."

THAW DROPS Foe'S PLANE

American Airman Victorious Over German in France.

PARIS, May 26.—Lieutenant William Thaw, of the Franco-American aviation corps, shot down a Pockler aeroplane in the region of Verdun yesterday.

Lieutenant Thaw, whose home is in Pittsburg, has been decorated twice and twice cited in the orders of the day for daring exploits in the air. On April 11 he brought down his first German aeroplane at Verdun. On May 21 he was proposed for citation for driving an enemy aeroplane across the German line and compelling it to descend.

BUL MOOSERS TO CRUISE

Steamship Theodore Roosevelt to Become Floating Hotel.

CHICAGO, May 26.—Arrangements were made by the local committee of the Progressive National Convention today to charter the steamship Theodore Roosevelt and convert it into a floating hotel for the accommodation of delegates and alternates. The steamer is to be anchored in Lake Michigan and will cruise between 2 A. M. and 8 A. M. The boat will accommodate several hundred Bull Moose visitors.

TRAINING BILL UP SOON

Chamberlain Measure Modeled After Swiss System Due Wednesday.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The Senate military affairs committee today agreed to take up next Wednesday the Chamberlain universal military training bill modeled on the Swiss system. All able-bodied men between the ages of 21 and 22 years, who are citizens or have declared their intention to become citizens, would be liable for training under the bill.

J. J. HILL BETTER; HOPE ENTERTAINED

Specialist Decides Operation Unnecessary.

CONDITION IS SATISFACTORY

Great Northern President Rushes Aid to Parent.

ADVANCED AGE FACTOR

Railroad Builder's Present Illness Assigned to Bad Teeth Poison, Which Is Said to Have Reached the Bowels.

ST. PAUL, Minn., May 26.

The condition tonight of James J. Hill was reported as "satisfactory" by Dr. James S. Gillfillan, of St. Paul, who with Dr. William James Mayo, of Rochester, Minn., made a careful examination of the aged railroad builder at Mr. Hill's Summit-avenue residence late today.

As a result of the consultation between Dr. Mayo and Dr. Gillfillan it was decided not to operate upon Mr. Hill, and tonight Dr. Mayo, who arrived in St. Paul aboard a special train late this afternoon, returned to Rochester.

Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, who personally brought Dr. Mayo from Rochester, was with his father tonight.

Special Train Used.

Dr. Mayo was rushed to St. Paul on a special train to attend Mr. Hill. Mr. Hill, who has been ill for 10 days, took a bad turn this morning. L. W. Hill, went in a special train immediately for Dr. Mayo. They arrived in St. Paul about 5 P. M.

Mr. Hill was stricken May 15 with a bowel complaint, which later developed complications.

Advanced Age Vital.

It is understood Dr. Mayo was called in case an operation should become imperative. Attending physicians were loath to advise an operation, on account of Mr. Hill's advanced age. He was 78 years old a few months ago. Dr. Mayo four days ago examined Mr. Hill and said the complaint was a common one and that he would soon recover.

Mr. Hill's present condition is attributed to bad teeth poison, which is said to have reached the bowels.

MORGAN'S PAYROLL GONE

Office Boy, Aged 18, Missing With \$10,515, Week's Salaries.

NEW YORK, May 26.—J. P. Morgan & Co. today requested the police to search for William McManus, an 18-year-old office boy on a complaint that he disappeared shortly before noon today, taking with him \$10,515, representing the firm's weekly payroll.

ONE DEAD; 1 HURT FROM COLLISION

ALBERT ARNDT SUCCUMBS. EMIL GROSS IN HOSPITAL.

Motorcycle Riders Crash Into Truck Driven by J. B. Hubbard—Driver Is Declared Blameless.

One young man is dead and another, seriously injured, in St. Vincent's Hospital as the result of a traffic accident at the intersection of Grand avenue and East Gilsan-street yesterday noon. Albert Arndt, 19, of 1209 East Main street, sustained injuries from which he died at the hospital a few hours after the accident. His skull was fractured. Emil Gross, 19, of 1249 East Salmon street, has a fractured shoulder and an injured foot.

Gross and Arndt were on a motorcycle going north on Grand avenue. Their course paralleled that of an American Express Company's truck, driven by J. B. Hubbard, of 509 East Seventeenth street. At the Gilsan-street intersection the truck turned to the west, and the motorcycle struck it fairly, throwing both riders and wrecking the machine.

Motorcycle Patrolman H. L. Coulter, who was summoned to the scene, called the ambulance service and ordered the injured men removed to the hospital. It is his opinion that Arndt's injuries were received from the falling motorcycle, which crushed the rider beneath it.

"The truck made a square turn, and from the investigation made I do not believe Hubbard was to blame," declared Patrolman Coulter in his report. Emil Gross is a teamster and Albert Arndt was an automobile mechanic. Both were unmarried. Paul Eckelman, 1003 Belmont street, was a witness of the collision.

LAVA FLOW CARRIES TREES

Hawaiian Volcano, Mauna Loa, Is Increasingly Active.

HONOLULU, T. H., May 26.—The volcano of MAUNUA LOA is flowing with increased activity, according to reports received here. A new flow of lava started Wednesday, and at last reports was moving at the rate of two miles a day.

The lava was passing through a heavy forest of mahogany trees, burning stumps and carrying the trunks on the top of the molten flood.

The Kahuku water system was believed to be in danger from the lava stream, which was reported as being about a quarter of a mile wide.

AMERICANS IN DANGER

Syrian Uprising Menaces Missionaries and Other Christians.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—State Department officials expressed anxiety today over the situation of American missionaries and native Christians in Syria, who are reported through French sources to be threatened by an anti-Christian uprising.

An inquiry has been sent to the American Embassy at Constantinople.

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"Waite told me he liked pretty girls; that he had tried to flirt with a beautiful girl in the courtroom, but that he could not catch her eye."

The alienist asserted that as far as he was able to determine, the defendant had "No feeling of sorrow, no feeling of shame, no strength of will." In his opinion the witness declared, Waite

DR. WAITE TRIES TO FLIRT DURING TRIAL

"Immoral Monster," Is Alienists' Verdict.

INSANITY EVIDENCE BORES JURY

Scientists and Prisoner Admit He Knew He Was Murderer.

SLAYER DOZES IN COURT

Wife Hears Testimony That She Was Married for Her Money. Defendant Says Profession Was Means to Murder.

NEW YORK, May 26.—Alienists sworn by the defense in behalf of Dr. Arthur Warren Waite testified today at his trial for the murder of John E. Peck, his father-in-law, that the young dentist was a "moral imbecile" and an "immoral monster," who had only an insane knowledge of right and wrong, and saying he had tried to flirt with a girl in the courtroom during the trial. The defense rested its case on the testimony of the mental experts.

Waite's wife was in the courtroom again this afternoon and heard the medical witnesses for her husband testify that he had told them he married her only for her money. The prisoner himself appeared to doze while a long hypothetical question designed to show that he was insane at the time he killed his wife's parents was read to the alienists.

Jurymen Are Bored. The juryman seemed bored by the testimony of the experts.

Dr. Morris J. Karpas and Dr. Allen Ross Diefendorf testified that Waite was a moral imbecile, and declared they had arrived at their conclusion without consultation together. Both admitted Waite knew what he was doing when he was plotting the death of Mr. Peck, but they declared he had no moral sense. Dr. Diefendorf said he did not want the prisoner set free, and Dr. Diefendorf said he should be kept in an insane asylum as long as he lived.

Dr. Karpas declared that while moral imbeciles had no moral sense, they appeared like rational men. He said he believed criminals should confess their crimes because they owed it to society to do so.

"Do you think the fact that Waite's great aunt was insane away back in 1870 had anything to do with the killing of Peck?" he was asked.

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