

# Serajevo Incident Was Revealed To Wilhelm In Dramatic Fashion

## Jules Cambon in His Memories Reveals for First Time How Fatal Message Was Tossed Aboard Ex-Kaiser's Yacht in a Cigarette Case

By Jules Cambon, Last Ambassador of France at the Kaiser's Court.

Paris, Sept. 22.—One day I called on Secretary of State (for Foreign Affairs) von Kiderlen-Waechter. With all his faults he had a certain urge for honesty, sometimes displaying even a somewhat brutal frankness; among all the Germans with whom I had official dealings there was scarcely another with whom, generally speaking, I got along so well.

One day, talking to him eye to eye, I said:

"What kind of a devil was it that drove you (Germany) into the Serdar affair? Why did you do it? What was the motive, and what did it get you? It gravely compromised the relations between our two countries, almost caused a war, inflamed the nation, played point (aroused suspicion, playing point) aroused suspicion in England and even sowed the seed of hostility there—and the result of it all? Even here (Berlin) public opinion is rising against you. Germany considers itself humiliated and is convinced that it has sustained a diplomatic reverse. Why did you send that warship to Agadir?"

He reflected for a few moments then said:

"I shall answer your questions quite frankly. Last Spring our Crown Prince was in England, fox hunting. You know how the English are—how they interpret the duties of hospitality, how they captivate and charm a guest. The whole visit of the Crown Prince was one big feast. Politicians, ministers, society people, the most elegant women—particularly the latter—vied for the honor to be introduced to him and to be invited to his receptions.

Short-Sighted Hopes

"All the speeches he heard favored with sympathy with and advocacy for Germany. All these tributes, fairs and eulogies literally turned his head. He took everything on its face value and returned to Berlin with the conviction that no other prince or sovereign was as popular in England as he himself, that the majority of Britons loved Germany dearly, that England was ever ready to help her, and that France could never hope, in the event of a conflict with Germany, to be assisted by England.

"All this he told the Kaiser, subtly underlining every detail, of course. Well, there you are at the very bottom of the Agadir affair."

It has never been accurately told how the Kaiser learned of the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand at Serajevo. It was told to me a few days afterward by one who was present at that memorable scene.

The Kaiser was on his yacht, which he had entered in the Kiel regatta. He was, as usual, busy (self); he gave orders and personally directed the boat maneuver.

Suddenly a little launch appeared, making straight for the yacht at full speed; she signaled that she wanted to say something to the imperial craft. The Kaiser tried to wave her off with an impatient gesture. The launch, ignoring this, steamed nearer.

Only a few feet separated her from the racing yacht when Admiral Mueller, standing beside the pilot, signalled by pantomime that he had something to deliver. He held a piece of paper high in the air and then placed it ostentatiously in his cigarette case and dexterously threw it upon the deck of the imperial yacht. A sailor picked it up and took it to the Kaiser.

Wilhelm opened the cigarette case, pulled out the crumpled-up telegram, unfolded it, grew pale, let it drop, and merely said:

"Now I must begin all over again!"

Then he gave orders to turn and abandoned the regatta."

### Say Clark Never Was In Bandits' Hands

Mexico City, Mexico, Sept. 21.—Assertions are made here that Henry Clark, who was supposed to have been captured by bandits and held for ransom in Chihuahua, has been playing a little comedy for some purpose and that he was never in the hands of the bandits. No effort is made to explain why Clark should have attempted a deception beyond a hint that he might have thought of collecting a ransom for himself.

Clark is said to be a British subject and not an American. He is employed by the International Land and Livestock company which owns large tracts in Northern Mexico.

The assertion that Clark told of imaginary bandits is similar to the charge made against former Consul W. O. Jenkins, of Pueblo, after he had figured in a sensational \$250,000 ransom case.

### Dairy Farm Is Incorporated

Capitalization at \$80,000 the Golden West Dairy farm at Tillamook filed articles of incorporation with the state corporation department here Wednesday. The incorporators are Charles Kuns, George Watt and J. J. Rupp. The Oregon-Breckenridge Oil company with headquarters in Portland also filed articles Wednesday. The company is capitalized at \$250,000, with the following incorporators: Ira Mahon, J. E. Keith and J. W. Byrd.

Resolutions of dissolution were filed by the Pacific Oil company, N. bar N Land and Livestock company and the Wm. Fliedner Estate, Incorporated, all of Portland.

Our role in the war-torn theaters of the world seems predestined to be the bank-roll.—Columbus (S. C.) Record.

### Thornton Will Fill Vacancy On Dallas Council

Dallas, Or., Sept. 22.—A. W. Thornton was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy on the city council caused by the removal of Chas. N. Blyeu from his precinct in ward one, by the council in regular session Monday evening.

Decision to improve Birch where it abuts on the railroad property and charge the improvement to the railroad company in accordance with the provisions of the city charter was made, and City Engineer Himes was instructed to prepare plans and an estimate on the job for six-inch concrete paving. The railroad company is expected to refuse to pay for the improvement and it is expected that the matter will ultimately be carried into the courts.

The city engineer reported that contractors having the contracts for paving and graveling streets in the city will complete all of their work within the next two weeks.

Payment of \$8869 to Mr. Leo, one of the contractors doing street improvement work in the city, for 89 percent of the estimated work

### Hang Men Says Vocation Most Honorable One

Budapest, Sept. 22.—The hangman of Hungary has risen to indignant defense of his calling and denounced those who cast aspersions on it. He was prompted by unceremonious references made in the Hungarian National assembly. Friends of former Emperor Charles and the anti-Hapsburgs are always quarreling there and in some cases have shouted at one another "the hangman is your friend."

Michael Ball, the official hangman, has resented such slurs. "My vocation," he writes, to the president of the National assembly "is as honorable and useful as that of judges, lawyers, ministers or kings. Why should the old superstition hold in modern times that the hangman's profession is disgraceful, abominable and loathsome? My friends are all perfect gentlemen and any member of Parliament can consider it only flattery when he is called my friend."

### Stayton To Be Host To Hi-Y Clubs Sept. 30

Stayton will entertain the annual conference of Marion county Hi-Y clubs on September 30 and October 1 and 2, according to announcement by John H. Rudd, executive secretary of the Marion county Y. M. C. A. The presidents of the four clubs in this county will confer with Rudd Friday night on the program for the conference. Already arrangements have been made for the appearance of A. E. Yount of Portland, state boys' work secretary and W. P. Walter, city boys' work secretary at Eugene. Other prominent Y secretaries will also address the conference, it is stated.

Hi-Y clubs are now active in Salem, Stayton, Silverton and Woodburn with an aggregate membership of more than 100 according to Rudd who is planning to extend the scope of the Y work in Marion county.

Members of the county committee will meet at the Y building here Sunday afternoon in their regular quarterly conference when plans for the work in this county

will be discussed. Wives of committeemen have also been urged to attend the conference this time.

Most Polite of Bandits Operate. Chicago, Sept. 22.—They have found the "most polite" bandits in the world. Three armed men who held up Edwin Burns taking his \$300 ring and \$50 in cash, left him with this salutation: "Sorry to have bothered you; thank you very much."

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