



ELSIE PHELPS TELLS HER STORY OF CHADRON BLACKMAIL PLOT

NEW YORK PORT IS KEPT CLOSED UNTIL 12:20 P. M.

Shutting of Gate in the Steel Net Across Mouth of the Harbor Gives Rise to Many Rumors.

New York, June 1.—For reasons which navy yard and customs officials refused to reveal, the port of New York was for a good part of the forenoon closed today to all shipping by the shutting of the gate in the steel net closing the harbor, which was placed in position soon after the severance of diplomatic relations with Germany.

Shortly before noon it was learned that the order closing the port had been rescinded, although at that time the gate was still closed.

Rumors started by the closing of the harbor found reflection in the stock and cotton markets. United States Steel, which led the decline, dropped from 13 1/4 to 12 3/4, the losses, however, were for the most part restored by noon, when the ban on shipping was lifted.

The cotton market, which had advanced sharply on the government crop report, became for awhile nervous and irregular.

The gate was reopened at 12:20 p. m. It has not been closed in the day time since it was placed in position soon after diplomatic relations with Germany were severed.

Both navy yard and customs officials refused information as to the reason for the move.

Will Probe Charges Against Hospital Ship

Washington, June 1.—A civilian commission composed of Abraham Flexner of New York, Dr. William H. Welch of Baltimore and Nathan Strauss of New York will inspect the naval hospital ship Solace and the navy's method of treating sick sailors.

Already Admiral Mayo is conducting an investigation of charges of mistreatment contained in a round robin signed by several enlisted men who were patients on the Solace.

The civilian commission conferred with Secretary Daniels today before going to inspect the naval hospitals in the vicinity of the fleet rendezvous.

They were told by the secretary that charges of improper treatment of the men were being used to foment a spirit of unpatriotic resistance to the registration law and that an immediate report was necessary.

First June Snowstorm Is Recorded in Denver

Denver, Colo., June 1.—Denver had its first June snowstorm this morning, according to records of the weather bureau. The snow was light and soon changed into rain. Logan county today is covered with a two-inch mantle of snow and fruit growers were busy today shaking the snow from the trees to keep the limbs from breaking.

Britain's Losses in Cereal Vessels Is Low

London, June 1.—Great Britain's losses in cereal ships has been only 6 per cent, according to a statement made to The Associated Press today by Kennedy Jones, director of food economy.

British Airplanes Drop Many Tons of Bombs

London, June 1.—Many tons of bombs have been dropped by British aircraft on the Belgian towns of Ostend, Zeebrugge and Bruges, the War department announced today.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Partly cloudy; warmer. Comparative Local Record.

Table with columns for Highest today, Lowest today, Mean temperature, and Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

WARMER

Table with columns for Hour, Temp., and Direction of Wind.

Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature, 67; Deficiency for the day, 12; Total deficiency since March 1, 167.

Move to Stop Sale of Fireworks for Fourth

The sale of fireworks this year will be prohibited if a resolution that is being advocated by Chief Dunn, Commissioner Kugel and other officials is put through at the next regular meeting of the city commission. "There is no necessity for the useless expenditure of money on fireworks," said Chief Dunn yesterday. "One of the principles of conservation is the avoiding of those things that are not a necessity."

TORNADO STRIKES COFFEYVILLE, KAN.; SEVERAL KILLED

Dispatch to Kansas Governor Asks That Guardsmen Take Charge of Stricken Town.

Topeka, Kan., June 1.—Advices that Coffeyville had been struck by a tornado with the loss of several lives was received here tonight by Governor Capper from R. D. Fulton, captain of a Kansas cavalry troop, asking that guardsmen be ordered to take charge of rescue work. The governor immediately telegraphed the necessary authority.

Seven Dead at Drake.

Sulphur, Okl., June 1.—Seven persons are reported killed and several injured by a tornado which struck Drake, a village six miles south of here, early this afternoon. Four hundred buildings are reported demolished by another tornado in Coalgate, according to railroad reports. It is believed there have been numerous casualties. All communication is cut off.

Pittman Reported Three Killed.

Ardmore, Okl., June 1.—Velma Higgins, 9 years old; Mrs. George Godfrey and one other person were killed in a wind storm at Pittman, Okl., last night. Two others are fatally injured. Three 55,000-barrel tanks of oil in Healdton field were burned. The loss is estimated at \$180,000.

Stricken Near Guthrie.

Guthrie, Okl., June 1.—A tornado passed through a strip of country seven miles south of Guthrie at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Several persons are reported injured. Many buildings were wrecked.

Discontent in China Threatens Civil War

San Francisco, Cal., June 1.—Discontent against the republic in China has caused the revolt of two provinces and trouble in five more, according to cable advices received by Chinese newspapers here today.

Ni Shi Chung, the dispatches said, is heading the revolt and has stirred Anhui province, of which he is military governor, and Cheking province, adjoining to active rebellion. Shantung, Henan, Fengtien, Fukien and Hupoh provinces were reported to be in arms, but not formally to have joined the movement. All these are northern and eastern provinces where Manchu sentiment has flourished. The southern provinces are said to be firmly behind the republic.

Mexican Soldiers Who Cross Line to Be Interned

San Antonio, Tex., June 1.—General Parker has ordered Colonel J. A. Gaston of the Sixth cavalry to Presidio to take charge of the situation there following occupation of Quintana Roo by Villistas. Colonel Gaston has been instructed to intern all Mexican soldiers taking refuge on the Texas side of the river, whether they are armed or not.

Von Bissing Letter Says Germany Must Retain All of Belgium

Copenhagen (Via London), June 1.—The late Governor General Bissing of Belgium maintained until the day of his death his belief in the necessity of the complete annexation of Belgium to Germany. German advocates of moderate peace have been asserting that Von Bissing changed the views he expressed in the memorandum he addressed to the emperor advocating annexation.

This is disproved by a letter written by Von Bissing on January 14 to the Reichstag deputy, Dr. Siresemann. In this letter General Von Bissing declared that the war was lost if Belgium, at the end, was not chained to Germany, to be ruled and exploited in Germany's interest.

He chides those "superficial thinkers who wish to content themselves with guarantees of a paper nature, or who consider the Meuse line an adequate frontier, a line which can never constitute the frontier which we need."

Von Bissing goes on to say that the frontier needed to protect Belgium against England and France must be advanced as far as conceivable northward, and that the coast is and must be part of that frontier. The gov-

THIRTEENTH ZONE MEN MAY BE SENT TO FT. SNELLING

Site of Training Camp Probably Will Be Used for Cantonment of Drafted Soldiers.

Minneapolis, Minn., June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Fort Snelling locals today as the most probable site for the cantonments of the drafted soldiers from the thirteenth draft zone.

Representatives of the Civic and Commerce associations of Minneapolis and St. Paul met today in the army building in St. Paul with the army board designated by the War department to report on available sites.

While not giving any official or direct opinion, the trend of the questioning indicated a strong sentiment favoring Fort Snelling.

The only question arising was the immediate availability of some of the ground adjoining the reservation, and the civic and commerce representatives assured the board this detail would be satisfactorily cleared by tomorrow.

Routine Continues.

Work in the officers' training camp this morning followed its routine despite the excitement surrounding arrival of the first companies of the Sixth infantry which was detaching and preparing its camp near that of the First Minnesota infantry.

After the customary morning routine the cadets started on their first two-hour hike, carrying heavy equipment. "All we left behind was the cots, the beans and the ammunition," was the explanation of one tired participant. The marchers in companies selected various routes around the reservation roads, but the hike was so timed that all marched about the same distance.

All Have Good Appetites.

Steward W. T. Gifford in his accounts shows there is no lack of appetite on the part of the cadets. Since the camp opened the steward's figures show the potential strategists have absorbed 30,000 pounds of potatoes and 18,750 pounds of beef. They have made way with 1,900 pounds of bread a day.

Other figures show the camp to have consumed 4,500 gallons of milk, 1,000 gallons of buttermilk, 7,500 pounds of flour and 2,250 pounds of butter.

The Minneapolis public library has supplied 500 books for the men in camp and announces a central reading room and branch library will be established later. The St. Paul library will also contribute the use of books.

Select Three Sites.

Washington, June 1.—Three out of the sixteen cantonment sites for the training of the new army were announced today by the War department. They are Ayre, Mass.; American Lake, Wash., and Atlanta, Ga.

Wrightstown, N. J., was designated late today as the site for another of the war army cantonments, bringing the list of sites selected up to four.

Would Tax All Male Aliens Sum of \$200

Washington, June 1.—A war tax of \$200 on every adult male alien who has resided in the United States five years or more was proposed as a means of raising \$400,000,000 in a speech in the house today by Representative O'Shaughnessy of Rhode Island.

Brazil Proposes to Enlarge Its Army

Rio Janeiro, June 1.—A political movement of considerable strength is on foot to bring about reorganization of the army. The voting of new credits for military purposes and an increase in the enlisted strength of the army has been proposed.

Send Big Sum to the "Fatherless of France"

New York, June 1.—Americans have sent \$425,000 to the "fatherless children of France," was announced today. This sum is expected to provide for about 11,000 children for one year.

Jap Gold Shipments Cause Of Big Currency Transfer

New York, June 1.—The subtransfer here today transferred to San Francisco \$3,054,000 on account of a further shipment to Japan of gold to that amount.

Discourages Enlistments; Ducked; Made to Kiss Flag

Wabeno, Wis., June 1.—Following alleged remarks in which he attempted to discourage enlistment, Dr. Hugo Miller of Laona, Wis., a government physician on an Indian reservation, was seized by citizens of Wabeno last night, thrown into the river and later made to kneel, kiss the flag and retract his alleged utterances.

Woman Detective In Big Conspiracy Case



MRS. ELSIE PHELPS.



ROBERT HOOD, The Wealthy Chadron Lumberman, Whose Name is Mentioned.

RUSS SOLDIERS DEFY AUTHORITY; SEIZE FORTRESS

Workmen and Soldiers Council in Absolute Control of Kronstadt, Fort Commanding Petrograd.

Petrograd (Via London), June 1.—The fateful decision of the workmen and soldiers' delegates to assume control of Kronstadt, the great fortress which defends Petrograd, was carried by a vote of 210 against 40, with eight of the delegates abstaining from voting.

It is announced by the workmen and soldiers' delegates that henceforth the relations of Kronstadt with Petrograd and the remainder of Russia will be only through the intermediary of the Petrograd branch of the delegates.

Takes Over Power. The local Workmen and Soldiers' council at Kronstadt announces that it has taken in its hands the effective power of Kronstadt, that it does not recognize the provisional government and that it has removed all the government's representatives.

The minister of justice has notified his colleagues of this development and on their instructions has communicated with the Kronstadt council through the Petrograd council with a view to inducing the Kronstadt council to revoke its orders.

Men Vote for Tieup. London, June 1.—Strikes or other measures to paralyze the production have been decided upon in more than 120 of the largest factories in Petrograd, most of which are engaged in war work, Reuter's Petrograd correspondent telegraphs.

After the failure of efforts of the conciliation board to reach an agreement on any points, the staffs of the factories resolved to strike or alternatively to paralyze work by carrying out all regulations to the letter. The time and form of strikes are to be decided in each factory separately.

In some cases the strike already has begun, while in others the staffs are busily enlisting the support of the workers.

According to the Novaia Zhizn, Maxim Gorky's paper, the demands of the workers include a six-hour day and a minimum wage for workmen of 150 rubles monthly.

Paris Strike Waning.

Paris, June 1.—The strike movement in Paris is now on the wane. Of forty classes of working people that were out on strike yesterday, twenty-one have obtained satisfaction for their demands and will return to work today. Only twelve new trades, on the other hand, joined in the strike movement.

Hostile Submarines Collide Under Water

Amsterdam (Via London), June 1.—A collision under water between a British submarine and a German U-boat is reported by the Rheinische Westfalische Zeitung of Essen, which describes the incident as unprecedented. The paper states that the collision took place "in the channel," April 19, and declares that a German submarine while submerged rammed a British submarine and that the British boat then emerged, bringing the German lying across the bow of the British vessel.

U. S. Will Not Ake Loan To Mexican Government

Washington, June 1.—Secretary Lansing, replying today to a letter of inquiry from Representative Tinkham of Massachusetts, said the United States did not contemplate making a loan to the Mexican government or inducing American capitalists to do so. The matter, the secretary said, has not been discussed by the State department with Mexican or bankers' representatives.

MRS. RAPP GETS \$6,000 VERDICT IN MURDER CASE

Jury First Finds Unequal Amounts Against Defendants, but is Sent Back by the Judge.

Mrs. Marguerite Rapp, widow of William Rapp, one of the victims of the sensational Rapp-Schroeder murder three years ago, was awarded \$6,000 judgment for her husband's death by a jury in district court.

She sued Peter Moscrey, formerly a saloon keeper at 1202 South Twentieth street, and his bondsmen for \$25,000 on behalf of herself and her four young daughters, alleging that liquor procured in Moscrey's place on the night of the murder, July 14, 1914, caused her husband and Fred and Peter Schroeder to "loiter and delay on their way home and to become boisterous, noisy, careless, reckless and quarrelsome."

The Schroeder brothers and Rapp were shot down in the street near Twenty-fourth and Pacific streets between 10 and 11 o'clock at night.

Evidence of Fourth Man. Throughout the suit brought by Mrs. Rapp against the saloon keeper and his bondsmen Moscrey's attorneys introduced evidence purporting to show that the men were slain by a fourth person, who shot from ambush.

A. S. Ritchie, chief counsel for the defendants, in his closing argument to the jury insisted that the triple killing was the work of a professional gunman never brought to justice.

Have Split Verdict. After deliberating several hours the jury returned a verdict of \$5,000 against the bondsmen and \$3,000 against the saloon keeper.

Judge Sears sent the veniremen back to the jury room, instructing them to return a verdict of equal amounts against both defendants.

Rumors that witnesses who would throw new light on the murder which shocked Omaha three years ago were to be produced resulted in the court room being crowded throughout the hearing, which lasted several days.

The case was marked by bitter wrangling between opposing counsel.

Miss Naomi Hyatt Dies Of Apoplexy at Shenandoah

Shenandoah, Ia., June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Miss Naomi Hyatt, soloist at the Congregational church, who was found unconscious at her home at 9 o'clock last night by her sister, Miss Jennie Hyatt, died this morning at 5 o'clock without regaining consciousness.

This is the third death in the family from apoplexy. Her father, S. Hyatt, who is in poor health, was at home at the time in bed and knew nothing of it.

Miss Hyatt was born in Abingdon, Ill., and came here with her parents thirty-five years ago.

OMAHA WOMAN DETECTIVE REVEALS HOW TRAP WAS LAID FOR CRITES AND MRS. HOOD

Swears to Plot to Demand \$500 From Crites and Hood Was He'd Good for \$1,000; Maloney and Fern Marr Only Witnesses for State; Arguments in Night Session; Decision Soon.

BULLETIN. All defendants held to district court by Judge Slattery in \$500 bond.

By EDWARD BLACK, Staff Correspondent for The Bee.

Chadron, Neb., June 1.—(Special Telegram.)—Introduction of evidence in the Chadron-Omaha conspiracy case was completed late this afternoon. A night session of Judge Slattery's court was held for arguments. The judge announced he expected to dispose of the case before adjournment.

Interest in the evidence continued intense today when Mrs. Phelps, Omaha woman detective, who admitted double cross-detail as to her actions in this case and her life in Omaha, where she ran a bath institute for men.

Chief of Detectives Maloney and Fern Marr, office girl for the Omaha Detective association were the only witnesses the defense called.

"I want to hear the girl testify. Haven't been to a trial in many years," said Colonel Coffee, prominent citizen.

"The girl" is Elsie Phelps, whose name was brought out yesterday in connection with Sutton. A letter from Mrs. Phelps at Chadron to Sutton in Omaha was offered in evidence. It started out bravely:

"My Dear Paul" and was signed "Your Pal, Elsie."

"Oh, Paul, this hick town, I think I will go mad," is one of the things Mrs. Phelps confided to Sutton.

The morning session opened with the completion of Crites' testimony, followed by Elsie Lowrey Phelps.

The woman appeared in natty attire. She continues to be guarded by Sutton and Ford.

BEGINNING OF DRIVE ON GERMAN FLANK REPORTED

Dispatches from Both Berlin and London Indicate That Important Military Movement Is Under Way.

(By Associated Press.) Reports from both Berlin and London today indicate the probability that an important military movement by the allies is under way on the Belgian front—possibly an attempt in force to hit the German flank on the coast a crushing blow.

A pitch of notable intensity such as usually precedes an attack has been reached by the artillery fire near the coast and to the south in the Ypres district.

Meanwhile British air raids have been carried out on and near this coast. "Many tons" of bombs, says the London official statement, have been dropped on Ostend, Bruges and Zeebrugge, the last named being one of the principal German submarine bases.

Austrian Rushes Repulsed. Rome, June 1.—(Via London.)—Violent efforts were made by the Austrians last night to regain some of the ground they recently lost in the Italian offensive. The Austrian masses attacking in the Vodic area were firmly met and the attack failed completely, the war office announced today.

Britons Gain Slightly. London, June 1.—"Our troops gained ground slightly during the night west of Cherisy (Arras front)," says today's official announcement. "Patrol encounters resulted in our favor last night in the neighborhood of Gonzeaucourt. Successful raids were made by us northeast of Loos and near Ploegsteert wood."

Scores Mrs. Hood. "Monday I went to Lincoln to meet Allen Fisher at the Lincoln hotel, as I was instructed by Dolan. Tylee took me to Lincoln and introduced me to Fisher, who told me his life history.

"At Lincoln Fisher told me Edwin Crites held himself above every one else morally. He said Crites was pretty slick and not fit to be county attorney or judge. I saw Fisher again and he once more told me about himself; that he was a very moral man and that it was a shame that

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