

PARIS CAN'T VERIFY REPORT ON CRANE

American Plans to Sail From France June 3 Despite Alleged Jail Sentence

DOUBTS VERDICT IN SYRIA

By the Associated Press

Paris, May 26.—The French foreign office has no knowledge of the reported conviction of Charles R. Crane, former American Minister to China, by a French military court in Damascus, on a charge of inciting a riot, as reported in press dispatches, it was stated today.

Troubles in Syria were provoked by "injurious" talk by Mr. Crane, foreign office officials said today. At the present moment they had no information regarding any condemnation. Mr. Crane, who is now in Paris, said he was confident the report of his conviction was an error. He plans to sail to New York on June 3. In explaining his visit to Syria Mr. Crane said: "My reception by the people of Damascus was entirely friendly. They asked why their wishes, made known to the committee on mandates in Turkey three years ago, never had been heard from. He said that since that time, on account of severe French censorship, they had not been able to make their voice heard by the outside world. "Whatever demonstration they were to make to make me understand that their feelings against the French mandate were stronger than ever. They hoped I could get their message out. "There was no rioting, but such demonstrations were of daily occurrence on the streets of Cairo. The British chief of police, however, a native who has been terrorizing Damascus ever since the French occupied it, made capital out of such demonstrations and used machine guns on unarmed people, and some of the leading men of Damascus were sent to long terms in prison without trial.

"All these incidents were foreseen and indicated in the report on mandates, and great injustice has been done both to the Syrians and to our own missionaries and educators, by the suppression of that report by our State Department. "I myself have had no disagreeable experiences with French officials either in Damascus or here."

"Since my return to Paris three days ago," said Mr. Crane, "I have been very cordially received by many members of the French Senate and others high in the Government, and there is not the slightest indication that any action has been taken or is contemplated against me. However, it would not surprise me if the military authorities of Syria were much aroused over the popularity of the United States throughout Syria, and they might show resentment by military action against me. I visited Syria for three days during the first week in April for the purpose of observing what had taken place since I was sent there in 1910 by President Wilson to report on the situation. I confirmed the conclusions which were contained in my report to President Wilson.

"As I was leaving Damascus thousands of Syrians gathered around the car, sang their national anthem and cheered the United States. The next day there were many arrests, but it is not true the French military authorities asked me to leave the country or threatened to arrest me. "I was in Syria solely as a private citizen, and I do not represent the United States Government or American interests in Syria. I was deeply interested in the outcome of the Syrian question. American missionary interests have invested \$6,000,000 in schools and in other ways in Syria, and to this extent America is concerned with the problem. "I told the Syrian officials and others that I was there as a private American citizen and had no commission from the American Government." Mr. Crane thought the reported sentence, if true, would not apply in France and said he was planning to sail for New York on the Aquitania June 3.

In an earlier interview Mr. Crane said he was "making an effort to do something" regarding the Syrian situation and that he intended "working along the same lines in London."

MOSCOW HOOTS COUNSEL FOR RUSSIAN SOCIALISTS

Foreigners Who Will Defend Revolutionists Jeered at Station

Moscow, May 26.—(By A. P.)—Hooting and catcalls from thousands of Communists greeted foreign Socialists chosen as counsel for the Russian Socialist Revolutionists, upon their arrival here from Riga last night. The Russian Socialist Revolutionists have been held for some time in jail, charged among other offenses with attempting the life of Premier Lenin. Their trial will begin early in June.

The Socialists, Emile Vandervelde, Belgian Minister of Justice, Kurt Rosenfeld and Theodor Lienknecht, German Socialist leaders, and Herr Waters, of Holland, traveled here in a special car. The demonstrators here, while waiting for the train, rebuffed in French and German the cry: "Down With Vandervelde" and brandished placards aimed at Vandervelde who is a brother of the "Kaiser Liebknecht, reading: "Cain, Cain! What have you done with your brother?" Other placards bore the inscription: "A bullet in the breast of those who stabbed the proletariat in the back."

The visitors walked between lines of militia in an automobile, which drove away amid hooting and whistling from both men and women, many in the crowd thumbing their noses and making other gestures of contempt. The visitors were taken to a house outside Moscow, where they are closely guarded.

POLICEMAN NABS BROTHER

Prisoner Accused of Taking \$33 From Their Sister

Pittsburgh, May 26.—(By A. P.)—Patrolman Joseph McDonnell late yesterday arrested his brother Peter after a short chase because, it was alleged, Peter had taken \$33 belonging to their sister, Mrs. J. Carney. Mrs. Carney left the house to go shopping and when she returned the money which had been placed in a dish in the cupboard was missing. She telephoned to Joseph and he set out for Peter. The latter had \$29 in his possession when caught. He was locked up.

Trust Company Contests Award Reading, Pa., May 26.—At a conference here of interested parties it was decided that the equity proceedings instituted by the People's Trust Company of Wronissing, against all those who figured in the arrest and conviction of the bank bandits which robbed the institution on February 4, 1921, of cash and securities to the value of \$180,000, shall be heard by the Berks Court next Monday morning. There are twenty-two claimants for the \$5000 award.

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