

UNCOVER PLOT TO 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 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 munitions of war to the Allies by placing clockwork bombs on the rudders or propellers of ships, that the ships would be disabled on their way across the Atlantic were disclosed today in the confession of one of five men charged in a complaint filed with a United States Commissioner in New York, a conspiracy to violate a Federal statute.

Following upon the confession of Robert Fay, a lieutenant of the 16th Saxon 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 complaint in which, not only Fay, but four other men are charged with promoting the conspiracy. The hearing on the Federal charge was set for November 4.

Fay Confesses.
Fay confessed that while on the battlefield he talked with his superior officers about a device to blow up ships, that later he came to this country 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 talked with Captain von Pappen, military attaché, and Capt. K. Boy-Ed, naval attaché 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 decorated with the Iron Cross for fighting in France, covers his arrival in the United States on April 23 last, his making of contacts with the German secret service, his working with explosives along the Hudson river, quantities of acid in the room occupied by Fay, and Walter L. Scholz in Westchester, N. Y., and boxes containing chlorate of potash, used in making bombs, in a boat house on the Hudson, had been found after the arrest of these men Sunday, Scholz, a brother in law of Fay, is a mechanic.

Two Other Arrests.
Two other men were arrested today and another, making the fifth, was named in the complaint. The new arrests were Paul Daech, Jersey City, N. J., who said he was a graduate of Columbia University and came to the United States in 1912.

By Herbert Kienzel, 28 years old, manager of a cloak company charged in the complaint with having aided in procuring explosives materials used by Fay, was committed to the toms for examination on November 4.

Max Breitman, about whose identity (Continued on Page Eight.)

PLEADS FOR ARMENIANS

Persian Consul-General Asks This Country to Stop Turk Slaughter

Washington, Oct. 25.—H. H. Topakyan, Persian consul general to the United States, today submitted 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."

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 slain he said. Thousands, he declared, who had taken refuge in Egypt and Asia Minor, were facing starvation.

Secretary Lansing assured Mr. Topakyan that the government was doing all it could under the circumstances. He said he would present the appeal to President Wilson.

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

MELLEN LETTERS GIVE EVIDENCE OF MONOPOLY WORK

Show How New Haven Road Undertook To Crush Its Principal Competitor

REQUIRED PREPAYMENT OF FREIGHT CHARGES

Steps Taken To Induce Trunk Line Railroads To Route Traffic Over New Haven Instead 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 written evidence of the steps taken by the New Haven road to crush its principal competitor, the New York and New England Railroad Company.

The letters, dating back to 1913 and 1914, 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 bitterest antagonist" 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.

Mr. Mellen then was second vice-president in charge of traffic.

"Your whole intention seems to be 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, billings or divisions with any other railroad unless it finds it is for its interest to do so. What your aim is to continue taking business from us 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

(By the Associated Press)
Rome, Italy, Oct. 25.—(Via Paris)—Fortier 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 for the crime. The jury found Charlton only partially responsible and that there were extenuating circumstances.

Owing to amnesty, Charlton will serve only 29 days in prison.

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.

These photographs show the stupendous work ahead before Panama Canal can again be opened to navigation. Thousands of tons of earth and loose rock slid down from Gold Hill at the left as shown in the upper photo and completely blocked the canal, which was 200 feet wide at this point. The lower picture shows the dredgers at work keeping clear the narrow passage which permits a row boat to get through. This fills every day from the mud rising in the bottom, due to the pressure of the hills on the side of the cut.

The length of the closed passage is 1,500 feet. When this is opened to a width of 100 feet navigation will be resumed.

RANDOLPH PROBE NOT ASKED OF U. S.

Allegations Touching Elections Involve State, Not Federal Questions

By H. E. C. BRYANT
(Washington Staff Correspondent.)

(Special to The News and Observer)
Washington, Oct. 25.—The Department of Justice has not been asked to investigate the alleged election irregularities in Randolph county in 1914; Senator Overman has not taken the matter up with the attorney general, and it is not likely that the controversy will be brought to Washington for settlement.

The allegations, which have been formally made, involve State but not Federal questions.

If the opponents of Senator Overman 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 defeated out of elections, then Uncle Sam might take a hand if the case presented seemed strong enough.

The Department 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 concerned, an appeal was made to ex-Senator Marion Butler, who at that time was rusticated at his farm at Elliott, North Carolina, asking for his assistance. Mr. Butler called for more facts. A. B. Coltrane and Charles H. Redding, Randolph county Republicans, furnished the facts to Mr. Butler. Still Mr. Butler desired more facts. Messrs. Coltrane and Redding are now trying to secure affidavits to support their charges against the Democrats of Randolph.

When asked as to his attitude toward the Randolph controversy, Mr. Butler said: "I accepted employment

AUTO ON BRIDGE, OWNER IS MISSING

T. E. Cannon, of Ayden, Disappears; Possibly Met Foul Play or Accidentally Drowned

(Special to The News and Observer)

New Bern, Oct. 25.—Early this morning a five-passenger touring car owned by T. E. Cannon, of Ayden, was found hanging over one side of the bridge of Trent river. In the bottom of the car was a hat which was later identified as that of Mr. Cannon, who is a prominent citizen of Ayden.

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

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

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

AYDEN PROFOUNDLY SORROWED

(Special to The News and Observer)
Ayden, Oct. 25.—The entire city of Ayden 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 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 but it has not been ascertained whether he was accompanied by any one or not.

THIRTEEN DEAD IN BOX FACTORY FIRE

All But One of Victims of Pittsburgh Blaze Are Young Women

(By the Associated Press)

Pittsburg, Pa., Oct. 25.—Thirteen persons were killed and eight injured by a fire in a four-story building the two upper floors of which were occupied by the Union Paper Box Company here today. Of the dead, all were young women employed by the 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.

The flames started in a pile of saw in the rear of the first floor of the building, were about to be extinguished by the fire department, but were rapidly, however, that saw was so rapidly and fire escapes were soon cut off. Some of the girls attempted to go to the dressing room for their hats and other things. A man found a majority of the bodies.

Rescues.
Joseph L. Bash, aged 24, and A. J. Seagle, employed on the building, were about to jump when they were attracted by the screams of girls in the window above. 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. Carlisle, 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 rope to safety.

Margaret Steigerwald, aged 17, who was injured by jumping from a third-floor window, said she and five other girls were trapped in the building.

CHILD HANGS ITSELF IN SWING ACCIDENT

(Special to The News and Observer)
LaGrange, Oct. 25.—The fifteen-month-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.
(By the Associated Press)
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 greatly exaggerated, the damage not exceeding a few thousand dollars. The fire is now not believed to have been caused by external influences.

HAY MAKES KNOWN HIS APPROVAL OF PLAN FOR DEFENSE

Insures Mobilization of Full Strength of Administration Forces Behind Program

CHAIRMAN OF HOUSE COMMITTEE SPEAKS

Head of Senate Committee On Military Affairs Had Previously Indicated Position As Favorable: Secretary Garrison Delighted With Position of Virginian

(By the Associated Press)
Washington, Oct. 25.—Mobilization of the full strength of Administration forces in support of the national defense program apparently was assured today when Representative Hay of Virginia, chairman of the House Military Affairs Committee, after a conference with President Wilson announced himself in favor of the army increase plan.

Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, has approved the proposal to build up a regular and continental army of more than a million men in six years. Formal publication of the plan will follow Senator Chamberlain's conference with the President next week. The navy \$500,000,000 five year building program already has been approved by both House and Senate leaders.

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 of them, 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 hearty cooperation and united efforts in the Senate. This is a splendid and heartening and all those who are interested in seeing this vital

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DUMBA DENIES RUMOR HE WAS AVOIDED ON SHIP

(By the Associated Press)
Berlin, Oct. 25.—(Via London)—Dr. C. T. Dumba, former Austro-Hungarian Ambassador at Washington, who arrived here yesterday from the United States, today gave out the following statement: "As to the rumors which necessitated my return to Vienna I need not go into detail. The case has been treated so fully in the press that it is unnecessary to review it."

"But if you ask me if the tales are true which were spread about my trip which reached a climax in the report that people on board the steamer avoided me, I can only reply that the claims knock out section four of the omnibus claims bill passed by the last Congress by declaring it unconstitutional. That means that attorneys cannot be limited to a certain percentage in fees for collecting these claims and that the lawyers will get a large share of the money that should have been paid years ago. North Carolina 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.—Leslie 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 third year as ensign. Lieutenant Jordan was born in Raleigh August 30, 1886. He was appointed to the Naval Academy July 6, 1906, and is a son of Dr. T. M. Jordan.

San Salvador Follows Suit.
(By the Associated Press)
San Salvador, Republic of Salvador Oct. 25.—The government sent a message by cable today to its minister at Washington embodying instructions respecting the recognition of General Carranza by the Salvadorian government.

SERBIA'S POSITION 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

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

(By the Associated Press)
London, Oct. 25.—While the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaigns in northern and eastern Serbia are being carried out according to the plan, despite fierce Serbian resistance, and the Bulgars who crossed the Timok and held the town of Prashovo are separated from the Germans who crossed the Danube near Orsova by only a few miles, in the south things are not going 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-Nish railway crosses the Serbo-Greek frontier.

Bulgars in Awkward Position.
This success places the Bulgarians who reached Iatip, Veles and Ustup in rather an awkward position, for a further advance of the allied army would seriously threaten their flank. In fact unofficial reports state that the advance of the French who are using close cooperation with the British already caused the retirement of the Bulgars toward Strumitsa.

The first desire of the Germans, however, 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 naval general staff dated October 23 states that the German cruiser Prinz Adalbert was sunk by two shots from an enemy submarine off Libau. Unfortunately only a small portion of the crew would be rescued."

The complement of the Prinz Adalbert was 557 men.

TEUTON AEROPLANES RAID CITY OF VENICE

(By the Associated Press)
Rome, Oct. 25.—Via Paris.—Teutonic aeroplanes last night made two separate attacks with incendiary bombs on the city of Venice, according to an official announcement given out here today. One of the bombs fell upon the roof of a church and crushed the ceiling, which was ornamented with beautiful sculptures. Another missile fell upon the piazzetta of the cathedral of St. Mark and in front of the ducal palace.

The text of the statement follows: "Enemy aeroplanes made two attacks on the city of Venice last night, throwing many bombs, some of which were incendiary. The first attack was at about 10 p. m. One bomb fell on the roof of the church Deglie Schiavi. It crushed the ceiling which was ornamented with beautiful sculptures of Tiepolo. An incendiary bomb fell upon the piazzetta 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."

The aeroplanes returned at about 11 p. m. One bomb fell in the court of an arms house and set fire to piles of wood. Two other bombs exploded without doing any damage. No one was hurt."

Rome is Indignant.
Rome, via Paris, Oct. 25.—The Rome newspapers express indignation at the bombardment of the cathedral of St. Mark in Venice and the destruction of the Tiepolo frescoes. The news of the raid has stirred the people of Rome to an extraordinary degree.

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

Halted Second Time.
Rome, Oct. 25.—Via Paris.—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 insignificant.

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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 and Bulgarians are gaining ground against the Serbs almost everywhere but in the south the French have decisively defeated the Bulgarians at Krivolak on the Saloniki-Nish railway, southeast of Veles, giving them control of the line some forty miles to the north of the Greek frontier.

In Champagne the French are warding off German center attacks against a section of an important road known as "La Couronne" which the French had captured. Some (Continued on Page Eight.)