



TURKS ARE AIDED BY 60,000 ARABS

Stage Is Set for Grim Drama of War.

ITALIAN FLEET ON GUARD

German Ambassador Advises Sultan to Cede Tripoli.

CONSULATE IS ATTACKED

Only Presence of Troops Prevents Massacre of Refugees When Victor Emmanuel's Colonists Quit Hostile Port.

MALTA, Oct. 2.—(U. P. M.)—Word just received from Tripoli says that Arabs and Turks are entrenching behind the city. Sixty thousand Arabs, said to be armed with Mausers, hold a strong position 50 miles behind the town in a country which is an excellent natural stronghold.

An advance guard is stationed 20 miles from Tripoli. The Turkish garrison has left the forts.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—The Constantinople correspondent of the Chronicle sends the following dispatch:

The Sultan passes many hours praying at shrines. He grants frequent audiences to the German Ambassador. I am assured that at least the Ambassador has proposed, on the Emperor's advice, that Turkey cede Tripoli to Italy, the Emperor undertaking to see that Turkey shall receive adequate compensation.

The United States, it is understood, is using its utmost influence to bring about a cessation of hostilities and Russia gives repeated assurances that she will not allow complications to arise in the Balkans.

Volunteers Are Recruited. A special commission has been formed to recruit volunteers for the country's defense. From all parts of Serbia and Montenegro great military activity is reported. Turkish reinforcements have been sent to Janina.

Turkey sent her final note to the powers last night, appealing for friendly intervention. If the response is unfavorable, orders will be given immediately to begin military operations. A high Turkish official declared that Turkey had not yet begun hostilities, in spite of Italy's aggression.

A mob attacked the Italian consulate at Saloniki today. The consulate was seriously damaged, although soldiers prevented it being wrecked. The mob then surrounded the ex-sultan's villa and fired revolvers at the windows.

Girl Is Murdered. The authorities are taking a census of the Italians in Constantinople and an inventory of their property. If the war continues, Italian convents and all other property will be confiscated.

The murder of a girl in a cafe last night caused rioting. That is the serious aspect here; any outward incident stirs the people to excitement. The police, however, are handling the crowds well.

The Turkish warships in the Dardanelles are the battleships Hamidien, Harberosa, Torguit, Relavt, cruiser Medjideh and Tir-i-Damu. Zguzan, Mugvenoti, Hidmet and Zedigular. The fleet has anchored off Nagara.

ON BOARD ITALIAN WARSHIP OFF TRIPOLI, Sunday, Oct. 1, 11 P. M. by way of Syracuse, Sicily, Oct. 2.—No bombardment of Tripoli has yet taken place. The Italian Consul is authority for the statement that the bombardment will be begun three days after the notification which was given Saturday.

Correspondents are under the strictest censorship and are not permitted to disclose the names of the blockading ships, nor the military movements.

Of all the Italian colony in Tripoli, there remain only two monks and two nuns, who are caring for invalids in the hospital. Turkish soldiers guard the Italian consulate and Italian business houses.

When the last Italian colonists left the German consulate Saturday, where they had spent the night under protection of the German flag, the streets were strongly lined with Turkish troops. Crowds of natives had gathered and hooped and jeered angrily. There were evidences of violent rage on the part of the Arabs and it is probable that only the presence of the soldiers prevented a massacre. The German Consul escorted the refugees to the boats.

NEUTRALITY DOCUMENT DRAWN

United States Awaits Action Until War Status Is Known.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—The State Department has decided to await the action of European nations more directly interested than the United States in the war between Italy and Turkey before issuing a neutrality proclamation. The document has been prepared, but

RAILROAD WIZARD GENIUS AT POKER

ILLINOIS CENTRAL CHIEF IS "BEST PLAYER IN WEST."

President Markham, Who Began Career as Day Laborer, Can Play Two Deuces Like Four of Kind.

CHICAGO, Oct. 2.—The best poker player in the Middle West has "made good" as the head of one of the biggest railway lines in the West. Charles H. Markham, president of the Illinois Central since six months ago, has demonstrated that he knows railroading as well as he knows poker. So the financial record of the road, made public today, makes clear.

The man who dubbed him champion in poker today acclaim him genius in railroad management.

Because the figures show that the Harriman line, during his control, enjoyed the most prosperous and successful period in its existence. "Its spasmodic leaps to high points of finance were made, as the records show, since the inception of the Markham regime December 22, 1910.

The financial world has been waiting for the report. The giants of capital have wondered what kind of a rail president a man would make who began his railroad career as a day laborer.

Investigation a year ago showed that the root of the graft system unearthed in the Illinois Central's submanagement lay in the juggling of the figures of cost of maintenance of equipment.

The new figures in this particular show a decrease in that item of \$1,334,885, or 8.78 per cent below the records of the previous year.

Charles Markham hasn't a poker face, but he has a poker brain, and quiet, absorbing secret-holding eyes. He has the reputation of sitting behind a harmless pair of deuces, watching his antagonist and never "batting an eye."

MEN TELL OF MIGHTY RIVER

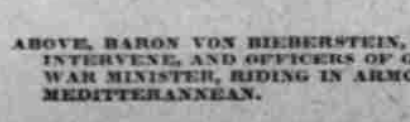
Kubak, in Alaska, Reported Navigable 300 Miles From Mouth.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—Adding one more discovery to the sum total of human knowledge so far as the white race is concerned, Captain John Backland, with the four-masted schooner Transit, arrived at Seattle from the Arctic with news that the Kubak River, hitherto believed to be a small Arctic stream, is a mighty river, navigable for at least 300 miles from its mouth.

News of the navigability of the Kubak River was given to those on board the Transit by miners and traders, who, for the first time had thoroughly explored its main reaches for a great distance inland.

While they say that it is navigable for good-sized vessels for at least 200 miles, it is their opinion that any vessel which could get over the bar probably could make its way at least 300 miles up the stream.

DIPLOMAT PROMINENT IN PEACE NEGOTIATIONS PLAN, INITIATED BY TURKEY, AND TURKISH AND ITALIAN PERSONAGES PROMINENT IN WAR SITUATION.



ABOVE, BARON VON BIEDERSTEIN, GERMAN AMBASSADOR AT CONSTANTINOPLE, THROUGH WHOM TURKEY SEEKS TO INTEREST KAISER TO INTERVENE, AND OFFICERS OF GERMAN ARMY AS THEY APPEARED IN LAST FIELD MANEUVERS—BELOW, MAHMOUD SHEKETT, TURKISH WAR MINISTER, RIDING IN ARMORED AUTOMOBILE IN CONSTANTINOPLE, AND DUKE OF GENOA, HEAD OF ITALIAN NAVY NOW ENGAGED IN MEDITERRANEAN.

STRIKERS MAY BE EXCLUDED FOREVER

Ultimatum Issued by Oregon Short Line.

LAST CHANCE IS WEDNESDAY

Shopmen Must Return to Work by Then or Be Barred.

OFFICIALS ARE CHEERFUL

Statements of Both Sides in Railroad Controversy Show Wide Variance in Estimate of Number of Workers Out.

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 2.—The Oregon Short Line Railroad took the offensive today for the first time since the federated shopmen left their jobs last Saturday. A circular letter was issued to the striking shopmen promising them employment if they returned to work on or before Wednesday, but stating that those who did not return then need never apply for further employment with the road.

The strikers claim that the shops are in a crippled condition, and say that they are in a position to stand a long siege.

W. P. Bancroft, vice-president and general manager of the Short Line, issued a statement tonight declaring that a number of old employees had asked to be taken back and that more than 100 new men had applied for employment here today.

The statement gives the following figures on the men at work in the three principal shops as compared to normal:

Salt Lake force at work, 96; normal force, 250.

Ogden, force at work, 181; normal force, 350.

Pocatello, force at work, 36; normal force, 751.

The statement declares that 80 per cent of the men at Glenns Ferry and Montpelier remained at work.

POCATELLO, Idaho, Oct. 2.—Fifteen of the 500 shopmen who walked out of the Pocatello shops of the Oregon Short Line Saturday, returned to work today. The company has hired 100 strikebreakers, who are lodged and fed inside the stockade around the shops.

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POSTAL RECEIPTS REACH \$1,000,000

PORTLAND TOUCHES RECORD FIGURE FOR FIRST TIME.

Records Compiled by Assistant Postmaster Show Total of \$1,000,050.83.

Portland has established another high record by which the future and continued growth of this city may be measured. It has passed the \$1,000,000 mark in the matter of postal receipts for a period of 13 months.

Records of the Portland postoffice compiled yesterday by Assistant Postmaster Williamson, show that the postal receipts of the local office for the 12 months ending Saturday, September 30, aggregated \$1,000,050.83. This is an increase of 14.34 per cent over the receipts for the year ending September 30, 1910, when the aggregate of these sales was \$874,602.15. This is the first time in the history of Portland that its postal receipts have come within \$125,000 of the new record of \$1,000,000.

The bulk of this increase was made during the first 10 months of the 12-month period. The increase for August was only 5 per cent greater than for the corresponding month a year ago, while the receipts for September were only .0078 per cent greater than for the same month in 1910. The September figures for the two years were: 1910, \$78,738.84; 1911, \$78,735.06.

Taft's SMILE ON PUMPKIN

Likeness of President Shown on Prize Vegetable.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—A likeness of President Taft is to be seen on a pumpkin, grown in Clark County, which will be on exhibition at the Clark County Fair beginning Wednesday and ending Saturday.

Whether the likeness is a freak of nature or was put on the pumpkin when it was small, by some artificial means, is not known. The whole side of the pumpkin, however, is covered by the suave smile that has made Taft famous.

The outline is perfect and a slight moustache is the same as that seen in Presidential pictures.

CHINESE SEE ARMOR TEST

Oriental Admiral and Staff Shown Superiority of American Plates.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 2.—Admiral Goni, president of the Chilean naval commission, with his staff, went to the Naval proving grounds at Indian Head today on the President's yacht Sylph and witnessed a ballistic test of armor plate.

It had been arranged so he might see the superior quality of the plate produced by American rolling mills and the high efficiency of the 13-inch naval rifle.

\$20,000,000 IDLE, YET OREGON WAITS

Umatilla Might Demand Aid at Once.

MONEY DORMANT OVER YEAR

Yet Settlers in West Suffer From Lack of Water.

IRRIGATION WORK GOES ON

Failure to Allot Big Fund Set Aside in 1910 by Congress Retards Development, However, in Various Sections.

BY HARRY J. BROWN.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 2.—Although Congress, on June 25, 1910, set aside a special fund of \$20,000,000 to hasten the completion of Government irrigation projects then under way, not one cent of this amount has been expended for the purpose intended, the entire amount lying untouched in the vaults of the United States Treasury.

This \$20,000,000 is actual cash on hand, and available at any minute demand is made by the Secretary of the Interior. No bond issue is necessary to raise the money, for Congress so worded the law as to make available actual cash in the Treasury, and provided that if the draft upon the Treasury proved embarrassing, the Secretary of the Treasury could then issue certificates of indebtedness—the equivalent of bonds—to reimburse the Treasury for moneys drawn out for irrigation work.

Yet there has been no draft upon the Treasury, and no certificates have been issued. The whole \$20,000,000 is in the vaults, not available for any purpose, having been set aside by Congress. Meantime, the Reclamation Service is going ahead with its work in the field, paying all bills from the regular reclamation fund. It has been expending about \$1,000,000 a month out of this fund.

West Cries for Aid.

At the time the \$20,000,000 bill was passed there was a great clamor from all over the West for extra funds to hurry up work on Government projects; complaint was heard that settlers were suffering because of the

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METHODISTS URGE CARDS AND DANCES

CHURCH RULE MAY FAIL AT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

California Assembly Resolves That Amusements Should Be Matter of Individual's Taste.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 2.—The Southern California conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church today adopted almost unanimously a resolution asking the general conference which meets next May in Minneapolis to strike from the discipline of the church the rule against card-playing, theater-going and dancing.

In place of the paragraph pronouncing against these amusements, it is urged by the Southern California Methodists that the statement of John Wesley, making it a matter of conscience with the individual church member, be substituted.

"If this resolution finds favor at the general conference," said one of the prominent delegates, "it will pull the teeth of this whole question, which has been a moot one in our church for many years and has resulted in much misunderstanding and criticism."

THIEVES FLEE, WAGON LEFT

Lents Looters of Woodpile Escape Horse and Vehicle Held.

Seen in the act of stealing cordwood and loading it on a wagon at Lents, a few nights ago at the home of C. Abplanalp, two men were captured, but managed to escape a few minutes later. They left their horse and wagon in the hands of their captors. The horse and wagon will be held. So far neither has been claimed.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the son of Mr. Abplanalp, who lives on the Foster road some distance east of Lents, heard a noise outside the house, and, going outside, discovered two men loading his father's wood on a delivery wagon. He called Mr. Abplanalp, and he, with the assistance of Christian Falser, a neighbor, captured both thieves. Falser left to summon Constable Hall, leaving Mr. Abplanalp in charge of the two thieves. While Falser was gone the captives overpowered Abplanalp and made their escape.

A quarter of a cord of Mr. Abplanalp's wood had been loaded on the wagon, which also contained a sack of potatoes. The animal left by the thieves is a large bay mare, weighing about 100 pounds and is about 12 years old. The vehicle is a light delivery wagon. Although the men escaped, their temporary capture has put a stop to the shrinkage of woodpiles that had been noticed by Lents residents for some time.

BOYISH VOICES BETRAY

Six-Foot Youngsters Fail in Attempt to Join Navy.

Two strapping young men reported at the recruiting office of the United States Navy yesterday afternoon, and sought to be enrolled as men behind the gun. Each was six feet tall and of good physique, but when they answered the questions put to them, the sliding-scale voice, "travelling from treble to bass without the volition of the speaker," caused the recruiting officer to view the applicants with suspicion. Each said he was of legal age, but the recruiting officer, with a kindly smile, advised them to come back in a few years.

Meantime Detectives Mallet and Maloney were working upon a telegraphic request from Seattle to find two runaway schoolboys. They found the two embryo sailors and placed them under arrest on the humiliating charge of being runaway boys. The truants are Leslie Turner, 16, and Harold Tucker, 17. They left Seattle Sunday. Their parents will come after them.

STEAM ROLLER RUNS AWAY

Huge Machine Dashes Down Seattle Hill and Rams Building.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—When a small steel pin in the shift gear of a 30,000-pound steam roller broke this morning, Frank Atkins, engineer and driver of the machine, which is owned by the Barber Asphalt Company, took a joyride that was in a class by itself. The big roller dashed madly down the University-street hill from a point between Fifth and Sixth avenues and crashed into a three-foot brick column of the Whitson building, moving the entire front of that structure northward an inch or more.

When the roller started for the waterfront it went at top speed, gaining its momentum at every foot covered, while Atkins wildly turned the steering wheel and shouted to the crowd in the street to get out of the way.

HERO LINEMAN IS KILLED

Wichita, Kan., Man Electrocuted Trying to Save Fellow-Workman.

WICHITA, Kan., Oct. 2.—Emil Utz, a telephone lineman, died here today in trying to save a fellow-workman's life.

Edward Trent became entangled at the top of a pole in a net of wires carrying 2300 volts. He was burned severely. Utz climbed to Trent's assistance and disengaged him, at the same time receiving the current through his own body. Utz was dead when taken down. Trent may recover.

WIND HURLS DIXON INTO LAP OF DEATH

Aviator Who Topped Rockies Killed.

MACHINE CRUSHES AIRMAN

Spectators at Spokane Hear Youth's Despairing Cry.

PLANES WILL NOT WORK

Sudden Gust of Air Catches Aeroplane on Turn and It Plunges 100 Feet to Earth Before Crowds at State Fair.

SPOKANE, Oct. 2.—Fresh from his triumph of last Saturday, when he topped the Rocky Mountains in a successful flight from Helena, Cromwell Dixon, 19 years old, Curtiss aviator, fell to his death from a height of about 100 feet in his initial performance at the Spokane Interstate Fair Grounds this afternoon.

A mere handful of spectators witnessed the accident, and thousands who were craning their necks for a glimpse of the aviator did not know of the tragedy enacted just out of their range of vision. Dixon was removed to the emergency hospital on the grounds, where he died 45 minutes after the fall.

Aviator Cries to Crowd. Dixon, when falling, made a plucky attempt to right his machine. As it plunged downward he shouted: "Here I go! Here I go!"

Witnesses saw Dixon bank his planes for a turn, and it is thought a sudden gust of wind coming up through a deep cut of the Northern Pacific tracks immediately below him caught the planes, already at an angle, and before the operator could recover himself, he was plunged headfirst to the track. When picked up from under his wrecked machine it was apparent that his injuries were fatal. He was taken to the hospital, but nothing could be done to save him.

Body Badly Mangled. Death was pronounced due to concussion of the brain and hemorrhage. Dixon's leg also was broken, the bone protruding from the flesh. His face was battered almost to a pulp.

When rescuers got to him Dixon was lying under his machine, which was smashed to pieces. He was unconscious and remained so until he died.

Spectators say that he had evidently turned his machine to avoid some telegraph wires, and when ascending the gust of wind caught him.

J. W. Scott, manager of the Curtiss Exhibition Company, says Dixon was one of the most promising of young aviators. He held pilot license No. 13, granted by the Aero Club of America, which he won August 21. He had been flying for the company about eight weeks, and learned the art at Nassau Boulevard, New Jersey. He was born in Columbus, O., 19 years ago, but recently moved to New York City, where his widowed mother survives him.

Notable Records Made.

Although the youngest aviator with a license, Dixon had already done some great things, his crossing of the Rocky Mountains last Saturday being his most remarkable achievement.

Dixon's body will be sent to New York. It is understood he has no relatives in this part of the country.

PROPOSED FLIGHT CANCELLED

Fatal Fall Stops Dixon's Attempt to Cross Continent.

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 2.—Cromwell Dixon, the 19-year-old aviator, who was killed at Spokane today, was the popular idol in Helena last week during the Montana State Fair. He gave exhibitions each day, concluding Saturday when he won a prize of \$10,000 for flying across the Rocky Mountains, a feat which had never been accomplished before, and then flew back again, arriving at the fairgrounds to receive the greatest ovation ever accorded any person at the state fair. Governor Norris led Dixon to the Judges' stand and proclaimed him the greatest aviator in the world.

At the close of Saturday's flight, Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern, announced that he had arranged to have a special train accompany Dixon on a transcontinental flight, which was to start from Portland, Or., October 10.

RODGERS HAS NARROW ESCAPE

Trans-Continental Flyer and Aeroplane Thrown to Earth.

HUNTINGTON, Ind., Oct. 2.—Caught in a sudden gust of wind, C. F. Rodgers' aeroplane dived to earth just after he had started from this city toward Chicago today. The machine was wrecked and Rodgers was painfully bruised. Rodgers started from a field half a mile south of this city. Hardly had he got into the air when a sharp wind swept the machine from his control and it swooped into an adjoining field. The aviator picked himself out of the twisted aeroplane and said he was only slightly hurt. Both planes of the machine were badly damaged and the carrying wheels were broken. Rodgers said it would be several days before the aeroplane could be repaired.