

I. W. W. PLOT SAID TO AIM AT WILSON

14 Members of Spanish Branch Arrested.

SECRET SERVICE MEN ACT

Plan to Assassinate President at Boston Charged.

ANARCHISTS HELD IN JAIL

Prisoners Detained Without Bail While Searching Inquiry is Being Conducted.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Fourteen members of the Spanish branch of the I. W. W. were arrested by secret service men and members of the police bomb squad in two raids here late today.

Frank Francisco and Edward J. Dowd of the secret service, as well as New York detectives, who assisted them in the raids, declared they had obtained evidence which would be used in an attempt to prove the prisoners had planned to assassinate President Wilson in Boston tomorrow, but this assertion was discredited by Captain Peter Rabino of the secret service, who directed the raids.

Two En Route to Boston. According to the police, two Philadelphia men who frankly admitted they were anarchists, stopped here on their way to Boston and intended to go on to that city tonight.

The grave nature of the alleged plot and the imminence of the attempt to carry it into execution, it was declared, made it essential the men be imprisoned at once.

After being questioned at police headquarters, where their finger prints were taken, the prisoners were locked up without bail pending arraignment before a United States commissioner tomorrow.

Meanwhile mechanical experts have been assigned to assemble a complicated machine found dismantled in one of the rooms raided. The secret service agents said they were a loss to explain its purpose. Translators were put to work on a mass of papers and pamphlets seized.

Youth, 25, Heads Gang. One of the houses raided had been under police surveillance for several days as a result of meetings held there, it was said.

All the men, it was said, are Spanish aliens who have come to the United States during the past three years.

According to the secret service men, a youth of 25, who gave the name of Jose Graud, is the chief organizer of the Spanish I. W. W. here, and is the editor of a radical Spanish newspaper published in New York.

In the I. W. W. organization, it was said, he is known as Arnolodo Sapatena.

The prisoners were questioned for several hours at police headquarters, but for the most part maintained a sullen silence.

WARSAW CROWD DISPERSED

Faderevski Promises Demonstrants Work Will Be Provided.

WARSAW, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—A crowd apparently made up of persons out of work and led by bolshevik agents made a demonstration today before the Hotel Bristol where Premier Faderevski and the inter-allied mission to Poland have their headquarters.

The premier's automobile was stopped as he was leaving the hotel and M. Faderevski forced to make a speech. He promised the demonstrators work as soon as possible and appealed to them to disperse because of the impression their attitude would make on the foreign mission.

The affair turned out to be rather tame and the crowd was eventually dispersed by cavalry and infantry.

FIRE ENDS MINE OPERATION

Indefinite Suspension Throws 200 Men Out of Work.

BISHOP, Ariz., Feb. 23.—Fire in the open mine of the Shattuck Arizona Copper company resulted today in the indefinite suspension of operation at the property. As a result 200 men are out of work.

Several days ago the fire broke out in the mine but was placed under control and work continued. The fire today became so bad that it was necessary to close the mines in spite of efforts to extinguish the flames.

VILLA BAND CAUSES UNREST NEAR BORDER

ARMED BANDITS REPORTED 33 MILES SOUTH OF JUAREZ.

American Mining and Smelter Men, Fearing Execution of Threats, Arrive at El Paso.

JUAREZ, Mex., Feb. 23.—An armed Villa band was reported late today at a point north of Villa Ahumada, 33 miles south of here. Whether the band is a main Villa column under Martin Lopez or a scouting party under Ramon Vega or other minor chief, was not known here tonight, but its presence within the 100-mile radius of Juarez is causing increased vigilance along the border.

EL PASO, Feb. 23.—American mining and smelter men continue to arrive at the border from the interior of Mexico, fearing Francisco Villa will carry out his threat to wreck all general-owned mines and mines and kill Americans unless a tribute estimated at \$1,000,000 gold is paid by the big companies operating in northern Mexico.

March 1 was the date set by Villa for the carrying out of his threat. Many properties are threatened. The demand was made upon several mining companies, including the American Smelting & Refining company.

WIRE RETURN ADVOCATED

Utilities Commissioner Makes Recommendations to President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Return of telephone and telegraph properties to private management by June 30 was recommended to President Wilson by Charles E. Elmquist, president of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners, in a letter made public today.

The net result of six months of operation by the postmaster-general of these wire systems," said the letter, "is inferior service and very substantial increases in charges to the public."

Discrimination by Mr. Burleson in favor of the Bell telephone interests also was charged.

SIXTEEN PERISH AT SEA

French Bark Helene and Norwegian Freighter Gansford Collide.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The French bark Helene was sunk early yesterday morning in a collision with the Norwegian freighter Gansford, off Winter Quarter light, Virginia, and 16 of her crew perished. Eight survivors, including her skipper, Captain Maisonneuve, were brought here today.

The survivors were brought here on the Gansford, with her bow stove in and her hold full of water. The Helene, bound from Baltimore to Nantes, was loaded chiefly with steel, and went down like a plummet.

The Norwegian, from Cabanas, Cuba, for New York, registered only 1087 tons gross, compared with 3166 for the sailing vessel. The collision occurred at 2 A. M. during heavy weather.

NINETEEN MEN EXECUTED

Mexican Police Start Campaign to End Banditry.

BROWNVILLE, Texas, Feb. 23.—Nineteen men, eight of whom are from the same community, 20 miles up the Rio Grande from Matamoros, have so far been summarily executed by shooting or hanging by the state police of the Mexican state of Tamaulipas.

A campaign is on to end banditry along the lower Texas-Mexican border, according to reliable information in Matamoros tonight.

PRESIDENT GRANDPA AGAIN

Arrival of Son Reported at Sayre Home in Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—A son was born to Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, daughter of President Wilson, at the Jefferson hospital here early today. Mother and child are doing well. This is the president's fourth grandchild. The president has been notified and it is possible he may stop at Philadelphia on his way from Boston to Washington.

BELLEAU MEMORIAL ASKED

American National Cemetery May Be Established in France.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Roosevelt permanent memorial committee announced today that it has been proposed that the Belleau Wood, where the first American soldiers fell in France, be acquired and converted into an American national cemetery in memory of Theodore Roosevelt.

PARIS PEACE PACT IS EXPECTED SOON

Work of Treaty Makers to Be Speeded Up.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE HELD

Preliminary Draft to Be Ready Within Two Weeks.

BIG QUESTIONS EMBODIED

Aim Is to Have Document Completed by Time President Wilson Returns to Paris.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Results of far-reaching character were obtained at the meeting of the council of the great powers today when resolutions were adopted requiring such a speeding up of all work of the peace conference as to permit the formation of a preliminary peace treaty by the time President Wilson returns to Paris in the middle of March.

To accomplish this, all commissions dealing with the big questions of reparations, boundaries and economic and financial issues must report to the supreme council within the next two weeks, or by March 5 at the latest. These reports, in turn, will form a basis for the drafting of the treaty.

Clemenceau Approves Plans. An extensive program had been carefully matured within the past few days, and it was brought to a culmination this afternoon when A. J. Balfour, British foreign secretary, and Colonel E. M. House, of the American delegation, called on Premier Clemenceau. Each found the wounded statesman dressed and sitting up and keenly alert.

He was fully agreed on the plan for rapid acceleration of work. This brought together the British, American and French viewpoints for a rapid course of action, assuring the earliest possible peace. Shortly afterward the supreme council met and ratified the program.

Military Treaty Displaced. The main feature of the speeding-up plan is to embody all subjects, both nonmilitary and military, in the preliminary peace soon to be framed and to have this broad general document take the place of a separate military treaty for disarmament which had been prepared by the supreme war council under the direction of Marshal Foch, who was to present it within the next few days.

It will be this broad, general plan (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

3389 SOLDIERS REACH PORT AT NEW YORK

CRUISERS AND VOYAGES END STORMY VOYAGE.

Charles E. Nelson, of Prosser, Wash., Dies on Board—Northwest Officers Arrive.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The United States cruisers Montana and Kansas and the transports West Durfee and Artemis docked here today with 3389 troops. The voyages were stormy and the Kansas put in at Bermuda for coal. Corporal Charles E. Nelson of Prosser, Wash., died on the Montana during the trip.

The Kansas brought 1930 officers and men and the Montana a total of 1401 men. The West Durfee brought 33 casual officers and men, and the Artemis 25 casual officers.

Captain Raoul Duval, San Mateo, Cal., wore the croix de guerre and the Legion of Honor decoration, and holds several additional citations for bravery. Captain Duval had served with the seventh French dragons since 1914.

Among the officers who returned were Lieutenant-Colonel John Polson of Boise, Idaho, and Major J. M. Handley of Mandan, N. D., a senior judge in the fifth judicial district of that state.

TRAIN ROBBER CONFESSES

Great Northern Railway Detective Effects Capture.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Feb. 23.—Jack Lane, arrested Friday at Menorah, Wash., and brought here by Great Northern railway Detective W. H. Uecker, has confessed, according to officers, to holding up passengers on the Great Northern-Vancouver train early on the morning of January 31 at Samish station, 12 miles south of here. Lane, according to the officers, says he obtained \$10.

He intended to rob the express car but found it locked. He then decided to pick up a little change, he said, from the passengers. He jumped from the train here and eluded arrest by hiding in the woods. He is 37 years old and unmarried and claims to have served a sentence in the Louisiana prison a few years ago.

SOUTHERN OFFICER DIES

General Bennett H. Young, of Civil War Fame, Succumbs.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 3.—General Bennett H. Young, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate Veterans from 1913 to 1916, died at his home here this afternoon, following a short illness. General Young served with Morgan, J. E. B. Stuart and Mosby, during the Civil War.

ROUMANIAN RULERS FLEE

Queen and Princess, in Fear of Revolt, Go to England.

GENEVA, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The queen of Roumania and her daughter, the Princess Elizabeth, have fled from Bucharest to England fearing a revolution in Roumania, says a dispatch received from Vienna.

BLOODY ORGIES IN MUNICH CONTINUE

Ministerial Councillor Is Slain in Riots.

OTHERS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Radicals Threaten Wholesale Murder Reprisals.

EISNER'S SLAYER ABETTED

Wittelsbach Dynasty Believed to Be Behind Movement to Destroy Bavarian Republic.

MUNICH, Feb. 23.—(Havas.)—Ministerial Councillor Jahres has been killed and several officers of the war office gravely wounded in the rioting here. The radical elements have threatened with death entire classes of the population as a reprisal for the assassination of Kurt Eisner.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—Count Arcovalley, the slayer of Premier Eisner of Bavaria, was not acting independently, says a Zurich dispatch to the Petit Parisien, and it is becoming more and more evident that the Wittelsbach dynasty and its adherents are behind an organized movement to destroy the Bavarian republic.

Armed Attack Anticipated. The dispatch adds that it was in anticipation of an armed attack against the national assembly and existing institutions that the majority socialists, independent socialists and Spartacists of Munich signed a pact to stand together.

Communication between Munich and Switzerland has been severed, the dispatch adds, and news reaching Switzerland by way of Berlin is vague.

WEIMAR, Saturday, Feb. 2.—(By the Associated Press.)—The entire Bavarian delegation to the national assembly left for Munich this morning on receiving reports that Herr Auer, minister of the interior, had died from his wounds received in the shooting in the landtag and that a state of chaos existed in Bavaria.

Construction Work Halted. Their absence may postpone still further committee consideration and debate on the new constitution, which is scheduled for next Tuesday, as it is considered more important to restore order in Bavaria than to debate the proposed constitution on a date arbitrarily set.

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—(Continued on Page 4, Column 1.)

WOMEN'S PARTY ASKS SENATOR TO EXPLAIN

TELEGRAM OF PROTEST SENT TO MR. BORAH OF IDAHO.

Message Asks What Is Meant by Vote of People on League of Nations Plan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—By way of expressing their disapproval of his course in opposing the Susan B. Anthony amendment on the floor of the senate, the California branch of the national Women's Party today sent the following telegram to U. S. Senator E. Borah, of Idaho, at Washington:

"The California branch of the national Women's party would like to ask Senator Borah when he demands that the league of nations plan be referred to the vote of the people, what he means by the vote of the people.

"Considering his blow to democracy in the United States by his vote against the national woman suffrage amendment we are skeptical about his sincerity in regard to the voice of the people." (Signed) ELINOR CARLISLE, Chrm., MILDRED GILBERT, Sec.

BANKERS PLAN PROTECTION

International Committee to Look After Interests in Mexico.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The organization of an international committee of 20 bankers, ten from the United States and five each from England and France, for the purpose of protecting the holders of securities of the Mexican republic and of the various railway lines of Mexico, and generally such other enterprises as have their field of action in Mexico, was announced here today by J. P. Morgan & Co.

"The committee will be prepared," the statement of the Morgan firm says, "to take such further steps as may seem wise in order to afford counsel and aid to investors who hold interests in Mexico.

J. P. Morgan is chairman of the committee.

TWO KILLED AT RITZVILLE

Auto Containing Jacob Koch and Daughter Struck by Train.

RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Jacob Koch was instantly killed and his 9-year-old daughter killed almost instantly, at 9 o'clock this morning when the auto in which they were riding was completely demolished by a special soldier train west bound on the Northern Pacific line about two miles east of here.

Mr. Koch and daughter were going to church. The road near the track on which they were driving was rough, their curtains were up and a blinding snow storm was raging. It appears their car was hit about the middle and a portion of it, with the body of Mr. Koch, was knocked 100 feet away.

The train apparently was going at a high rate of speed.

TROOP TO GET WELCOME

First Special Leave Train Will Depart from Coblenz Sunday.

COBLENZ, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The first special leave train will depart from Coblenz for recreation centers in France Sunday night, carrying a thousand enlisted men of the American third army. The soldiers will be permitted to spend a week in Anney and Aix les Bains, where various welfare organizations have prepared their entertainment, consisting of vaudeville, eighteenth trips and sports.

A special leave train will be run every night for soldiers of the army of occupation, while officers en route to leave centers will travel by the regular trains.

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QUICK TURN SAVES PRESIDENT'S SHIP

Washington and Its Escort Lose Bearings.

DISASTER NARROWLY AVERTED

Storm Raging Off Coast Makes Signaling Difficult.

SHORE SUDDENLY IS SEEN

But for Alert Deck Officer Two Big Vessels Would Have Grounded Off Massachusetts Coast.

ON BOARD THE U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—The president's ship and its destroyer escort, the Harding, lost their bearings in the heavy fog and rain off the Massachusetts coast this afternoon while running for Boston light and came within perhaps 1000 yards of grounding off the beach at Thatcher's island, Cape Ann.

The two vessels were proceeding on dead reckoning about 3 o'clock when the Harding as a guard ship ahead. Suddenly the Harding's lookout discovered land and the destroyer gave five quick blasts on her whistle and made a quick turn across the Washington's bow. The wind was landward and the sound was carried away from the George Washington instead of toward her.

Deck Officer Sees Danger. The Washington's deck officer, however, saw the five jets of steam from the Harding's whistle and signaled the engine room for full speed astern. The big ship trembled and quivered with the throbbing of the mighty engines, and that was the first intimation any of the passengers and most of the crew had of what was going on.

President Wilson noticed the motion at once, and with Admiral Grayson went on deck. He was quite unconcerned. However, his attitude was more one of curiosity and interest. Troops and passengers piled on decks at the same time and saw the rollers on the sandy beach and the summer cottages. Although going full speed, the Washington stopped quickly and easily, however, backing away, while the destroyers turned to, wallowing about the big liner. The lead was got going quickly and deep water immediately was reported.

Soldier Cheers for U. S. A. "I don't care if it is the beach," exclaimed one soldier. "It's the good old U. S. A., whatever it is, and I say 'Hurrah for it!'"

After backing a short distance, Captain McQuibby dropped anchor to make observations and get bearings, while the destroyers formed a semicircle about the president's ship waiting for orders. The wind whipped up a bit and a blind snow flurry swept down on the port quarter, making observations even more difficult. Then the wind shifted, and drove the snow off to the north, the fog lifted and one of the officers perched on the upper deck, sang out:

"Thatcher's island dead ahead." The weather continued to clear every moment and before an hour had quite passed it was possible to see from four to six miles. The Washington then backed out and, turning south, headed for Boston light, where a pilot was waiting at the buoys at the mouth of the channel.

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Much Already Accomplished. Although the president held several conferences during the returning voyage he did not give any expressions on the work or prospects of the peace conference further than to indicate that he feels a certain justification of his position in insisting that the making of peace and the creation of a league of nations are inseparable propositions, not to be dissociated.

Mr. Wilson has told friends and advisers that with the draft of the league constitution on the table before the conference, he considers the first great step an accomplished fact. The president is known to feel that in the end the underlying principles he has proposed will be accepted in the conference. The ratification of the document in other countries and in the United States the president considers as another step to be dealt with after the league of nations plan is perfected.

While he has been following keenly (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)



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