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FALL REVEALS DETAILS OF ATTEMPT TO ARRANGE CONFERENCE WITH VILLA

No Direct Communication Between Senator and Bandit Leader, Letters Show.

Washington, July 24.—Senator Albert B. Fall, New Mexico, today made public correspondence referred to in an announcement at Mexico City yesterday as showing an attempt to arrange a conference between Fall and Francisco Villa.

None of the letters showed any direct communication or connection between the senator and the Mexican bandit leader.

Among the letters made public by Fall were two he wrote to Charles F. Hunt, El Paso broker. Included also was a letter, Fall said he had been informed the state department had intercepted. This letter was said to have been written in 1917 to Villa by Hunt, offering to arrange a conference between Villa and several influential Americans including Fall. Fall also gave out a letter he wrote to Secretary Lansing March 12, 1917, after he had been informed that George C. Carothers, the state department agent on the border, had proposed to Villa. In this letter Fall declared he had done nothing illegal and he had no apologies.

Fall made public the correspondence following an announcement in Mexico City that the Mexican government would publish letters recently captured at Juarez. One of the letters purporting to have been written by Villa to Hunt, containing a reference to "ex-Governor" Charles C. Hunt, which, it is believed here, caused Mexican officials to confuse him with Governor G. W. P. Hunt of Arizona.

The first letter written to Hunt by Villa in January, 1917, said: "If you will meet me at a place designated by you on the border I promise to bring to you conference one of the most eminent statesmen in the United States with powerful influence with both our political parties relative to questions pertaining to Mexico. I refer to United States Senator Albert B. Fall, who appreciates the Mexican people and no living American knows the conditions in Mexico better than he."

Hunt also said in the letter that he had discussed "this question" thoroughly with Senator Fall. He added that he was taking this step on his own initiative.

Hunt then wrote to Fall stating what he had done. Fall replied at length explaining his position under date of February 1, 1917. He said:

"I presume that you had simply written to Villa or some of his friends along the line of our conversation when I visited you at the hospital in El Paso and that if you had mentioned my name at all you had possibly in doing so, stated your conclusions from this conversation."

"I stated to you that in the event Villa came to border or had his representative come, that I would have no hesitancy in talking with them only and discussing Mexican matters with them, but that I would not discuss with any representative of any faction anything touching Mexico except that as a preliminary thereto. There must be an absolute pledge of respect for American lives and property, of respect for treaty"

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CABARETS HOLD OWN THOUGH BOOZE GONE

Amusement Features Draw Well Despite Weakness Of Refreshments.

New York, July 24.—The call of the cabaret is not being drowned by prohibition, save in a few dreary spots. Reports from the large cities in all parts of the country brought out the fact today that punchless punch is drawing thrill hunters to an extent scarcely suspected.

New York, for instance, where white lights burn brightest, has surrendered some of its gayest gilded amusement shops, but others are clicking right along, selling grape juice, gingerale, lemonade and buttermilk at prices high

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Bolshevik Literature Is Found On Russian Serving Sentence As "Moonshiner"

John Vassiloff, the Russian who is serving a sentence of 60 days in the county jail for manufacturing moonshine whiskey, claims no leaning towards the bolshevik ideas. However, there was found in his possession a booklet issued by the official bolshevik socialist government which he claims was distributed among working men in Portland.

The booklet is entitled: "Constitution of the Russian federated soviet republic," and is the complete constitution of what the socialists are working for in Russia.

According to this document carried about by the Russian, the land owners in Russia are in hard luck just as the farmers in this valley would be in hard luck should the bolshevik doctrine ever become effective here. For here is section A of chapter 2, of the constitution of the soviet government:

"For the purpose of realizing the socialization of the land, all private property in land is abolished, and the entire land is declared to be national property, and is to be apportioned among the husbandmen without any compensation to the former owners, in the measure of each one's ability to till it."

The Russian said that the printed copy of the Russian constitution translated into English, has been distributed freely in Portland and that the teachings of socialism were being pushed by the bolshevik element of Russia.

However, while spending his 60 days in the county jail, John Vassiloff puts in the time in scrubbing the jail floors, washing windows and cleaning the iron bars of the jail. He cannot read English but expects his family in Portland to send him some Russian literature.

Wife Sees Freedom For Mooney Through Congress

St. Paul, Minn., July 24.—Rena Mooney, accused with her husband, after the San Francisco preparedness day bomb explosion, today declared the John B. Deansmore report submitted to congress yesterday means freedom for Tom Mooney and prosecution of District Attorney C. M. Fickert, who obtained the convictions Mrs. Mooney addressed a crowd on a street corner from an ice cream freezer after police had barred her from Rice Park.

Charge Plot To Restore King Of Montenegro

Trieste, July 23.—Reports from Agram declared today that at a recent meeting of the council of state Great Britain and Italy was announced of plotting to restore Nicholas I to the Montenegrin throne.

Nicholas, former king of Montenegro, was deposed during the war by a pro-Yugoslav faction. Agram, the source of the foregoing report, is the capital of Croatia and Slavonia.

Flight Of 8,000 Miles Around States Started

Washington, July 24.—Colonel R. P. Hartz, army air service, "hopped off" today for Augusta, Maine, on the first leg of a flight around the United States totaling eight thousand miles.

Hungarian Reds, Still Led By Bela Kun, Are Driving Rumanians Back From Tisza

Vienna, July 23.—Hungarian red troops, it was learned here today, have crossed the Tisza river, defeating the Rumanian forces, and are advancing on Grosswardein.

The Hungarian reds apparently have begun the offensive plans reported in recent dispatches. Grosswardein, one of the oldest towns in Hungary, dating from the middle of the eleventh century, is 137 miles east of Budapest.

German-Americans Launch Drive To Aid Hun Victims

New York, July 24.—A campaign will soon be launched by German-Americans in this country to raise at least \$25,000,000 for the relief of war sufferers in Germany and German-Austria, according to a decision reached at a mass meeting here last night. The meeting was attended by about six hundred prominent citizens of German ancestry.

A committee of 35 men and women were appointed to conduct the campaign. It was said that similar organizations will be formed in Chicago, Cincinnati and St. Louis. Among those backing the project here are James Speyer, banker; Hubert Gillis, president of the Guardian Life Insurance company, and Victor Rieder, editor of the Staats Zeitung. It was said the meeting was sanctioned by the state department.

SHOWERS COME TO RELIEF OF FIRE FIGHTERS

Light Rain, First To Fall In Weeks, Checks Coeur D'Alene Blaze.

BURNED AREA EMBRACES AROUND 400,000 ACRES

Oregon Forests Except In Few Sections Kept Free From All Damage.

Missoula, Mont., July 24.—Light showers, the first to fall in Montana for weeks, abated the forest fires in the Coeur D'Alene country today.

Fires are still serious however along Rathbone and Burnie creeks, with the flames still spreading.

The Pack river blaze in Pend Oreille is running wild. It covers 40 square miles.

The Thompson Falls fire is under control after having burned 100 acres. St. Regis is now safe. The Evaro fire is still bad. There is a 1500-acre fire near Elk City in the Nez Perce forest. The White Fish and Columbia Falls fires are the worst burning today.

Few Fires Near Roseburg. Roseburg, Or., July 24.—Agents of the forest service here reported today that yesterday's lightning storm started 25 fires in the forests herabouts.

Forest men, however, had been warned of the approaching storm and had stationed men throughout the forests. The result was that the fires were all extinguished with slight loss.

400,000 Acres Burned. Missoula, Mont., July 24.—(United Press.)—Forest fires still threatened St. Regis today, according to reports received by the government forest service headquarters here. Thompson Falls, although still menaced, probably will escape the flames.

The most disastrous fires since 1910 have burned over 250,000 acres in Montana and 150,000 acres in northern Idaho. Thirty million feet of timber in Montana have been destroyed, 75,000.

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Telephone Strikers Given Retroactive Pay From Jan. 1

San Francisco, July 24.—That still further concessions than a slight wage increase were won by the telephone operators of the Pacific coast by the strike just ended was shown today in an announcement that they will receive retroactive pay since January 1. The wire control board in Washington made the award, according to telegrams received today from John P. Noonan, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers.

Approximately 17,000 electrical workers and telephone operators will benefit by the order. The increase, dating from January 1, will offset the loss of wages during the strike.

With the exception of Bakersfield, Cal., where the oil workers' union is backing the girls in their fight, all cities on the coast report service normal again.

PLAYMATE HIDES BODY OF DEAD FRIEND, BUT BLOOD REVEALS CACHE

Portland, Or., July 24.—(United Press.)—George Miller, Jr., aged 10, who hid the body of his playmate, Frank McCauley, aged 7, in the attic of the Miller home, admitted today that he killed the McCauley lad accidentally while showing him how to work the automatic army pistol of George Miller, Sr.

Portland, Or., July 24.—When blood soaked through the plaster of the ceiling above the bed of George Miller and his wife, they called the police to investigate.

Above them for two days and nights had lain the naked bleeding body of Frank McCauley, aged 7, killed with an army automatic pistol.

The George Miller, Jr., aged 10, told his story. He said he had found his playmate dying from the bullet wound. After the boy died, he said, he carried the body into the bath room, removed all the clothing and washed away the blood. Then, he said, he carried the boy to the attic and hid it, too frightened to tell.

Blood stains were found in the bath room and in the closet through which a trap door leads into the attic. Blood stains also were found on the floor, but the lad had washed away many of the stains.

His story as told in a frank manner. He will tell it today to Coroner Smith. For two days J. C. McCauley, Frank's father, had conducted a search for his little son. Creeks had been dragged. No arrests have been made. The coroner and juvenile court will handle the case.

New York Judge Says 2.75 Percent Beer Intoxicating

New York, July 24.—Beer of 2.75 percent alcoholic content is intoxicating, according to the war time prohibition act and the revenue laws, Judge Thomas J. Chaffield of the United States district court in Brooklyn held in a decision announced today.

The decision was in answer to a demurrer filed by attorneys for Martin Schmauder, who held an indictment charging Schmauder with violating the law by selling beer after July 1 did not specify that 2.75 beer was intoxicating. Judge Chaffield held that Schmauder must plead to the indictment.

It was indicated the case probably will be carried to the United States supreme court.

Illinois Bank Looted Of Securities Worth \$100,000

Hillsboro, Ill., July 24.—The State Bank of Dannelson, Ill., 12 miles south of here, was looted of liberty bonds and other securities valued a between \$50,000 and \$115,000, early Wednesday morning, it was learned today.

Charles E. Mansfield, president of the bank declared today the registered liberty bonds and negotiable papers taken amount to \$50,000. He said the unregistered papers and securities may increase the loot to \$115,000.

Crowds Swarm Chautauqua Tent To Hear "Commoner" And Miss Ida Tarbell Speak

That portion of the Salem population that managed to squeeze in and about the chautauqua tent last night is today the most enlightened crowd in Marion county as to domestic and international problems, having absorbed all that William Jennings Bryan and Miss Ida M. Tarbell could tell them in the course of two hours and a half.

Both speakers dealt with subjects and situations that have been emphasized by newspapers "ad nauseam," but these two distinguished people coming from actual close contact with the powers and tribunals that are negotiating for the destiny of a world, brought to that audience both information and inspiration.

Miss Tarbell, who spent four months at the peace conference, not only gathered data but with a woman's keen intuition analyzed the situation in which the delegations found themselves, and was able to show her audience the enormity of the task and the reasons for both delay and compromise. She gave a minute description of the conference and its surroundings; of the various personalities at the table, among whom the president of the United States stood recognized as the leading spirit; of the petty differences and demands that came like stinging gnats to distract attention from the main issues. Listening to her visualizing account of all these things, her audience was brought to see that the civilized world is fortunate in great reforms that have been, or about to be, effected and unsatisfactory peace treaty that we have. Admitting that this treaty contains elements of future discord, Miss Tarbell sees in it the basis of a world's hope. She was heard with the most respectful attention, due to one of the strongest personalities of the day.

By the time the "Great Commoner" came to the platform every seat in the fringe of the tent was occupied and a fringe of tardy ones stood about the side walls. He greeted his audience as old-time friends, for it was in Salem, more than 25 years ago, that he made his first address on a great public question and he has visited the city many times since. He spoke, not with the fire and fluency of the days of '16 to '17 but with a force and conviction born of a quarter of a century of experience and observation. Probably no man on earth is in better position to say "I told you so" than Bryan, and he managed to extract a lot of humor out of the fact.

The opening portion of his address was devoted to a review of the four

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U. S. SHIPPING BOARD TO BUILD WORLD'S TWO LARGEST VESSELS SOON

New Liners Will Be 50 Feet Longer Than Largest Ship Afloat and Faster.

Washington, July 24.—Two gigantic ocean liners, swifter and larger than anything afloat, will be built by the United States Shipping Board, it was announced today.

Each vessel is designed for a speed of 30 knots, making it possible to cross the Atlantic in less than four days, the board said. They will measure about 1000 feet in length, 50 feet longer than the Leviathan, now the largest vessel afloat.

The new liners will have a beam of 100 feet, a gross tonnage of 25,000, a draft of 35 feet; a depth of 74 feet and are each to accommodate 3000 passengers, 1000 saloon passengers, 2000 second cabin and 1200 stowage.

The crew will number 1000 officers and men. The ships will each be driven by four propellers upon which will be thrown the strength of 110,000 horsepower. They will be of the oil burning type, with a steaming radius of seven thousand miles. This means they can make a round trip across the Atlantic without refueling an hour's time in refueling fuel.

The vessels will be built with a view to converting them immediately into commerce destroyers in event of war.

The liners are to be divided and subdivided into compartments so as to make them unsinkable. They will be fitted with an inner and outer "skin."

The decision to build the liners came following a conference by Chairman Hurley of the shipping board, the chief constructor of the navy and presidents of the shipping yards. Hurley asked the navy department to take general charge of construction work, while a committee consisting of Admiral R. W. Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction; Homer L. Ferguson, president of the Newport News Shipbuilding company; Joseph Powell, N. A. Beeland, president of the New York Shipbuilding company; H. G. Mull, president of the Cramp Shipbuilding company, and W. F. Gibbs, navy architect, would supervise all details connected with the undertaking. Gibbs drew the plans for the ships. The shipping board will pay all expenses.

What company will build the ships is not known. Fort Pond Dry Dock at the eastern end of Long Island, may be selected as a terminal for the ships. A commission has been appointed to investigate and report on the feasibility of this feature of the plan.

Crazed Mother Kills Little Daughter And Then Herself

Hollister, Cal., July 24.—(United Press.)—Apparently swept by a sudden craze, Mrs. J. D. Berwick early today placed a gun at the head of her nine-year-old daughter, Jessie, and blew the child's brains out. She then shot herself through the head, dying shortly afterward.

Mrs. Berwick is the wife of the local manager of the Hiram-Hammond Lumber company. Berwick is unable to account for the woman's act.

BRYAN BLAMES SALEM FOR SHAPING CAREER

Invitation To Speak Here Swerved Him From Plan To Quit Politics.

William Jennings Bryan rather blames Salem for his political career. In an address last evening at the dinner tendered him at the Marion hotel he said that about 24 years ago, after serving in congress, he had about decided to retire from politics and take up the practice of law.

About that time he received a letter from Judge William Galwey who at that time was a member of the state fair board, asking him to talk on the silver question at the state fair. At

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What's more aggravatin' than puttin' your pet corn toe against th' baby's iron toys when lookin' fer a light. Lots o' wives' dispositions boil over a hot stove.