

GERMAN AND SWEDISH PLOT

Argentine Steamers Ordered Sunk Without Trace Being Left.

Washington, Sept. 8.—How Sweden's legation in Argentine, acting as a secret means of communication between the German charge in Buenos Aires and the Berlin foreign office, transmitted information of the sailing of ships and directions for their destruction by submarines, was revealed today in official dispatches made public by the state department.

"The secretary of state today made the following statement: 'The department of state has secured certain telegrams from Count Luxburg, German charge d'affaires at Buenos Aires, to the foreign office at Berlin, which I regret to say, were dispatched from Buenos Aires by the Swedish legation as their own official messages, addressed to the Stockholm foreign office.'

"The following are translations of the German text: 'May 19, 1917, Number 32. This government has now received German and Austrian ships in which hitherto a guard had been placed. In consequence of the settlement of the Monte (Protector) case there has been a great change in public feeling. Government will in future only clear Argentine ships as far as Las Palmas. I beg that the small steamers Oran and Guazo, the 31st of January (meaning which sailed 31st.) 300 tons, which are (now) nearing Fordenax with a view to change the flag, may be spared if possible, or else sunk without a trace being left ('spuror versenkt').'

(Signed) "Luxburg."
"July 3, 1917, Number 59. Learn from a reliable source that the acting minister for foreign affairs, who is a notorious ass and Anglophile, declared in a secret session of the senate that

Argentine would demand from Berlin a promise not to sink more Argentine ships. If not agreed to, relations would be broken off. I recommend refusal and, if necessary, calling in the mediation of Spain.

"Luxburg."
"July 9, 1917, Number 61. With out showing any tendency to make concessions, postpone reply to Argentine note until receipt of further reports. A change of ministry is probable. As regards Argentine steamers, I recommend either compelling them to turn back, sinking them without leaving any traces, or letting them through. They are all quite small."

Sensation In London.

London, Sept. 9.—The Washington state department's revelation of a Swedish diplomat in Argentina acting as an intermediary for transferring German messages to Berlin has created one of the greatest international sensations of the war. The development itself is not, however, a great surprise, the chief surprise being that the American officials were able to obtain the messages as they did the Zimmerman note of last winter regarding German overtures to Mexico.

The Swedish government, with the monarchy, the aristocracy and the army officers, has been rated strongly pro-German throughout the war, and Queen Victoria, in several public utterances has proclaimed her German sentiments as strongly as any German could. The Swedish people, on the other hand, are reported as leaning strongly against Germany in the more recent stages of the war, particularly since the unrestricted submarine campaign began. Sweden's leaning toward Germany was regarded as a natural complement to her old fear of the Russian autocracy, but the entente nations held the hope that when the cause for that distrust was removed by the revolution Swedish feeling might undergo a radical change.

The suspicion has been current in England throughout the war that Germany was obtaining much information of military movements which could not be secured through ordinary spies, the spy industry having been pretty well stamped out here for more than a year past, after several executions in the Tower of London. The belief that Lord Kitchener's death when the Hampshire went down was the result of information transmitted to Germany of his departure has been persistent.

Compliments to American diplomacy for the skill displayed in securing the messages are a part of all the comment on the affair.

Washington Not Looking For Break.

Washington, Sept. 9.—The government's exposure of how Sweden's legation in Argentine acted as a secret channel of communication for Count Luxburg, German charge in Buenos Aires, and the Berlin foreign office, has reached a sensation which absorbs the diplomatic corps and all official quarters almost to the exclusion of all other subjects connected with the war.

As a revelation of the machinations of German diplomacy it takes rank second only to the celebrated Zimmerman note plotting war between the United States, Japan and Mexico. State department officials today continued their policy of absolute silence.

but it was plain they deplored an attempt to color the incident as forecasting a diplomatic break between the United States and Sweden.

No such development is even thought of at this juncture. At the present stage it is wholly a matter between Argentina, Sweden and Germany, with the United States, her allies and the rest of the world interested onlookers, eager to know how the most remarkable train of events will be explained or dealt with by the three governments.

Syrians Clash With Georgians.

Hawkinsville, Ga., Sept. 9.—Thomas Simon, a Syrian, called for the draft army in spite of his claim that a brother in the Turkish army made him an alien enemy, was killed with his wife here last night while resisting arrest for assaulting a member of the exemption board. After the assault Simon, his wife and a brother barricaded themselves in their store and greeted a posse of officers and citizens with a volley from rifles and pistols. When the fire was returned Simon and his wife fell dead, the latter still grasping a revolver which she had emptied. The brother escaped through a back door. Three members of the posse were wounded, one of them seriously, with a bullet in his lungs.

Seeding Abruzzi Rye.

Abruzzi rye should be sowed from September 15 to October 15 for best results as a cover crop or grazing crop. If sowed earlier than September 15, the young plants are very apt to be killed by the hot sun and if sowed much later than October 15, the plants will not have time to make their best cover crop growth before time to turn them under. We recommend planting in cotton fields after the first or second picking. Sow the rye broadcast between the rows, and turn under with a large sweep, one furrow to the row. The rate of seeding for a cover crop should be about one bushel to the acre. For grazing purposes, two bushels to the acre will give better results.

For grain production we recommend seeding with a grain drill from the 1st to the 15th of November in the upper half of the Cotton Belt, and two weeks later in the lower half. The rye is considerably earlier than our native varieties, and if planted earlier than this, it will head out very early in the spring, and may be injured by cold weather. We prefer planting here as near November 15 as possible, and advise a strict adherence to the above rule for best results. After conducting experiments for several years, we find that a seeding of one-half bushel per acre on good soil and three-fourths bushel per acre on light soils, for November 15 planting, will give best grain yields. Very late plantings, however, will not give satisfactory results. Of course, these light seedings require a good seed bed, and we advise a thorough preparation of the land before planting. Break and harrow your land thoroughly, and use a grain drill.

D. R. Coker, in the Progressive Farmer.

More Arrests Made in Sims Case.

York, S. C., Sept. 7.—Meek McGill, age 35, postmaster of Hickory Grove and a well known merchant of that town and Carson Lattimore, age 28, policeman of Hickory Grove, were jailed in jail this afternoon on a charge of complicity in the Sims lynching. The arrest of these well known citizens of western York created a sensation here.

Dick Norman, who was released on \$1,000 bond, is reported to have told all the details of the lynching, though no confirmation of this can be secured from officers here. Several other arrests are expected before the convening of the grand jury Monday.

Greatest Corn Crop.

Washington, Sept. 7.—Corn, the country's greatest crop, needs only a few weeks freedom from frost to mature into the largest production ever known in the history of the nation. The government's September crop report today forecasts a production of 3,248,000,000 bushels, which is 124,000,000 bushels more than produced in the record year, 1912.

LEE COUNTY NEWS

Items of Interest Gathered From Bishopville Viandictor.

Mr. Edwin Wilson of St. Charles, Mr. R. M. Josey, of Una, Mr. W. W. Player of Elliott, Mr. S. N. Welsh, County Demonstration agent, Mr. L. L. Baker, who travels all over the State, Mr. G. O. Rogers, one of our intensive as well as extensive farmers, all agree that from close examination, the cotton crop in Lee County has been cut short fully one-third. Mr. Baker says it is even worse than that in the upper and western parts of the State, but the sections that are least hurt by the drought are those sections of Clarendon, Williamsburg, Georgetown, Florence and Marion that were hit so hard last year by the July storm. In addition to their fine tobacco crop already sold, they have splendid corn and cotton crops.

Last Wednesday morning about 5 o'clock soon after the cook had made up fire in the stove to get breakfast for the chain gang, the kitchen on wheels that goes with the gang, was found to be on fire and was enveloped so soon with the flames that nothing was saved and the prison cage was so nearby, it came very near being burned also. The gang was up near Lucknow and Mr. Outlaw had to send to Bishopville for a fresh supply before the convicts could get breakfast. How it caught is not known as the cook had gone out for water.

Messrs. Frank and Claude DesChamps accompanied by their mother Mrs. W. A. DesChamps and Mr. Geo. Conzar returned a few days ago from a two weeks trip to Waynesville, Montreat and other places in North Carolina. They went in their car and report excellent roads except a few places. They made the trip in a day both going up and coming back.

Mr. Furman Peebles left last Tuesday for Pitts, Ga., to spend a month or two with his son William to assist him in gathering his crop.

Mr. Victor Myers of the U. S. Navy is spending a short time with his sister, Mrs. Cora Graham.

The friends of Mr. Alex Thompson, of Dalzell, the popular cotton weigher for Sumter county, will be sorry to hear that he has been seriously ill at the Sumter hospital where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. We are glad to report that he is getting along so nicely he was able to leave the hospital last Monday and return home.

The Second Liberty Loan.

It is contemplated that the Second Liberty Loan campaign will close on the 1st of November, next, and that the active campaign will begin not later than October 1st.

The details of the loan cannot be given until the Congress has acted upon the bond bill now pending. As soon as the new law has been passed announcement of the details of the loan will be made. Obviously no subscriptions will be received or can be received to the new loan until the Congress has acted upon the pending measure and announcement of the issue made.

I earnestly hope that all Liberty Loan committees already existing will perfect their organizations immediately and get themselves in readiness for the next Liberty Loan campaign, and that new organizations will be effected wherever possible throughout the country for furthering this great service to the Nation.

As in the previous loan, the general direction of the campaign in each Federal Reserve District will be under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Bank of that District as the fiscal agent of the Government, and all Liberty Loan committees are urged to get in touch with the Federal Reserve Bank of their District and actively engage in the preliminary work of preparing for the next campaign.—William G. McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury.

Government Employee For Many Years.

Bennettsville, Sept. 7.—Funeral services were held in Bennettsville over the body of Miss Emma A. McCally, eighty-five years old, and for the past fifty-two years an employee of the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C. Hers was a most remarkable and faithful career in the service. She never had been removed through the various changes of Presidents or department heads. She was the granddaughter of Commander Nathaniel Haraden, a United States naval officer, who was a lieutenant on the Constitution of the war of 1812, and later commandant of the navy yard in Washington, D. C. Her father was John McCally and her mother Eliza Haraden. She was born in Columbia, S. C., in 1832, and was one of the first Southern women to receive an appointment in the government's service after the civil war, getting this appointment from Andrew Johnson in 1865. She was employed in the internal revenue office of the Treasury Department, where she remained in continual active service until within one week of her death. She was buried in Bennettsville beside the grave of her mother, Mrs. Eliza Haraden McCally, and several of her sisters. She was raised on Main street in Columbia, S. C., and their home was one of the many that were burned in the Sherman raid.

So Thankful.

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BAN ON BOOZE-MAKING

Millions of Bushels of Grain Will Now Be Used For Food.

Washington, Sept. 8.—Tonight at 11 o'clock whiskey manufacture ceased in the United States under the provisions of the food control law and the millions of bushels of grain heretofore used in making that form of drink will be diverted to food. Importation of whiskey also stopped tonight.

Just how much grain will be added to the food supplies as a result is not determinable but experts say about 100,000,000 bushels are used by the distilleries each year, of which about 40,000,000 bushels are used in whiskey manufacture.

Customs officials throughout the country after tonight will seize all importations of spirituous liquors reaching the United States. Officers of the internal revenue bureau throughout the country will see that distilleries make no more whiskey.

Distillers may continue manufacturing alcohol for commercial purposes and many of them have arranged for this work, others turning their distilleries into manufacturing plants for yeast, vinegar and by-products. Stocks of whiskey in the country undoubtedly are larger than they ever have been, because of active preparation by distillers and dealers in anticipation of the law. Distillers have been working at utmost capacity and imports have been larger than ever.

Officials estimate the quantity of whiskey in bond in warehouses to be about 100,000,000 gallons. Stocks not in bond will bring the quantity on hand in the country up to about 230,000,000 gallons. The annual production of whiskey has been about 110,000,000 gallons.

Peoria, Ill., Sept. 8.—At 11 o'clock tonight Peoria will cease to be the whiskey making center of the world. Thousands of gallons of liquor will remain in the warehouses here, but its manufacture ends today under the food conservation law.

The 12,900-foot altitude flight made by Caleb Brazz in a hydro-airplane with two passengers at Fort Washington, N. Y., August 25, has been sanctioned as the American record for that class of flying by the Aero Club of America. Toronto has given three airplanes to England.

"GOD GUIDE AND KEEP YOU"

Soldiers Entering Nation's Service Received Message From Williams.

Soldiers of the national army welcomed into the nation's service Monday by President Wilson a message of affectionate confidence, a prayer to God to keep and them. Everything these young men the President told them, will be done with the deepest solicitude of the whole country and the eyes of the world will be upon them because they are "in some special sense the soldiers of freedom."

The first soldiers for the armed under the draft law started their homes for the training camps Wednesday. The President them as brothers and comrades great war to keep straight and a standard so high that living it will add a new laurel to the American.

The message follows: "The White House, Washington, D. C., Sept. 10, 1917. To the Soldiers of the National Army:

"You are undertaking a great task. The heart of the whole country will be watching with the deepest interest and with the deepest sympathy not only by those who are dear to you, but the whole nation. For this great war effort all together, makes us comrades, brothers, as all true Americans themselves to be when we first good national independence. To of all the world will be upon because you are in some special sense the soldiers of freedom. Let your pride therefore, to show it everywhere not only what you are, but also what you are, keeping yourselves straight in everything and clean through and through. Set for our ourselves a standard high that it will be a glory up to it and then let us live it and add a new laurel to the American. My affectionate regards go with you in every battle every test. "God keep and guide you. "Woodrow Wilson"

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