HAMPER SHIPMENT OF WAR MUNITIONS

Scheme Was To Attach Clockwork Bombs To Rudders of Ships Departing

FIVE ARE INVOLVED, ONE MAKES CONFESSION

Lieut. Fay Admits He Came Steps Taken To Induce Trunk To This Country Through Agreement With German Secret Service With Purpose of Trying To Disable Ships Carrying War Material

(By the Associated Press

New York, Oct. 25 - Details of a plot to hamper the shipment of muni-tions of war to the Allies by placing clockwork bombs on the rudders of clockwork bombs on the runders of propellers of ships, so timed that the ships would be disabled on their way across the Atlantic were disclosed to-day in the confession of one of five men charged in a complaint filed with a United States Commissioner with consolracy to violate a Federal statute. Following upon the confession of Following upon the confession of Robert Fay, a lieutenant of the 16th Robert Fay, a 'leutenant of the 18th Saxony infantry, who said he came to this country last April, through an agreement with the German secret service to blow, up or delay steamers laden with war supplies for the Allies, William J. Flynn, chief of the secret service, tonight filed before. United States Commissioner Houghton a com. States Commissioner Houghton a com plaint in which, not only Fay, but four other men are charged with promoting the conspiracy. The hearing on the Frderal charge was set for No-

Fay Confesses.

Fay confessed that while on the ettlefield he talked with his superior officers about a device to blow up ahips, that later his idea of coming to America and carrying his scheme through was well received by the German secret service, that he came well enough supplied with money to act on his own responsibility and that he talken with Captain Von Papen, militalken with Captain Von Papen, mili-tary attache, and Capt. K. Boy-Ed, naval attache of the German embassy, about the plan, but they had refused to have anything to do with it. The confession of Fay, who said he had been decerated with the iron cross for fighting in France, covers his arrival in the United States on and 22 lear his making of clock-

April 23 last, his making of clock-worked hombs since and his experi-menting with explosives along the Hodson river. Ovantities of seld in the room occupied by Fay, and Walter L. Scholz in Weebawken, N. J., and boxes contained chlorate of potash, used in making bombs, in a boat bouse on the Hudson, had been found after the arrest. of these men Sunday Scholz, a brother in law of Fay, is a

Two Other Arrests. Two other men were arrested today and another, making the fifth, was named in the complaint, but he had not been apprehended. The new ar-rests were: Faul Daeche, Jersey City, N. J., who said he was a graduate of Colorne University and came to the United States in 1912. Dr. Herbert Kienzel, 28 years old.

in the complaint with having aided in procuring explosives materials used by Fay, was consmitted to the tombs r examination on November 4. Max Breituns, about whose identity

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PLEADS FOR ARMENIANS

Persian Consul General Asks This Country to Stop Turk Shaughter. Washington, Oct. 25.—H. H. Topak-yan, Persian consul general to the United States. Culpmitted to Secretary Lansing today an appeal to the United States to do everything in its power to end the slaughter "and persecution of Armenians by the Turks."

Armenians by the Turks.

In the memorandum Mr. Topakyan declared that the uprisings against the Christian Armenians had resulted in 500,000 persons being driven from their homes, tortured or murdered. It was impossible to estimate, the siain he said. Thousands, he declared, who had taken refuge in Egypt and Asia Minor, were facing starvation. Secretary Lansing assured Mr. Minor, were facing starvation.

Secretary Lansing assured Mr.

Topakyan that the government was

doing all it possibly could under the circumstances. He said he would present the appeal to President Wil-

Pianned, Says Bryce.
London, Oct. 25.—Viscount Bryce,
former British ambassador at Washington, speaking at Manchester today
on the Armenian Massacres said:

The Turkish government made up its mind immediately after the war started to destroy the whole Armenian populace. Some members of the Turk-ish government avowed that their mowas to insure that there s not be any element throughout the country which was no Mehammedan. Fanaticism had nothing to do with it. "The Turkish government feared

begin its sanguinary work until April when the course of the war conrom interference." other incident of the war, de-

Ng other incident of the war, de-clared Viscount Bryce, could com-pare in magnitude with the horrors of the Armenian massacres. But pro-tests accompilsh nothing. All the English people could do was to send all the help possible to the Arms

HONOR FOR TAR HEEL

Ralph Graves Is Made City Editor of New York Times. New York, Oct. 25,—Ralph H. Graves, a native of Chapel Hill and a graduate of the State University, suc-ceeds the late Arthur Greaves as city editor of the New York Times.

Costa Rica Recognises Carran

San Jose. Costa Rica, Oct. 25.—An-nouncement was made today that the Costa Rican government had officially recognised the de facto government in Mexico, of which General Carranus is the head.

UNCOVER PLOT TO MELLEN LETTERS

Show How New Haven Road Undertook To Crush Its Principal Competitor

REQUIRED PREPAYMENT OF FREIGHT CHARGES

Line 'Railroads To Route Traffic Over New Haven .nstead of New England Road. Rules Devised, U. S. Contends, To Injure Competitor

(By the Associated Press)

New York, Oct. 25 -Letters to and from Charles S. Mellen, which he identified for the jury today in the trial of the eleven New York New Haven and Hartford directors on the charge of monopolizing New England's transportation traffic, furnished

lands transportation traffic. Iurnished written evidence of the steps taken by the New Haven road to crush its principal competitor, the New York and New England Railread Company. The letters, duting back to 1883 and 1894, set forth the action taken by the New Haven to require the prepayment of freight charges by the New England on traffic interchanged between the two roads at connecting points and the steps taken to induce the trunk line railroads outside of New England to route their traffic over the New Haven instead of over the New England road.

"Our bifterest antagonists" was the appellation given to the New England in one letter from Mr. Mellen to Charles P. Clark, president of the New Haven, in discussing the question of the business the New England was getting from trunk lines entering New York. York. Mr. Mellen then was second vice-president in charge of traffic. New England Protests. "Your whole intention seems to be York.

to drive us out of business. If you can," wrote H. C. Randolph, then general traffic manager of the New England, to Mr. Mellen in protesting against the requirement for the prepayment of freight charges.

Mr. Mellen wrote back that "no railroad is bound under any existing law to make joint rates, billing or divisions with any other railroad unless its finds it as for its interest to do so. What you aim at is to continue to drive us out of business, if you

What you aim at is to continue taking business to or from our local points by absorbing our arbitrary rate and then expect us to furnish the

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PORTER CHARLTON WILL SERVE ONLY 29 DAYS RANDOLPH PROBE

Rome, Italy. Oct. 25 .- (Via Paris) -Forter Charlton, the American who has been on trial here charged with murdering his wife in 1910, today was condemned to six years and eight months imprisonment. The jury found Charlton only par-

extenuating circumstances. Owing to amnesty, Charlton will

serve only 29 days in prison Baron Sciacca, the presiding judge before the case went to the jury ask ed Charlton whether he had anything to add to the defense. With tears in his eyes, Charlton exclaimed: "I trust entirely in Italian Justice. I can only say that I am a most unfortunate

Both the prosecutor and the counse Both the prosecutor and the counsel for the defense made stirring pleas, the former for the imposition of a heavy sentence and the latter, composed of Signors Gataneo and Michelli Picardi, for acquittal on the ground that the prisoner was totally irresponsible when the crime was commitman in Charlton's condition could be responsible for his actions under any

Porter Charlton killed his wife in refer villa on Lake Come June 9.

1910. He was 20 years old and she many years his senior. She was Mrs.

Neville H. Castle, a daughter of Henry H. Scott, of San Francisco.

Chariton's father is Paul Charlton, former Federal Judge of the district of Porto Rice. of Porto Rico.

Charlton and his bride were on their honeymoon when he killed her. Plac-ing her body in a trunk he threw it into Lake Como, where a boatman found it. Chariton fied, returning to the United States. He was arrested when he landed at Hoboken and immediately confessed.

TRAIN GOES OVER HIM. YET HE WILL RECOVER

(Special to The News and Observer).

Rocky Mount, Oct. 25.-One of the nost remarkable escapes from death so far as is recalled by some of the oldest citizens hereabouts in railroad history was that of late Friday af-ternoon at South Rocky Mount, in which B. B. Gregory, a flagman, sus-

which B. B. Gregory, a fiagman, sustained injuries and severe bruises.

The young man was at work on top of a coal car which was being shifted, when in some way, while the train was moving at a fair rate of speed the dumper doors under the bottom of the car, became unlocked or broke and the car load of coal was precipitated under the train and a small quantity, probably a fifth of the carload through the small holes made by the V shape in the release of the floor. It was through the small v It was through the small V shaped hole that the young man was thrown with great force to the ground, without a wheel striking him, or be-ing mangled in any way by being

ing mangled in any way by being drauged by the train.

The young man was hustled to the Rocky Mount Shiltarium where a careful examination discloses severe bruises over his entire body while his greatest injury was in having his left shoulder crushed. While he will never again have normal use of his left arm, so physicians think, they likewise declare that he will recover. e that he will recover

Panama Canal Traffic Absolutely Shut Off By Slides in Gaillard Cut

How earth slid down from Gold Hill to the left.

Narrow channel which must be dug out every day to permit row boat passage.

Questions

By H. E. C. BRYANT)

(Washington Staff Correspondent.)

Washington, Oct. 25.—The Depart

eral, and it is not likely that the con-

troversy will be brought to Washing-

The allegations, which have been

man and Representative Page, the Democratic candidates for the Senate

and House of Representatives of the United States Congress, respectively, in

the last election, should complain formally that they had been defrait and out of elections, then Uncle Sam might

take a hand if the case presented seemed strong enough. The Depart-ment of Justice cannot and will not interfere in State or county elections. Call On Butler For Aid.

Last summer, after a compromise, giving the county offices in dispute to two Republicans and one Democrat,

had been agreed to by some of those

Eliott. North Carolina, asking for his

assistance. Mr. Butler called for more facts. A. B. Coltrane and Charles H

Redding, Randolph county Republi-

are now trying to secure affidavits to

support their charges against the Democrats of Randolph. When asked as to his attitude to-

ward the Randolph controversy, Mr.

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FAIR, NOT WED, SAYS DUKE

Henderson, Oct. 25,- "The idea of

marrying Miss Blanche Taylor, of Kinston, never crossed my mind." This was the assertion today of Ed-

ward L. Duke manager of The South-ern News Company, of this place, in denial of the charges by Sheriff Tay-

"I went to Raleigh on last Wednes

"Several days before Miss Taylor wrote me that she would attend the Fair on that day, but I did not see her there. The report that we had planned to marry is untrue."

(Special to The News and Otmorver)

AT RALEIGH TO VISIT

"I accepted employment

ans furnished additional facts to Mr.

opponents of Senator Over

ton for settlement:

ederal questions

(Special to The News and (Specier)

These photographs shows the stu- photo and completely blocked the every day from the mud rising in the pendous work ahead before Panama canal, which was \$90 feet wide at Canal can again be opened to navigation. Thousands of tons of earth and the dredgers at work Reeping clear the narrow passage which permits a tone left as shown in the upper row boat to get through. This fills of feet mayigation will be resumed.

AUTO ON BRIDGE, NOT ASKED OF U.S. OWNER IS MISSING

Allegations Touching Elections T. E. Cannon, of Ayden, Disap- All But One of Victims of Pitts-Involve State, Not Federal pears; Possibly Met Foul Play or Accidentally Drowned

(Special to The News and Observer) New Bern Oct 25 - Early this the matter on with the attorney gen-

morning a five-passenger touring car owned by T. E. Cannon, of Ayden, ment of Justice has not been asked to investigate the alleged election irregularities in Randolph county in the bridge of Trent river. In the bottom of the car was a hat which the matter on with the attorney can. was later identified as that of Mr. Cannon who is a prominent citizen Later in the day a party of men formally made, involve State but not

from Ayden, who had come over to aid in the search for the missing man, stated that he left there tast night en route to New Bern with more than a hundred dollars on his person.

is believed that he went James City for some purpose and was there set upon, robbed and killed and his budy thrown in lo the river. Searching parties have dragged the river, but have failed to find any trace of the bedy.

Cannon is known to have been

Cannon is known to mave been drinking yesterday before he left Ayden. He has a wife and several children there. The case is a mysterious one and baffles the police.

Avden Profoundly Stirred.

concerned, an appeal was made to ex-senator Marion Butler, who at that time was rusticating at his farm at Ayden, Oct 25.—The entire city of yden is stirred to its depths by a telephonic message received here from New Bern this morning stating that the automobile of Mr. Eugene Cannon, of this city: had been found hanging over the rails of the Neuse r. Still Mr. Butler desired more Messrs. Coltrane and Redding river bridge and that his hat was found in the car, but the occupant was not to be found. Later reports are to the effect that it is thought that Mr. Cannon met with foul play or was accidentally drowned. Mr. Cannon left this city late yesterday afternoon it has not been ascertained whether he was accompanied by any

EDISON'S GREATEST HONOR CHILD HANGS ITSELF

Inventor Touched By Parade School Children. (By the Associated Press).

San Francisco, Oct. 25.—Thomas A. Edison with Luther Burbank, the naturalist, and Victor Herbert, the composer, today reviewed a parade of school children who marched at the Panama-Pacific Exposition in honor of the inventor. lor, of Lenoir county, contained in a dispatch from Kinston several days ago, which quoted the officer as hav-ing information that Mass Taylor had planned to wed the local man at Ral-

When the last child had passed Mr. Edison turned to his wife, saying: "It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me."

Medals, essays and various other gifts from the children were handed

burg Blaze Are Young Women

(By the Associated Press

Pittaburg, Pa., Oct. 25 - Thirteen persons were killed and eight injure by a fire in a four story building th company except one. Many of the bodies were so badly burned as to make identification difficult. Mayor Joseph G. Armstrong at once ordered that the police, city council and the coroner make thorough investigation of the fire.

straw in the rear of the first floor of the building. Wm. C. Kimbel, gen-eral masager of the box factory, at once warned the girls employed on

The flames started in a

ways and fire escapes was soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing room for their hats and the men found a ma-jority of the bodies. Sensa : Rescues.

Joseph L. Bash, aged 24, and A. J.

Seagle, employed on the of the building, were about to jump when they were attracted by screams of girls in the window abo The men told the girls to jump. (The men told the girls to jump. One by one as the girls leaped, Bash and Seagle caught them lowered them as far as they could and then let them drop to the sidewalk. C. R. Carisse, driver of a transfer wagon, drove his wagon into an alley in the rear of the building and threw up a rope to girls in a window above. After making one end fast, they slid down the .ope to

Margaret Steigerwald, aged 17, who was injured by fumping from a thirdfloor window, said she and five other girls were trapped in the building (Continued on Page Three.)

IN SWING, ACCIDENT

(Special to The News and Observer)

LaGrange, Oct. 25.-The fifteenmonths-old child of Mr. Carlyle, a tenant on the farm of Mrs. Julia Hodges, was found dead yesterday afternoon, having accidentally hung itself in a swing while playing with another small child.

Hopewell Fire Small Affair.

girls from the children were handed to Mr. Edison.

King George on Visit to Troops.

London, Oct. 25.—King George is in France, whither he has gone to visit the British army. He hopes also to see some of the allied troops.

(By the Associated Prus).

Hopewell, Va., Oct. 25.—Superintendent Allen of the DuPont powder plant said today that earlier reports of last night's fire in the boiler room of the factory had been greately exaggerated, the damage not exceeding a few thousand dollars. The firse is now not believed to have been caused by external influences.

HAY-MAKES KNOWN PLAN FOR DEFENSE

Insures Mobilization of Full Strength of Administration Forces Behind Program

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE COMMITTEE SPEAKS

Head of Senate Committee On Germans Said To Be Having Military Affairs Had Previously Indicated Position As Favorable: Secretary Garrison Delighted With Position of Virginian .

(By the Assortated Fress.)

Weshington, Oct. 25.—Mobilization of the full strength of Administration rces in support of the national deferse program apparently was assur-if today when Representative Hay, of Virginia, chairman of the House Milltary Affairs Committee, after a con-ference with President Wilson an-nounced himself in favor of the army increase plans.

Benator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Commit-tee, has approved the proposal to build up a regular and continental army of more than a militon men in army of more than a million men in six years. Formal publication of the plans will follow Senator Chamber-lain's conference with the Fresident next week. The navy \$500,000,000 five year huilding program already has been approved by both House and Senate lenders. Senate leaders.

Carrison Breaks Silence.

Senate lenders.

Garrison Breaks Silence.

The importance attached to Representative Hay's announcement was indicated by the fact that soon after it was made Secretary Garrison broke the silence he had maintained as to army plans ever since he received President Wilson's letter directing him to have prepared a comprehensive review of the nation's military needs and recommendations for strengthening the national defense.

Mr. Garrison issued this statement:

"I am, of course, delighted. This will insure the best possible results. With the aid of Mr. Hay's experience and skill in formulating the measures and his powerful advocacy in support thereof, success in the House is assured. I understand that Senator Chamberlain, of the Senate Military Committee, takes a precisely similar attitude so that there will be heavy cooperation and united efforts the interested in seeing this vital (Continued on Page Three.)

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DUMBA DENIES RUMOR HE WAS AVOIDED ON SHIP

Berlin, Oct. 25.—(Via London.)— Dr. C. T. Dumba, former Austro-Hun-garian Ambassador at Washington. who arrived here yesterday from the United States, today gave out the fol-

lowing interview.
"As to the causes which necessitated

sary to review it.
"But if you ask me if the tales are true which were spread about my trip fell upon the plazzetta of the Cathe-which reached a climax in the report drai of St. Mark and in front of the that people on board the steamer avoided me. I can only reply that the opposite is true. My wife and I felt opposite is true. My wife and I felt ourselves under the necessity of conducting ourselves with reserve toward our fellow travelers. It was they who

"I can only say that not only the p Americans but also the British marine

LAWYERS TO GET THEIR FEES ON OMNIBUS CLAIMS

(By H. E. C. BRYANT.) Washington, Oct. 25 .- The court of

Congress by declaring it unconstitu-tional. That means that attorneys cannot be limited to a certain per cent in fees for collecting these claims and that the lawyers will get a large share of the money that should have been paid years a.go. North arolina is interested in many of these claims.

PROMOTED TO LIEUTENANCY. Son of Dr. T. M. Jordan, of Raleigh,

Receives Raise of Rank. (Special to The News and Observer.) Washington, D. C., Oct. 25.—Leelle LaFayette Jordan, of the United States Navy has been promoted by Secretary Daniels to lieutenant, junior grade, his promotion to date from March 7th last. He has finished the Lieutenant Jos third year as ensign

third year as ensign. Lieutenant Jor-dan was born in Raleigh August 30, 1886. He was appointed to the Navan Academy July 6, 1966, and is a son of Dr. T. M. Jordan. San Salvador Follows Suit. San Salvador, Republic of Salvador Oct. 25.—The government sent a mes-sage by cable today to its minister at Washington embodying instructions respecting the recognition of General

Carranza by the Salvadorian govern-

Nephew of Dreyfus Killed.
(By the Associated Press.)

Paris, Oct. 25.—Sub-Lieutenant Emile Dreyfus, nephew of Alfred Dreyfus, has been killed in action with his regiment, the thirty-second artil-lery. Although only 24 years of age Lieutenant Dreyfus had won the mili-tary cross of the Legion of Honor.

Wilson To Address Church Council, Washington, Oct. 25.—President ward agair to Columbus, Ohio, December 10, Hent to deliver an address before the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ

SERBIA'S POSITION HIS APPROVAL OF NOT DESPERATE, IS VIEW OF EXPERTS

Things Not Going Well For Teuton Invaders and Bulgars Retire in One Quarter

SERBS, PROBABLY, CAN HOLD OUT FOR WEEKS

Great Difficulty in Securing Reinforcements; Italian Offensive Compelling Austrians To Strengthen Their Lines; French Also Active

(By the Assectated Press)

London, Oct. 25 .- While the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaigns in northern and eastern Berbia are being carried out according to the plan, despite fierce Serbian resistance, and the Bulgars who crossed the Timok and hold the town of Prahovo are sepanted from the Garmans who crossed hold the town of Prahovo are sepa-rated from the Germans who crossed the Danube near Orsova by only a few miles, in the south things are not go-ing well for the invaders. In the latter region the French troops have joined with the Serbs and according to French accounts have inflicted a severe defeat on the Bulgarians at Krivolak, forty miles north of the point where the Saloniki-Nich railway crosses the Serbo-Greek frontier. Bulgars in Awkward Position.

Bulgars In Awward Position.
This success places the Bulgarians who reached Istip, Veles and Using in rather an awkward position, for a further advance of the allied army would seriously threaten their fank. In fact unofficial reports state that the advance of the French who are seing closely followed by the British has already caused the retirement of the Bulgars toward Strumitsa.

The first desire of the Germans, however, is to open a route through

owever, is to open a route through (Continued on Page Eight.)

ONLY FEW OF CREW OF PRINZ ADALBERT SAVED

Berlin, Oct. 25. via London—Only a small part of the crew of the German cruiser Prinz Adalbert sunk by a British submarine in the Baltic, was rescued, according to the following official statement today, saying:

"A telegram from the man general staff dated October 23 states that the Carranaa Prinz Adalbert was sunk by two shots from an enemy submarine

two shots from an enemy submarine off Libau. Unfortunately only a small portion of the crew would be res-Cued."
The complement of the Prins Adalbert was 557 men.

TEUTON AEROPLANES RAID CITY OF VENICE

(By the Amodated Press)

Rome, Oct. 25.—Via Paris,—Teu-tonic aeropianes last night made two separate attacks with incendiary bombs on the city of Venice, according to an official announcement given out my return to Vienna I need not go into detail. The case has been treated so fully in the press that it is unnecessured by the roof of a church and crushed the celling, which was ornament-ed with sculpture. Another missile fell upon the piazzetta of the Cathe-

> "Enemy aeroplanes made two attacks separated by a short interval upon Venice last night, throwing many bombs, some of which were incendiary, The first atack was at about

"One homb fell on the roof of the officers on board were most friendly to us in every respect. During our landing and stay at Falmouth we were treated with every courtesy by British officers."

One bomb lell on the root rate of the country led to the ceiling which was ornamented the ceiling which was ornamented with beautiful sculptures of Thepolo. An incendiary bomb fell upon the plazzetta of the Cathedral of St. Mark, in front of the ducal palace, without doing any damage. Five other bombs fell either in canals or upon places in the city where only slight damage was produced.

aeroplanes returned at about 11 claims knocked out section four of the ormibus claims bill passed by the last wood. Two other bombs exploded without doing any damage. No one

> Rome is Indignant. Rome, via Paris, Oct. 25,-The Rome, via Faris, Oct. 28.—The Rome newspapers express indignation at the bombardment of the faminus Scalzi church in Venice and the destruction of the Tiepolo frescoes. The news of the raid has stirred the people of Rome to an extraordinary de-

> gree.
> The Giornale d'Italia in announcing the partial destruction of the edifice, concludes with the hope that "the pious emperor and his faithful archdukes may be happy that the weight of their wrath has fallen upon the church."

Raided Second Time.

Rome, Oct. 24.—Via .aris.—Another air raid on Venice occurred at 8:40 o'clock this morning. Three Austrian aeroplanes dropped several bombs on the city. Three persons were slightly injured. The damage was in-

War Summary

Heavy fighting continues in the Balkans on the Russian front from the Gulf of Riga through Galicia on the Austro-Italian line and in the Champagne region of France. In the Balkans the Teutonic allies In the Balkans the Teutonic alliand issignment against the Serbs almost everywhen but in the south the French have decisively defeated the Bulgarians a way, mutheast of Veles giving the control of the line some forty miles the north of the Greek frontier.

In Champagne the French warding of German center attack warding of German center attack against a section of an important a leut known as "La Courtine" which the French had captured. Some

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