

BERLIN CHARGE OF CRUELTY DENIED

Germans Say French and British Troops Exposed Prisoners to Gunfire.

INSTANCES ARE RECITED

Note Transmitted to London Through Ambassador Gerard Is Met by Assertion Cases Never Happened.

LONDON, Jan. 29.—The Foreign Office tonight made public a note from the German Foreign Office transmitted through James W. Gerard, the American Ambassador to Germany, relating to alleged cruelty on the part of French and English troops toward German prisoners. The British government gives unqualified denial to the charges. The note requests the Washington Government to transmit a protest against "this violation of international law" to both the British and French governments. The instances of alleged cruelty cited are:

First, during the battle at Guise-Jongueux, August 29, 1914, a French officer ordered a severely wounded German officer to be placed on the rampart of a French trench under the fire of German artillery with the object of having him killed by German bullets.

Second, on January 12, 1915, in the neighborhood of Solomons, French troops placed two captured German soldiers on the rampart of their trench which was under German fire and compelled them thus to pass many agonizing hours.

Third, between March 13 and 17, 1915, British troops in front of their trenches at Aubers tied a wounded German officer to a tree and opened fire on him when he waved his handkerchief to the German lines, and repulsed by firing the German attempts to free him from his desperate position.

"Evidence given at German military inquiries into these incidents," says the note, "have given us proof of their accuracy."

British Make Full Denial.

The British reply to the charges is an unqualified denial from Field Marshal French, in command of the troops at the time of the alleged cruelties, which is supported by statements from officers along the front where the cruelties are alleged to have occurred. In his denial, General French says:

"The reports show that nothing is known of the ill-treatment of German prisoners. On the contrary, there were no traces in that locality to which a German officer could have been tied as alleged. The general officer commanding the Indian corps specifically reports that there was no mistreatment whatever, but that German wounded were rescued with heroism by Britishers."

General French adds that the evidence is conclusive that there was no such occurrence as charged. The supporting statement of General Anderson of the Indian troops cites instances where Indians rescued Germans who had been abandoned between the lines by their own forces.

DAVID CAPLAN TRIAL SET

Los Angeles Dynamiting Case to Begin March 14.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29.—The trial of David Caplan on a charge of murder, for alleged participation in the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times building five years ago, was set today for March 14 by Judge Frank R. Willis in Superior Court. The trial is expected to occupy from six to eight weeks.

Matthew A. Schmidt, convicted recently of murder on the same charge, will be allowed to remain in the County Jail here pending an appeal to the State Supreme Court. Judge Willis granted a motion presented by attorneys for the defense asking that Schmidt be allowed to remain here.

DR. COE'S PLAN APPROVED

New Building to Be Constructed for Alaska Insane.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 29.—Secretary Lane today approved plans for the new building for Dr. Henry Waldo Coe proposes to erect at Morongo Valley Sanatorium for the care of the Alaska Insane, and Dr. Coe left today for home to begin construction.

Under Dr. Coe's contract, the Government, having failed during the past year to make provision for the case of Alaska Insane, has agreed to continue to be treated at Dr. Coe's sanatorium until January 23, 1920.

EXPLOSION VICTIMS DIE

Two Succumb to Injuries and Three Others Probably Will Die.

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 29.—Two of the seven men burned in the explosion and powder flare at the Carney's Point, N. J., works of the Du Pont Powder Company last night, died today at the hospital while three others are in a serious condition and death is expected.

The dead are Lawrence Holt, of Camden, N. J., and Frederick Pitt, of Reading, Pa.

WILSON FOR QUICK ACTION

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preparedness issue, he said, should have nothing to do with politics.

Among the possible sources of danger mentioned by the President were the difficulties growing out of the protection of Americans abroad and the obligation of the United States to maintain the liberties of the people of the Western Hemisphere.

The President spoke of the Navy and the coast defense, saying:

"Take for example the matter of our coast defenses. It is obvious to every man that they are of the most vital importance to the country. Such coast defenses as we have are strong and admirable, but we have not got coast defenses in enough places. Their quality is admirable but their quantity is insufficient."

"And the Navy of the United States! You have been told that it is the second in strength in the world. I am sorry to say that experts do not agree with those who tell you that. Measuring by its actual strength I believe it to be one of the most efficient navies in the world; but its strength ranks fourth, not second. You must reckon with the

fact that it is necessary that that should be our first arm of defense, and you ought to insist that everything should be done that it is possible for us to do to bring the Navy up to an adequate standard of strength and efficiency.

Prepared Force Lacks Numbers.

"Where we are lacking more perhaps is on land and in the number of men who are ready to fight. Not the number of fighting men, but the number of men who are ready to fight. The characteristic desire of America is not that she should have a great body of men whose chief business is to fight, but a great body of men who know how to fight and are ready to fight when anything that is dear to the Nation is threatened. You might have what we have, millions of men who have never handled arms of war, who are mere material for shot and powder if you put them in the field, and America would be ashamed of the inefficiency of calling such men to defend the Nation."

"What we want is to associate in training with the Army of the United States men who will volunteer for a sufficient length of time every year to get the rudimentary acquaintance with arms, the rudimentary skill in handling them, the rudimentary acquaintance with camp life, the rudimentary discipline, and we ought to see to it that we have men of that sort in sufficient number to constitute an initial Army when we need an Army for the defense of the country."

National Guard Not Sufficient.

"Military preparation consists in the existence of such a body of men known to the Federal authorities, organized provisionally by the Federal authorities and subject to their own choice and will to the immediate call of the Federal authority."

"We have no such body of men in the United States except our National Guard. Now, I have a great respect for the National Guard, but the whole National Guard of the United States falls short of 120,000 men. It is characterized by a great variety of discipline and efficiency, as between state and state, and it is by the Constitution itself put under the authority of more than two score state executives. The President of the United States has not the right to call on those men except in the case of actual invasion. Therefore, no matter how skillful they are, no matter how ready they are, they are not the instruments for immediate National use."

SNOW PROMISED TODAY

20-DEGREE WEATHER IT IS FEARED WILL FREEZE MORE PIPES.

Weather Bureau Sees No Relief From Unusual Temperatures, Although Snowfall Is Short of Record.

Snow-flurries and cold today, with easterly winds.

This is the forecast of the Weather Bureau, based on a scrutiny of the four points of the compass last night. The weather will be of the unusual brand now becoming so usual hereabouts.

Early this morning, it was expected, the thermometer would settle down to about 20 degrees above the dread zero mark. Exposed water pipes that have not already been frozen solid were expected to freeze and a general warning as to safeguarding all sorts of property that is susceptible to frost was regarded as timely by meteorological scientists.

Yesterday was the coldest day of the present cold snap. Just why this weather is known by that term is unknown, unless it is a snap of the thermometer. The thermometer stood at 17 degrees yesterday morning at 7 and 8 o'clock. Slowly it struggled up to 21 in the afternoon, and remained well below freezing all day.

Montana was said yesterday to be having an influence on Portland weather. There it was 26 degrees below at Havre and 20 below at Helena.

Snowfall, so generous since January 1, is still short of the record set in 1895, when for the 14 days from January 26 to February 9, inclusive, 21.8 inches of snow descended upon Portland. For the current month, 23 days, there has been a snowfall amounting to 26.2 inches.

ULTIMATUM NOT GIVEN

LANSING DENIES SETTING DATE FOR REPLY FROM BERLIN.

United States Firm, However, in Demand for Disavowal of Destruction of Lusitania.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—Secretary Lansing today denied published reports that the United States had given Germany until February 5 to make a definite answer on whether it intends to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania.

At the State Department it was declared the Lusitania negotiations remain as they were early in the week, when Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, transmitted to Berlin a preliminary draft of the proposed agreement which embodied all points for which the United States contends.

The new draft is understood to provide that Germany shall disavow destruction of the ship and acknowledge the rights of the neutrals who were lost. On this point the State Department is understood to be firm.

Secretary Lansing merely denied any date had been set for Germany's reply.

BULGARIAN DEAD ON FIELD OF BATTLE.

Scene Within Is Pitiful, With Decorations of Chapel in Ruins and Sacred Vestments and Relics Trampled Under Foot.

BY JAMES O'DONNELL BENNETT, (War correspondent of the Chicago Tribune. Published by arrangement.)

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It was significant of the keen appeal of the war that the sight of the scene which the suppression of the imagination that the first question we asked upon entering this war-ridden capital had nothing to do with the war. "For that question was: 'Where is the place where they were killed?'"

One did not have to be more specific. All understood that one meant the place where Alexander and Draga were done to death by Serbian officers who put the Karagevitch family on the throne of the Obrenovitches.

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If the site of the murder house is the most interesting spot in Belgrade, the career and personality of Draga Mashin are its most interesting traditions. Distrusted and hated during her life, and murdered at last, romance touches her now, and in Belgrade today they speak only of her good deeds and her beauty. She was beautiful in the dusky manner of her country women, kind to her favorites in the court circle and a benefactress of the poor.

Slaying Never Punished.

Animosity and suspicion culminated in 1903 in the murder of Alexander and Draga during the hour of the changing of the night watch in the royal palace at Belgrade. The murder was never repudiated by Peter Karagevitch and the murderers were never brought to justice. England withdrew its minister from Belgrade for many months Serbia was more or less an outlaw among nations.

Peter came from his long exile in Geneva, where he had been living on a pittance, and began his joyless reign. Today he is a fugitive with his troops.

Was she a bad woman? I asked my friend, Lieutenant van Heller, of the Austrian army, as we sat and talked not of the war, but of the old tragedy. Lieutenant van Heller is a polo player who is known from Hurlingham to Cairo. To my question Lieutenant van Heller replied:

"Bad, I suppose one must say she was—but not bad enough for this country."

A Major spoke up: "Draga Mashin," he said, "was a good girl. She did much for the Serbian poor, she was always visiting the hospitals and she was faithful to her friends. The people loved her. You remember those volumes of love songs in manuscript addressed to her that we saw in the palace library this morning. Draga Mashin had her virtues."

This conversation led up to my pilgrimage to Draga's tomb.

In a far corner of the cemetery stands the little chapel of St. Mark—"Svent Marko," the Serbians call it. Within it lie the bodies of the murdered King and Queen. That the royal pair received decent burial is amazing when the indignities to which the murderers subjected the bodies are recalled. Not content with murder, they buried the bodies from the window of the pavilion into the shrubbery below.

Shell Hole Gives Entrance.

The doors of the building were barred. Soldiers were quartered in the workmen's cottage near by, but from them there was nothing to be learned of keys or of caretakers. In walking around the church we came on a freak of bombardment that solved the problem of entrance for us. A shell had struck the left wall of the chapel and left a hole in the masonry.

We crawled through the hole and landed on our heads in a mass of plaster, prayer books, priestly vestments, torn paintings, overturned choir stalls and fragments of wreaths woven from artificial flowers. There was little light and the place was still and cold. The scene was pitiful. The bursting

of the shell had torn much of the bright decoration of the chapel to ribbons and much it had reduced to powder. Preserves were burst open and vestments of white and crimson and purple and gold lay about. Church accounts were strewn over the floor. Behind the retables was a mass of sacred vessels, candlesticks and snuffers of brass and silver, and trampled in among them tiny pictures of saints and more vestments. What havoc the shell had not wrought the wind and the snow were doing.

We tiptoed over the wreckage toward the barred entrance of the chapel and there stood a low tomb of white marble, shaped like a burial casket. It rested close to the right wall and six or seven feet above it was a narrow grated window.

Stove Stands at Head of Tomb.

At the head of the tomb stood a high circular stove of sheet iron, the crowning touch of tastelessness in the strange jumble of what was splendid and what was garish and what was utilitarian in this shrine.

Somewhere in the floor must have been removable stones leading to the buried vaults beneath, but if so they seemed a part of the permanent floor.

The name of neither Alexander nor Draga appeared on the white marble tablet which commemorated other members of the house of Obrenovitch, but at each end of the casket-shaped tomb there stood leaning against the wall a silvered metal cross three feet high.

The arms of one of these crosses bore the name of Alexander, the arms of the other the name of Draga. That was their sole memorial.

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WASHINGTON AND WEST PARK

DEPUTIES TO USE SKIS

SUBPOENA TO BE TAKEN OVER TRAIL 14 FEET DEEP IN SNOW.

Two Men to Make Trip for Witnesses Wanted in Booth Murder Trial.

Willamina, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—With snow 14 feet deep and making all mountain trails impassable by foot or horseback, two Willamina men will undertake tomorrow to go up into the Coast Range Mountains on skis for 30 miles to serve a subpoena on "Soapstone Charlie" Gilman. Gilman is wanted by the prosecution as a witness in the Booth murder trial that will be held at McMinnville for the second time.

The two men who will make the trip are Archie Morrison and Roy Johnson. Gilman is a trapper in the Coast Range Mountains near the headwaters of the Nestucca River, 30 miles from here. Snow is from four to 14 feet deep, according to Swiss homesteaders who have come in town on skis. Morrison is the only man who knows the whereabouts of Gilman.

Johnson will be taken by Morrison as an aid in case of accident. Two days will be taken on the trip going and two days coming.

Three dollars a day fees will be paid, as well as mileage and expenses. Gilman is much wanted by the prosecution. When he was subpoenaed on the first trial he nearly eluded the officers, and has so far managed for the second trial to keep hidden. An order has been issued from the Sheriff's office, and the only man knowing Gilman's whereabouts has been employed on the job of getting him.

AVIATION BONUS IS LOST

Oregon, Making No Militia Appropriation, Can't Apply for Aid.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—Oregon has lost the opportunity to receive a 10 per cent bonus offered by Emerson McMullan, of New York City, to those states raising funds for aviation. Governor Withycombe today received a telegram from Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, urging the state to apply for its share of the McMullan fund, which is conditional upon the state making an appropriation for aviation. President Hawley says that New York, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey and Maine have raised from \$10,000 to \$25,000 each for aviation work, to which Mr. McMullan is adding 10 per cent of the amounts provided.

GRANGE LAUDS J. H. BOOTH

Douglas County Organization Criticizes Governor Withycombe.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—Asserting that Governor Withycombe had used the offices of the State Fair Board for political purposes, the members of Pomona Grange of Douglas County today adopted a resolution lauding J. H. Booth, former president of the State Fair Board, for his work while employed in the capacity and condemning the Governor for bringing about his removal.

Another resolution was adopted protesting against the continuance of improvement work on the Pacific Highway until such time as the laterals are improved.

Old Robbery Laid to George Clark.

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—George Clark, who escaped recently from the Oregon Penitentiary, is believed to have been the man who dynamited the safe of the Oakland Post-office two years ago and later committed a robbery at Sutherlin, was the assertion made by Sheriff Quine here today. Clark spent some time at Oakland and was missing on the morning

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L. V. STEWART CANDIDATE

Republican Nomination to State Senate Is Sought.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—Lorrie V. Stewart, of Dayville, today filed a declaration of his candidacy for the Republican nomination for State Senator from the Twenty-second Senatorial District, comprising Malheur, Harney and Grant counties. Mr. Stewart represented the Twenty-second District in the Senate last year. In his statement he declares that he will perform his official duties to the best of his ability. He wishes printed opposite his name on the official ballot the following slogan:

"A stockman, rancher and taxpayer."

RATE CUT IS TO BE ASKED

Public Service Commission to Act on Northwest Tourist Fares.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—The Public Service Commission today announced that it would shortly file a petition with the Interstate Commerce Commission for intervention in the case brought by the Washington Public Service Commission protesting against tourist rates from the East to California points.

It is alleged that the rates in force are discriminatory against the Pacific Northwest.

Tax Ad Rate Put Up to Counties.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special).—It is the duty of the various county courts to fix the rate to be paid newspapers for publishing delinquent tax lists. Attorney-General Brown ruled today in response to an inquiry from E. B. Tongue, District Attorney of Washington County. The Attorney-General also held that newspapers that have been designated by County Courts as official organs cannot be compelled to publish the lists, unless a specific agreement to do so has been made by them.

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When corns make you almost "die with your boots on," when you've soaked them and picked them and sliced them, when corn-swelling aches,

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CURED HIS RUPTURE

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. I have never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no loss of time, no trouble. I have nothing to tell, but will give full information about how you may find a complete cure without operation. You write to me: Eugene M. Pullen, Carpenter, 518B Marcellus Avenue, Massachussetts, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.—Adv.

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Almost everyone knows that Sage Tea and Sulphur, properly compounded, brings back the natural color and lustre to the hair when faded, streaked or gray; also ends dandruff, itching scalp and stops falling hair. Years ago the only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is messy and troublesome. Nowadays, by asking at any drug store for "Wyeth's Sage and Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous old recipe for about 20 cents.

Don't say gray! Try it! No one can possibly tell that you darkened your hair, as it does it so naturally and evenly. You dampen a sponge or soft brush with it and draw this through your hair, taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray hair disappears, and after another application or two, your hair becomes beautifully dark, thick and glossy.—Adv.

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