

WARNING WAS SENT FROM PARIS

To Brazilian Authorities of a Plot To Blow Up American Battleship Fleet.

REGARDED IN TWO LIGHTS.

Some Treated It Seriously, Among Them Rio Police, Others as a Myth and Hoax.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The reports cabled from Rio Janeiro that the Brazilian authorities were warned from Paris of a possible attempt to blow up the American battleship fleet while in the harbor there are true.

Some time ago certain suspicions indicating the existence of a plot to destroy the whole or a portion of the fleet, either at Rio Janeiro or in the Straits of Magellan were aroused and naturally communicated to Rio Janeiro and Washington. A chartered steamer was reported to have conveyed explosives for the use of the conspirators to Rio Janeiro, arriving there about the middle of December, and John Foster, whose name is mentioned in the Rio Janeiro dispatches, was one of the men whose name was revealed here as implicated in the conspiracy.

The alleged plot is supposed to have some rather startling ramifications, but the evidence along this line is far from conclusive and rests chiefly upon the statement of an individual whose record was subsequently proved to be anything but creditable. Consequently, the whole affair is regarded with much skepticism, and indeed the presumption has been raised that it may have been a deliberately concocted scare. In any event, it is now believed here that if the plot actually did exist, the timely warning and precautions taken have completely frustrated the plans of the conspirators at Rio Janeiro and compelled them to transfer their operations further south, if not to abandon them entirely. The latter hypothesis is considered here to be most probable.

Only a few people have treated the story seriously; others regarded it as fantastic, while many dismissed the whole affair as a myth. The reports today from Rio Janeiro have been characterized as another weird chapter of the fantastic record. It is believed here that the action of the Rio Janeiro police grew out of the information forwarded to Rio Janeiro from Washington and this city.

TAKEN SERIOUSLY AT RIO.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 20.—There were further developments, according to the local police, to the efforts made to unearth the persons responsible for the alleged plot to destroy part of the American fleet now in this harbor. Several arrests have been made and have organized the plot is made up of foreigners.

It is presumably composed of five Italians, one Canadian and two Germans. John Pedher is one of the Germans. Three of the Italians have been arrested here, and it is believed that the other members of the band have been taken into custody at Sao Paulo. The members of the band counted on the assistance of a Spanish named Romero, who has lived in this city for a long time. A year ago, however, this man went insane and since then he has been shut up in a sanitarium at Montevideo.

PROVIDENT ANNUITY LIFE ASSOCIATION.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—A bill attacking the solvency of the Provident Annuity Life Association and asking for the appointment of a receiver was filed yesterday by Mrs. Belle D. Green, Bloomington, Ill., widow of a director. According to the declarator the company agreed to pay a \$5,000 gold bond upon the death

WOMAN'S BACKACHE



The back is the mainspring of woman's organism. It quickly calls attention to trouble by aching. It tells, with other symptoms, such as nervousness, headache, pains in the loins, weight in the lower part of the body, that a woman's feminine organism needs immediate attention. In such cases the one sure remedy which speedily removes the cause, and restores the feminine organism to a healthy, normal condition is **LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S VEGETABLE COMPOUND**. Mrs. Will Young, of 6 Columbia Ave., Rockland, Me., says: "I was troubled for a long time with dreadful backaches and a pain in my side, and was miserable in every way. I doctored until I was discouraged and thought I would never get well. I read what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound had done for other women and decided to try it; after taking three bottles I can truly say that I never felt so well in my life."

Mrs. Augustus Lyon, of East Earl, Pa., writes to Mrs. Pinkham: "I had very severe backaches, and pressing-down pains. I could not sleep, and had no appetite. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound cured me and made me feel like a new woman." **FACTS FOR SICK WOMEN.** For thirty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been the standard remedy for female ills, and has positively cured thousands of women who have been troubled with displacements, inflammation, ulceration, fibroid tumors, irregularities, periodic pains, backache, flat bearing-down feeling, flatulency, indigestion, dizziness, or nervous prostration.

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Floated the red checkers from your checker-board in a bowl of water and you will know why blood is red. Blood has millions and millions of little red wheels floating in a clear fluid. The professor calls them red corpuscles. Well,

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Mrs. Green denies that she has received any money from the association. A. E. DeMango of Bloomington, is president of the company.

Mrs. Green's husband was one of 500 persons who made the organization possible Oct. 10, 1907, by paying preliminary expenses and the amount of the first assessment before a charter was issued. Green died Nov. 21, after having been in the hospital for some time.

Since his death, it is declared, officers of the association have refused to pay the installments due under the alleged contract and are said to have offered to return to Mrs. Green the dues received by them from her husband.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY.

President Will Send a Message to Congress on the Subject.

Washington, Jan. 20.—It became known today that President Roosevelt contemplates sending to Congress very early a message making recommendations for remedial legislation in the matter of the employers' liability act and which will meet the objections of the supreme court in its recent decision declaring the law unconstitutional.

Coupled with this the president expects to say something about the general subject of trusts, the exact nature of which is not disclosed.

SENTENCE CONFIRMED.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The president today confirmed the sentence imposed by court martial in the case of First Lieut. Allan Le Fort of the coast artillery, recently stationed at Fort Jay, N. Y. That officer was convicted on various charges of obtaining money under false pretenses, by obtaining money on false checks, and false representation. He was sentenced to be dismissed from the army and to be imprisoned for five years.

CHIEF BIG HEART DEAD.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 20.—James Big Heart, ex-chief of Osage Indians, reputed to have been the richest Indian in the United States, is dead of paralysis at his home near Big Heart, Osage reservation, aged 67 years.

Big Heart was born in Henry county, Missouri. With 40 other Osages he volunteered in a company of Kansas cavalry and participated in several battles of the civil war.

Big Heart bought \$2,000 worth of valentines while in Washington a few years ago in connection with allotment matters. He was a member of prominent statesmen in Washington as well as to members of his tribes. He owned much valuable land and was a stockholder in two national banks.

RETIRED LOAN CHECKS.

New York, Jan. 20.—Large blocks of clearing house checks, amounting to about \$15,000,000, were returned today, and the amount outstanding is now in the neighborhood of \$20,000,000. It was stated at the clearing house that the highest amount of certain checks outstanding at any time during the financial crisis was \$100,000,000.

The rapid retirement of the certificates would indicate that within a few days all the clearing house banks will be back on a cash basis of mutual exchange.

A DOUBLE MURDER.

Object Was Not Robbery for Money Was Found in Ranchers' Cabin.

Weaverville, Cal., Jan. 20.—James Bebeau and Fred Holmes were found murdered this morning in their ranch home near Creek, three miles from Hayfork. One was shot in the head and the other in the breast. There is no clue to the murderer and the motive of the crime cannot be explained. Robbery was not the purpose, for nearly \$100 was left untouched on the table. It is believed the tragedy occurred last Friday, as neither of the men had been seen since by the neighbors, the nearest of whom lives a mile away.

Bebeau and Holmes had lived together for 25 years. Holmes was working for Bebeau. The first was aged 71, the second 55, and both are pioneers of Trinity county. Neither of them drank and they were never known to have had a quarrel between themselves or with anybody else. Sheriff Boyce and two deputies and Coroner Wallace left today for Hayfork.

AUSTIN'S APPLICATION FOR INJUNCTION DENIED.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The application of George W. Austin of New York for a restraining order against Secy. of the Treasury Cortelyou to prevent the latter from allotting \$2,500,000 for the Panama canal bonds to certain national banks was today denied by Justice Gould of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

The court's decision was rendered following argument by counsel for Mr. Austin and the government. The ruling is practically a dismissal of the suit, although the attorney will file a demurrer asking for a formal dismissal. Mr. Austin's suit sought to enjoin Secretary Cortelyou from doing what was an accomplished fact and sought to invoke the injunctive power of the court in matters within the discretionary power of a member of the executive branch of the government.

The circular which advertised for proposals for Panama bonds reserved the right to reject any bid. Judge Gould's decision, hinged principally on this point since in his answer the Mr. Austin was financially responsible and that his particular bid was rejected because it was for the least interest of the government.

S. F. BOND ISSUE.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—The first step in a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for 14 public necessities was taken by the board of supervisors today, when it passed to print the declaratory ordinance.

No negotiation of items or expenditure of money is authorized until the ordinance is passed in the bill, but the \$5,000,000 total was derived from previous reports of the committee.

The 14 projects upon which the people are to be asked to authorize a bond issue include: a new water supply system, fire houses, sewer system, repaving of streets, city hall, schools, library, hospital, and many other public parks, playgrounds, and near ferry for widening outlet of Montgomery avenue and a crematory.

GRIFFIN KILLS SHERIFF.

Ely, Nev., Jan. 20.—A telephone report from McGill, 14 miles north of here, says that Sheriff Davis has been killed by a man named Griffin. The sheriff was attempting to make an arrest when he was killed. The murderer escaped. A large posse is in pursuit and there is talk of lynching.

TILLMAN ATTACKS SECY. CORTELYOU

Comments on Failure of Secretary to Furnish Information Called for by the Senate.

PAYS RESPECTS TO ALDRICH.

Says, "We Have to Sit Here Until This Great Percentage Comes Through the Door."

Washington, Jan. 20.—An animated debate occurred in the senate today, in which Mr. Tillman made many comments on what he termed the failure of Secy. Cortelyou to obey the resolution of the senate calling for information concerning the recent issue of Panama bonds.

Mr. Aldrich explained that the delay in the secretary's response to the resolution had resulted from the necessity of making a full statement of all the reasons that had influenced the secretary and that had taken more time than had been anticipated. He assured the senator that the information would be forthcoming and spoke in high terms of the secretary of the treasury.

"It is a little curious that an officer of the government should be willing to occupy the attitude of disobedience after we have given considerable time to send in the information," said Mr. Tillman.

"The currency bill," he added, "is being brought in pressed for consideration and it seems strange that the secretary of the treasury, who is directly responsible for our financial affairs, should refuse to send in a report giving the information we work. We are told that Secy. Cortelyou is ill, but he was not too ill to go to New York to make a speech. It seems extraordinary, phenomenal, that we cannot get a report from him."

Mr. Aldrich answered that the secretary had written him a letter, which at the moment was on its way and that it would more fully explain the conditions.

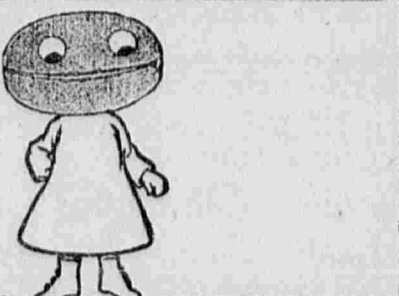
"Those of us who know Mr. Cortelyou," said Mr. Aldrich, "know that he is never delinquent in his public duties and I think if the senator from South Carolina would have an opportunity to talk matters over with him, he would be satisfied."

"It did not take that long to issue the bonds," insisted Mr. Tillman. "That was a simple matter," retorted Mr. Aldrich. "The senator from South Carolina does not realize that he can put down on paper inquiries that will take many months and a great department to answer. It is much easier to ask questions than to answer them."

"The senator will recall," interrupted Mr. Tillman, "that these questions were asked by his own committee. Now, I will give some additional reasons why we should have this information forwarded to us. I have a letter from Mr. Kilgore, inclosing a reply he received from the assistant secretary."

"This," he continued, "may give some light as showing why the secretary finds it so difficult to answer inquiries we have propounded. This is the letter, giving reasons why he refused to recognize bidders for bonds."

"The circular made no reservation of bids," declared Mr. Tillman, referring to the language of the letter. "This is purely an executive function and when the facts are brought out, I think they will show that the secretary of the treasury has utterly disregarded the law in his anxiety, laudable as it may have been, to supply currency."



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to New York against other parts of the country."

Mr. Tillman then turned to Mr. Aldrich and declared that nothing could have been considered in the senate while the chairman of the finance committee was out of the chamber. "We have to sit here," he said, "until this great percentage comes through the door."

CORTELYOU EXPLAINS.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Just before the senate adjourned today, Senator Aldrich received a letter from Secy. Cortelyou explaining the delay in replying to the resolution calling on him for information concerning the recent Panama bonds issue, and the latter was laid before the senate. Earlier in the day Senator Tillman indulged in caustic comment upon what he characterized as the secretary's apparent "disobedience" to a senate resolution.

In his letter to Senator Aldrich, Mr. Cortelyou said: "I am sorry that there should have been any misunderstanding as to the time when my answer to the resolution would be sent in. Had I been advised of your request to know when it might be expected I would have replied that I required a little more time to go over the mass of figures it involved. It is my desire, of course, that all business of this kind shall be disposed of promptly, but this matter is so important that I have felt it desirable that every feature of the report should be clearly stated, both for the information of the senate and in justice to the department. It is my desire, moreover, to submit a complete response to the resolution, and I hope to have it ready in the course of the next few days. All probability about the beginning of next week."

"The amount of work involved in the preparation of such voluminous data may not be fully appreciated by some, but it should be remembered that the force in all the bureaus here which have to do intimately with financial matters have been for weeks working on the report, and to have this duty put upon them in addition materially increases their burden."

FOR ROBBING MAILS.

R. W. Harwood, Joseph Reilly and Geo. Godfrey Charged With Crime.

San Francisco, Jan. 20.—Postoffice Inspector Dennis Coyne swore to complaints before United States Commissioner Peacock yesterday charging Robert W. Harwood, Joseph Reilly and George Godfrey with having robbed the United States mails of two registered packages valued at \$100 and \$5 respectively at Marysville on Jan. 14.

Harwood was the driver of the mail wagon between the postoffice and railroad station and claimed that on that morning he was held up by two men who beat him over the head and then rifled the registered pouch.

After a brief investigation Coyne became satisfied that the three defendants had been in the robbery and secured a confession in which the driver admitted that he had planned the robbery and that the other two had acted as lookouts. Reilly brought in Godfrey and the latter, determining to cut Harwood out of the profits of the enterprise, beat him on the head with a revolver and left him out of the division.

Harwood and Reilly were then placed under arrest and later Godfrey was captured in Sacramento. They will be brought here for hearing.

INSTRUCTION FOR TROOPS.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Gen. Bell, chief of staff, has issued general orders prescribing the character and the scope of the instruction to be given to the regular army and the organized militia at the camps of instruction during the present year. The troops of the regular army will be assembled at the several camps by March and over such routes as will insure the covering of approximately 300 miles by foot, troops, preferably in one march from their permanent posts to the camps.

"LITTLE EGYPT'S" ESTATE.

New York, Jan. 20.—Fred Hamlin, of the banking firm of Hamlin & Co., of East Bloomsfield, N. Y., has applied for letters of administration upon the estate of Catherine Devine, the "Little Egypt," of Seelye dinner fame, who died alone in her flat in West Thirty-seventh street, two weeks ago. Mr. Hamlin asserts that he married the dancer nearly 12 years ago.

The relatives of the dancer will fight Hamlin's claim. The estate is estimated at \$200,000.

At the time of "Little Egypt's" death it was not generally supposed that she had left a fortune. An investigation, however, revealed the fact that she owned real estate in New York, Long Island, Canada and New Jersey. In addition she had several bank accounts and much valuable jewelry. She had been on the stage for more than 20 years, and her income after the Seelye dinner, averaged nearly \$1,000 a week.

NEGRO MURDERER LYNCHED.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 21.—News reached here last night to the effect that a posse of Morgan county citizens captured and lynched Walter Cole, a negro, who killed Walter Langley, a Cincinnati Southern bridge worker, at Annied, Tenn. The negro showed fight and the posse opened fire, riddling his body with bullets.

JOHN H. WAGNER DEAD.

Chicago, Jan. 21.—John H. Wagner, 72 years old, a prominent architect and general contractor of Chicago, died yesterday at his home in Lake Forest. He came to Chicago from Canada in pioneer days and took an active part in the city's growth. He served in the army and was a member of the Second Minnesota volunteers. Mr. Wagner retired from active life a year ago.

GRADUALLY CLEARING UP A GREAT MURDER MYSTERY

Florence, Colo., Jan. 20.—The dead bodies of three of the four Italians whose disappearance from this city in the last three months has baffled the police were found today buried at a distance of about 120 yards from the home of Antonio Nermino, alias Antonio Bayotti, who is under arrest, charged with the murder of the four persons. The corpses are those of Damiano Minichello, who was a partner of Nermino in a market gardening business; Ercola Buffetti, an employee at the garden, and Mrs. Frank Palmetto, who had been Nerino's housekeeper. Minichello's throat had been cut from ear to ear and was held to the trunk by a mere thread. Buffetti had been struck on the head with a sharp instrument, probably a hatchet, and his head split open. The woman also had been killed by a blow on the head. A vigorous search is now being made for the body of the fourth missing person, brother of Minichello. Nermino disclosed the hiding place of the bodies when taken to the scene of the crimes and threatened with imprisonment, he said he did not tell all that he knew about the murders. However, he declared that the murders were committed by Joseph Minichello, the missing man, and not by himself.

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