

U. S. PROTESTS TO BRITAIN REGARDING COSTA RICAN OIL

By Harry L. Rogers

Washington, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—The United States has sent a note to Great Britain dealing with the so-called Amory oil concession in Costa Rica and the alleged criticism by British officials of the action of this government in refusing to support the concession. It was learned here today.

The note was dispatched by Secretary of State Hughes April 15, being forwarded through the American embassy at London.

The communication was in the nature of a protest, having been prompted by the speech of a British official in the house of commons on March 1 during the course of which it was intimated that the American government, through its consul at San Jose, Costa Rica, had endeavored improperly to procure annulment of the concession of an oil company in which British capital was interested.

Similar charges, the communication pointed out, had been made on other occasions, and the matter had even been referred to in a formal note.

The Tinoco government, Secretary Hughes pointed out, was revolutionary in character, was never recognized by either Great Britain or the United States and had passed out of existence September 2, 1919.

The action of the American consul at San Jose, the note continued, was not authorized by the American government, though it was in line with the general policy of the United States in refusing to recognize the concessions of an usurping revolutionary government.

"Nevertheless," the note states, "it is difficult to perceive how any such action during the period prior to annulment of the concession would furnish necessarily an occasion for justifiable criticism on the part of His Majesty's government."

The Amory company was an American corporation, though it subsequently developed that British subjects owned much of its stock. From the revolutionary leader Tinoco, it got large concessions of potential oil lands in Costa Rica. The United States government had refused diplomatic support to American citizens seeking concessions from Tinoco, and it never supported the claims of the Amory company.

Approximately a year after the fall of the Tinoco government the new Costa Rican regime cancelled the Amory concession. Under date of August 12, 1920, just one day after the Amory concessions were cancelled, the British government notified the United States that British subjects were interested in the Amory company, this being, as the American note points out, the first intimation that the interests of British subjects were involved.

Two Admit Having Liquor in Possession

Salem, Or., April 19.—W. W. Smith and Bruno Boedighelmer, arrested in raids here Saturday night, charged with having liquor in their possession, pleaded guilty. Kate Hart, also taken in the raids, pleaded not guilty on a charge of disorderly conduct, while Jesse Streeter entered a similar plea to a charge of having liquor in his possession.

Malheur Reservoir Full; Bigger Crops Assured in Valley

Vale, Or., April 19.—Water began running over the top of the Warm Springs irrigation dam at Riverside at 5 a. m. Monday, showing that 170,000 acre feet of irrigation water is stored in the immense reservoir which extends for 19 miles back into the canyon of the Malheur river, or enough water for the full irrigation of close to 500,000 acres of land. The news of the filling of the reservoir reached Vale early Monday afternoon and was received with jubilation. It insures the Malheur valley with the largest crops in its history. Several people went to the reservoir from Vale to watch the first overflow and to catch some of the first water in bottles, which will be sent to Governor Olcott and to Senator Stanfield.

The Warm Springs dam was completed in January, 1920, and started to store water, but did not nearly fill last year. The present storage is sufficient for three years' needs for the irrigated lands of the Malheur valley. It is considered one of the best constructed dams in the country as it has held the water without a leak and fulfilled all the expectations of the engineers.

Ralph Williams to Attend Conference On Southern States

Ralph E. Williams, Republican national committeeman for Oregon, will leave for Washington late this month to attend a meeting of a subcommittee of the national committee appointed by Chairman Will Hays to consider and determine the future representation of the southern states at national conventions.

This subcommittee will hold its sessions in Washington and make its report to the full committee when that body meets the first of June. It is the expectation of Mr. Williams that the recommendations of the subcommittee will be adopted by the national committee as the basis upon which delegates to the next Republican national convention will be selected.

President's Auto In Near Collision With Motor Truck

Washington, April 19.—(U. P.)—President Harding's automobile narrowly escaped collision here today with a motor truck. The presidential car was forced to the curb when the truck shot out from a cross street.

The president was en route to the Union station, followed by secret service men and members of the party which was to attend the Bolivar statue unveiling in New York.

The negro truck driver brought his machine to a stop when secret service men jumped from their car.

5 Sinn Feiners Are Slain in Fight With British Crown Force

Dublin, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—Five Sinn Feiners were killed, two wounded and six taken prisoner in a battle with crown forces at Bally Murphy, County Carlow, according to word received here today. The Sinn Feiners had been surprised while drilling. The crown forces suffered no casualties.

WOMAN SOUGHT IN MURDER OF FRIEND OF FORMER KAISER

Atlantic City, N. J., April 19.—(I. N. S.)—County officials left here today for New York to seek a woman said to be the widow of Count Heinrich von Tiekler, scion of the noted Von Buelow family in Germany and a friend of the ex-kaiser, who was found mysteriously murdered in a secluded meadow in the outskirts of this city five days ago.

The slain man was known locally as Henry Buecher and was a hotel clerk and landholder in a small way. From the missing woman officials hope to clear up some of the mystery enshrouding the life of the exiled count, who, because of his club foot, was unable to perform his German military service.

No motive has been established for the murder. TAILOR WAS ONLY FRIEND—Stephen Lentz, a tailor, told the following story: "I was the dead man's only close friend in Atlantic City. He was a member of one of the oldest titled families in Germany. He was, in reality, Count Heinrich von Pickler. He was a graduate of the University of Wurzburg, district of Bavaria.

"His mother was a von Buelow, member of a famous family throughout Germany and relative of Prince von Buelow, who won fame in the world war. His mother died when Heinrich was born. There was a family row. Disgruntled over this, the young count came to America.

"He corresponded, however, with members of his family and never renounced his claim to a vast estate in Bavaria. He was a man of intellect and wonderful personality. ROBERT CALLED MOTIVE

"I don't believe there is any mystery in von Pickler's death. He was murdered by robbers. There was a blunt hole in his skull, such as may have been made by a hammer. His inexpensive watch was untouched. But in his pockets was a roll of bills totaling several hundred dollars.

"This money was taken. "The count was awaiting word at any moment to go back to Bavaria to claim his estate. I was deputized by him to receive his mail. He was forced to confide in me that his real name was Count von Pickler. He was a wonderful, lovable chap in middle life, dark gray eyes, hair and moustache streaked with gray. He was short and stout but wonderful as a linguist, a grammarian and a military tactician.

DISCOUNTS WIFE THEORY

The detectives had heard tales of many women in the case—one of whom Von Pickler married. His friend Lentz discounted this, saying: "There was no wife, no divorce and no woman in my friend's life. His mentality was too keen, his purpose of returning to the fatherland and claiming his estate too all-engrossing for him to consider any lighter pursuits. I never knew a man in the full vigor of strength who held more aloof from women. No—be certain of it; there was no woman in the case."

ASTORIANS PAY VISIT

Vancouver, Wash., April 19.—Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Grow and daughter Mildred of Astoria motored to Vancouver Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Reed, 3303 G street.

Measure Regulating Immigration Year, 50 Days Is Reported

Washington, April 19.—(U. P.)—Restriction of immigration would be put into effect on May 10 and continue until June 30, 1922, under the terms of the bill reported from the house immigration committee today.

The measure in other respects is identical with the one pocket vetoed in the closing days of the last congress by President Wilson. It limits immigration during the restricted period to 3 per cent of the nationals of each country in the United States in 1910.

Engineer Disobeyed Signals; Wreck Was Result, Says Report

Washington, April 19.—(I. N. S.)—The direct cause of the side collision between passenger trains of the Michigan Central and New York Central at Porter, Ind., on February 27, which resulted in the death of 35 passengers and two employees and the injury of 11 passengers, two employees and seven other persons, was the failure of Engineer Long of Michigan Central train No. 20 to observe and obey the signal indication of the home signal governing the movement of trains over the crossing at Porter, the interstate commerce commission announced today.

Bids to Be Opened On Interest Bonds

Salem, Or., April 19.—The state treasurer will open bids on June 1 for the sale of Oregon district interest bonds in

the amount of \$121,275. The money derived from the sale of these securities will be used in paying interest coming due on bonds issued by the Grants Pass, Ochocho, Talent and Warm Springs irrigation districts under the state guarantee law.

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riage licenses were issued Monday to Edwin H. Gilroy, legal, and Mary Coulter, legal, Portland; Veto Bavaro, 24, Ochocho, Talent and Warm Springs irrigation districts under the state guarantee law.

land: David Jones, 42, and Pearl Gates, legal, Portland; Deck Weston, 24, and Rotty Petty, 21, McMinnville; Oliver Bunker, 27, and Emma J. Smith, 26, Portland; Paul Johns, 28, and Anna M. Boyer, 29, Portland; Albert Saffler, 44, and Pauline Langevin, 40, Spokane; Gust Jaeger, legal, and Augusta Jaeger, legal, Sherwood.

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