

BARE NEW BERNSTORFF INTRIGUE; EXEMPTED MEN HANGED IN EFFIGY

DRAFT RIOT AT GERING, NEB., IN PROTEST OVER RULING OF OMAHA DISTRICT BOARD

Citizens Object to Findings of Omaha Exemption Board In Overruling Local Board and Exempting From Service Thirteen Men of Wealthy Families of High Political Affiliation.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—The first near draft riot in Nebraska took place last night at Gering. It was not directed against the service demanded by the government, but as a protest against the rulings of the district board at Omaha, which recently overruled the findings of the local board and exempted from service thirteen men of wealthy families or high political affiliations.

SMEAR WITH YELLOW PAINT.

Ugly feeling which has grown for two days culminated last night in the hanging in effigy of two of the young men, Henry Horn, a real estate dealer, and Raymond Neeley, a druggist, both of Gering. Yellow paint was also liberally used on all properties owned by either of the young men and the places removed from in front of their places of business. Notice was also given that American flags must be taken down from the interior of their offices and stores or they would be removed by force.

The feeling has been greatly intensified by the fact that the district board overruled several exemptions granted by the local board as to married men in poor circumstances and with dependent families who would become charges of the county or government should the men be sent to Fort Riley.

Smear Newspaper Office. Feeling was also manifested against the exemption of Bryan Sands, a son-in-law of A. B. Wood, secretary of the county council of defense, which was manifested by dashes of yellow paint here and there on the office of the Gering Courier, of which Mr. Wood is editor and proprietor.

Feeling is at a very high pitch today and Governor Neville has been urged to give an unqualified ruling as to the exact status of drafted married men and their liability to service. Hand bills were distributed throughout Scottsbluff early this morning headed "Has Scottsbluff County Lost its Honor?" and asking in substance if the citizens of this community are to stand idly by and watch the poor boys and young farmers fill the trenches and leave their homes to walk the street and acquire greater wealth.

Draft Evaders Arrested By United States Officers

Nogales, Ariz., Sept. 22.—Eleven alleged draft evaders were in custody here today and federal officials were searching for others. Among the prisoners, according to officers, is Harold Heckman, an attorney of Detroit, Mich. All of them will be taken to Tucson for a hearing.

Douglas, Ariz., Sept. 22.—Henry Shattuck, registered under the selective draft act in Yuma county, Arizona, a son of L. C. Shattuck, of Bisbee, millionaire mine owner, failed to appear for transportation to the training camp at Fort Riley, Kan., last Tuesday, and has been reported to the Department of Justice, according to a message received tonight from the sheriff of Yuma county, Warner A. Shattuck. Another son of the Bisbee capitalist faces a similar charge in this (Cochise) county.

Roosevelt Says "I Knew It All Along"

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Colonel Roosevelt here tonight said the Washington revelations of a German purpose to influence congress were no surprise to him. "After Dumba, Boy-Ed and Von Papan were expelled from this country everybody in the government service from the lowest to the highest knew exactly what the German government had been doing—trying to influence our people through so-called peace organizations," he said. Colonel Roosevelt spent two hours here on his way to Kansas City.

The Weather

For Nebraska—Fair.

Table with weather data for Nebraska, including temperatures at Omaha yesterday and comparative local record.

PUBLIC WAITS FOR OUTCOME OF KELLY CASE

Defense Rests in Villisca Ax Murder Trial; Big Fund Ready to Find Murderer of Moore Family.

By EDWARD BLACK. (Staff Correspondent for The Bee.)

Red Oak, Ia., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—Red Oak is enjoying a breathing spell after listening to the awful details of the gruesome ax murders of five years ago, perhaps the most sensational wholesale slaying in criminal annals.

Citizens of all classes are anxiously awaiting the reopening of court next week, which is expected to mark the close of the great legal battle to determine whether a diminutive Presbyterian minister not much more than five feet in height and weighing 119 pounds wielded the murderous ax which sent eight sleeping persons to their deaths. Believe Kelly Insane.

The consensus of opinion in Montgomery county is that Kelly's insanity has been established by the testimony introduced by the defense, which has presented its case and rested.

"What will they do with Kelly?" is the question being discussed in almost every home in Montgomery county tonight. The Iowa law holds a man responsible for his acts if he can differentiate between right and wrong.

What will the jury say? Will it declare Kelly guilty, or innocent, or will it declare him insane because insane? These questions are asked on street corners and at other meeting places. Witnesses Come From Afar.

Testimony has been heard from 101 witnesses for the prosecution and defense and on Monday the state will enter its rebuttal testimony.

Witnesses have come from twenty-five cities and towns, including Omaha, Council Bluffs, Sioux City, Missouri Valley, Logan, Des Moines, Sioux Falls, Sutton, Neb., and many small Iowa places. There were three from Omaha, six from Sioux Falls, seven from Carroll, Ia., and nine from Macedonia, Ia.

The testimony carried Kelly through his many activities from the day he arrived at Villisca, Saturday, June 8, 1912, till he made the confession at Logan on the night of August 30-31 of this year. His church work at Winner, S. D., Carroll, Macedonia, Sutton, Neb., Alta Pass, Ill., Pilot Grove and Arlington was carefully gone over.

It was shown he maintained stenographic offices at Sioux City, Ia., and Winner, S. D.; that he attended the theological seminary at Omaha, lost a valuable set of books in the Omaha tornado, and that he had been identified with Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational churches. He worked as a stenographer for a short time, in a grocery house at

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Balloon from Fort Omaha Travels 20 Miles and Lands Where It Started

Major Hersey, commandant at Fort Omaha, declares that one of the most unusual balloon flights that ever came under his personal observation was made at the fort Friday.

A free balloon carrying Lieutenant Instructor Goodall and four army students of aeronautics traveled twenty miles through the air at an elevation of over 5,000 feet and landed within a few yards of the place of ascent. The balloon traveled in a gigantic circle and landed in front of the balloon sheds at the fort. "It is unusual for a balloon to land so near the place it ascended," said Major Hersey. "At St. Louis this year the same feat was duplicated and



Johnnie Gets a Chance to Stick His Tongue Out at the Nurse, Anyhow.

OMAHA LAWYERS SPLIT \$40,000 OF CIRCLE MONEY

Recent Trouble in Woodmen Circle to Cost That Sum for Fees of the Attorneys.

Forty thousand dollars in attorney fees as the result of the recent friction in the Woodmen Circle will have to be paid out of the treasury of that organization, according to a ruling by the supreme court of Nebraska. The supreme court had its last turn in the supreme court yesterday covering the controversy between the supreme officer, Mrs. Emma Manchester, and the two other members of the executive council, and the court dismissed the suit after making legal the proceedings of the recent supreme meeting.

Attorneys to Be Paid.

In a short way Mrs. Manchester wins the legal battle, but loses the political battle. Mrs. Manchester's attorneys receive \$8,000 each. These are Hallek Rose, Arthur Mallen and J. J. Sullivan. The opposition attorneys, Gaines, Jeffers & Tunison, Brogan & Raymond and Mahoney & Kennedy are given \$14,000 as a whole. These are the amounts originally allowed by the court and agreed to by the parties in litigation, but afterwards a suit was started to deprive the Manchester attorneys of so large an allowance.

The objection, however, has been withdrawn and the attorneys are now allowed the fees agreed upon. The allowed the fees agreed upon. The controversy ends by putting the matter back into its original proposition.

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Russians Sustain Serious Reverse in War

In the midst of Russia's internal troubles has come another German stroke on the Russian northern front, resulting in the capture of the bridgehead and town of Jacobstadt, on the Dvina, and the enforced retirement of the Russians to the eastern bank of the river. The Germans gained possession of new territory on a front of approximately twenty-five miles and six miles in depth, enabling them to push their lines to the west bank of the Dvina in this area. They took only 400 prisoners, but gathered in fifty guns from the abandoned positions.

Governor Cannot Exempt Drafted Men

Lincoln, Neb., Sept. 22.—(Special Telegram.)—There appears to be an understanding that Governor Neville has authority to turn men loose after the exemption boards have refused to do so and in consequence the life of the governor is wanted a worry. Governor Neville wants it distinctly understood that he has no authority in the matter whatever, has not been authorized to take any action, and will not do so.

Medical Inspection

GERMAN PEACE NOTE TO POPE NOT DEFINITE

Kaiser Wants Peace "Compatible With Vital Interest of Germany," but Neglects to Outline Terms.

Amsterdam, Sept. 22.—The German reply to Pope Benedict's peace proposal declares special measures taken by the government in closest contact with the representatives of the German people to discuss answering the question raised, proved how earnestly it desires to find a practical basis for a just and lasting peace. Continuing, the reply says that Germany fully recognizes with his holiness the high peace-producing effect of arbitration to decide international differences of opinion and in this respect Germany is ready to support every proposal compatible with the vital interests of the German empire and people.

The German reply says that the imperial government greets with the special sympathy the leading idea in which his holiness clearly expresses the conviction that the future material power of arms must be superseded by the moral power of right. Emperor William, the German note says, has been following the efforts of the pope toward peace for a considerable time with high respect.

The reply adds that the effort of the pope to pave the way to an understanding might most surely be reckoned to have a sympathetic reception from and the whole-hearted support of the German emperor, since he has regarded it as his principal and most sacred task to preserve the blessings of peace for the German people and the world.

Germany's Reply.

The text of the reply reads in part: "Herr Cardinal: Your eminence has been good enough, together with your letter of August 2, to transmit to the kaiser and king, my most gracious master, the note of his holiness, the pope, in which his holiness, filled with grief at the devastation of the world war, makes an emphatic peace appeal to the heads of the belligerent peoples. The kaiser-king has deigned to acquaint me with your eminence's letter and to entrust the reply to me.

"His majesty has been following for a considerable time with high respect and sincere gratitude his holiness' efforts in a spirit of true impartiality to alleviate as far as possible the sufferings of the war and to hasten the end of hostilities. The kaiser sees in the latest step of his holiness fresh proof of his noble and humane feelings and cherishes a lively desire that

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ULTIMATUM SENT BY ARGENTINA TO THE GERMANS

Senate Awaiting Further Information on Acts of Luxburg and Kaiser's Approval of Minister's Course.

BULLETIN.

Buenos Aires, Sept. 22.—The Argentine government has sent an ultimatum to Germany.

(By Associated Press.)

Buenos Aires, Sept. 22.—Argentina probably will sever relations with Germany tomorrow, as the result of new developments today, the Associated Press learns from a high official source.

News that Emperor William had expressed approval of the loyalty displayed by Count von Luxburg, the dismissed German minister, was received here just before the opening of debate in the Chamber of Deputies on the resolution declaring for a rupture of relations between Argentina and Germany. This was looked on in some quarters as likely to hasten materially the decision in favor of a break. Early approval of the resolution was predicted.

War Possible.

The Chamber of Deputies late last night postponed discussion until today of the crisis with Germany caused by the unfriendly action of Count von Luxburg, the dismissed German minister. This postponement was taken after receipt of a statement from Foreign Minister Pueyrredon that the government has received new information, which he will present to the congress today.

It was announced that the government was prepared to take grave and rapid measures in view of certain new developments. A high government official declared that these measures probably would include an immediate declaration of war against Germany, to be followed by the dispatch of troops to Europe.

Costa Rica Breaks.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Sept. 22.—The Costa Rican government by an official account yesterday afternoon severed diplomatic relations with Germany. Passports were handed to the

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French General Marries; Is Retired From Office

Paris, Sept. 22.—General Marie Robert De Buyer of the French army, who on Wednesday married Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco, has been placed on the retired list. He is one of a batch of eight generals of division and ten generals of brigade, who have been eliminated to make room for younger men in pursuance of the settled policy of the French army headquarters staff.

Italian Triplane With Nine Passengers Flies to Capital

Washington, Sept. 22.—The big Caproni triplane, piloted by Lieutenant Silvio Resnati, the celebrated Italian military aviator, arrived at 11:40 and circled over the White House and the Washington monument before landing in Potomac park. Beside the pilot it carried nine passengers. Secretary Franklin Lane did not make the trip. The Fiat car, with two Italian aviators, left Newport News at 9:30 a. m. and expected to make the trip in one hour and ten minutes. The third car to leave, the "Comollo," left at 9:45 a. m. with an Italian pilot and Franklin K. Lane, jr.

KAISER SUBORNED U.S. WRITERS; AIDED IRISH IN UPRISING

Government's "Official Expose" Reveals Wholesale Machinations of Von Igel in New York Working With Bernstorff; Code Messages Intercepted Show Bombs Placed in Ship's Coal.

(By Associated Press.)

Washington, Sept. 22.—Further disclosures of far-reaching German propaganda, intrigues and plots in this country prior to the diplomatic break with Germany were made today by the committee on public information.

WILL EXPOSE DISLOYAL MEN IN CONGRESS

Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee Recommends Inquiry to Ferret Out Men Swayed by Bernstorff.

Washington, Sept. 22.—Chairman Flood of the house foreign affairs committee declared today, after conferring with Secretary Lansing, that he thought there probably would be a house investigation of Count von Bernstorff's plans to influence congress by spending \$50,000 as revealed in his dispatches to Berlin.

Further details of Count von Bernstorff's plot to influence congress through a subsidized pro-German organization were sought today by Senator Overman, chairman of the senate lobby committee, and Representative Flood, chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, both of whom arranged to visit the State department.

Whether congress will order an investigation into the aspersions cast upon the body in the ambassador's revealed correspondence will depend to a great extent, it is believed, on the result of today's conferences with Secretary Lansing.

The disclosure of Bernstorff's activities, following closely on the revelations of Prussian intrigue in Argentina and Mexico, continued an absorbing topic of discussion in official and diplomatic circles.

Secretary Lansing sees little that a congressional inquiry could develop, but charges made on the floor yesterday by Representative Heflin of Alabama that certain members have "acted suspiciously" and veiled accusations made by other representatives in interviews, probably will force an investigation, Mr. Flood said. After returning to the capital from the State department Mr. Flood began conferences with house leaders to learn their views on holding an inquiry. He declared that Secretary Lansing gave him no details regarding the von Bernstorff message.

Puts Evidence Into Record.

Senator King of Utah read into the senate record today correspondence and photographic copies of checks to show payments aggregating \$6,500 by the German embassy here to the Fair-play Publishing company, with receipts signed by Marcus Braun and J. P. Bryan.

Senator King did not disclose the source of his documents, but vouched for their authenticity. They also showed payments by the Austrian embassy to small foreign language newspapers. All the payments were for propaganda.

"We will soon have to recognize," he said, "a state of war with Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey, because the are aiding Germany and using their influence against us."

Other revelations, he predicted, would be made of the "sinister and slimy course of German diplomacy in this and other countries." "Many more revelations will come of the intrigue and criminal conspiracies of Germany and also of Austria-Hungary for the purpose of embroiling this country in a war with other nations," said he. "Efforts have been made to stir up the people of this country against Japan. I think we will learn the source of very much of that activity."

Among the letters were some signed by Baron Zwiedinek, former charge of the Austrian embassy, transmitting checks for Polish and Rumanian newspapers, and also from the Austrian vice consuls at New York.

When the Utah senator concluded inserting the correspondence the senate adjourned until Monday.

EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS.

In a bulletin styled "official expose" the committee quotes numerous letters and extracts from letters seized by the Department of Justice in April, 1916, in a raid upon the New York office of Wolfe von Igel, Von Igel, in carrying on his manifold pro-German and anti-American activities, the documents show, was in constant touch with the German embassy and with Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States. "In the form of letters, telegram, notations, checks, receipts, registers, cash books, cipher codes, lists of spies and other memoranda and records" the committee says, "were found indications—in some instances of the vaguest nature, in other of the most damning conclusiveness—that the German imperial government through its representatives in a then friendly nation was concerned with— PLOTS ARE DETAILED. "Violation of the laws of the United States. "Destruction of lives and property in munition vessels on the high seas. "Irish revolutionary plots against Great Britain. "Fomenting ill feeling against the United States in Mexico. "Subornation of American writers and lecturers. "Financing of propaganda. "Maintenance of a spy system under the guise of a commercial investigation bureau. "Subsidizing of a bureau for the purpose of stirring up labor troubles in munition plants. "The bomb industry and other related activities. "Holland Way-Station to Germany. The committee, of which Secretaries Lansing, Baker and Daniels are members, and George Creel, chairman, has this to say concerning Holland: "It has long been an open secret that Holland is merely a way station for shipments of contraband into Germany. There is official confirmation from the Von Igel records which would seem to indicate a suspicious and confidential relation between the 'Holland commission' and the German diplomatic officials accredited to this country, or possibly a belief by the Germans that they could not successfully get the munitions to their own country. The message in code with interlinear translations is entered as 'A 249' and headed 'German embassy, Washington, D. C. April 26, 1916.' It runs as follows: "Telegram from Berlin by secret sound-about way for Carl Heysen's consent sale Holland three hundred thousand chests (cartridges) and two hundred tons powder. Please get in touch with Holland commission. Sender war minister, foreign office in representation. (Signed)—'HATZFELD.' Prince Hatzfeld was an official of the German embassy. Sent Bombs in Coal. The Hamburg-American line's bureau of investigation, the committee states, an "innocent pretending agency," was at the outset the secret service of the Hamburg-American Steamship company. Under Paul Koenig its manager, it became an adjunct of the German diplomatic secret service. A letter, dated July 20, 1915, from O. R., one of its operatives, to "7,000 (characterized by the committee as Captain von Papan, former German military attaché) tells of the payment of \$150 to an unnamed person, under peculiar precautions, after the recipient had made this statement: "I intend to cause serious damage to vessels of the allies leaving ports of the United States by placing bombs, which I am making myself, (Continued on Page Six, Column One.)

The Friday Showing

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