

HUNS PRESENT AT HINDUS' MEETINGS

German Officials Clearly Involved in Anti-British Plot.

STAR WITNESS TESTIFIES

Facts Disclosed by Jodh Singh Link Conspiracy Activities in San Francisco and Many Other Cities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—Prominent German officials regularly attended meetings of the Indian Revolutionary Society in Berlin when ways and means were considered for overthrowing British rule in India.

This and other accusations linked alleged German Hindu plot activities in San Francisco with similar activities in Manila, Berlin, Genoa, Shanghai and other places are incorporated in a document filed in the United States District Court here today.

The charges were contained in a copy of testimony given by Jodh Singh, accused of having conspired to ferment a military uprising against British rule in India, and who recently pleaded guilty in preference to testifying as a Government witness against his 21 fellow defendants on trial here.

Plea Was Understood.

Jodh petitioned the court for permission to change his plea. He said he was not aware of the nature of his plea at the time it was entered. The United States Attorney declared this to be untrue, and in an affidavit filed today appends a copy of Jodh's testimony given before the British military court in Singapore in 1915, as evidence that the witness was aware of his rights.

Jodh was considered one of the prosecution's star witnesses. It generally is believed that the copy of Jodh's testimony at the Singapore trial is a forecast of what his testimony would have been at the trial here.

According to Jodh's statement he was in Berlin three years altogether up to 1916. At one time he remained in that city for one month. During this period, his statement said, he met several prominent Hindus. These, according to Jodh, "are principal leaders in the society known as the 'Indian Revolutionary Society,' with headquarters in Berlin.

German Attend Meetings.

"They hold regular meetings which are attended by some of the principal German officers and other Germans who have been in India."

After chronicling his wanderings in Europe and America during which he met many persons who, he alleged, were concerned in the plot, Jodh describes a visit to the German consular office in San Francisco as follows:

"In San Francisco I visited Ram Chandra (one of the defendants). I was told that the German Consul had some information for me, and that I was to call for it. Accordingly, I called and the Consul made over \$880 to me, stating that Gupta (another defendant) had asked him to pay me the amount."

"The Consul also gave me a message in figure code on a piece of paper, saying that it was to be handed over to the Consul at Shanghai."

Arms Scheme Recalled.

"One important fact that I have forgotten to mention is that before Boehm left for Manila he told me he had seen the German Consul, from whom he had gathered that a quantity of arms and ammunition was actually dispatched to India, and asked me if I knew anything of the arms scheme."

"Soon afterward I called personally upon the Consul to receive the \$880. After satisfying himself that I was really in the plot he asked me if I knew anything about the arms scheme. I said, 'No.' He then consulted a list. It was in German and I noticed it referred to arms. I also saw that certain arms were dispatched to Mexico. I could not find where they were sent."

The Boehm referred to was convicted in Chicago of participating in the conspiracy. Jodh, according to his statement, visited the German Consul in Manila.

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ited the German Consuls in Genoa, Manila and Rio Janeiro, and met Har Dyal, former instructor at Stanford University, in Berlin. Dyal and another Hindu, according to Jodh, at that time had considerable influence with the German government and were the only two Hindus permitted to take part in the deliberations of the German Foreign Office.

PROMINENT OREGON CITY RESIDENT CELEBRATES 83RD BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY.



Mrs. John G. Porter, Oregon City, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Mrs. John G. Porter, one of the prominent residents of Oregon City, who has resided here for 50 years, celebrated her 83rd birthday anniversary Tuesday.

Many of the old-time residents called at her home.

In 1882 Mrs. Porter accompanied her husband from Portland, Me., by way of the Isthmus of Panama, to California. In 1866 they moved to Oregon City. Mrs. Porter is residing at the home where she has spent so many years with her daughters, Miss Fannie G. Porter, principal of the Falling School, Portland, and Miss Kate L. Porter, also a Portland school teacher.

CORN SHOW DATES FIXED

Addresses and Demonstrations to Mark Polk County Event.

DALLAS, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Arrangements are being made by C. Moore, H. Baker, Ray Walker, C. Erick and H. Hirschberg, a committee from the Business Men's Club of Independence, and Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary of the Dallas Commercial Club, for the second annual Polk County Corn Show.

This corn show will be held in Independence, December 21 and 22. Professors Hyslop and Larsen, of the Oregon Agricultural College, will place the awards and will give lectures on seed selection and cultivation of corn. E. E. Favelle, editor of the Western Farmer, will also speak.

Miss Edna L. Mills, emergency home demonstration agent of Polk, Yamhill and Washington counties, will give public demonstrations on preparing various corn products.

Notwithstanding the unfavorable season, more good corn was grown in Polk County this year than ever before. The corn acreage of this season showed nearly 50 per cent increase over last season.

RABID COYOTES NUMEROUS

Stockowners Alarmed and Two Men Are Attacked.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Rabid coyotes are again a menace in this valley, and ranchers and stock owners are becoming alarmed at the many depredations that are being reported.

Z. T. McCabe, who is hauling wood from Thomas Creek to this city, was attacked by a rabid coyote this week while in the timber. He escaped being bitten by killing the animal with his ax, the only weapon he had.

Frank Hammersley, rancher of the West Side, while returning to his home was followed for more than a mile by a coyote showing every sign of being afflicted with rabies. He was unarmed, but on reaching his ranch he shot the animal.

Albany ex-Mayor Gives Four Sons.

ALBANY, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—F. D. Gilbert, a local merchant and ex-Mayor of Albany, will soon have four sons in the service of their country. Walter Gilbert and Glen Gilbert, who were Albany High School boys, enlisted in the Fifth Company, Oregon Coast Artillery, of this city, and are with the company at Fort Casey, Wash. Earl D. Gilbert, who is just older than these two boys, will enlist in the United States Navy Monday. The oldest son, Roland H. Gilbert, who was formerly Second Lieutenant of the local militia company and is now city editor of the Morning Astorian at Astoria, also has tendered his services and expects to be in active service by December 15.

COTTAGE GROVE COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTIONS.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—At the annual meeting of the Commercial Club Monday night Roy Smith was elected president and C. A. Bartell, secretary. Mr. Smith is president and manager of the Cottage Grove Manufacturing Company and Mr. Bartell is proprietor of the Oregon Hotel. Other officers elected were: K. K. Mills, first vice-president; George O. Knowles, second vice-president; G. M. Hall, treasurer; Worth Harvey, C. M. Shinn, Gottfried Graber and Elbert Bede, members of board of trustees.

EMINENT SCIENTIST OR IMPOSTOR HELD

'Marquis E. F. de Reymonte Said to Be Officer in Austrian Army, Investigated.

TALE RIVALS BEST SELLERS

'Doctor' Says He Is Native of Russia, Major in British and Colonel in Kuropatkin's Army—Papers Are Called Forgeries.

Is Marquis-Colonel-Doctor Edward F. de Reymonte an impostor, an Austrian alien enemy or a subject of Great Britain? It is up to the Federal authorities here, including the offices of the United States Marshal and the Bureau of Investigation, to solve this complex problem. Reymonte was arrested at Oregon City yesterday by Deputy United States Marshal Tichenor and is being held for a thorough investigation.

Otto Rose, a German, who was taken into custody at the same time, declares Reymonte is an Austrian and an officer in the Austrian army. Reymonte insists that he is a subject of Great Britain and tells a story that makes ordinary fiction tame reading.

Reymonte affirms that he is 42 years old and a native of Russia. He declares he came to the United States five years ago, took out Oregon citizenship papers in New York City and says he only recently was refused a commission in the United States Army as "he could not speak the English language." Reymonte says he was graduated from the Royal University of St. Petersburg and by reason of his knowledge of medicine served as Major in the medical corps in the British army in Egypt, afterwards serving as a colonel, also in the medical corps, in the Russian army under General Kuropatkin in the war with Japan.

Reymonte further told the arresting officers that he is heir to large holdings in Corsica. He says he was robbed of \$5000 in the East a few years ago, and this caused him to come to the Pacific Coast, where, he says, he practiced medicine for a time at Aberdeen. Before coming to Oregon City, a few weeks ago, where he found employment as bookkeeper in a paper mill office, he was located at the Hotel Federal, Third avenue and Pine street, in Seattle.

Included among Reymonte's personal effects seized by the Deputy Marshal were a sword Reymonte claims he used during the Soudan campaign in Egypt, an electric flashlight, a complete hypodermic outfit, a pair of aluminum "knucks" and countless papers, including a passport from the British Consul at Cairo, and various other similar credentials issued in France. He explained the possession of the "knucks" by saying he found them necessary for his protection against the Arabs while he was in Egypt.

Among other papers found in Reymonte's possession was a highly lithographed certificate of membership of St. Petersburg Commandery, No. 56, of Moscow, Knights Templar, to which is affixed his signature as one of the officers. Mixed in among a number of letters was also found a printed leaflet with a likeness of Reymonte and carrying beneath it the inscription: "Marquis Edward F. de Reymonte, M. D., Ph. D., D. D., Member of Board of Regents, Carnegie University, Dover, Del."

Other official documents accredited him with membership in the Academy of Physics of New York City; Washington Association of Druggists Physicians and the Naturopathic Society of America.

Independent of the representations of Reymonte's companion, Rose, whom he regards as a pronounced alien enemy of dangerous propensities, United States Marshal Alexander is satisfied that Reymonte is an impostor. This belief is strengthened by the fact that the handwriting on most of the official papers taken from Reymonte shows a pronounced similarity both in the text and the signatures. The Marshal is of the opinion that all of these papers are rank forgeries.

SPRUCE DEAL IS OFF

PRICE ASKED DECLARED TO BE TOO HIGH.

F. Boutin interests hold several exceptional tracts in Coos that operators considered.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—A recent attempt by Coos County mill operators to obtain a spruce supply from the Coos Bay Coal & Timber Company, of which Frank Boutin, of Wisconsin, is the principal stockholder, fell through because of the alleged excessive price which the company asked for stumpage. One mill manager interested in the prospective purchases said the Boutin interests demanded \$10 for the timber. Under the circumstances the deal was abandoned, although several capitalists were on the ground to close the deal.

The Boutin interests own several very fine sections of spruce timber in the vicinity of Beaver Hill, and the logs could be delivered from several different sections to tidewater tributary to Coos Bay, and also into the Coquille River, where three mills are sawing spruce stock. The latest information is to the effect the timber may be commandeered by the Government, since the available supply of first-class spruce contiguous to the mills, is not great.

There are large bodies of spruce adjacent to the Umpqua River, in the vicinity of Reedsport and Gardiner, and these may be opened before the winter is ended.

VARIED DRAWINGS PLEASE

Exhibit in Library Attracts Attention of Students.

An exhibition of drawings and designs, sketches in pencil and charcoal, water colors and has relief, occupied the whole of the topmost floor of the Central Library, at the University of Oregon art classes.

The greater number of drawings are studies in architecture. Some of the works most familiar to Oregonians are shown in photostereos and free hand drawings. Other drawings present plans for model structures, courthouses, prisons, libraries and public buildings of every type.

Some excellent sketches of living models are on display. All the work shows confidence and finish and should attract much attention from students and artists.

Clatsop Youths Enlist.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 8.—(Special.)—Seventeen Astoria young men today joined the Naval Reserve. All but three enrolled for duty as gunners on merchant steamers or transports plying the barred zone. This makes 57 Astoria boys who have enlisted in this branch of the service during the past few weeks.

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