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FORMAL NOTE WILL BE SENT ASKING PLEDGES

Facts Concerning Pending Negotiations May Be Made Public.

Berlin, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—American Ambassador Gerard today broke his collaborator in an accident. The accident happened while the envoy was skiing near Munich. He was taken immediately to Berlin for X-ray examination at a hospital. Gerard's left leg was found to be injured also, though not seriously.

First Secretary to Act. Washington, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—Joseph Drew of Boston, first secretary of the Berlin American embassy, will act as ambassador, while Ambassador Gerard is incapacitated as result of injuries. The state department learned of his accident first through the United Press.

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Senator Waxes Wrathful. Chairman Stone of the senate military committee, indulged himself today in a tirade from the shoulder language, in referring to reports that he and President Wilson had considered warning Americans to keep off armed merchantmen.

"It's a d-d lie," he said, "and the man who said it is a d-d liar."

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PACIFIC COAST "DROBER" GAME WORKED WELL

Seattle Officials Expect to Uncover Details of Alleged Syndicate of Women Blackmailers of Citizens.

SECRET CAMERA USED TO GET "EVIDENCE"

Names of Influential Men Said to Have Been Furnished in Statement.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—On a telegraphic warrant from Seattle Miss Isabel Clayberg of Los Angeles, was placed under arrest here this afternoon.

She is charged with blackmailing a millionaire Seattle lumberman, according to advice from that city.

The telegraphic warrant was served by Deputy Sheriff J. E. Fox in a newspaper office where the woman had been taken by reporters. It directed that she be held until men arrived from Seattle with extradition papers, and was signed by Sheriff Hodge.

Immediately after the arrest Fox went to Miss Clayberg's room on Coronado street to search for photographs and other alleged evidence.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—Warrants have been issued here today for the arrest of Miss Lillian Peterson of Billings, Mont., and Miss Isabel Clayberg, of Los Angeles, whose address is given as 678 South Coronado street. They are charged with blackmailing a millionaire Seattle lumberman.

According to a statement alleged to have been made to Deputy Sheriff M. E. Hally and Prosecutor Alfred H. Lundin last night by a woman examined in connection with the affair, the two women named in the warrants are members of a syndicate who have preyed upon a number of wealthy and influential men on the Pacific coast for several years.

Millionaire, multimillionaire and men of business, as well as international affairs are said to be among the victims.

Photographs Were Made. According to the alleged statement of the woman, the two women named in the warrants worked hand in hand here with a prominent firm of attorneys in bringing the wealthy dupes handsomely furnished houses situated in various parts of the city, where by clever manipulation photographs were made of the victims in compromising situations.

Frequently as much as \$10,000 and \$15,000, it is declared, were obtained from the victims were confronted with the photographs and were sold the negatives.

The list of victims reads like a "who's who" of Seattle. Actual photographs of some of the most prominent men in financial and commercial affairs here, bankers, owners of downtown skyscrapers and (Concluded on Page Twelve, Column Five)

Honeymoon in China Was an Exciting One

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Sanborn of Astoria Reach San Francisco After Thrilling Experience.

San Francisco, Feb. 22.—(P. N. S.)—A two months' honeymoon in interior China in the heart of the new rebellion provided plenty of excitement for Mrs. G. O. Sanborn and her husband who are in San Francisco today on their way to their home in Astoria, Or.

Mrs. Sanborn, an only child of G. W. Sanborn, a salmon packer of Astoria. Accidents, deaths, privations and flight formed part of the thrilling adventure of the honeymoon.

All Americans are leaving the provinces held by the Chinese rebels, Mrs. Sanborn says, fearing massacres. The Sanborns were in the province of Hangow.

Decided to Escape. When the uprising against the new Chinese monarchy began to take on dangerous proportions, Mrs. Sanborn and a number of Europeans decided to escape. The rebels were threatening and the lives of white people were in jeopardy.

All ordinary means of transportation had been destroyed and the party were forced to take to a small Chinese craft for a 400-mile ride down the Canton river. Food was scarce.

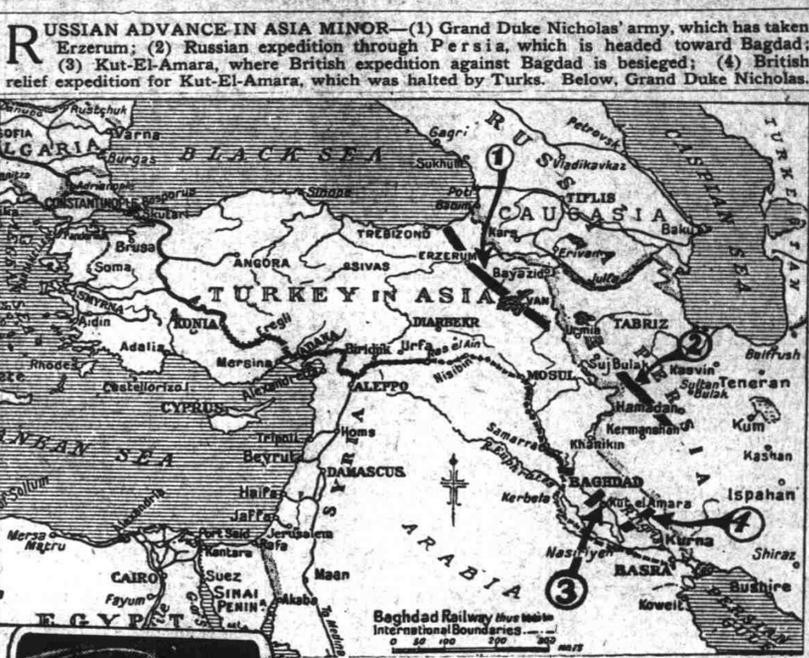
The revolt is causing great hardship among the Chinese, according to Mrs. Sanborn, and she is taking the missionaries and white people in the provinces of the interior.

These Are Drowned. Near the end of their river trip the Sanborns' boat was wrecked by a big English vessel.

Three of the party were drowned and the others were rescued with difficulty.

"For a thrilling honeymoon," said Mrs. Sanborn, "I can recommend interior China. One never knows what the next danger will be. We are in constant fear of our lives until we were safely away from Chinese shores."

Guy O. Sanborn is a son of George W. Sanborn, canneryman, of Astoria, and head of the Sanborn-Cutting company of Astoria. Mr. and Mrs. Sanborn were married in Astoria last fall, and have been on their honeymoon in the Hawaiian islands and the Orient for the past three months. Guy O. Sanborn attended the Astoria High school and Oregon Agricultural college. In both schools he was an athlete.



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GERMANS MAKE GAIN OF 800 YARDS NEAR SOUCHEZ, IN FRANCE

First Line Trenches Taken and Second Line Pierced in Attack in the Artois.

Paris, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—A gain of 800 yards through first-line trenches by the Germans in a fierce attack in the Artois district was admitted by the French war office in today's communiqué.

The Teutons made their assault after a severe sustained artillery fire.

"In the Artois district," the communiqué said, "after the violent bombardment referred to in Monday's communiqué, the Germans carried out a strong attack upon our positions in the forest of Givenchy, succeeding in penetrating our first-line front for 800 yards. The trenches were practically destroyed by the German cannonade. The enemy also succeeded in entering several points in our second-line trenches, and were ejected from some of the positions taken. At the conclusion of the fighting, the ground held by the Germans was about 800 yards in length. The enemy, whose troops numbered seven battalions, suffered heavy loss from our hand grenades, infantry and mitrailleuses."

The communiqué continued: "South-east of Roucourt the Germans exploded a mine, but we occupied the crater."

In the region of Verdun artillery activity continues unabated.

"On Monday at sunset the Germans attacked our position east of Erbrant sur Meuse, between Hainnet wood and Hebe-Bols. They succeeded in gaining a foothold in some of our advanced trenches and pushed forward to the second line. From the latter, however, they were ejected by counter attacks. We took 60 prisoners.

Our heavy artillery in upper Alsace, we repulsed two attacks.

"Heavy artillery fighting is in progress on the Chapelotte-Ban-Deux-Bois front, but did no serious damage. Our aviators chased the Zeppelin toward Metz."

326 Prisoners Taken. Berlin, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—The Germans captured 300 yards of French trenches here today in the big German attack developing to the northward of Verdun. In that district a violent artillery duel has been raging for the last 48 hours, the Germans throwing tons of shells into the French lines and the French replying with equal force.

The work of the artillery at Verdun is compared to the French cannonading at the second battle of Champagne, when the German trenches were literally blasted to pieces.

WASHINGTON'S NATAL DAY IS HONORED HERE BY FITTING EXERCISES

Public Schools Observe Occasion; Clubs Join In; Dances, Parties Tonight.

This is the 184th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, first president of the United States, and popularly "the father of his country."

In Portland it is a partial holiday, courts being closed, and schools being closed while the schools and most of the mercantile establishments are open.

Flags are flying and windows are decorated in the business section of the city and exercises of many kinds are being given by clubs, fraternal organizations and the public.

All day sessions were held in all the public schools but the day was devoted largely to exercises, conducted by the public themselves, having to do with the life and acts of Washington.

Club Gives Program. The Rotary club had a Washington dinner at 6 o'clock this evening on this noon, with former Senator Charles W. Fulton as the speaker.

The Sons of the American Revolution held a dinner at the University club tonight, to be followed by a patriotic program.

In the auditorium of Lincoln High school, the Knights of Columbus will celebrate this evening.

C. C. Chapman is to be the speaker at a joint session of the Theodor Herzl lodge of Ellettsville and the Daughters of the Covenant. The Ad club quartet, Mrs. Jane Burns Albert and Lulu Dahl Miller will sing.

A. A. Hitt and members of the staffs of the Portland daily papers will hold a Washington's birthday party and dance.

At Cotton hall the annual police ball will prove a big attraction.

A military exhibition is to be given on Multnomah field at 8 o'clock by the Oregon National Guard with fireworks, drills and sham battle.

Theatres Make Specialties. Local theatres are giving special holiday performances and many private dances and parties are planned for the evening.

County and municipal courts were closed today and the federal offices closed at noon.

Railroad ticket offices closed at 1 o'clock and most of the general offices were closed all day in honor of the occasion.

This being annual rose planting day as well as George Washington's birthday many Portlanders were out with spades to plant roses for the coming summer.

TWO STEAMSHIPS TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR FOREIGN COMPANIES

Negotiations Are Now Pending and Signing of Contracts Is Expected Soon.

Negotiations for the construction of the two 800-ton steamers here, wanted by foreign interests, are practically closed and signed contracts are expected within a day or two.

A. A. Hitt, who has been closely with other American ship yards for steamers for A. O. Andersen & Co., a prominent Norwegian ship operating concern, and officials of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and the Northwest Steel company plan a joint construction enterprise which promises to be one of the greatest industries in the city. A \$1,500,000 shipbuilding plant is to be located on the flats south of the Northwest Steel company's plant at the foot of Sheridan street which will employ in the neighborhood of 1500 men and turn out steel steamers of the heavy offshore type.

Work will commence immediately these contracts are completed. The ways will be built at the Northwest Steel Co.'s plant and the hulls of the steamers built at that point. The engines will be built at the Willamette Iron & Steel Works and installed in part as the hulls are built and finally at that plant.

It is expected that these two steamers will be for delivery in a year and 18 months, respectively. They will resemble the tramp steamers being built at the Union Iron Works at San Francisco and at the present high rate cost in the neighborhood of \$2,500,000.

Gardiner Has Army Plan. Washington, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—A bill providing for a regular army of 251,000 men was introduced in the house today by Representative Gardiner.

RUSSIAN ADVANCE IS IN STRIKING DISTANCE OF CITY OF TREBIZOND

Turk Losses Put at Almost 100,000; Three Turk Army Corps in Peril.

London, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—Russian advance guards have arrived within striking distance of Trebizond, the principal Turkish port on the Black Sea.

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POWERFUL INTERESTS NOW PLANNING USE OF PORTLAND'S WATER FACILITIES IGNORED BY INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION RULING

Beliefs Are Expressed This Port Can Convince Rate Fixing Body of Inequity of Freights Based on Mountain Haul Instead of River.

Out of the Astoria rate decision is growing the promise of steamship and steamboat lines for Portland.

Determination to utilize to the full the facilities of water transportation, which the commerce commission's decision largely ignored, is taking the place of previous inaction.

Discussion by powerful commercial interests through the Chamber of Commerce has pointed more definitely than ever before to the advantage which will accrue to Portland through the inauguration of steamship lines to Alaska, the west coast of Central and South America, and of steamboat lines to the upper Columbia and Snake rivers.

The outline of such a program, it is said, will be presented at a meeting of the managing committee of the Chamber of Commerce transportation bureau tomorrow noon.

It will be the first of many business gatherings to plan action.

Will Apply for Lower Rate. Paralleling the water transportation program will be consideration of the city's plans in respect to the Interstate Commerce commission.

The contention is that Portland will file application with the Interstate Commerce commission for lower rates than to Puget Sound or Astoria from Inland Empire points, because of course, that Portland's geographic position entitles her to lower rates.

Proximity to the interior by water grade and at the head of deep sea navigation 100 miles from the coast are advantages that can be used competitively in relation to the railroads by developing water transportation, and are also advantages, which it is felt must be taken into account by the commerce commission in future orders affecting this district.

Commission in Error. The commerce commission's decision practically made Portland a party to its Astoria decision though Portland had not been a party to the proceedings before the body.

It reached the conclusion that the rates to Puget sound had been originally based on the rates to the coast, and that the rate structure of the north-west is based upon what the Washington legislature and railroad commission deemed just and reasonable across the mountains to Puget sound. With the interior being not a party to the decision, it is believed the commission will reach the point of seeing that water grade and seaport proximity to the interior were not, in fact, elements of its Astoria decision, a decision which was based upon the proposition that Astoria had been discriminated against and Puget sound given an undue advantage.

Hope to Overturn Rate. Then the Portland case, it is said, will be fairly before the Interstate Commerce commission, and the inland Empire will be heard.

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ASTORIA ALL READY FOR FESTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE VICTORY

Open Air Meeting This Afternoon Will Be Followed by Banquet Tonight.

Astoria, Or., Feb. 22.—Astoria is ready to celebrate the victory gained by the Columbia river in the mouth of the Columbia. Never in the history of the City by the Sea has there been so much enthusiasm manifested.

A flood of telegrams reached the office of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the greater number of them being to bring the invitation to be present at the celebration today. Dr. Alfred Kinney, chairman, and the other members of the committee have been kept busy making arrangements for entertaining the guests who are to arrive on a special train from Portland this evening at 5 o'clock.

Practically every automobile in the city will be at the depot to greet the visitors who will be shown about the city and taken to the port terminals at Smith's Point. At 6:30 a banquet is to be held at the Waldorf hotel.

Fulton Will Speak. Former Senator C. W. Fulton will make the principal speech of the evening. In accepting his invitation to attend the celebration he said: "All the submarines on earth or under the sea could not prevent me from attending." Collette of the Customs, Thomas C. Burke will also be present.

G. B. McLeod, president of the Port of Astoria, in writing his answer said: "I am glad to hear of the decision, it is only making it possible to use the Columbia river gateway, therefore we must all continue the work to see that the opportunity now presented is taken advantage of."

Only Best Wishes. The editor of the Astoria Press has wired the following: "My heart is with you though my presence is not. The great inland empire is pleased that Astoria has at last fallen into her own. May she drain the tonnage of this great section where wheat is king and grow until she is second to no port on the Pacific coast."

The exercises will start this afternoon with open air drilling at 3 o'clock. Thousands will be in attendance. Well known speakers will address the crowd.

Vice President R. S. Shaw of the Chamber of Commerce will be chairman of the meeting at the Waldorf hotel. Mayor Johnson will make the address of welcome.

The executive committee in charge of the affair is as follows: Dr. Alfred Kinney, chairman; J. S. Delinger, Mayor Johnson, J. E. Grath, R. S. Shaw, J. S. Delinger and C. A. Smith.

ARMENIAN FREEDOM PROMISED BY BRYCE WHEN PEACE IS MADE

Former British Ambassador Says Race Lost 800,000 and Suffered Most.

Paris, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—Eight hundred thousand Armenians already have been massacred. They have suffered more than any other race in the world.

This was the declaration here today of Viscount Bryce, former British ambassador to the United States, who is at the head of a committee appointed for the relief of the Armenians.

"The Armenians, he continued, "have been the victims of religious fanaticism and cold-blooded cruelty. They will be given their freedom when peace terms are drawn up between the allies and the Teuton empire. I am sure America sympathizes with the allies and their cause, and that this feeling of friendship has been heightened by the knowledge that the allies are trying to help the Armenians."

Volume of Local Factory Trade Is Surprise to Many

The joy of the discoverer is the daily portents of those who read the editorial page of The Journal under the general title "Nothing but the Matter With Portland."

The volume of manufacturing that is thus being revealed is a great and happy surprise, while the range of products and the magnitude of the trade area that absorbs them are equally surprising to those who have until now lacked means of information themselves of these momentous matters. Each installment of the series is an additional and a weighty proof of Portland's eligibility to become the premier manufacturing city of the Pacific coast.

Let all read, and let all heed. Today's story, which is of that very young but very expansive institution, the Pacific Hard-luck and Toast company.

Flood Situation Worse. New Orleans, La., Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—The Louisiana flood situation grew serious again today with Avella being submerged and the streets of Ashwood and Bayville already inundated.

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