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BRITISH CAPTURE OF BAGDAD AN IMPORTANT VICTORY

The Occupation of Bagdad Big Success For British

**German Paper Makes This Acknowledgement---Turks Have
Been Driven From the Sinai Peninsula---Renewed Dis-
cussion Over the German Submarine Blockade.**

LONDON, March 13.—The Koelnische Volks Zeitung is quoted by the Central News Amsterdam correspondent as describing the occupation of Bagdad as an undeniable success for the British, especially as the British also have succeeded in driving the Turks from the Sinai peninsula. The event must be regretted, but it has not the least influence on the decision of the war, the newspaper says, Mesopotamia being a secondary theatre of war. The loss of Bagdad, it comments, is nevertheless painful to the Turks.

LONDON, March 13.—The arrival in Europe of Count Von Bernstorff, former ambassador to the United States, has caused renewed discussion in Berlin of the submarine blockade, between political, naval and diplomatic representatives, according to the Norwegian Mercantile Shipping Gazette, says Reuter's Christiania correspondent. "Some German naval attaches in neutral countries have been called to Berlin for a conference," continues the despatch. "The alteration but not the raising of the blockade is probable." These conferences, it is indicated by the said publication, arose out of developments during Count Von Bernstorff's stay in Christiwere made to prevent the situation wert made to prevent the situation between Germany and America developing into war.

LONDON, March 13.—A despatch to the Daily Chronicle from Amsterdam yesterday says: "News brought from Germany today is to the effect that two of the largest submarines of the Deutschland type are now acting as supply ships for smaller craft operating in the Atlantic. Four others of the largest submarines are also about to be commissioned for similar service. Great efforts are being made to sink shipping, especially that running between North America and England.

Von Bernstorff Has Prepared a Statement

On Negotiations of Germany with Mexico

COPENHAGEN, via London, March 13.—Count Von Bernstorff, dismissed German ambassador to the United States, prepared a statement on Germany's dealings with Mexico after his arrival here. This statement will be forwarded to the Berlin Foreign Office and if approved will be made public through the Wolff Bureau, the official German news agency.

It is understood that the statement deals with the way in which Foreign Secretary Zimmermann's instructions to the German minister in Mexico City fell into the hands of the American government and became public property.

The departure of the Frederick VIII from Christiania was decided upon so suddenly that several passengers were left behind in the Norwegian capital. The impending arrival of the steamer here was known early and the German colony assembled at the dock to give the returning ambassador a hearty welcome.

Dismissed Ambassador Talked About His Trip, but Declined to Mention Politics

The German and Austrian ministers went on board and exchanged greetings with Count Von Bernstorff, whose face lacked its familiar smile.

The dismissed ambassador talked with the newspaper men about his trip, but declined to discuss politics. According to the other passengers the Count had no wireless communication with Germany until he reached Norwegian waters.

An extraordinary number of police had been detailed to control the crowds at the waterfront, but there was no demonstration.

GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

PARIS, March 13.—Several attacks were made by Germans last night and all were repulsed, the War Office announced today. A strong German detachment which attempted to advance on the Courcy road was checked. Another futile attempt was made near Beaulne-et-Chivy. Two German attacks on the Verdun front were countered easily. The French took 150 prisoners yesterday and successfully raided German trenches between the Avre and the Aisne.

HARRY THAW DECLARED A LUNATIC

Philadelphia, March 13.—Harry K. Thaw was today adjudged a lunatic by the common pleas court of this city and under the law cannot be taken to New York on acquisition, to stand trial on charges of assaulting Frederick Gump, jr., a high school student of Kansas City, Mo.

Thaw will be kept in St. Mary's Hospital here pending his removal to a Pennsylvania asylum. The court's action was based on the report presented today by a lunacy commission, which yesterday took the testimony of Thaw and his mother.

Duchess of Connaught Is Improving

New York, March 13.—A news despatch from London today says: The condition of the Duchess of Connaught was improved today. Physicians reported her fever diminished and her general condition better, relieving immediate apprehensions.

PERSONAL.

Hon. W. H. Thorne, of St. John, whose name is being mentioned in connection with the Lieut. Governorship, is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. J. M. Robinson, banker and broker, of St. John, is among the guests at the Barker House.

Lieut. Governor Wood is among the guests at the Queen.

Chief Justice Sir Ezekiel McLeod is at the Barker House.

Judge Grimmer is a guest at the Queen.

Hon. Dr. Landry is among the guests at the Barker House.

Attorney General Baxter is a guest at the Barker.

Premier Murray arrived last evening and is at the Barker.

Judge White is a guest at the Barker House.

Mr. E. B. Staples, of Marysville, left for St. John this morning on a business trip.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR SIR EZEKIEL McLEOD

**The Chief Justice Fittingly Honored by Members of
The Bar at the Supreme Court This Morning--
His Honor's Reply.**

Sir Ezekiel McLeod, Chief Justice of the Appeal Division, Supreme Court was honored this morning by the Bar of New Brunswick, the occasion being the first on which Sir Ezekiel presided at a sitting of the Appeal Division since receiving Knighthood. Mr. A. J. Gregory, K. C., of Fredericton, vice-president of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society, delivered an address to Sir Ezekiel on behalf of the members of the bar, to which the Chief Justice replied in feeling manner.

Among the members of the bar who were present were A. J. Gregory, K. C., M. G. Teed, K. C., Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., M. P. P.; Hon. A. R. Slipp, K. C., M. B. Dixon, K. C., James Friel, C. D. Richards, J. B. Dickson, E. A. McKay, R. B. Hanson, P. J. Hughes, J. J. F. Winslow, J. H. F. Teed.

The full bench of the Appeal Division was present.

Mr. Gregory's Address.

The address of Mr. Gregory was as follows:

May It Please Your Honor,—

Before the business of the Court is proceeded with, may I crave indulgence for a few moments on behalf of the Barristers' Society, of which I happen to be the unworthy vice-president, to extend to His Honor the learned Chief Justice the felicitations of the Bar upon the honor of Knighthood which we learn our gracious sovereign has been pleased to confer upon him.

Of the fact that this distinction is heartily and unanimously acclaimed by the members of the bar, as a well-mer-

ited honor, I can well assure you, Sir Ezekiel.

Your Honor's great learning, ripe experience, judicial mind and temperament, as well as the unfailing courtesy and consideration you have ever extended to the members of the bar, have long been recognized by us, and have greatly aided and made pleasurable the transaction of our business before the court.

But, quite apart from the eminent qualities of mind and intellect and the

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STRIKE OF RAILWAY EMPLOYES IN U. S.. SEEMS IMMINENT

**Arrangements Completed by Brother-
hoods for a Progressive Series of
Strikes to Begin on Saturday---
Conference to be Held Thursday.**

NEW YORK, March 13.—Information received by the National Conference Committee composed of managers of the great Railway systems, and made public by that body today, indicates that the four employee brotherhoods have completed arrangements for a progressive series of strikes to begin at six o'clock, Eastern time, on Saturday night, if the conference on the eight-hour question to be held here Thursday fails to reach a satisfactory agreement.

The proposed strike programme, according to this information, is as follows:

Saturday, March 17—Six o'clock, call out the trainmen in freight service on the N. Y. Central, Baltimore and Ohio, Erie, Atlantic Coast Line, Southern Railway, Louisville and Nashville and eSaboard Line. Such order will involve 40,000 men.

Passenger Trainmen Will Also be Called Out

If the Railroads Refuse to Accede to Demands

Monday, March 19—Six p. m., call out the freight trainmen on the Lehigh Valley, Lackawanna, Jersey Central, Pennsylvania, Long Island, Maine Central, Delaware and Hudson, Reading and all other roads in the southeastern territory, or extending to New York.

Tuesday, March 20—Six p. m., call out all freight trainmen in the northwestern group, including the Hill roads.

Wednesday, March 21—Six p. m., if the railroads still refuse to grant the men's terms, extend the strike to all other freight trainmen and call out the passenger trainmen on every road in the country.

EX-AMBASSADOR GERARD TRAILED BY HUN SPIES

**One of Them Occupied an Adjoining Stateroom in
The S. S. Governor Cobb, And Will be Handed
Over to American Authorities.**

NEW YORK, March 13.—A despatch to the Herald from Havana, dated last night, says:

"Secret agents of Germany trailed James W. Gerard from the moment he landed at Havana until the time of his leaving here on board the steamer Governor Cobb, of the Peninsular and Occidental service, this morning. When the vessel started one of the German agents occupied a stateroom near that of the returning American diplomatist. A high officer of the company informed me that this agent will be turned over to the authorities at Key West when the Governor Cobb arrives at that port.

"While talking in the lobby of the Plaza Hotel this morning, Mr. Gerard saw one of the German agents, who has been most obtrusive and persistent in his efforts to shadow him. Mr. Gerard hastened up to the man, who was a typical German. The spy, taking alarm, fled.

"The former ambassador's trail was taken up immediately by another German, who followed him to the steamship, on board which the spy had reserved a stateroom. Through an authority close to Mr. Gerard I was informed of the persistent efforts made by Germany to stop the American diplomatist from reaching Washington. I am in a position to say that Mr. Gerard carries papers containing information which will place Germany in a more unfavorable position than she has yet occupied. According to men close to Mr. Gerard, important developments are expected in the German situation soon after his conference with President Wilson.

The Gerard train is expected to reach Washington at half-past twelve Wednesday noon.