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SIXTEEN BOMBS IN N. Y. MAIL ADDRESSED TO MEN OF PROMINENCE

Each Infernal Machine Contained Dynamite Enough To Blow Recipient To Pieces

CLEW LEADS TO BELIEF THAT FOREIGNERS ARE THE GUILTY PERSONS

Insufficient Postage, Packages Being Sealed, Caused Them To Be Detected; Description of The Murderous Engines; Two Sent To Judge Landis and Alabama Congressman Suspected and Failed To Do Damage; Senator Hardwick's Clew

(By the Associated Press.) New York, April 30.—Sixteen bombs in parcel post packages, addressed to sixteen prominent men, each containing sufficient dynamite to blow the recipient to pieces, were discovered among the mail at the general postoffice here today.

A preliminary investigation convinced the postoffice authorities that they had unearthed a country-wide plot of terrorists to assassinate highly placed persons as a demonstration on May 1.

A sweeping inquiry by postoffice inspectors, agents of the Department of Justice and police experts was begun one day into the activities of anarchists and "reds" in this city.

At the same time a warning was issued by the district attorney's office to all public officials, especially judges, to watch for packages which might be delivered to them and a guard was thrown around the criminal courts building.

The intended victims. The addresses on the sixteen packages seized here were all typewritten. The style and a couple of minor errors led officials to believe that the addresses were done by a foreigner. The addresses were:

- William M. Wood, Boston, Mass. Mr. Fredk. C. Howe, Comm. of Emigration, New York, N. Y. Hon. Mitchell A. Palmer, U. S. Attorney General, Washington, D. C. Mr. Anthony Cominetti, Bureau of Immigration, Washington, D. C. Hon. Wm. B. Wilson, Secy. of Labor, Washington, D. C. Senator T. Larry Eyrna, Chester, Pa. Mr. Wm. H. Lamar, Solicitor General, Washington, D. C. Mr. W. H. Finch, Depart. of Justice, N. Y. Hon. A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General, Washington, D. C. Hon. J. F. Hylan, Mayor, N. Y. City, N. Y. Rich E. Enright, Police Commissioner, N. Y. City, N. Y. John P. Rockefeller, Pocantico Hills, Tarrytown, N. Y. Mr. Wm. J. Schaffer, Attorney General, Harrisburg, Pa. Gov. Wm. C. Sproul, Chester, Pa. Hon. Oliver Wendell Holmes, United States Justice, Washington, D. C. Ir. J. P. Morgan, New York City, N. Y.

What Stopped Transmission. A slip on the part of the sender of the infernal machine, coupled with the sharp twist of a postoffice clerk, were all that prevented the bombs from being delivered. The sixteen packages were mailed Saturday night in a box somewhere in the neighborhood of 30th street and Broadway. They had the correct postage for the parcel post but were sealed with red wafers and therefore could be accepted only as first-class matter. Accordingly they were sent to the general postoffice to be referred back to the sender. Each parcel had the name of the Gimbel Brothers printed on it, and the department store was notified but failed to answer.

Early this morning Charles Kaplan, a postoffice clerk, while on his way some from work read in a morning paper of the bomb sent to Senator Hardwick of Georgia. The description of the package containing the bomb struck him and he hurried back to the postoffice and examined the detained parcels. He then notified the superintendent of his suspicions and the packages were sent to Chief Postoffice Inspector W. E. Cochran.

Explosives Called In. Explosive experts were called in by Inspector Cochran and one of the parcels was opened. It contained a small ball fastened to the top of a polished brass cylinder in such a manner that the cylinder could not be opened without breaking the bottle. The breaking of the bottle would release a chemical which in turn would ignite three fulminate of mercury caps resting on a stick of dynamite. The whole bomb showed evidences of skilled workmanship.

Gimbel Bros. Repudiate Label. Later in the day a representative of the Gimbel Brothers called on Inspector Cochran and after examining the parcels declared the wrappings had never originated in the department store. He pointed out that the side coverings were of highly glazed, expensive type of paper, such as would not be used by any department store for mere wrapping purposes. The inner box containing the wooden cylinder was also made of a very fine grade of green cardboard, unlike any in ordinary use. Each of the parcels measured eight inches in length, two in depth and two in width. On the back of each parcel was in Red: "Novelties—A Sample." Inspector

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EARMARKS SHOW ORIGIN OF BOMBS

Every Agency of Government at Work To Track The Anarchistic "Reds"

New York, April 30.—Every agency of the national and municipal governments was at work tonight trying to track the "Reds" responsible for the terrorist bomb plot which has startled the country.

From all the information available tonight it was apparent the makers of the bombs hoped to exterminate every one who has been prominently involved in the prosecution of deportation of members of the I. W. W.

Mad About Investigation Law. Not only were officers of the immigration bureau marked for destruction but also authors of the bill which would have stopped immigration for a year. This measure would have made it difficult for Russian radicals to gain access to this country.

Agents of the Department of Justice said they believed the mailing of the bombs was timed to cause a reign of terror on May Day, observed throughout the world not only by peaceful labor organizations but the most pronounced radical. It was recalled that radicals in this country had threatened a demonstration on May 1 in behalf of Thomas J. Mooney, under sentence of life imprisonment in California for murder in connection with a bomb outrage.

Grievance Against Intended Victims. The deductions of the government agents were based on the list of those who have received the bombs and the names on the wrappers of the infernal machines seized in the postoffice.

Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle, who brought to a sudden end the "general strike" instituted by the I. W. W. in his city, was the first to receive one of the deadly packages.

Former Senator Thomas W. Hardwick of Atlanta, Ga., author of the Senate bill to stop immigration, was the second. His wife was injured when the bomb exploded.

A bomb was received tonight by Representative John L. Burnett of Gadsden, Ala., former chairman of the House Committee on Immigration.

Another of those marked for destruction was Judge Kenneth Mountain Landis of Chicago, before whom William D. Haywood and his followers were tried and found guilty.

Bombs also were sent to Charles M. Fickert, district attorney of San Francisco, and his assistant, Edward Cunha, who were prominent in the

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ONE-HALF OVER, BUT ONE-QUARTER SOLD

Total Subscriptions Victory Loan Officially Reported \$1,130,697,000

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 30.—The Victory Liberty Loan campaign was one-half over tonight with only one-quarter of the total officially reported subscribed. Reports to the Treasury up to tonight showed subscriptions of \$1,130,697,000.

Subscriptions by districts and percentages of quota are as follows: Districts. Subscriptions. Per Cent. St. Louis \$101,437,000 52.0 Chicago 228,953,000 35.0 Minneapolis 53,395,000 33.9 Boston 122,859,000 32.7 Kansas City 53,639,000 27.4 Richmond 53,725,000 25.5 Cleveland 111,989,000 24.4 San Francisco 54,879,000 18.0 Atlanta 26,132,000 18.0 New York 243,700,000 18.0 Philadelphia 66,977,000 17.8 Dallas 14,886,000 15.5

SAYS SENATE WILL RAIFY LEAGUE

Bryan Thinks It Will Not Be An Issue in National Campaign in 1920

EVEN HARD CIDER IS TOO WET IN WASHINGTON NOW

New Tax Applied To Public Automobiles and Jitneys Explained; Tax Goes With The Vehicle; Movements of Tar Heels and other N. C. News From Washington

(News and Observer Bureau, 602 District National Bank Bldg. By S. R. WINTERS. (By Special Licensed Wire.) Washington, April 30.—Hon. William Jennings Bryan, who is a pronounced advocate of universal peace, in a newspaper interview today, forecasts the ratification of the league of nations plan by the Senate, and declares "I haven't seen any argument yet made against the league plan that deserves an answer."

"While the amendments have materially improved the covenant, I favored accepting it if necessary in the form in which it was originally printed. I thought it better to risk the dangers that might come in the old league rather than endure the certain evils of the old system. The proposed league is a long step toward permanent peace, and I am very glad the nations represented at Versailles have unanimously approved it in its final form. I have no doubt it will be ratified by the Senate by a very large majority."

"I haven't seen any argument yet made against the league plan that deserves an answer. These were changes suggested which merited consideration, and several of the changes have already been made. But objections to the general plan indicate an attitude which argument cannot combat. One objection, not a senator, took the position that man is an animal, that animals will fight and that therefore enduring peace is impossible. This is the idea of Nietzsche, who repudiated both Christ and God."

"Some even go so far as to regard war as desirable. You cannot expect such a person to accept the league, because the league proposes to furnish a substitute for war on the theory that war is neither desirable nor necessary. Wait until the issue is presented in the Senate and see how far senators will take the responsibility of voting against the league. I doubt if there will be half a dozen."

Asked whether the league would be an issue next year, Mr. Bryan said: "Only in the states of the men who vote against it, and then it will be a personal issue, because the ratification of the treaty will have settled it as a national issue."

Hard Cider Vender Fined. The stringency of the enforcement of the prohibition laws in the District of Columbia is suggested in an illustration noted today whereby Jacob Rubin, a grocer, was fined \$300 and sentenced to thirty days in jail for selling apple cider containing more than 6 per cent alcohol. Tar Heel apple cider manufacturers would term the beverage as "hard" cider, and so did the police court justice. The Washington grocer purchased three barrels of cider three months ago at 50 cents a gallon and was retailing it for 80 cents a gallon when the officers halted his profitable transactions.

Public Vehicle Taxes. Automobile owners and the operators of "jitney" lines in North Carolina are subjected to a levy under the new revenue laws. Here are some facts that might prove handy to automobile owners:

The special automobile tax, which became effective January 1 last, provides for payment of \$10 on cars having a seating capacity of more than two and not more than seven, and a tax of \$20 having a seating capacity of more than seven.

If a roadster is advertised by the manufacturer as having a seating capacity of three, then \$10 is due. The tax cannot be transferred from one car to another. Another tax must be paid on a new car.

Movements of Tar Heels. Jonathan Daniels, son of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Daniels, is spending his spring vacation from the University of North Carolina at the Daniels home in Washington.

T. B. Ward, assistant clerk to the Senate Finance committee, received a letter today stating that Frank Hampton, secretary to Rocky Mount, was ill at his home in Rocky Mount. He is confined to his room with some fever.

M. B. Beaman, secretary to the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, and Walter Watson of Raleigh, are visitors to the National Capital.

Reports to the railroad administration today show 243,000 employees in the Southern States had subscribed to \$4,219,000 of the Victory Loan during the first six days of the campaign.

WEATHER AGAIN HALTS TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT

St. Johns, N. F., April 30.—After announcing intention to start their trans-Atlantic flight this afternoon, the two rival aviators abandoned their plan for a flight today on the receipt of unfavorable weather reports.

RUMANIANS CONTINUE ADVANCE ON BUDAPEST

ITALY'S CHIEF IMPERIALIST



Sonnino, foreign minister, has been consistently and always for a greater Italy, without regard to the claims of other peoples. An Italian ministry resigned because of differences in the country over his annexationist plans at the opening of the peace congress. But Sonnino stayed. Orlando, prime minister, at one time differed with Sonnino but he now is backing the position taken by the foreign minister.

RAISE MEMORIAL FUND FOR SOLDIERS

State Daughters of Confederacy Will Help Veterans of The World War

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR WORTHY AT UNIVERSITY

Reports of Officers and Committees Feature Business Sessions of Convention at Wilson; To Co-operate With Confederate Veterans in Arranging For State Reunion

(Special to the News and Observer.) Wilson, April 30.—The State division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy today completed here the raising of money for endowing a memorial scholarship at the University of North Carolina, which is to be available for Tar Heel soldiers who fought for a "re-united country" with the same patriotic devotion that their fathers did for the "Lost Cause" a half century ago.

The completion of this fund was only one of many matters receiving attention at today's session of the 22nd annual convention of the division, which opened last night and will close tomorrow evening. Following a "welcome evening" the division began its business sessions today and made splendid headway, all of the officers and all of the committees with two exceptions having made their reports today. Officers will be elected at the session tomorrow afternoon.

Many Social Features. Tonight the visiting delegates were guests at an elaborate reception held at the Commonwealth Club. Many social events, including numerous dinner parties, are being given by the Wilson women and the convention is declared to be a great success.

The session today was opened with the singing of General Lee's favorite hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," and the invocation was pronounced by Dr. J. M. Mercer. Former presidents of the division were introduced to the convention as follows: Mrs. H. A. London, Mrs. L. W. Faison, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. Marshall Williams, Mrs. Eugene Little and Mrs. E. Moffett.

After the reporting of the credential committee, Mrs. Jackie Daniel Thrash, the retiring president, submitted an annual report, which presented very completely the work of the division during the past year.

Another interesting report was that of Mrs. J. A. Fore, of Charlotte, retiring historian of the division, who for the second time has won the Raines historical banner awarded by the general division.

Special attention was given to the reports of the committees on education and on war relief, both of these being very close to the hearts of the Daughters.

Miss Mary DeVane made an appeal in behalf of books for the soldiers and sailors and the Daughters pledged to help in this work. Mrs. Reid, of

ONE YEAR AGO TODAY

London reports resumption of tremendous artillery fire all along the battle front in Flanders. A powerful Hun attack is hurled against the Americans who occupy a short sector west of Villers-Bretonneux. The attack was repulsed, the Germans leaving many dead in front of the American line. American loss reported to be "rather severe."

In a collision between the City of Athens of the Savannah line, and a French cruiser, east of the Delagoa Bay, the steamship was sunk and 65 persons drowned, including passengers, members of the crew, and nine men of the U. S. Marine Corps. THEY PAID WITH THEIR LIVES

PLANS TO LAUNCH LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Defined at Luncheon Given By Col. House, Cecil and Drummond Attending

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE OF LEAGUE WILL BE ENGLISH

First Meeting, With Wilson Acting As President, Slated To Be Held in Washington Next October; Col. House and Staff To Remain in Europe After Council Closes

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, April 30.—Plans for launching the League of Nations were fairly and definitely defined at a luncheon which Col. E. M. House gave today to Sir James Eric Drummond, the Secretary General of the League, Lord Robert Cecil and others.

The plans are divided into three main stages. First, preparatory details, which will be worked out at headquarters to be established at London during the coming summer; second, the inaugural meeting of the league at Washington next October under the presidency of President Wilson; third, the permanent establishment of the league at Geneva next fall or winter.

The preparatory details will begin soon after the signing of the treaty and will be in the hands of the committee of nine designated by President Wilson's resolution before the last plenary session of the conference. Colonel House, Lord Robert Cecil, and the Greek Premier Eleutherios Venizelos, will be among the members.

Leon Bourgeois will probably not be the French member as he does not speak English and most of the proceedings will be in that language. Col. House, with a considerable staff, will remain in Europe after the conference closes, and headquarters will be removed to London, which is more convenient for preliminary work. President Wilson will fix the date of the first meeting and ask the nations to name their three delegates to attend the inaugural gathering at Washington.

ASHEVILLE OVER TOP IN TWO HOURS FOR LOAN

Three Children Drowned When Cloudburst Mountain Home Swept Away

(Special to the News and Observer.) Asheville, April 30.—Asheville went over the top in a two-hour canvass for the Victory Liberty Loan last night with a total of \$35,000 over the city quota of \$677,000. Buncombe county still lacks \$100,000 of being over the top and an active campaign for the county drive will be begun Monday.

A cloudburst Tuesday afternoon near Mars Hill washed away the home of Robert Ponders, his entire family, and all of his live stock. Three of the Ponders children, ranging from two to twelve years of age, were killed. Ponder and another child were found unconscious a mile from the home and are not expected to recover. The rain was not heavy in any other section of the country.

INCREASE EXPORT TRADE IN TOBACCO

Rocky Mt. Man Applies For Passports To Europe in Interest of Market

(By S. R. WINTERS.) Washington, April 30.—J. O. W. Gravelly, tobacconist and a business man of Rocky Mount, was in Washington today making formal application for a passport to European countries where he hopes to increase the export trade from North Carolina and likewise establish new trade relations with foreign markets. Mr. Gravelly is president of the China-American Tobacco & Trading Company, which negotiates an export business of \$10,000,000 annually in the sale of tobacco and several hundred thousand dollars yearly in the exportation of other merchandise. The Rocky Mount citizen applies for the passport solely for giving personal attention to urgent business matters, and the passport will likely be granted.

The War Department has temporarily rejected the request of Mrs. Margaret Busbee Shipp of Raleigh for a passport to visit the devastated regions of France as a member of the American Relief Commission. She has two sons in the service and although they are located in the United States, the War Department has not thus far seen proper to make an exception to the general ruling of the commanding officer of the American expeditionary forces denying passports to fathers, mothers and sisters having relatives in the army.

A cablegram to Secretary of War Newton D. Baker asking for an exception in cases similar to Mrs. Shipp has proved futile. Secretary Baker does not deem the urgency of the applications as warranting a ruling from him before his return to America. However, he promises to consult with the officers of the War Department when he returns with the view of possibly making some exceptions to the iron-clad order. Meanwhile, the Raleigh woman is denied the opportunity of visiting France.

Daniels Dines With King George. London, April 30.—Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the United States Navy, lunched with the King at Windsor today.

ITALIANS APPARENTLY WOULD LIKE TO BE ASKED TO RESUME CONFERENCE

U. S. LOANS ITALY \$50,000,000 MORE, MAKING TOTAL LOAN OF OVER BILLION AND HALF

(By the Associated Press.) Washington, April 30.—Italy was given a new loan of \$50,000,000 today by the Treasury to cover a number of obligations incurred by the Italian government on contracts for war materials and food stuffs from American producers. The credit extension brought Italy's total borrowings from the United States to \$1,571,500,000.

NO INDICATIONS OF A COMPROMISE YET

Vote of Confidence of Italian Parliament Does Not Affect Paris

(By the Associated Press.) Official details concerning the latest phases of the deliberations of the Council of Three of the Peace Conference in Paris are somewhat obscure. It is known, however, that the Japanese question concerning Kiao-Chau has been settled. The terms of the agreement, according to unofficial advice, involve the surrender by Germany of Kiao-Chau to Japan, but in due course Japan will re-transfer this stronghold on the Shantung Peninsula to China.

Likewise it is stated, also unofficially, that there are indications that the Council of Three has looked with favor upon the request of the Belgians for an immediate advance on their share of the indemnity which Germany is to pay in reparation for damages and given the delegates satisfactory assurance that the money will be forthcoming for the reconstruction of the country overrun by the Germans.

Therefore the only outstanding problem of great importance before the council apparently is that due to the claims of Italy to Fiume and the Dalmatian region. Although both the Italian Senate and Chamber of Deputies have given Premier Orlando's government and the Italian delegates to the Peace Conference strong votes of confidence for their stand in endeavoring to obtain for Italy a strict fulfillment of her demands, there is no evidence as yet of the prospect of an immediate compromise being offered by either side to the controversy.

Intimations have been received in Paris that overtures for resumption of the conferences on the disputed questions would receive every attention in Rome and would not be unacceptable but it has been asserted in Paris that the prevailing sentiment among the delegates of France, Great Britain and the United States is opposed to requesting the Italian delegates to return.

It has been added, however, that if the Italians should evince a disposition to give up their claim to Fiume and accept President Wilson's suggestions on the controversy, the President in the interest of harmony, doubtless could make suggestions which would permit of a continuation of the discussion without sacrifice of dignity by the Italians.

President Wilson and other members of the council are declared to be unwilling to concede Fiume to the Italians, even if such refusal should result in Italy finding herself not able to sign the peace treaty.

Although reports still persist that Munich has been completely investigated by government troops, the expected attack on the Soviet forces apparently has not begun.

'T WILL BE A TOUGH JOB TO REPEAL PROHIBITION

Lawyer Wheeler Cites Decision of Oregon Court Against Referendum

Washington, April 30.—Decision of the Oregon Supreme Court that a popular referendum on an amendment to the Federal Constitution cannot be held was declared by Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League of America in a statement tonight to settle "the referendum controversy raised by the brewers of the prohibition amendment."

"It will soon become apparent to opponents of the eighteenth amendment," said Mr. Wheeler, "if they do not see it already, that national prohibition can only be repealed by re-submission of the amendment by Congress and ratification of the repeal by the Legislatures of 36 States."

SALVATIONISTS CITED FOR COURAGE IN WAR

New York, April 30.—In connection with the proposed citation of the McIntyre sisters, Gladys and Irene, for distinguished war service, with other American Salvation Army men and women, Commander Evangeline Booth announces a long list of awards to Salvationists in various countries made by the respective governments.

But Prevalent Opinion Among Peace Delegates Is Against Soliciting Them To Return

SUSCEPTIBILITIES MORE OF OBSTACLE AT PRESENT THAN TERRITORIAL MERIT

No Disposition of Council or Wilson To Yield Position Taken On Adriatic Problem; Jap Question Concerning Kiao-Chow Settled; Council of Three Favorably Regard Appeal of Belgians For Immediate Advance of Indemnity; Developments at Paris

Paris, April 30.—There is a rift in the Italian cloud, which gives hope of the clearing of the difficulties that have arisen in the peace conference over the Adriatic problem. Overtures for the resumption of relations have not come thus far from either direction, but there are intimations from Rome that overtures from Paris would not be unacceptable, and would receive every attention.

Must Return of Own Volition. The prevailing sentiment among the delegates, including several of the American delegation, is against soliciting a return of the Italian representatives and it was at first believed that President Wilson shared this view. Those nearest the President, however, asserted that if Italy is disposed to relinquish Fiume and accept the compromise the President suggested, he could doubtless, in the interest of harmony, make such friendly suggestions as would permit the resumption of relations by the Italians without any sacrifice of dignity or self-esteem.

Personal Susceptibilities. These personal susceptibilities are felt to be more of an obstacle at present than the territorial merits of the case. While popular sentiment in Italy still centers on holding Fiume, the recent official attitude has been less resistant and apparently tends toward acceptance of one of the various plans proposed by the Council of Three, whereby Fiume would be internationalized and some Dalmatian outposts given to Italy.

No Yielding as to Fiume. It is the declared purpose of the council, as well as President Wilson, not to yield on Fiume, even if the peace treaty is signed without Italy's participation. But, should the recent official tendencies at Rome take the definite form of acceptance of a compromise the President's friends say they are sure that no feeling of pride will restrain him from taking steps which will fully restore the Italian delegation to its former agreeable status in the conference.

TO RECEIVE GERMAN CREDENTIALS TODAY

(By the Associated Press.) Paris, April 30.—The credentials of the German delegates to the peace conference will be handed over to an allied commission, headed by Jules Cambon, at Versailles, tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

AMBASSADOR PAGE OFFERS 'GOOD OFFICES' TO ORLANDO.

Paris, April 30.—A message from a French source in Rome says that Nelson Page, the American ambassador to Italy, has offered his good offices to Premier Orlando with a view to finding a solution of the Adriatic difficulty.

SOVIET GOVERNMENT AT MUNICH OVERTHROWN.

Copenhagen, April 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Soviet government in Munich has been overthrown, according to reports in Berlin, says the correspondent of the Berlingake Tidende. The correspondent adds that the government troops in accordance with martial law shot a number of the men with the Red Guard who had been captured while a mob attacked others of the captured Reds and tried to kill them.

MAY DAY IN EUROPE, 'SPECIALLY AMONG REDS,' BEING PULLED OFF TODAY

London, April 30.—"May Day" promises to pass peacefully in Europe, as far as reports received in London indicate, with the notable exceptions of Paris and Berlin, where the workers plan to indulge in a one-day's strike, and at Budapest, the Hungarian capital, where the Soviet government has issued orders to make the town red with flags and all manner of other red decorations.

English cities will witness the customary parades and mass-meetings and the Scandinavian towns will celebrate in a like manner. Reports of plans for a revolutionary demonstration in Holland have filtered through, but they may be baseless.

Hyde Park will be the scene of the London celebration. Numerous processions of trades unions and other societies will march to the park from various rallying places in the city and suburbs. Speeches by labor members of Parliament and others and resolutions against Bolshevism and conscription and also calling for peace with Russia and a league of free nations will form part of the program.