

BOY SHAH OF PERSIA REJECTS GERMAN 'ADVICE'

Refused to Leave His Capital and Become Dupe of Teuton Conspirators.

SOME SIDELIGHTS ON GERMAN INTRIGUE

Dramatic Scenes in Palace at Teheran—Plot to assassinate Colonel of Persian Cossack Brigade.

(London Daily Chronicle.)

The following complete story—the first to be published in this country—of the German and Turkish attempts to induce the boy Shah of Persia to leave his capital and thus innocently further the interests of enemy conspirators, was supplied by Reuters Agency yesterday. The account of the scenes in the palace at Teheran makes fascinating reading.

During the second week of November (runs the story) events in Teheran followed one another with amazing rapidity. News of the advance of Russian troops in the direction of the capital produced a profound effect, and the Germans, Austrians and Turks immediately sought refuge in the American Legation.

It was made clear that the Russians were being brought up in view of the possibility of disturbances—worked up by the Germans—during Muharram, and simply with a view to maintain order. Apparently a secret agreement had existed for some time for the harmonious working of the Swedish ex-officers (for whom the Swedish Government is not responsible) and the Persian gendarmes with the German party in Persia.

A Bomb Plot.

Furthermore there is reason to believe that the enemy had endeavored unsuccessfully to win over the Persian Cossack Brigade. On November 14 the colonel of the brigade gave an "At Home," which was attended by the Swedish officers.

Here was discovered a would-be assassin, armed with bombs which he had been bribed by the Germans to throw at the colonel. This, if successful, would have disgraced and confused the brigade and greatly assisted the enemy in bringing off his coup on the following day.

That same night, the German, Austrian and Turkish diplomats left Teheran for a short distance from the capital, while, at the same time, the gendarmes were moving in the same direction (ostensibly on a Government expedition) en masse, believing that they were to accompany the Government to Isfahan (200 miles further south) and attack the Russians.

Next day the gendarmes officers also all left Teheran, sending their wives and families to take refuge in the American Legation.

Orders to Shoot Englishmen.

Simultaneously the American flag was hoisted on the three Legations concerned, and some of their contents removed to the American Legation. The gendarmes, who had been stationed on sentry-go at such public places as the Imperial Bank, were suddenly removed about 11 o'clock in the morning, and, it is reported, were told to get out of the town as quickly as possible and shoot every Russian and Englishman they saw.

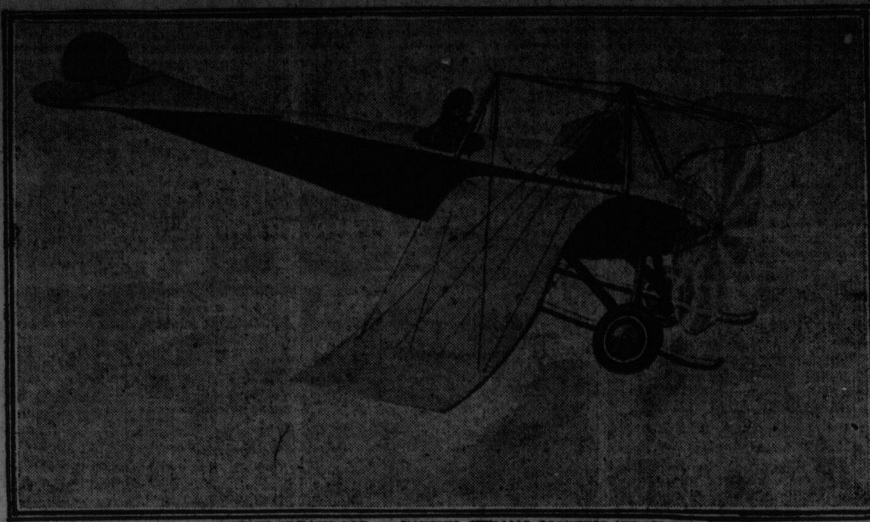
In the meantime great excitement was aroused in the capital when it was known that the Shah was going to leave. The streets were lined with police, and a large escort of guards was drawn up outside the Palace, where the Shah's carriage was waiting from an early hour in the morning. Within the Palace most dramatic scenes were in progress. The Cabinet Ministers were assembled in a corner of the room, in which the young Shah was trying to make up his mind as to whether he should leave. On one side were functionaries doing their utmost to persuade the Sovereign to leave, while on the other Samam-es-Sultaneh, the Sipahdar, and Prince Firman Firas were urging him to stay.

Boy Ruler Distracted.

Utterly distracted, the boy-ruler sent four times for Colonel Westdahl, asking him what he advised, but the Chief of Police correctly implied on each occasion that he was there to obey orders, and not to advise—a striking contrast to the behaviour of the Chief of the Gendarmes, Colonel Edwall.

The Ministers when appealed to by the Shah did not know what to say, as they had become completely overawed by the German party. This state of hesitation lasted all the morning, and, in the afternoon, the British and Russian Ministers had a private conference with the Shah, at which

GERMANY HAS NEW AEROPLANE WITH GREAT SPEED



THE ALBATROSS. LATEST GERMAN SCOUTING AEROPLANE.

The German government has now in operation a new type of scouting aeroplane. It is known as the Albatross. Experts in aviation declare this new model to be far superior in matter of speed to any other flying machine.

It was explained at great length to the young boy that the presence of the Russian troops near Teheran was not a menace but a safeguard to the public safety, and that the police of the two Powers was one of friendliness towards Persia.

Allied Diplomats Win.

At 5.30 the Shah summoned Colonel Westdahl and told him to dismiss his mounted police, as he had decided to remain in Teheran. A Cabinet Council was immediately called, and Ahmed-Dowleh and Prince Firman Firas were appointed Ministers in the Cabinet, the latter as Minister of Interior and the former as Minister without portfolio.

Meanwhile there was an extraordinary state of affairs at Shah Abdul Azim, whither the enemy diplomatists and the gendarmes had repaired. The gendarmes were drawn up in review order, with the enemy foreign ministers in full dress with their staffs, awaiting the arrival of the Shah, whom they hoped to accompany to Isfahan, where they were really to fight against the British and Russians.

Their dismay can hardly be conceived when they learned, in dramatic circumstances, that the Shah had decided against them and the Allies had carried the day.

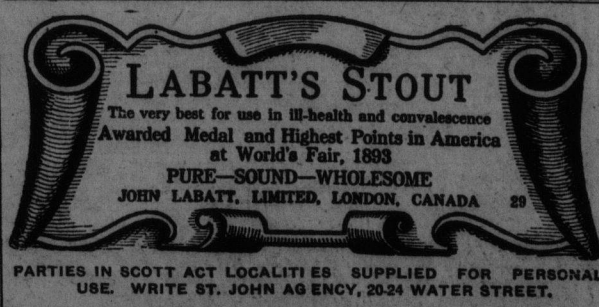
The gendarmes had been most active throughout the day and previous night removing all their equipment and ammunition from the Bagh-i-Shah and Yussufabad barracks, commandeering all the carriages plying for hire in the streets, filling them with gear of every description, and sending them down the road to Kum (70 miles S.E. of Hamadan), with a gendarme mounted on the box. Fourgons and all transport animals were also requisitioned and driven to the barracks loaded up and sent off. By the morning of Nov. 15 not a single gendarme was left in Teheran.

Only the police and the ancient Persian soldiers were to be seen, no one knowing what they feared, nor why. In a few days the gendarmes began to return to the city with all their transport, very travel-stained and weary, to the general amusement of the populace, who, had now begun to realize how ridiculous they had made themselves.

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(Modes of Today.)

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ANTI-GERMAN SPEECH RAISES WHIRLWIND IN U. S. CONGRESS

Rep. Gardener assailed for declaring Hyphenated Americans are destroying U. S. Munition Factories with their gold and dynamite.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Representative Gardener was vigorously assailed today in the House by two Republican colleagues, Stafford and Cooper, of Wisconsin, when he made a speech criticizing German-Americans and the German nation.

"The remarks we have just heard were as violent as could have been made in the British parliament," shouted Mr. Cooper, who is the ranking member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. On Mr. Gardener's demand for the regular order of business Mr. Cooper sat down. He had scarcely taken his seat, however, when Mr. Stafford gained the floor. In an impassioned address he declared Mr. Gardener to be "more British than American," criticized him for the nature of his remarks, "which every member should weigh his words carefully," and strongly defended German-Americans.

Mr. Stafford took particular exception to the declaration that German-Americans were destroying American munition factories with their "gold and dynamite."

"Those charges cannot be made against the 8,000,000 German-Americans who are in this country," he declared. "I am not advocating the German

HORSE TENDERS PROTEST.

London, Jan. 7.—Thirty American horse tenders have made a protest to the American embassy that they are being held on board the British steamship Kelvinia, at Manchester under dangerous sanitary conditions. The alien officer at Manchester declined to permit the Americans to go ashore because they had no passports, and under the new regulations of the State Department the American consul could not issue statements of American citizens to them.

The Kelvinia is not to start on her return voyage for ten days and the men state in their complaint that living conditions on board are very bad. The Kelvinia sails from New Orleans.

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ROBBER SECURE MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF STAMPS

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 7.—Approximately a million dollars worth of negotiable internal revenue stamps, and several thousand dollars in cash, were stolen last night by robbers, who still fully blew open a vault in the old Federal building at Fifth and Wabash streets, gathered up the loot and escaped without arousing an alarm. The robbers rejected a large quantity of stamps that were uncollectible. The robbery was not discovered until the building was opened for business today.

Deserters Arrested.

Ernest Harry and James McAndrews were arrested yesterday by Police Inspector Wickham, and are being held at police headquarters as deserters from the 64th Battalion now in training in Halifax.

came, but I know that in my own districts munition factories, surrounded by thousands of German-Americans, are running daily without interference. I, therefore, rise to resent this baseless charge, which is unworthy of any man."

Mr. Gardener left the House just as Mr. Stafford began. Representative Gardener had made a long, prepared speech in the House today, approving the administration's stand that it would be unneutral to embargo war munitions, and declared that a peace in Europe now would be inconclusive and would mean another war. He smiled the pacifists, the hyphenated-Americans and the cotton interests.

BRITISH GOV'T FIXES \$2 PER HUNDRED POUNDS AS OCEAN RATE ON COTTON

New York, Jan. 7.—The British government has fixed an ocean freight rate of two dollars a hundred pounds on cotton shipped from this country to England in British vessels, with confiscation of the offending ship a penalty for overcharge, according to advice received by cotton traders here today. The prevailing rates on cotton to Great Britain from American ports are now said to range from \$2.00 to \$3 a hundred pounds, the high rates being induced by shortage in tonnage.

TO INVESTIGATE HOLD UP OF MAIL.

Washington, Jan. 7.—Investigation of foreign interference with United States mails on the high seas, or en route to destinations, is contemplated in a resolution introduced today by Senator Hitchcock, of Nebraska, calling upon Postmaster-General Hurless to supply the Senate with all information in his possession bearing on the subject. The resolution was referred to the postal committee.

MRS. GRAHAME-WHITE TO SUE FOR DIVORCE

Wife of noted aviator, now Flight Commander of Royal Flying Corps, asks Restitution of Conjugal Rights.

London, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, wife of the well known aviator, who is now a Flight Commander of the Royal Naval Air Service, has filed a petition for the restitution of her conjugal rights an action which ordinarily is the prelude to a suit for divorce.

Claude Grahame-White and Dorothy Cadwell Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Leroy Taylor, of New York, were married in Wiltford, England, in June, 1912. The couple first became acquainted in mid-ocean, and later Miss Taylor became interested in aviation and was one of the regular attendants at Grahame-White's aviation meetings at Hendon. Before their marriage she made several flights with Grahame-White, and a month after the marriage flew across the English Channel with her husband.

Captain of French Cruiser Cautioned.

Washington, Jan. 7.—The State Department was advised today by Ambassador Sharp, at Paris, that the French government had ordered the captain of the cruiser Descartes to act with great care and circumspection, and not to stop any more American vessels. The cruiser recently stopped three vessels in Porto Rican waters, and removed Germans, who since have been released.



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