

KURDS MAY KILL ALL CHRISTIANS

Reports of Many Atrocities by Fanatics Is Alarming.

Sixty-five Christians Are Hanged, Including French and Americans—Turkey Will Aid.

Washington, D. C.—Alarming reports of atrocities, including the hanging of 60 men taken from the French mission and five from the American mission compound at Gulpashan, Persia, stirred the State department to further efforts to obtain protection for American missionaries and refugees in the vicinity of Urumiah, Persia, where an uprising of Kurds threatens a general Christian massacre.

Ambassador Morgenthau at Constantinople has been twice appealed to by Secretary Bryan in the last few days to urge the Turkish government to send protection to the imperiled section, and it was learned that the State department had received definite assurances from the Turkish government that protection would be rushed to the scene.

It was learned through the British embassy that the British consul at Tabriz, Persia, not far from the Urumiah district, acting in conjunction with the American consul, Gordon Paddock, had appealed to Russian commanders in the region near Tiflis to send soldiers to the rescue of the helpless Christian populace. The Russian generals, it was said, had delayed action awaiting orders from Petrograd.

In view of the present efforts of the American government to have Turkish troops sent to the region it was regarded here as probable that no further effort would be made to get aid from the Russian soldiery.

U. S. SUBMARINE F-4 IS LOCATED 300 FEET DOWN

Honolulu, T. H.—United States submarine F-4, which failed to come to the surface Thursday, still lay on the ocean floor disabled late Friday, while 300 feet above her a score of vessels combined in a strenuous effort to bring her to the surface.

When the cables of the naval tug Navajo first made fast to the heavy mass which afterward proved to be F-4, it was thought possible to tow her to shoal water, where it would be an easy matter to raise her.

Shortly before 5 p. m., however, this plan was discarded, owing to the slowness of towing operations. An aerogram was sent to the naval tender Alert, which is equipped with heavy cranes and tackle adapted to the work of rescue.

The Alert arrived at the scene of operations before dark and then began the final stage of the work which officials declared would result in the raising of the disabled submarine.

At 8 p. m. the inter-island steamer Claudine left Pearl Harbor naval station towing the dredger California, which was loaded with heavy chains and other material, to be used in raising the submerged craft.

Meanwhile the tugs were holding fast to the submarine, whose position had remained unchanged.

Germany Renews Efforts to Satisfy Italy's Demands

Rome—Efforts to effect an adjustment of the differences between Italy and Austria are being continued pertinaciously by Prince von Buelow, the German ambassador, notwithstanding the almost insurmountable obstacles he has encountered.

Authoritative information has been obtained that the prince is now endeavoring to present the matter in a somewhat different and more comprehensive way. He seeks to convince Italy and Austria that they should not disregard the broader questions of policy and mutual self-interest on account of possible misunderstandings of the moment.

Prince von Buelow has expressed the opinion that the matters now under discussion cannot be limited in their application to the present, but will have a far-reaching effect on the future of both nations.

Italy "Free to Choose."

Rome—Commenting favorably on the adjournment of the chamber of deputies, the Giornale d'Italia says every deputy now is convinced of the necessity for Italy to act energetically, "facing any sacrifices to realize Italian aspirations." The paper adds: "With the full liberty of action granted by parliament, the government now is free to choose the way, the means and the hour of using the weapons at its disposal with firmness and prudence; while the country, calm and disciplined, is ready for anything."

New Butter Record Made.

Delavan, Wis.—A new world's record for butterfat production has been made by FINDERNE Hollingen Fayne, a Holstein cow, which in one year gave 24,612.8 pounds of milk, containing 1,116.05 pounds of butterfat, according to an announcement made here by the Holstein-Friesian advanced registry office. The animal is owned in Somerset, N. J. The test was under the supervision of the New Jersey State Agricultural college.

PEACE IN SIGHT, BROKERS BELIEVE

Activity in Stocks Is Taken as Forerunner of War's End.

France Stops Buying Horses and Business Revival Attributed to Recent War Reports.

Chicago—That the stock market in its vigorous and sweeping advance has begun to "discount" the end of the European war was the opinion expressed Thursday by heads of La Salle-street brokerage firms. They called attention to the adage that pronounced movements in the stock market nearly always represent adjustments to financial conditions some six months in advance of their arrival.

"I think that it is safe to say that there are appearing from day to day many harbingers of peace," said F. C. Aldrich, president of the Chicago Stock Exchange. Little straws, we might call them.

"We had a report Thursday, for instance, that France had stopped buying horses in Chicago and elsewhere. Recently the war news has been of a character to help the stock market.

"Our people, including our New York office, are bullish. Our Wall Street advisers are that sentiment is getting better every day. Brokers' offices are again filling up with customers, more so than at any time since the Stock Exchange reopened. There is a large amount of money awaiting investment the moment conditions appear favorable. Of course, occasional back-sets are to be expected, but the general trend is promising.

"What is putting the stock market up?" echoed Charles Garard King. "The reason, as we gather it, is good buying by the best kind of people. Important interests, it appears, made up their minds a few days ago that the time had come to buy. Stocks go up when business is bad just as they often go down when business is good. That is the way the market adjusts itself to coming events. Now we have a combination of the world's greatest war and depressed business. Naturally the next change will be for the better. The end of the war, as I look at it, is fairly well in sight."

Japanese Empire Holds Most Exciting Election

Tokio—Closing an exciting campaign, during which the wives of several candidates at Tokio made personal visits and appeals to the voters, a general election was held Thursday throughout the Japanese empire to choose a new house of representatives.

The last house was dissolved by the emperor Christmas day, 1914, because of its refusal to ratify the military program of the cabinet. This election, therefore, not only brings in a new house, but decides the fate of the cabinet headed by Count Shigenobu Okuma.

The present campaign has been the most exciting and expensive in the history of Japan. The candidates employed thousands of canvassers and there were daily rallies in the streets and halls throughout the country. An increased appeal to the reason of the voters was in evidence. Premier Okuma made a whirlwind campaign, speaking from a special train, while leaders like Yukio Osaki, the minister of justice, distributed their views by phonograph.

The police were ordered to make quick arrests in the case of bribery. As a result, 1500 persons were arrested.

Taking into consideration the fact that the population of Japan is approximately 54,000,000, the suffrage is small, only about 2,000,000 persons having the right to vote. The City of Tokio, with a population of a little more than 2,000,000, has only 40,000 voters.

Militia Drill Site Chosen.

Klamath Falls, Or.—Announcement has been made here that the Klamath Indian reservation has been chosen as the site for the maneuvers of the artillery of the organized militia of Oregon, Washington and Idaho next summer. The six-mile artillery range will be near Fort Klamath, where a mountain will be the backdrop. This year's practice is thought to be a test to ascertain the desirability of the reservation as a permanent maneuver ground for the entire United States army.

Nightrider Is Convicted.

Blitheville, Ark.—Mark Rogers the first of several farmers to be placed on trial on charges of night riding, was convicted on three counts by a jury here. The charges against the men are outgrowths of attempts of a band of white-capped horsemen several months ago to drive negroes from the county. Local authorities asserted that they have evidence incriminating more than 100 persons as the result of confessions obtained from men under indictment.

Turkey Fears Bulgaria.

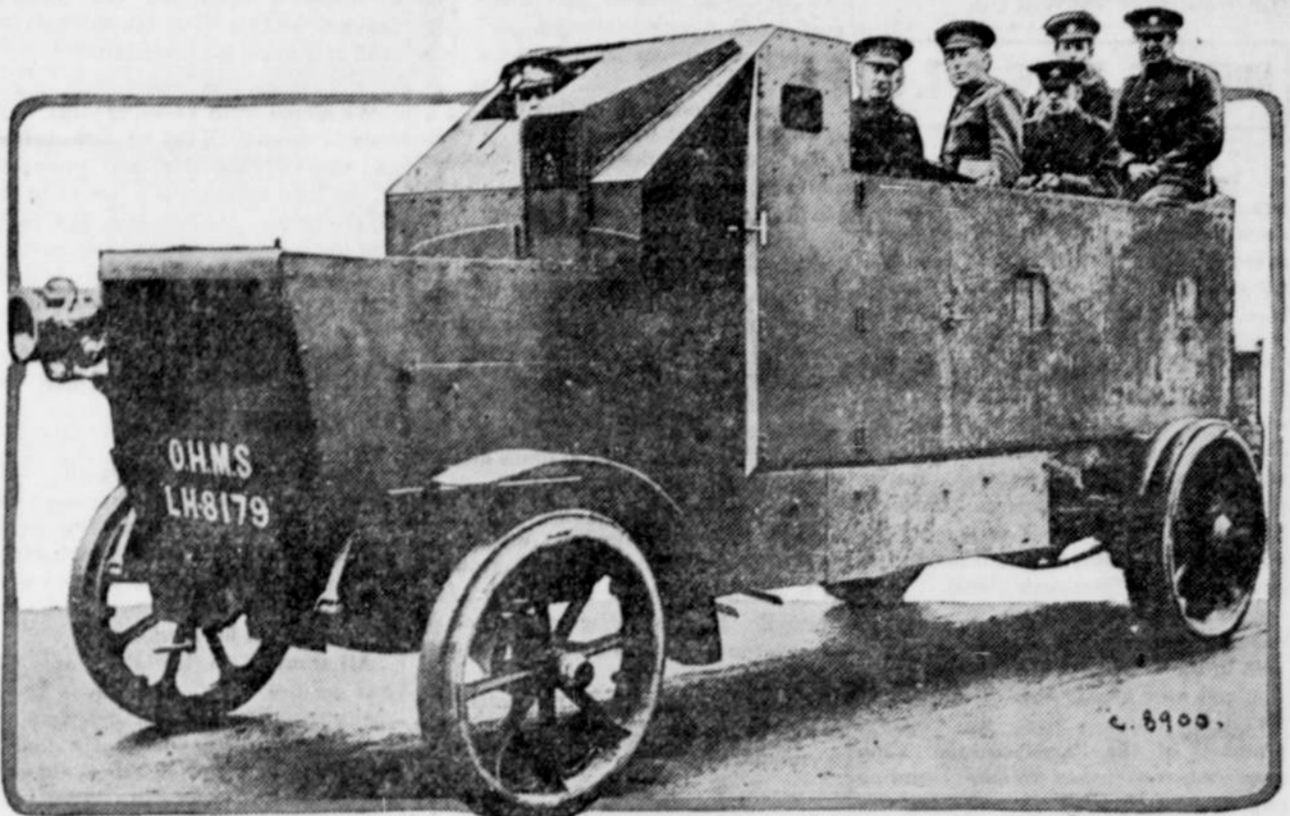
Paris—A Havas dispatch from Athens says the Turks are fortifying Luleburgas, 45 miles southeast of Adrianople, and other places, in the fear of a possible attack by Bulgaria. An army is training at Luleburgas under German officers. Heavy artillery has been sent from Constantinople to the Durkos district on the Black Sea.

RENEGADE PIUTES CAPTURED



Group of the renegade Piutes and their captors. The band was captured in Utah after a stiff fight with the posse.

PREPARED TO DEFEND YARMOUTH AGAINST GERMANS



British armored car filled with home protection soldiers in the streets of Yarmouth, ready to defend that city against attacks by the Germans.

STAMPING GERMAN BREAD WITH "K" FOR KAISER



Thousands upon thousands of loaves of bread are turned out daily by the German army's numerous modernly equipped bakeries. Our picture shows a government inspector on the right supervising the work and an apprentice marking the bread with the initial "K."

PRIVATE BOMBPROOF ON ENGLISH COAST



Since the German raid on the East coast of England many of the residents have built bombproof dug-outs to which they can retire in case of a repetition of the bombardment. The fort in the picture was erected by a man in Scarborough.

ROBERT W. WOOLLEY



Robert W. Woolley is the successor of George E. Roberts as director of the mint. Mr. Woolley is a well-known magazine writer.

MINES IN THE AIR

American's Idea of Combating the Zeppelins.

Philadelphian Has Designed Project Which He Believes Will Be Effective if Air Raids Should Be Put into Operation.

Picture a monster Zeppelin, as long as an ocean liner, laden with tons of death-dealing explosives, creeping through the murky mist of a winter night toward London. Picture, again, if you can, the skies turned to flame and the heavens shattered as the hundreds of thousands of cubic feet of hydrogen gas explodes, scattering the sinister craft in tiny pieces over the streets and housetops of the city.

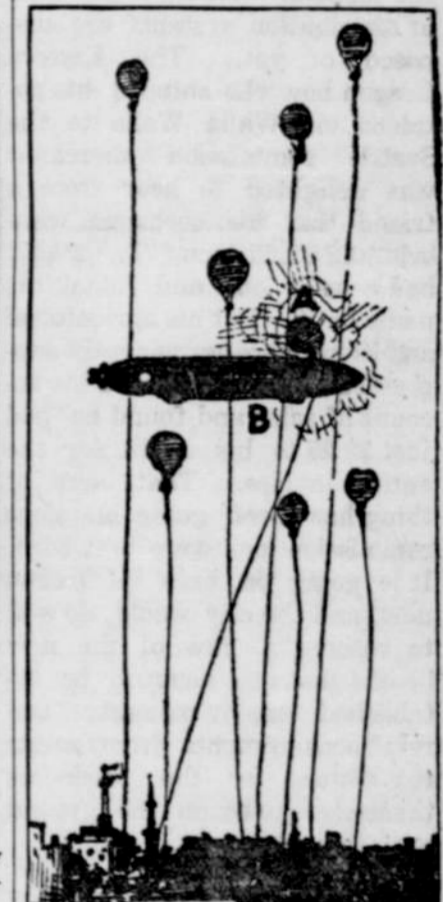
That is the graphic sketch of what is likely to occur if the Zeppelins attempt a serious raid on London, as given by Joseph A. Steinmetz of Philadelphia. Mr. Steinmetz is the originator of the first serious considered scheme of mining the air and the inventor of the trailing bombs for the destruction of dirigibles.

In a few words, the plan devised by Mr. Steinmetz is to install on all the buildings in a threatened area a large number of hydrogen balloons. They are held ready for instant use, and each is attached to a fine wire two miles long, wound on a windlass. The wire is so small that a mile of it weighs but four pounds, while it has a tensile strength of 120 pounds.

The Zeppelin, sighted by the lookout, would be permitted to proceed until almost over the objective point. Then, simultaneously, scores of the balloons, to each of which is attached a highly explosive, inflammable bomb, would be released.

Each bomb is surrounded with a ring of hair triggers, and the slightest touch would cause an explosion which would unquestionably ignite the gas in the dirigible. The plan is to send a certain number of the mines to a given altitude, while others will be anchored at different heights, thus allowing the Zeppelin no chance to escape.

The other method of destroying the German craft is along similar lines, but differs in that it is conducted through the use of aeroplanes. Each machine is equipped with bombs such as are used in the air mines. The



Effect of Air Mines.

trailing wire is wound on a spool, which can be operated by the pressure of the aviator's thumb and stopped at will.

The aeroplanes being swifter, would be sent against the dirigible in flocks of three or four. The aviators would depend on their speed and the great altitude to which they can ascend to keep out of range. At the proper time the bombs would be released on the wires and a dash made at the enemy.

In addition to the triggers, which can be locked until the bomb is ready for use, the bombs are fitted with sharp grappling hooks. As the wire is drawn across the big gas bag the hooks will catch and draw the triggers into contact with the envelope. The explosion will follow.

Basis for Exchange.

He had a drove of spirited steeds and paused to give them a much needed rest. The storekeeper came out and looked them over casually.

"Want a horse?"

"Guess not."

"I'll take it out in goods," said the stranger. "I'll take it out in tobacco in fact."

"Might do some business along those lines," responded the storekeeper. "If we kin agree on a basis."

"What's your basis?"

"Well, I'll trade with you, plug for plug."—Judge.

Perpetual Punishment.

"I'd sooner be a criminal than be married to a woman like Peck's wife." "What do you mean?" "Why, a criminal gets one sentence at a time, but poor Peck gets a whole string of sentences every day."