

GERMANY PLAYING BOTH ENDS AGAINST THE MIDDLE

Remarkable Tale of Double Dealing Told by United Press Correspondent at Laredo

WHERE VILLA GOT NONEY

Authoritative Information Reveals Secret of Bandit's Raids Across Border.

(By United Press)
Laredo, Texas, March 8—Germany is playing Villa against Carranza. Great sums of money are pouring into the bandit leader's hand, inciting him to activity against the United States and Carranza. At the same time German agents are working through Carranza officials to align that side against the United States. It is stated on highest authority that two German agents conferred with Villa for two days at his headquarters on Bustillos Ranch about February 12th with the proposition to renew raids on the border in case of a declaration of war by the United States on Germany. He agreed in case of war to send small unattached bands along the border to harass the United States troops. Under the terms of the agreement the agents agreed to pay Villa \$250,000. The Villa plot was to be used in case Carranza refused to enter into intrigue against the United States. The famous note sent to neutrals by Carranza urging an embargo on supplies to belligerents was engineered by Germans.

President in Bed With Cold

Washington, March 8—President Wilson is confined to his bed today with an aggravating cold. Upon orders from Dr. Cary Grayson he made no engagement for today and planned to remain in bed. The cold is declared not to be serious and there are no complications but care was deemed necessary in order that the President may be up and at work quickly. The President spent a restful night but had fever today Dr. Grayson announced at noon. It is expected that he will be in bed for several days.

Fight Begun For Cloture

Washington, March 8—The fight for the cloture amendment to the Senate rules was begun today when Senator Martin of Virginia introduced and asked for immediate consideration of the measure providing for a limitation of debate. Republican senators Lodge and Curtis supported Martin's request for immediate action. Senator Sherman of Illinois denounced the cloture amendment. ANNOUNCEMENT DELAYED President Wilson's illness is delaying the announcement of his decision in regard to arming merchant men.

WEATHER OR NO
Fair and colder Thursday night and Friday. Moderate to fresh winds. Put a lowbrow in a high hat and feel a lot of 'em.

IRISH APPEAL TO AMERICA

WANT PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR ON BRITISH GOVERNMENT FOR IRISH SELF GOVERNMENT

(By United Press)
London, March 8—Members of the Irish Party of the House of Commons today issued a manifesto asking Irish-Americans and Americans generally to aid them in their movement for self-government. The appeal asked for pressure to be exerted on the British government for the application to Ireland of the principles of self-government enunciated by the President in his Senate peace speech. The appeal was issued by the same set that brought up the debate in the House of Commons yesterday when Lloyd George declared that England is willing to grant these demands after the war but deems such action inadvisable at the present time.

Would Destroy Panama Canal

(By United Press)
Washington, March 8—Germany's India plot proposed the destruction of the Panama Canal through Hindu co-workers is the latest information today from official sources.

FISH BILL IS PASSED

AND 1917 SESSION OF NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY BECOMES HISTORY SACRED AND PROFANE

Raleigh, March 8—Following the ratification of the remaining bills Wednesday afternoon the General Assembly of North Carolina adjourned and became history—sacred and profane. When the House met at ten o'clock there remained the fish bill to put through. This soon became a law. It prohibits the use of purse nets and of pound nets in catching edible fish off the coast. A hard fight to pass a compromise legal advertising bill providing for five cents a line for first and three cents for subsequent insertions was set at naught by the solitary objection of Ray of Macon, who threatened to raise the point of no quorum. Matthews of Bertie wanted the bill passed to do something for newspapers, which would, he said, be the only defenders of the legislators in some actions needing defense.

Worry Caused Farmer's Death

(By United Press)
Durham, March 8—Pink Henderson, a wealthy Orange County farmer, is dead from heart failure caused by worry over the attempted assault upon his ten year old grand daughter, Alice, by a negro. The negro is now in the State penitentiary.

Last Militia Leave March 25

(By United Press)
Washington, March 8—Schedules of departure have been arranged for the last of the militia organization to leave the border on March 25th, the War Department announced today.

French Take Prisoners

(By United Press)
Paris, March 8—The French have taken German prisoners in action at three points on the west front. Lively artillery fighting is going on between the Oisne and the Aisne rivers.

Mrs. Sanger Is Released

(By United Press)
New York, March 8—Having served the thirty days to which she was sentenced for disseminating birth control information in New York City, Mrs. Margaret Sanger, national leader of birth control movement, was released today. Mrs. Sanger, unlike her sister, Mrs. Ethel Byrne, did not hunger strike in the prison at Blackwell's Island. She served her time quietly and made the best of her opportunity to study prison conditions. I have gathered a great deal of material which I shall use for future writings," said Mrs. Sanger today, "but I did not break any of the prison rules or attempt to do anything out of the ordinary that would make me trouble. I was sent to prison unjustly but many persons have had the same thing happen to them. I shall continue my birth control propaganda work just the same as I was doing it before my arrest."

Teachers Meet On Saturday

The Pasquotank County Teachers' Association will meet Saturday morning, March 10th, at 10:30 in the High School Building. Following is the program. Scripture Reading. Remarks by President. Minutes of last meeting. Reading in First Grade—Mrs. Minnie Brooks. Reading in Second and Third Grades—Miss Ella Thornton. Reading in Intermediate Grades—Miss Alma Spivey. Music. English, How to Teach It—Supt. S. H. Spragins. Brief reports from schools. Round Table Discussion following each paper. MISS LINDA DeLON, President. MISS NINA WIDGEON, Sect'y. Supt. W. M. Hinton, Miss Callie Perry, and Miss Marion Barcliff form the committee on program.

Boy Scouts Have Returned

The Elizabeth City Boy Scouts returned Thursday from Washington, D. C. The party was accompanied by Scoutmaster C. W. Ford. Those taking the trip were: William Chesson, Melick Blades, Oscar Gregory, Grice McMullan, Wesley Martin, Francis Seyfert, Charles Seyfert, Raleigh Bradley, George Modlin, Archie Sanders, Ernest Williams, Haywood Duke, Clyde Gregson, Billy Houtz, Selden Lamb, Ray Quinn, and Charlie Bell.

Program For New Theatre

Tonight the New Theatre presents the Essany motion picture, "The Sting of Victory," which stars Henry B. Walthall and Antoinette Walker in Charles Mortimer Peck's great Southern drama. "The Sting of Victory" is a gripping story of the South which holds the attention from first to last and makes a wonderfully strong appeal. Matinees are given each afternoon at 2:30 and four o'clock.

Tonight's Show At Alkrama

Those who saw Mary Pickford Wednesday in "Less than the Dust" came away delighted with the charm of the story and the actress. Tonight's attraction at the Alkrama is "The Happiness of Three Women." "The French Milliner," a two part Keystone Comedy will also be shown. The story of "The Happiness of Three Women" has to do with the adventures of Billy Craig, a young attorney. His fiancée—the wife of a jealous husband—and the loving helpmeet of a bank cashier, are the three women whose happiness Craig holds in the hollow of his hand. For a time it would appear that he must either sacrifice his fiancée, and incur the wrath of a jealous husband, or send an innocent man to prison. How matters are straightened out by the quick wit of a woman must naturally be seen to be enjoyed. The players are: House Peters, Myrtle Stedman, L. W. Steers, Daisy Robinson, Wm. Hutchason, Lucile Ward, Milton Brown.

FUNERAL HELD IN NEAR HERTFORD

BODY OF JAMES MORGAN KILLED AT LAMBERTS POINT IN RAILROAD ACCIDENT LAID TO REST IN FAMILY BURYING GROUND

Hertford, N. C., March 8th—The funeral of Mr. James Morgan, who was killed by a runaway coal car at the Norfolk and Western Coal Piers at Lamberts Point, Friday last, was held at the home of the deceased's sister, Mrs. J. E. Corey, near Hertford on Sunday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Albemarle Camp No. 463, Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member. Despite the fact that the day was bad nearly the full membership of the Camp turned out to honor their fallen comrade. The Rev. R. M. Ormand officiated and the full Woodman Burial Service was followed. The interment was made in the family lot near Chapanoke. James Morgan was employed as a carpenter on the Norfolk and Western Road and had a host of friends in Norfolk as well as in Eastern Carolina. Mr. Morgan was not married and is survived by two brothers and his sister, Mrs. J. E. Corey.

Ancient Christian Fidelity Repeated In Armenia

Martyrs to Faith in Days of the Decline of the Roman Empire no Braver Nor Truer Than Armenian Believers Says Distinguished Briton.

By VISCOUNT BRYCE
(Former British Ambassador to the
United States)

London, March 8—The slaughter of between seven and eight hundred thousand Armenians by the Turks since the beginning of the war reveals the Armenians quite as much martyrs to Christianity as any of the early Christians who died in Nero's arena. There are today more than a million Armenians and Syrians starving to death in Asia Minor, Syria, the Russian Caucasus, Persia and Palestine. The relief work for them in America is in charge of the Armenian committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief in New York. In the history of the early Christian church there are no figures so glorious, none which have continued to be so much honored by the church all through its later days as those of the martyrs, men and women who from the time of Nero down to that of Diocletian sealed with their blood the testimony to their faith withstanding every lure and every threat in order to preserve to their faith loyalty to their Lord and Master Christ.

In our own times we have seen this example of fidelity repeated in the Turkish Empire and it is strange that the Christians of Europe and America should not have been more moved by the examples of courage and heroic devotion which the Armenian Christians have given. Of the seven or eight hundred thousand of Armenians who have perished in the recent massacres many thousands have died as martyrs by which I mean they have died, for their Christian faith when they could have saved their lives by renouncing it.

This has perhaps not been realized even by those who in Europe or America have read of and been horrified by the wholesale slaughter and hideous cruelties by which half of an ancient nation has been exterminated. They can hardly understand how there can be religious persecution in our time; so let me try to explain the facts.

It was not religious fanaticism that led the present rulers of Turkey to seek to root out Christianity. So far from being fanatics most of these men though nominally Mohammedans have no religion whatever. Their aim was the whole Turkish Empire Mohammedan in order to make it uniform with only one creed and no difference between one class of subjects and another. They saw that the Christian part of the population suffering under constant oppression and cruelties, continued to turn its eyes westward and hope for some redress from the Christian nations; so they determined to eliminate Christianity altogether.

During these recent massacres whenever any Christian would turn Mohammedan his life was spared. It was only as a Christian that he was killed. Many a Christian child was torn from its parents to be brought up as a Mussulman. Thousands of Armenian Christian girls were sold in the market or distributed among Turkish officers to be imprisoned for life in Turkish harems and there forced to Mohammedanism. But many more more thousands of Armenians, women as well as men, were offered their choice between Christ and Mohammed and when they refused Mohammed were shot or drowned

BRYAN AGAINST FILIBUSTERING

THINKS MAJORITY VOTE SUFFICIENT AFTER EACH SENATOR HAS BEEN GIVEN REASONABLE TIME TO EXPRESS HIS VIEWS

WILLIAM J. BRYAN
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Miami, Fla., March 8—The United Press has asked for my views on the Senate situation.

I am against filibustering and have been advocating a cloture rule I believe in the right of the majority to rule and am sorry to learn that the Senate is inclined to require a two-thirds vote for a cloture debate. A majority vote ought to be sufficient after each senator has been given reasonable time to express his views. I have been asked if there is anything reasonable in the desire to have Congress in session. Well, most of the filibusters either wanted an extra session or opposed the phraseology of the armed ships bill.

COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

SAYS THAT BRITISH WAR COUNCIL FAILED TO ASCERTAIN AVAILABILITY OF TROOPS FOR DARDANELLES CAMPAIGN

(By United Press)
London, March 8—The British War Council which decided upon the Dardanelles campaign "failed adequately to investigate the availability of troops with which a joint military and naval attack could be undertaken." This is the report of the Dardanelles Commission today. "Winston Churchill's advocacy of a purely naval attack was based on a certain amount of half hearted hesitating expert opinion."

LORD KITCHENER BLAMED

Upon the late Lord Kitchener and the early War Council was fixed the blame for the Dardanelles expedition. The Commission declared that though the main object was not attained, still certain important political advantages were gained. Whether these were worth the loss of life and treasure involved must remain a matter of opinion. Kitchener was declared responsible for three weeks delay in dispatching troops to the Dardanelles thereby gravely compromising the possibility of success. For day and days together the bodies of Christian women who had thus perished were seen floating down the Euphrates. Surely the remains of this suffering nation could make no stronger appeal for pity and help to the Christians of America than they make through these martyr deaths. Only a remnant is now left to whom charity can be extended. It is still a sorely afflicted remnant.