

ANOTHER CORPS OF TURKS DESTROYED

Czar Adds to Capture of Similar Force.

MUCH WAR MATERIAL TAKEN

Crushing Defeat Due to Failure of Attempted Ruse.

BATTLE LASTS TEN DAYS

Outnumbered Russians Forced Back After Holding Enemy 17 Days, Return to Fray With More Strength and Win Victory.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 6.—That the tenth corps of the Turkish army has been almost annihilated by the Russian Caucasus force, which yesterday reported the capture of the ninth and the defeat of the 11th corps, is asserted in the official statement of the general staff of the czar's troops...

The official statement follows: "At the end of November the bulk of the third Turkish army was sent to the region east of Erzerum, preceded by two army corps, besides a reserve corps near Hassan Kalah."

Turks Attempt Ruse. "In conformity with the plan of Enver Pasha, the third army was to proceed as follows: "The ninth and tenth army corps were to advance in the direction of Giti and form the offensive wing, whereas the 11th corps had orders to hold its powerfully-organized position and to attract through a strategic demonstration the weight of our troops."

Alternate Offensive Is Plan. "The 10th Turkish army corps was then to advance in two columns, the first including one division proceeding toward Id by the Olti-Chai Valley. The second, two divisions strong, was to advance on Ardost through the Zervy-Chai Valley. The ninth corps was to take the offensive in the intervals between the 10th and 11th army corps."

Strengthened Russians Attack. "Having received reinforcements we attacked, on January 3, the Turkish forces concentrated at Ardham and inflicted upon the enemy a complete defeat. We captured the flag of the eighth infantry regiment, a part of the Constantinople garrison."

Battle Lasts Ten Days. "In spite of the extraordinary difficulties of this, in spite also of the rigors of the winter and of necessity of fighting in passes of mountains rising 10,000 feet and covered with snow, our valiant troops, after a fierce battle extending over ten days fulfilled brilliantly the exceptional task which had been imposed upon them."

ARMIES ARE STUCK IN MUD. Artillery Movements Impossible and South Poland Is Quiet.

Berlin, Jan. 6, via The Hague, to London.—The correspondent of the

SENATE REJECTS WILSON NOMINEE

ACTION ON MISSOURI MARSHALSHIP IS UNANIMOUS.

Case Is Fourth Since Patronage Clash Developed—Validity of Recess Appointments Involved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The nomination of Erving C. Bland, of Kansas City, to be United States Marshal for the Western District of Missouri was rejected by the Senate tonight by a unanimous vote.

Bland's is the fourth nomination rejected by the Senate in the last few weeks in the dispute that has developed between the President and Senate over recess appointments. Bland was appointed by the President after the Fall recess, although the vacancy in the Marshal's office occurred before the Senate adjourned in October.

It was on this case that the judiciary committee based its action in naming a sub-committee to inquire into the authority of the President to make recess appointments to fill vacancies created during a session of the Senate. Senator Reed, of Missouri, said tonight that the sub-committee was considering the subject informally and would meet in the near future.

FLESH ENVELOPS IRONS

Wrist Bands Found Buried in Arms of Man Caught at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—With the wristbands of a pair of handcuffs embedded in the flesh, an unidentified escaped prisoner was arrested tonight by Sheriff Taylor.

He was taken to the hospital, an anesthetic administered and the irons sawed off.

DELAYED SALUTE IS FIRED

American Battleship Waives Custom at Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Jan. 6.—The American battleship Delaware, which relieved the battleship Rhode Island when that vessel sailed with Rear Admiral Walter McLean for New Orleans, did not deliver the customary salute to the port until today. It was explained that the firing of salutes was suspended until instructions were received from Washington that they should be given, on account of the friendly feeling of the American admiral for the Mexican people.

ZEPPELIN VISITS FRANCE

Three German Balloons Reported Sailing Toward England.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—A correspondent of the Daily Mail in France reports that a Zeppelin airship skirted the French coast near Grave Lines, 15 miles southwest of Dunkirk, Wednesday, and that it is rumored that two other Zeppelins preceded it.

SWISS COMMEND PROTEST

Newspapers Say Interests of All Neutrals Are Alike in War.

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Jan. 6.—President Wilson's note to Great Britain concerning delays in American commerce has been welcomed by the Swiss newspapers, which in editorial comments express the opinion that he is acting in the interests of all neutrals and especially Switzerland.

BISHOP OF OREGON NAMED WITH PRAISE

Dean Summer Invested at Chicago

THOUSANDS BID GOODBYE

School Children and Persons of Various Walks Attend Reception and Several Fetes Are to Follow Before Departure.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Very Rev. Walter Taylor Sumner was made bishop of Oregon today with the resplendent rites of the consecration ceremonies of the Episcopal Church, while well-wishers from every walk of life crowded the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul to the doors.

It was one of Chicago's most impressive church occasions. Assisting in the consecration were the bishops, presbyters and high ministers of the church, and commercial Chicago, all wishing him success in the larger sphere of usefulness to which he has been called.

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- The Weather. TODAY'S—Rain; southeasterly winds. YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 43.5 degrees; minimum, 39.6 degrees. War. Russians destroy Turkish corps, in addition one captured, and pursue other. Starring Belgians share with French peasants, not world's greatest tragedy is not yet forestalled. Lord Kitchener tells Lords early British victory in officers has been overcome. French advance in upper Alsace stayed by Germans. Zapata-Villa delegates to convention disagree, Zapata's desert. Senate unanimously refuses to confirm Wilson appointees. Lodge agrarians administration for lack of Mexican policy. President tells Democrats woman suffrage is state, not national, issue. Secretary Lane publishes correspondence to show Governor West prevented Federal co-operation on Tumalo project. Hogan says Tigers will have 10 new men this season. Two broken ribs and fractured nose result of thrilling hockey game. J. J. Corbett signs contract with "white hope" here with hope of returning title to white. Mack agrees with Fleider Jones as to Salt Lake's ability to hold out through season. Sierks repudiates murder confession and father says son did not kill Wehrman. Idaho Senate starts constitutional prohibition measure. Wheat advance in local market is less rapid. Chicago wheat prices decline under heavy selling. Australia raises embargo on shipments of wool to United States. Work on stations for harbor survey engineers starts today. Two plans proposed for state to aid irrigation projects. Banker and railroad magnate predict prosperity this year. Ad Club prepares satires for "jinks" next Thursday night. Weather report, data and forecast.

GO-OPERATIVE PLAN BLOCKED BY WEST

Secretary Lane Puts Issue Up to Governor.

CORRESPONDENCE IS QUOTED

Oregon Credited With Desire to "Go It Alone."

AGREEMENT NEVER MADE

Tumalo Project Declared State Enterprise—Governor Resisted Effort of Engineer to Join Federal Government.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 6.—Secretary Lane today made public copies of all the correspondence that passed between the Oregon state officials and various officials of the Federal Government with reference to a proposed co-operative irrigation project in Eastern Oregon. From this extensive correspondence, covering 33 pages, it appears that the Oregon never entered into any agreement looking to the building of the Tumalo or any other project, and thus far have made no positive agreement other than that under which the state and Federal Government each contributed \$50,000 and made joint investigations of various projects in the Deschutes Valley.

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Wednesday's War Moves

A PART from the Russian victory over the Turks in Trans-Caucasia, which is described in a dispatch from Petrograd as "complete," interest in the war now lies chiefly in the stubborn fight which the French and Germans are carrying on for the roads to Cerney and Muelhausen in Upper Alsace.

The battle in that region which has been raging for a week, is described in a Berlin dispatch as the most violent of the war. The Germans succeeded in regaining one of the trenches which they had lost, but on the whole the French reports appear to show that the forces of France maintain their advantage, for every inch of which they had to fight in many cases with the bayonet.

Along the rest of the western front the tide of battle continues to ebb and flow. On either side of Rheims, particularly to the east of that harassed city, according to reports, the French daily push their lines a few yards forward, while in the Argonne, where more fighting is going on, first the Germans and then the French report the capture of the other's entrenchments.

Another region where the French seemingly keep nibbling away at the German lines is in the Woerwe, where the gains reported by them Tuesday and Wednesday when consolidated must have gone a long way toward rendering the Germans' long occupation of St. Mihiel on the Meuse less comfortable.

The Russians, with all their other fronts to cover, have found another army with which to take the offensive against the Germans position at Mlawa, on the east Prussian frontier, and report the capture of a village on the road to that town.

The Germans still are hammering at the Russian line drawn directly across the roads to Warsaw from the west, but it is reported with less force behind them. In Western Galicia, however, where they have reinforced the Austrians, they have held up the Russian advance.

In Southern Poland wet weather has intervened and put a stop to the fighting. Neither side is able to move there, owing to the high water and the mud.

The Russians continue to drive the Austrians through the snow covered passes of the Carpathians and out of Belogorica, and simultaneously are dealing in detail with the remnants of the Turkish armies in Trans-Caucasia, which are reported either to have been routed or surrounded.

The Turkish dash into this distant province of Russia is described by military men as having been an unwise maneuver. Military operations in that part of the world would be difficult in this season at any time, they say, but this year, with a particularly severe winter, there was little chance for the poorly-equipped Turkish troops to succeed in their efforts.

Altogether the Russians engaged the Turks in ten pitched battles, in many cases while knee deep in snow and at an altitude of from 6000 to 10,000 feet.

In the realm of international politics the next move by Roumania is awaited with interest, while the arrest of Cardinal Mercier, primate of Belgium, is attracting world-wide attention.

MOST CO-EDS FLATFOOTED

University of California Girls, Believed Graceful, Are Shocked.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—(Special.)—So much has been sung and written of the grace and perfection of the co-eds of the University of California, that it is with a great shock the announcement of Kate R. Gompers, assistant medical examiner, that 84 per cent of the University's women have flat feet, is received.

"No more than 50 per cent," says Miss Gompers, "of the women students have weak feet, the greater number of which have already acquired the deformity of flatfoot."

Miss Gompers holds out hope for the correction of the defects of the co-eds in the fact that special work in the department of medicine has already affected 30 complete cures and that during the coming year the problem is to be met with unusual force.

FRANCE ARRANGES CREDIT

Gold Bars Worth \$2,000,000 Deposited in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 6.—For account of the Bank of France, Lazard Freres today deposited with the First National Bank of this city \$2,000,000 gold bars recently taken from the assay office.

CONFESSION FALSE, SAYS ELDER SIERKS

Son, Too, Repudiates Story of Murder.

MYSTERY DEEPER THAN EVER

Boy Innocent but Capable of Such Crime, Avers Father.

IDIOT'S LETTERS REVEALED

Parent of Half-Wit Tells of Family's Dread Fear of Boy—Investigation to Continue—Subject Left for Next Governor.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—John G. H. Sierks, insane asylum inmate, today repudiated his confession that he had killed Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her child, but his father, while saying he is positive of the young man's innocence of this particular crime, admitted that the young man was capable of committing such a murder.

The parent told of numerous instances in which Sierks had threatened the lives of members of his family, and read letters substantiating what he said. It was because of these threats and for the protection of his family that Sierks was put in the insane asylum.

Investigators say that the repudiation of the confession which Sierks now says is a fanciful yarn does not clear Sierks of the Wehrman crime, as evidence obtained here today and a letter written by Sierks last night to his father add more to the mystery of the crime and make it more than ever incumbent upon the authorities to sift the case to the bottom. Sierks' letter to his father was delivered upon the arrival of the parent at the asylum today.

Letter Repeats Confession. In the letter written to his father last night Sierks says: "I would rather be dead than alive, for I am convicted of murder in the first degree. I am the murderer of Mrs. Daisy Wehrman and her little son. I am the man that done that dirty trick and lied on to Pender."

George Thacher, the criminologist of Portland, who has made a study of the crime, brought the father of the young man to Salem and accompanied him to the asylum. Arrangements had been made to take Sierks to the scene of the crime today to see if he could substantiate his story. If that had been done and he had found the gun he said he had planted and pointed out the shot in the house which he said Mrs. Wehrman fired, a later repudiation of the murder confession probably would have been of no avail.

Mr. Thacher, however, says his course was the proper one, in that he is reasoning inductively. He says if the man had been taken to Seapooos reasoning thereafter would have been deductive.

Governor West said tonight that he was through with the case and would leave it for Governor Withycombe to pass upon. He said he had done his best to find out if the Sierks story was true, but had been unable to do so.

It was an impressive scene when father and son met in the office of Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, superintendent of the asylum. They embraced and the boy, looking into his parent's eyes, broke down and said the whole fabric of his confession was false.

"My son," said Mr. Sierks, "I know you are innocent, and I am here to protect you and to try to get you off once more from the consequences of your acts. Who forced you to do it?"

"Mr. Mac Larsen (referring to the penitentiary chaplain who obtained the first confession), a little."

"Why did you do it?" asked the father.

"I did it to get Pender out."

Letter Refers to Murder. After his meeting with his son Mr. Sierks was questioned in regard to the character of his son. He produced letters written by the young man to his son after the killing of Mrs. Wehrman and her child in which the crime was the principal subject. In one letter written September 8, 1911, three days after the killing, Sierks wrote: "I have read a piece in the paper yesterday of Mrs. Wehrman and her little boy, Harold, our nearest neighbor, got killed by a murderer. They got shot and then got hacked up with a hatchet. That was an awful dirty trick, wasn't it? I never thought a thing like that would happen up there so close by, as all that I hope you are all well and that nothing like that will happen in our house."

After asking how his mother and sisters are getting along he reverts to the crime as follows: "Murderer Is Scorned. 'I would be a damned fool if I would want to do a thing like that to go and murder any one of my folks. I would rather have a bullet put through my head before I would do a thing like that; to go and be a liar and a thief, then three things won't go at all; that is lying, stealing and murder business. That man who did that will be sure to find his grace; it don't make any difference whoever it may be, he is not sure of his life. He will be punished' (Concluded on Page 10.)

