

KING OF GREECE IS ASSASSINATED

WARRIOR-MONARCH SLAIN AT SALONIKI

Was in Personal Command of His Troops During the Earlier Months of the Balkan Campaign.

POPULARITY ENHANCED BY SUCCESS IN WAR

Murdered Ruler Was Brother Queen—Mother Alexander of England—Constantine Successor.

By Associated Press. Saloniki, March 18.—King George of Greece was assassinated here this afternoon.

King George, who had taken personal command of his troops during the earlier period of the war, had been here since December, when the Turkish fortress was occupied by the Greeks after a short siege.

The queen of Greece also has been there and has paid great attention to the care of the sick and wounded.

King George in December had a meeting here with King Ferdinand of Bulgaria to discuss the fate of the captured Turkish territory after the war.

King George was in his sixty-eighth year and had ruled 50 years. He was a brother of Queen Mother Alexandra of England and a son of the late king of Denmark.

A previous attempt to assassinate him was made in 1898. It was unsuccessful.

King George was married in October, 1867, to Princess Olga, eldest daughter of the Grand Duke Constantine of Russia, a brother of the late Emperor Alexander II.

Crown Prince Constantine, who has been in active command of the Greek troops throughout the Balkan hostilities and who was at the head of the army which recently captured the Turkish fortress of Janina, with its garrison of 22,000 men, will be the successor of his father. His wife is Princess Sophia, a sister to the German emperor.

No Word at Washington. Washington, March 18.—The Greek legation here had received no official word of the assassination of King George up to 3 o'clock this afternoon and the press report caused the greatest surprise.

Members of the legation spoke of the king as greatly beloved by his people, this sentiment having been further developed by his active participation in directing affairs of Greece through the recent critical affairs of the Balkan conflict.

The state department similarly was without official advice.

BRYAN IN SPRINGFIELD; NOT PRESIDENT'S ENVOY

Says Wilson Did Not Send Him to Illinois in Senatorial Contest.

(By Associated Press) Springfield, Ill., March 18.—William J. Bryan, secretary of state, had no "secret message" from President Wilson concerning the Illinois legislative body today.

Mr. Bryan asserted he came more as a private citizen, "speaking to those who are invested with great responsibility" than as an envoy.

Only in the most general terms did Mr. Bryan refer to the complex Illinois political problem.

"I am not here to tell you what you ought to do," he said. "I decline to tell, even if I am asked, for two reasons. In the first place, the responsibility is not upon me, it is upon you. In the second place, your knowledge must be more complete than mine."

Springfield, Ill., March 18.—The eleventh joint ballot on the long term for United States senator resulted in no choice.

TILLMAN SUSPECTS "DEAL" IN SENATE

South Carolinian's Utterance, When He Found Martin Had Abandoned Leadership Contest for Appropriations Chairmanship—Becomes Public.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 18.—Senator Tillman's unusual speech in the democratic caucus last Friday when he failed of acceptance as chairman for the appropriations committee became public today when it was printed in full under authority of the senate. References to Senator Martin's activities leading up to his selection for the appropriations chairmanship have aroused general discussion in congressional circles.

Woman Again Conscious After 19 Years "Sleep"

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., March 18.—Local physicians are puzzled today over the case of Mrs. Carrie B. Jordan of this city, who yesterday suddenly regained control of her mental faculties after suffering for 19 years from a form of aberration which rendered her entirely oblivious of her surroundings.

Mrs. Jordan's first request was that her daughter, whom she had last "seen" as a two weeks old baby, be brought to her. The daughter is now Mrs. Pansy Rowe of Atlanta and is herself the mother of two children.

OBLIGING PORTER FETCHES A BISHOP WHISKEY IN HOTEL

Sent for a Drink, He Brings Firewater, to the Dismay of Kansas Town.

By Associated Press. Lawrence, Kans., March 18.—A hotel porter's mistake in assuming that a Methodist bishop who complained of being thirsty wanted whiskey instead of water has started an investigation that probably will lead to the exposure of persons here engaged in the illegal sale of intoxicants.

"I am thirsty; please get me a drink," the bishop said to the porter who showed him to his room in a local hotel yesterday.

"Certainly, sir," replied the porter. Five minutes later he returned and handed to the churchman a bottle of whiskey.

The incident was reported to the city and county officials, who have taken steps to learn who supplied the liquor.

80 SMALL VESSELS SUNK; 50 DROWNED

By Associated Press. Hamburg, March 18.—Eighty ships, mainly small craft, were sunk off this city early today in a southwesterly hurricane. Twelve deaths have been reported and it is thought that the death list may reach 50 persons.

DIXIE FLYER WRECKED

Six Persons Slightly Injured When Fast Train Is Ditched Near Macon.

By Associated Press. Macon, Ga., March 18.—Six persons were slightly injured this morning when three sleepers and one day coach of the Dixie Flyer, Chicago to Jacksonville, were ditched 2 1/2 miles south of this place on the Georgia Southern and Florida tracks.

By Associated Press. London, March 18.—Methods of the government in dealing with militant suffragettes were discussed in heated fashion in the house of commons today.

WILSON FAVORS BUDGET SYSTEM

One of His Chief Hopes Is to Set Government Finances in Better Order.

DIRECT SENATORIAL ELECTION IS URGED

The President Insists that New Jersey Promptly Adopt Resolution for that Reform.

By Associated Press. Washington, March 18.—President Wilson is in favor of a budget system for the conduct of the government finances. He made public today a letter written on January 20 from Trenton to Senator Tillman expressing the hope that a budget system might be worked out after he got to Washington.

President Wilson wrote in part: "Ever since I was a youngster I have been deeply interested in our method of financial legislation. One of the objects I shall have most in mind when I get to Washington will be conferences with my legislative colleagues there with a view to bringing some budget system into existence. This business of building up the expenses of the nation, piece by piece, will certainly lead us to error and perhaps embarrassment."

This promises to be a quiet week socially at the White House. President Wilson will observe holy week. He wrote a letter to a friend today declining an invitation to a theater, saying that he would be glad to go some other time than this week, which by so many people is especially devoted to the more serious concern of religion.

Four hundred school girls were to be received in the east room of the White House today. Secretary Redfield of the department of commerce arranged to escort one party from Brooklyn. Other school delegations from Northborough and Framingham, Mass., and the girls of the Normal school of Newark, N. J., also were to meet the president.

It became known today that the president not only telegraphed to democratic leaders in the New Jersey state senate yesterday to secure the passage of the jury reform bill, but that he had urged the prompt adoption of the resolution providing for the direct election of United States senators. Telegrams were received at the White House today from State Senator Davis stating that the jury reform bill would go through the senate without the referendum amendment and would be so presented for reconsideration to the house.

FLIGHT MAY MEAN LOSS OF \$300,000

Human-Hair Importer Nowhere to Be Found—Big Fraud Suspected.

By Associated Press. New York, March 18.—Private detectives are scouring the country today in search for Antonio Musica and his son Philip, who disappeared recently coincident with the discovery of alleged irregularities in connection with importations of human hair.

Behind the transactions, according to banks concerned, lurks a possible loss of \$300,000 here and abroad. The American Bankers' association, acting for the complainants, the Bank of Manhattan, the Anglo-South American bank and the Bank of Montreal, is prosecuting the search.

So far only one bank, the Anglo-South American, has fixed its exact loss. To cover this an attachment for \$134,687 was issued against the firm of A. Musica & Son.

Antonio Musica, the father, is 70 years of age and formerly was a cheese importer. As such he was charged with underweighing frauds by the government some time ago, but the son, Philip, 18 years old, took all the blame and was sentenced to a year's imprisonment. Subsequently this was commuted by President Taft.

Wilson May Attend Unveiling. Washington, March 18.—President Wilson today took under advisement an invitation to attend the unveiling of a memorial to the heroes of the battleship Maine, in New York on Wednesday, 623. The president believed he might be able to attend before the 70th anniversary of the battle.

By Associated Press. Marshalltown, Iowa, March 18.—One man was killed and 14 persons injured, several seriously, when a 207 1/2 ton mine train crashed through a bridge north of this city today.

INDICT ELEVEN IN BANK FRAUD

Cox and Cincinnati Associates Accused of Misapplication of \$115,000 and the Abstraction of \$352,500 Note from Trust Company—Make Bond.

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, O., March 18.—George B. Cox, former president of the Cincinnati Trust company, two former officers of the company and eight members of the board of directors were named in the sealed indictments returned by the Hamilton grand jury yesterday. The indictments charging the bank with intent to injure and defraud the Cincinnati Trust company.

Those against whom indictments were returned for illegal loans to the Ford & Johnson company are: George B. Cox, Charles H. Davis, Norman G. Kennan, James F. Heady, James M. Hutton, C. N. Miller, N. S. Keith, and F. R. Williams.

The following were indicted on the charge of abstracting the \$352,500 note: George B. Cox, J. M. Crawford, Charles H. Davis, David C. Edwards, James F. Heady, James M. Hutton, N. S. Keith, F. R. Williams and O. V. Parrish.

Note Fraudulently Cancelled. The indictment charging abstraction of the note alleges that the men named in the indictment, having control of the funds of the company, converted to their own use a promissory note of the trust company for \$352,500 and that the men who were liable for the note cancelled it and entered it as paid in the company's books when it had not been paid.

College Baseball Season Getting into Full Swing. New York, March 18.—College baseball already started with some minor games, will get into full swing in the south before the week is up. Princeton, the first of the big college teams to get into action this year, will open its season tomorrow with the North Carolina university team at Raleigh.

Seventy New Warrants Issued for "Firebugs". Chicago, March 18.—The remarkable extent of the arson frauds by means of which insurance companies have been swindled out of millions of dollars was disclosed today, when Judge Wade in the municipal court issued 70 warrants for persons implicated by evidence in the hands of Assistant State's Attorney J. Johnston.

CLEVELAND MEMORIAL DEDICATED AT CALDWELL. Ceremonies Take Place at Manse Where Late President Was Born.

By Associated Press. Caldwell, N. J., March 18.—The wooden house where Grover Cleveland was born was dedicated today as a permanent memorial to the dead president. The day's formal program began with the transfer of a purse of \$17,610 in payment for the house, purchased by the "Grover Cleveland Birthplace Memorial association" from the trustees of the First Presbyterian church.

PRACTICAL JOKE RESULTS IN DEATH FROM RABIES. Fifteen Years Old Boy Saves Many Lives and Loses His Own.

By Associated Press. Chicago, March 18.—Fred Piepher, 15 years old, died of rabies in a hospital today, the victim of a practical joke—a joke which might have cost the lives of 20 other pupils in the schoolroom with him had he not risked his life. He is now called the hero of Strausburg, Ill.

130 MEN ENTOMBED. It Is Believed Miners Trapped in Kentucky Shaft Will Be Rescued, without Fatalities.

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WATER POWER DEVELOPMENT

Plans for Utilizing 56,000 Horse Power from Green River—Immense Dam at Potts Shoals.

GREAT COTTON MILL SAID TO BE CONSIDERED

Rumor Also Has It That Electric Railway from Rutherfordton to Asheville Will Be Built.

Special to The Gazette-News. Hendersonville, March 18.—Big hydro-electric power development and electrical railway construction are to be expected in this immediate section in the near future, unless all signs fail and rumor is utterly discredited.

It is stated—and your correspondent believes the authority to be mainly reliable—that the company of capitalists who have purchased several thousand acres of land lying along Green river having finally won out in the courts are now in actual possession of the properties. These lands include the immense water power of Green river at, above and below Potts shoals, including "the Narrows," and it is understood that the company will proceed to develop this tremendous power, building a dam 164 feet high and 270 feet long at Potts shoals, and then conveying this water through huge steel pipes or flumes down that deep declivity for a mile or more, thus obtaining a fall of 800 feet all told.

Practically all the water of Green river will be utilized, and 56,000 horse power generated, according to the estimates. The dam location is seven miles from Hendersonville, and near the railway, so that a spur can be easily constructed to convey building material. It is estimated that a year will be required to complete the vast bulk of concrete masonry.

A Million Dollar Cotton Mill. Contingent upon this power development, it is understood, a great cotton mill, an investment of a million dollars, is to be built near Flat Rock. The transmission of power to large industrial enterprises in the Greenville and Spartanburg sections is also in contemplation.

Electric Railway. Equally reliable information, apparently, is to the effect that the North Carolina Interurban Railway company will proceed, at no very distant time, to construct an electric line from Rutherfordton to Asheville, via Chimney Rock, to cross there on a bridge more than 100 feet high. Thence it runs up Reedy Catch creek to a point near Slick Rock inn; thence it loops and gradually climbs alongside and around Bear Wallow mountain, at an elevation of 250 feet above the valley, going on to Hickory Nut gap and through it by a cut 40 feet deep. Direct from there it goes to Fairview, then to Biltmore, paralleling the Southern railway a short distance, passing up near St. Genevieve's college, crossing Southside avenue near Oates field, thence up the street to the Cox estate building, with a terminal station in front of the Southern Express office.

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