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## U. S. AUTHORITIES UNEARTH ANOTHER HUN CONSPIRACY

### London Press Pleased With Wilson's Inaugural Speech

**The Post Says That He Has Shown That He Can Act With Instant Resolution When Occasion Requires---Has Difficulties to Contend With.**

LONDON, March 6.—President Wilson's inaugural address and his statement in reference to the obstructive tactics employed in the Senate, fill an important part of the news columns of the morning papers and are commented on with general sympathy for the President's difficulties in the present crisis. The situation is compared to that in which Lincoln delivered his second inaugural address. The Post, which sees a triumph for President Wilson in the readiness of a great majority of Congress to confer the powers which he asks, says: "President Wilson has proven that with all his tact and caution he can act with instant resolution when the occasion arises." The Express says that the President's call to his fellow-countrymen is an inspiration to the Allies, and the Times, while expressing approbation of President Wilson's definition of the things for which America stands, thinks nevertheless that, "elevated as they are, they need a great deal of definition and expansion before they can serve even in outline, as the foundations of a practical world policy."

Referring to President Wilson's expression of confidence that the nation will walk in the light true to itself, the Times says: "Those who are indeed true to themselves must be true in more than words."

**The President Will Arm Merchant Ships if**

**Legal Authority Can be Found for So Doing**

WASHINGTON, March 6.—Legal limits of President Wilson's authority to arm merchant ships for defence against German submarines were under consideration today by Attorney General Gregory and Secretary of State Lansing, and a decision was expected before the cabinet meets this afternoon for the first time in President Wilson's new administration. The question was referred to those officials by the President as a result of the Senate's failure to act on the armed neutrality bill.

The President apparently intends to put guns aboard merchantmen if any legal means can be found.

Other suggested alternatives are to convoy merchant ships or have the Federal shipping board take over privately owned vessels and arm them as naval auxiliaries.

In deciding on the legal status of the question it was learned that the President and his advisers are considering the intent of the old statute passed in 1819 which was cited in the Senate as prohibiting the arming of merchantmen for action against armed public vessels of nations in amity with the United States.

An extra session of Congress before July, to pass appropriation measures, if for no other purpose, seemed today to be certain. If the Senate amends its rules so prompt action can be taken on an armed neutrality bill, an extra session of Congress may be expected within the next two or three weeks.

**The American Senate May Adopt Closure**

**In Order to Put a Stop to "Filibustering"**

WASHINGTON, March 6.—The Senate of the Sixty-fourth Congress today held the first business meeting of the special session called primarily to pass on 1,400 Presidential appointments, with indications of the determined fight to change the rules to limit debate and prevent filibusters such as that which prevented passage of the armed neutrality bill. The Democrats held a caucus before the session to determine their party programme and choose a majority leader. Senator Martin, of Virginia, was unopposed as a candidate.

Thirty-three Senators have signed an agreement to support a closure rule, but most Republicans and perhaps a few Democrats are expected to oppose it, and its adoption appears doubtful. Advocates of the change rely strongly for help on President Wilson's statement denouncing the filibuster on the armed neutrality bill. The attitude of the sixteen new Senators, all but one of whom were sworn in yesterday, is yet to be determined.

**PORTUGUESE STATESMAN DEAD.**

LISBON, via Paris, March 6.—The death is announced of Manuel de Arriaga, ex-President of Portugal.

### CONVENT BURNED AT BATHURST

Bathurst, N. B., March 6.—The seminary of the Sacred Heart, in west Bathurst, a magnificent stone and brick building, costing over \$150,000 was completely destroyed by fire about three o'clock this morning during the worst storm this section has experienced in twenty years. Since fire destroyed their college at Caraquet in January last year, ten Eudist Fathers have been using the seminary as a college. There were 150 students. All escaped, but lost all their belongings. The insurance amounted to about \$40,000.

### Seven Lives Lost In Hotel Fire

Vancouver, March 6.—Seven persons were burned to death today when the Coquina Hall, a hotel at Hope, B. C., was destroyed by fire.

**Assault Case Finished.**

Police Magistrate Limerick gave judgment this morning in the Marysville assault case in which evidence was taken yesterday. A charge of assault against Joseph Elliott was withdrawn. A charge of assault on February 22nd against Leander Elliott was withdrawn and a charge of aggravated assault on February 24th was amended to common assault. A fine of \$20 was imposed, but allowed to stand on condition that the defendant keep the peace, pay costs and the expenses of the complainant, Alfred Clarke.

### BRITISH SHIPPING IS STILL IN HEALTHY STATE

**Neutral Correspondents Visit the Great Docks at Manchester and Liverpool--German Threats Not Made Good.**

NEW YORK, March 6.—The London correspondent of the Sun cables his paper this morning as follows:

"As an answer to Germany's contention that her submarines are starving Great Britain, the government took a party of neutral correspondents on a three days' tour of the greatest merchant shipping centres of the kingdom—Liverpool, Manchester and London. The correspondents were permitted to see everything—miles of docks filled with shipping unloading from all quarters of the world or loading with outward cargoes. Nowhere was there any evidence that the submarines are keeping ships in port. Hundreds of vessels were seen constantly coming and going, deeply laden with the necessities of life and war. Immense warehouses in Liverpool, Manchester and London were inspected in detail, showing unbelievable stores of meat, grain and cotton. The most impressive feature was the complete frankness marking the expositions. Nothing was concealed, there were no "restricted zones," all questions were freely answered."

**FRENCH OFFICIAL REPORT.**

PARIS, March 6.—The fighting in the region of Caurieres wood and Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, continued last night. The Germans made an attempt to drive the French from the trenches the latter captured yesterday. The War Office states today that this effort failed.

**SMALLPOX OUTBREAK IN BERLIN.**

The Hague, March 6 (via London).—The outbreak of smallpox in Berlin and its immediate vicinity has induced the military authorities to order compulsory vaccination, according to a Berlin telegram. Eighty cases have already been reported, 90 per cent. of which are those of persons over 45 years old. The disease is supposed to have been brought to Berlin by refugees from Volhynia.

### TWO ARRESTS MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE ALLEGED PLOT

**Two German Doctors Taken Into Custody In New York---Confessed That They Plotted Under Von Igel to Invade India by Way of China.**

NEW YORK, March 6.—Dr. Hanader Chakiaberty, a Hindoo physician, and Dr. Ernest Schkunner, aged 34, described as a German, were arrested today on charges of conspiring to set up a military expedition against a foreign country on friendly relations with the United States. The police say the men confessed that they had plotted under direction of Wolf Von Igel to invade India by way of China.

Von Igel was indicted, but never tried for alleged complicity in an alleged plot to destroy the Welland Canal. He is now with Count Von Bernstorff, former German ambassador to the United States, approaching Copenhagen on the steamer Frederick VIII. From Von Igel, according to the police, Dr. Chakiaberty and Dr. Schkunner, who have been under suspicion for some time, received \$60,000, and the Hindoo, posing as a Persian merchant, obtained a passport which enabled him to get to Berlin. In this connection an additional charge of fraudulently obtaining a passport has been made against the two.

**A Quantity of Literature Prepared in Various Native India Languages, Seized by Police**

Dr. Chakiaberty, according to an alleged confession, revealed his plans of an invasion of India to certain officials in Berlin and then returned to New York, where he and Von Igel prepared literature printed in various native India languages.

In the house in West 120th street, where the two men were arrested today, the police seized large quantities of this literature and found also a complete chemical laboratory.

After the literature was prepared, according to the police, Dr. Chakiaberty and Dr. Schkunner employed as their agent an influential Chinaman whom they sent to his native country with the idea of interesting his government in a plan to ship arms and ammunition from the United States to China where, with the Chinese government's permission, these would be stored until the time set for the invasion.

**Plotters Trying to Compound a Preparation**

**To be Used to Disguise Contraband of War**

The police said the two men declared they heard nothing from their Chinese representative, and did not know what success if any, he had.

In the laboratory Schkunner was endeavoring, according to the police, to compound a preparation to be used "to disguise contraband of war. The character of this preparation they refused to disclose. Ten thousand small aluminum boxes about the size of a pill box, were seized, together with what was said to be official papers. The latter have been turned over to the government agents.

### TRIAL OF CONSPIRATORS BEGUN AT OLD BAILEY

LONDON, March 6.—The trial of the four persons charged with conspiring to murder Premier David-Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, labor member of the war council, began today at the Old Bailey before Justice Lowe.

The defendants, who were held for trials after a hearing at Derby last month, as a result of the exposure of the poison conspiracy in which they were all alleged to be engaged, are Mrs. Alice Wheeldon and her two daughters, Miss Ann Wheeldon and Mrs. Alfred George Mason and Mrs. Mason's husband.

The case was prosecuted by Attorney General Frederick E. Smith, with whom were associated Hugo Young and A. H. Bodkin. The defendants were represented by S. H. Riza.