

COCCHI ADMITS HE SLEW CRUGER GIRL

New York Italian Confesses When Quizzed at Bologna, Police Learn

SECRET SERVICE IN HUNT
ROME, June 23.—The confession of Alfredo Cocchi that he had murdered Ruth Cruger in New York early in February was formally reported to American Ambassador Page from Bologna today.

In view of the request of the United States Government for extradition, Page was preparing official papers to such an end for submission to the Italian Ministry of Justice.

NEW YORK, June 23.
Alfredo Cocchi, proprietor of the motor-cars shop where the body of seventeen-year-old Ruth Cruger was found, has confessed that he attacked and killed the girl, the police were informed in a dispatch from Bologna, Italy. Cocchi is under arrest at Bologna.

The full text of Cocchi's confession is expected before night. The news from Bologna came as a distinct surprise. The police had been informed in earlier dispatches that Cocchi had professed his innocence and had retained a lawyer to fight extradition. Since he has confessed it is believed the Italian Government will place no obstacles in the way of his return to New York to face trial.

Cocchi was employed as a mechanic when found in Bologna. He had been in New York because of trouble with his wife, and denied any connection with Ruth Cruger's disappearance. The news that the missing girl's body had been dug up in the cellar of his shop plainly startled him, and he appeared greatly depressed, the early dispatches said.

The importance which the Government attaches to the disclosures was evidenced by the fact that William J. Flynn, chief of the United States Secret Service, has taken charge of the investigation. Chief Flynn is having under the story of white slave traffic told by Miss Consuela La Rue, the girl who was mysteriously attacked two men after she had made important revelations in the Cruger mystery.

Though the Federal authorities are maintaining absolute secrecy, it is reported that Miss La Rue was investigating the international white slave traffic as the secret agent of a South American Government when she was attacked in her apartment. It is known that she has received large sums of money, and that Jose A. Del Campo, a Latin American consul, has been making inquiries about her condition. Del Campo refused to give any information about Miss La Rue, except to say that she comes from one of the best families in Argentina.

Police Magistrate Koenig early today issued a warrant for the arrest of a man alleged to belong to a gang that kidnaped young girls and sold them to resorts in South America. This man and his associates are held responsible for the attempt on Miss La Rue's life.

Flour Sold at \$200 a Barrel in Greece

ATHENS, June 23.—Two hundred dollars for a barrel of flour! That price, paid by a wealthy Greek, shows how acute the food shortage is in Greece. The Allies are taking steps to remedy it.

MEMORIAL CHURCH TO BE DEDICATED

Building at 57th Street and Washington Avenue, the Gift of Craig N. Liggett

The new church erected for the Ninth Presbyterian Church at Fifty-seventh street and Washington Avenue by Craig N. Liggett in memory of his son, John D. Tazart Liggett, will be dedicated tomorrow morning.

The ceremony will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. John Axford Higgins, pastor of the church, and the dedicatory sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. George N. Lusk, now of Woodbury, N. J., who was formerly pastor of the Chicago church with which Mr. Liggett's son was connected, and the evening sermon will be preached by the Rev. Dr. David S. Kennedy, editor of the Presbyterian.

The Ninth Church was located at Sixteenth and Sanson street for nearly three-quarters of a century, and for nearly a quarter of a century before that held services at other downtown locations. The new building of Gothic design, built of granite and trimmed with limestone. The interior is finished in hardwood throughout, the ceiling being of the open-work type. The main entrance is from the east, and the church has two large rooms for classes in Bible study, accommodating about 700. The new building completes the group that will be in by the Ninth Church.

Mr. Liggett has been an elder of the church for more than twenty-five years. Sunday school superintendent for more than thirty years a member of a family prominent in the church in the past.

CONSCIENCE FIXES PRICE, POTATO DEALER ASSERTS

Will Rate Go Up? Well, Nobody Seems to Know About That

LA RUSSIA SI MUOVE VERSO L'OFFENSIVA

La Germania Ha Già Trasferito Divisioni dalla Fronte Occidentale a Quella Orientale

ATTACCHERA' IN GALIZIA? ROMA, 23 Giugno. Il Ministero della Guerra annuncia che nell'offensiva di martedì scorso contro le posizioni austriache dell'Ortigara, nel settore di Asiago, gli italiani catturarono quattro cannoni, 13 mitragliatrici, un migliaio di fucili ed una grande quantità di materiale da guerra di ogni genere. Altro materiale ed armi catturate rimangono ancora da contare.

ROMA, 23 Giugno. Vi sono oggi indizi che le forze russe stanno per riprendere un proprio offensiva contro gli imperi centrali, almeno l'attacco contro l'estate che deve essere valere a qualche cosa, ad alleggerire le forze tedesche ed austriache sulle fronti di Francia e d'Italia.

Una Vienna è stata annunciata che negli ultimi tre giorni l'attività delle artiglierie russe, comprese quelle di grosso calibro, è andata aumentando sulla fronte della Galizia. Il che mostra che i russi hanno numerose batterie, abbondanti munizioni e buona volontà di attaccare. Bevono hanno pure attività delle batterie russe nel settore di Lutsk, e Costantinopoli parla di attività da parte dei russi nel settore di Brzanzburg nel Caucaso. Se i russi stanno per prendere di nuovo sulle loro fronti di battaglia, la stagione estiva attuale darà ancora nuove offensive e nuove vittorie da parte degli alleati dell'Entente.

Ormai da Londra viene la notizia che parecchie divisioni tedesche che furono tolte dalla fronte russa dopo la risoluzione e contributo ad arrestare l'offensiva anglo-francese sono state rimandate alla fronte orientale. Non è impossibile che i russi si mostreranno più attivi che non in questi ultimi mesi, che tedeschi ed austriaci sono costretti a trasferire buona parte delle divisioni con cui avevano fatto fronte alle offensive di Hain e di Cadorna.

Carlo è ancora impossibile dire in quale misura la riorganizzazione dell'esercito russo, e l'attuale situazione in Polonia, non sembra che le truppe della Galizia e della Polonia siano bene organizzate e disciplinate. Non solo, ma abbiamo una stima illimitata del generale Brusilov che fanno scorse diede loro la vittoria e che ora è comandante in capo di tutte le forze russe.

Ecco il testo del rapporto del generale Cadorna pubblicato ieri sera dal Ministero della guerra circa le operazioni del 29 corrente:

Nella giornata di ieri, 29 giugno, nel settore della valle Costona-Ampezzo noi fummo espulsi dal nostro fronte, che era stato occupato da noi da un mese e mezzo, e noi ci stabilimmo saldamente. L'espulsione fece saltare la posizione e distrusse la guarnigione austriaca.

Soltanto dopo l'espulsione le nostre truppe alpine, appoggiate dall'artiglieria, conquistarono con un brillante attacco la sommità della Quota 2668, sul Lago di Piceolo, e vi si stabilirono saldamente.

\$3,000,000 CAMP FOR CITY TROOPS

New York Concern Gets Contract for Cantonment at Annapolis Junction

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Construction of the cantonment at Annapolis Junction, Md., where all of the Philadelphia and Pittsburgh men who are drafted into the military service of the United States will be trained, is to begin within the next few days. The War Department today announced the award of the contract for building the cantonment to Smith, Hauser, and M. P. Isaac, of New York, thereby turning down local contractors who had attempted to get the work.

The construction of more than 1100 buildings, the laying of miles of sewer and the building of roads in the cantonment will cost more than \$3,000,000. The contractor will receive 1 per cent profit on the cost of labor and materials, making a profit of \$219,000 on a \$21,900,000 contract. It is estimated that the net profit will be only half that, the other \$109,500 going for overhead expenses. Between 3000 and 5000 men will be employed in constructing the barracks.

Most of the barracks will be two stories high, housing 200 soldiers each. There will be thirty-three men to a room in these buildings. Unlike the one-story hunched barracks constructed by Harold E. Montague, if it had only been true, but in reality, so 'tis said, there was a steady flow of gasoline running into the carburetor. That was the secret part of Montague's invention. It was testified before United States Commissioner Long today, when Montague was arraigned on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and impersonating a Federal officer.

The Federal officer Montague was accused of impersonating as "submarine inspector." It said so in the large badge he showed the launch's owner the time he first mentioned his new fuel-saving invention. The badge bore the words "Submarine Inspector No. 1," Chief of Construction, Hydro Submarine Corporation.

Montague, it was testified, sold the alleged carburetor to Rodney Morrison, assistant secretary, treasurer and general manager of the West Jersey Sand and Gravel Company, for use on board Mr. Morrison's boat. On the trial trip everything went smoothly until it was found that an inconspicuous pipe admitted gasoline into the carburetor and that the engine was using about the usual quantity. Montague, who lived at 2022 Arch street, was held under \$500 bail.

No Wage Increase for Schoolteachers NORTH WALKER, Pa., June 23.—North Wales schoolteachers will not be granted the 20 per cent increase in salary asked for in personal letters sent to each school director last week. The school board claims it cannot grant the request with the funds available. Last year's salaries amounted to about \$7000. Several of the teachers have signed contracts for the coming term, while others are still undecided what action to take in the matter.

W. C. T. U.'s "Safety-First" Poster The Philadelphia W. C. T. U. has placed an order with the Billposting Company of Philadelphia for fifty large posters, with inscriptions such as "Safety First Means No Alcohol. Even Moderate Drinking Means Slower Thinking." The placards are on exhibition at 1703 Arch street, in charge of Miss Gertrude Pennington, who superintends their distribution.

AMERICAN COMMERCE MAKES NEW RECORDS

Exports and Imports for May Total Huge Sums, Despite U-Boat Activity

WASHINGTON, June 23.—More new records for American commerce were hung up during May and for the twelve months ending with May. It was announced at the Department of Commerce this afternoon. Exports for the month were valued at \$511,000,000, nearly \$21,000,000 more than in April. For the year ending in May the total was \$6,185,000,000, the largest in the history of the country.

Imports during May totaled \$281,000,000, making it the greatest single month in this respect on record, in spite of submarine activity. For the year ending in May, imports totaled \$3,000,000,000. Seventy-one per cent of imports entered free of duty in May and 69.3 for the year.

Gold imports in May were \$2,000,000 and exports \$10,000,000, mostly drawn by Japan, Spain and Mexico. Net imports for the year were \$170,000,000.

ALLEGED GAS-SAVING DEVICE FOUND DELUSIVE

Its Inventor Arraigned on Charge of False Pretense and Impersonating Federal Officer

Smiles and handshakes were passed about among the ship's company aboard the power launch Abolition I. In the belief that the Abolition I was running on eight-cent kerosene instead of twenty-six-cent gas. This would have been due to the new carburetor installed by Harold E. Montague, if it had only been true, but in reality, so 'tis said, there was a steady flow of gasoline running into the carburetor. That was the secret part of Montague's invention. It was testified before United States Commissioner Long today, when Montague was arraigned on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses and impersonating a Federal officer.

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WOMEN PLEDGE WAR ON VICE IN CAMPS

Association of College Alumnae Plans Campaign of Suppression

WASHINGTON, June 23.—One hundred thousand women all over the country have pledged themselves to take active measures to suppress vice in the army and navy training camps. The Association of College Alumnae is responsible for the movement, according to Mrs. William I. Hull, of Scarborough. She was one of the originators of the plan and has called upon every women's organization in the city to further its success.

"The conditions in Mexico last summer were intolerable," said Mrs. Hull, "and the situation in England is appalling. It remains for the good women of the land to see that nothing of the sort occurs here. We are going to appeal to Washington, asking the men in authority to take steps to establish a safety zone around the camps and to establish moral sanitation.

"We have adopted resolutions, and we have asked every women's organization to adopt them also and send them to President Wilson, the Secretary of War, the medical section of the Council for National Defense, R. E. Foshick, chairman of the Commission of Training Camp Activities, the Women's Advisory Committee, Council of National Defense, Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, chairman, and Governors of each State.

"It is unthinkable that absolute women should exist in the neighborhood of the camps, or that liquor should be sold in the vicinity.

"Unless laws are made and enforced our boys will be exposed to the worst sort of temptations. There is no time to be lost. We want these measures passed before any more camps are established."

The Philadelphia branch of the Woman's Suffrage party expects to adopt the resolution at its meeting on Monday.

GREECE HARD HIT BY U-BOATS
Submarines Sink One-Fifteenth of Nation's Tonnage in Three Months

WASHINGTON, June 23.—German submarines are taking a heavy toll of Greek shipping. An official report to the State Department today stated that nearly one-fifteenth of the entire Greek tonnage has been sent to the bottom in the last three months.

S. MAY SEIZE OIL, DANIELS DECLARES

Tells Senators Supplies May Be Commandeered in Crisis

WASHINGTON, June 23.—Declaring it a "question of a very short time before the Government must commandeer all oil and coal in the country," Secretary Daniels today told the Senate Public Lands Committee that the oil situation in the country is serious.

While Daniels was testifying at the Capitol, President Wilson called personally on the Federal Trade Commission, presumably to discuss the proposition made by Daniels and Chairman Denman, of the Shipping Board, that the commission fix fuel and steel prices.

Daniels told the senators that if the commandeering was not done negotiations must be entered into at once by the Government to require the opening up of oil and coal fields. He said the fuel supply must be regulated and the Government empowered to fix prices on both oil and coal.

"The navy oil reserves must be saved," he said, for the future "which we cannot foresee."

"With 200 oil-burning ships now being built, Daniels admitted he doesn't know what the available oil supply of the country is. He suggested a Government survey of all oil fields to determine where fresh supplies might originate. He said the Government was going to get as much of it as possible from outside the United States "in order to conserve our own."

"If the war goes on for a year or two, it would be absolutely vital that the oil in this country be materially increased, because the demand would be inconceivably greater," he declared. "In other words, oil is the basis of conducting this war. Everything depends on it."

If Mexico were cut off as a source of supply, he declared, the drain on the country would be tremendous, and the need of the Government assuming control of oil supplies and enforcing its conservation would be immediate.

Daniels protested vigorously against opening up the present naval oil reserve in California until pending litigation has been pressed to termination. He declared some of the men on the reserve are holding titles in the name of "dummies." If it is opened he urged that the opening be under direction of the Government or some agency and "not by men with fraudulent titles."

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