

FOIL PLOT OF FOUR CONVICTS TO ESCAPE JAIL

Two Others Pull Down Ropes When Men Try to Get Away

Trenton, N. J., May 3.—An attempt to escape by four convicts, three serving time for murder and one for intent to kill, was frustrated last night at the state prison here when two other convicts, seeing the four men attempting to climb over the prison wall on a rope ladder which they had secretly constructed, pulled down the ladder and precipitated a fight among the convicts which was soon quelled by the

guards with guns. The two convicts who interfered were badly beaten and are now in the prison hospital. Principal Keeper Mulhorn will apply at once to the Court of Pardons for paroles for them. The four convicts who tried to escape are Charles Evans and Raymond Fisher, of Hudson county; George Gardner, of Somerset county, all serving long sentences for murder, and Robert Sheridan, of Hudson county, serving three years for intent to kill.

Plan to Raise the Cruiser Vindictive May Be Abandoned

Dover, Eng., May 3.—Latest advices from Ostend indicate that the plan to bring the famous old cruiser Vindictive to England may have to be abandoned. The vindictive, sunk by the British to bottle up Ostend harbor, is said to have suffered such straits in the salvage operations that the hull is on the point of breaking up.

TROOPS RETURN FROM ENGLAND

Morn Hill Is Clearing Station for Homecoming Yanks

Winchester, Eng., May 3.—Morn Hill, one of the huge military reservations on the heights overlooking this picturesque old city, is again an American camp. During the war it was the principal assembly ground in England for American legions on the way to the war. Now it is the clearing station for thousands of battle-worn Americans who are on the way home. They are the men who fought with the British forces.

All the far-flung armies of the empire are contributing to this assemblage. The Americans are coming chiefly from France and the occupation forces in Germany, but large numbers are making longer journeys. Some have served in Palestine, some in Egypt, some in South Africa and others in India. Many are still in the East and others are with the British forces in various parts of Russia. It is reckoned that it will be six or eight months before all can be brought to England. Meantime, as fast as the Americans arrive in this country they are sent to Winchester and put through the process of demobilization and repatriation. Other camps here are being used to comb out Colonials who served with the English instead of with their own armies.

The majority of the Americans who joined the British forces enlisted in Canada. Most of these are to be sent back, not to the point of enlistment, but to their homes in the States a stipulation that was generally insisted upon by Americans when they volunteered their services.

Repatriation machinery turn slowly and there are often considerable delays, as it frequently happens that a soldier arrives at the camp weeks before his papers filter through the devious channels in which they move. It is only by his papers that a man's identity can be officially established. Great care is exercised in this matter for, in the British army, there have been many instances of soldiers exchanging names and identification disks.

If an American serving with a British regiment wished to remain in England and a British comrade wanted to go to America, it would be easy enough, it was pointed out to the correspondent, for them to swap names and disks, and if the real Tommy was well coached and did not drop too many of his "h's," the scheme might succeed.

After repatriation, the Americans are sent home as fast as transports can be provided at Southampton, which is only a dozen miles away. Special sailings are arranged for the soldiers who are taking wives back with them.

CONTINUE HUNT FOR SENDERS OF BOMBS IN MAILS

Federal Agents Have Several Radicals Under Suspicion

New York, May 3.—Agents of the Department of Justice, post office inspectors and New York detectives under Inspector Faurot continued to-day their hunt for the anarchists who deposited in the mails more than a score of deadly dynamite bombs addressed to prominent men in all parts of the country, but no arrests have been made thus far. It was intimated, however, that several radicals were under suspicion.

Details of the progress made in the inquiry were not disclosed on the ground that undue publicity might enable the Reds to escape. Captain H. D. Prudden, explosives expert of the Bureau of Mines, arrived here yesterday from Washington. With experts of the police and fire departments he made a close examination of the bombs. It was found that the dynamite used in them was of the ordinary commercial variety, but that it had been soaked in glycerine to make it more deadly.

The bombs which have not yet been examined were hastily removed from the post office yesterday when it was discovered that the acid in the phials designed to explode fulminate of mercury caps, was eating through the corks, threatening an explosion.

Officers at work on the case are virtually convinced the infernal machines were made in this city. They expressed satisfaction at their success in finding the plant which manufactured the paper used as a covering for the bombs. Only a small quantity of the paper was distributed and it may be possible to trace the assassins by means of it.

It was said there appeared to be no connection between the home-made conspiracy and the finding of a quantity of explosives in a house in West 45th street raided by government agents seeking narcotics illegally held.

Strength of New German Army is Fixed at 241,500

With the American Army of Occupation, May 3.—The strength of the new German army or Reichswehr has provisionally been fixed at 241,500 men, according to information recently reaching American officers in charge of keeping tab on the demobilization and readjustment of enemy forces. There are to be sixteen large and eleven small brigades, the large brigades have 10,462 men each and the small brigades 5,839 men each. Corps troops are to number 5,458 and General Headquarters troops about 10,000 men, according to the present plans.

Now that the 1899 class of the old German army is rapidly being discharged from all units excepting a few in the guard corps and on the eastern front, there soon will remain in the garbisons throughout Germany only two classes of troops—the new and independent volunteer units and the volunteer remnants of the old army units. Some of the volunteer remnants have been planning to combine with the new independent volunteer units for the Reichswehr, but in many other instances it is said they are simply drifting, awaiting some decision by the War Ministry as to their future. Reports that the War Ministry is planning to maintain small garrisons in every town indicate the possibility that these remnants are to remain in the old departments, rather than be transferred into the new volunteer units.

Weds Girl Just Before he was to Sail for America

Winchester, England, May 3.—One husky Michigan lad now at the camp missed his chance to get away with the last shipment of unmarried men by making a sudden entry into the matrimonial state. A day or two before his transport was to sail he was spending the afternoon with an American girl he had met in Winchester. She was from Patterson, N. J., and he called her "Jersey."

"Well, this is good-bye," he said as he was about to return to camp. Thinking she had dimmed the girl's eyes. "Go, I wish I was going too!" she exclaimed. "You mean that, Kid," said the big Middle Westerner. "I sure do," she replied. Touched by her tears, he made a quick decision. "All right, come along with me," he said, seizing her arm. He knew where a special license could be obtained, and a few hours later they were man and wife. In telling the correspondent of his romance, the soldier remarked: "I wouldn't leave a dog on this side that good old Statue of Liberty." He meant no disrespect to his bride.

Police Nab Three Foreigners at Home of Senator Eyre

Philadelphia, May 3.—Three foreigners were arrested on suspicion yesterday near the home of State Senator T. Larry Eyre, of West Chester, to whom one of the many bombs found in the New York post office was mailed. The men protested they were innocent of any wrong doing and said they went to West Chester from Coatesville, Pa., nearby to look at the "big boss's house" which they said they had heard had been blown up. They are night workers at a Coatesville steel plant. The man came under suspicion when they inquired their way to "Eyreview" the estate of Senator Eyre at West Chester. They were held to await examination by federal agents summoned from this city.

Russian Soviets Demand Romanians Quit Bessarabia

London, May 3.—The Russian Soviet government has sent an ultimatum to Rumania demanding the evacuation of Bessarabia. A wireless despatch from Moscow says that the Rumanian government is given forty eight hours in which to make a reply.

EXILES DEFEAT FRONTIER GUARDS

Other Rebels Attack on Costa Rica—Panama Border

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, May 3.—Costa Rican exiles met and defeated a force of Costa Rican frontier guards on the Rio Frio, near the southeastern shore of Lake Nicaragua, Thursday. The frontier guards retired after the fight.

It is reported here that other revolutionists have begun an attack along the border between Costa Rica and Panama.

According to the reports reaching here a small schooner carrying revolutionists capsized in Lake Nicaragua after the skirmish on the Rio Frio. All on board, however, were rescued.

The reported outbreak of fighting between the Costa Rican exiles and Costa Rican government forces comes closely after a report from San Juan Del Sur Thursday that Costa Ricans opposed to the present government were assembling on the southern and eastern end of Lake Nicaragua.

The government of Costa Rica is headed by General Frederico Tinoco, who led a successful revolution against the Gonzalez government early in 1917.

The Tinoco government never has been recognized by the United States although it has made several attempts to gain recognition.

Fake Goldfish Being Sold in London

London, May 3.—Camouflaged "gold fish" have been selling well in London. Common varieties of small fish are being dyed. In about three days the dye wears off.

Before the war, England obtained virtually all its goldfish from Germany.



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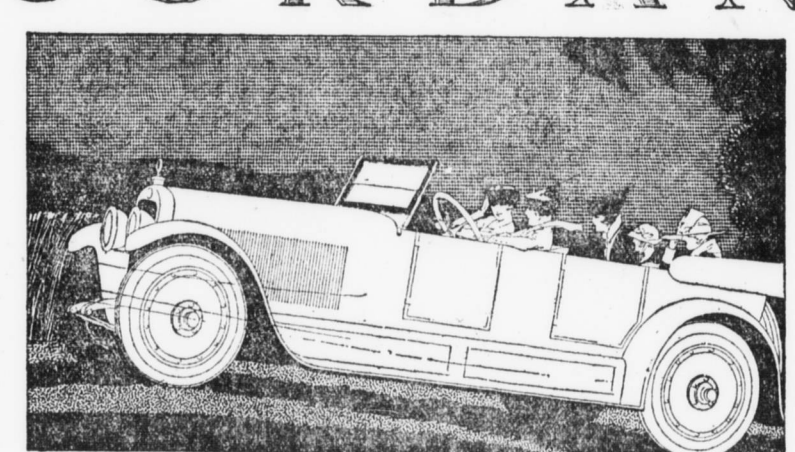
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