

TRUK SUSPICIOUS OF ALLIES' FAITH

Sinister Purpose Seen in Powers' Plans.

PROBLEM UP TO MOSLEMS

Europe Insists on Full Liberty of Straits.

BRITISH EXPERTS LEAVE

Last Session at Lausanne Today Liable to Bring Rupture; Russians Still Warlike.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Turkish fears of submarines, Turkish fears of swiftly flying military airplanes laden with bombs and, generally, Turkish fears of aggression from without that will put Constantinople in danger have tonight placed the whole Lausanne conference in jeopardy.

The United States is silent on the situation, but the allied leaders said tonight that they had uttered their last word on the question of liberty of the straits. Tomorrow the Turks may say yes or no to the allied project.

The British experts, Admiral Keyes and General Burdett-Stuart, already have left for England, believing their work to have been completed, and the French experts are preparing to depart tomorrow night at the conclusion of the "last session" for discussion of the straits. Whether a rupture will come on the straits problem depends chiefly on whether the entente diplomats and their experts can remove the Turkish fears. This they were trying to do tonight.

Turk Still Suspicious.

The diplomats are endeavoring to convince the Ankara statesmen that the straits project is essentially framed to meet conditions in times of peace and that the allies are not in any sinister hidden manner seeking facilities for war and especially against Turkey. They say they have only sought the equality of all fleets passing through the straits on peaceful errands.

The allies have emphasized that they cannot accept the Turkish request for the suppression of submarines and military airplanes, especially they have been unable to accept the Ottoman suggestion that combined foreign fleets entering the Black sea shall not exceed in strength the fleet of the strongest naval power of the Black sea.

As the Russians are here only for discussion of the straits question, tomorrow may see the last of them at Lausanne. They still are in a fighting mood, however. George Tchitcherin, minister of foreign affairs, today he tried to win American sympathy for the Russian straits project by insisting that it incorporated the American idea of "beneficent warships."

Slav Appeals to World.

But the allies have agreed that the Moscow straits plan is absolutely unacceptable. Tchitcherin made a dramatic plea to the world muses. He said Russia was convinced the world's peoples were back of Russia in her attempts to secure international justice. He also bitterly condemned what he called "marinism," adding "I mean the sea militarism which hopes to strangle Russia."

An additional fear of the Turks which the allies must calm tomorrow is that which they surround the proposed international commission to supervise control of the straits. The Turks claim the commission will be ineffectual in nature, that it may infringe Turkish sovereignty and, finally, that it may be used as a club by some power to threaten Turkey. Hence their ambition to have a general guarantee pact signed at Lausanne which will assure the neutrality of the straits and prevent acts of hostility in Turkish territorial waters.

The Turks tonight seemed unruffled. They did not appear at all impressed by the ultimatum talk with which the Lausanne atmosphere is charged. It was pointed out tonight that failure of the straits negotiations would not necessarily imply failure on other vital matters of the Lausanne agenda, one of which is arranging peace between Greece and Turkey and between Turkey and the allies.

CHIEF JENKINS' WIFE HURT IN AUTO CRASH

MRS. BERT HALL, WIFE OF INSPECTOR, ALSO INJURED. Mate of Police Chief Is Sent to Hospital, While Other Victim Is Sent Home.

Mrs. L. V. Jenkins, 541 Marguerite avenue, wife of Chief of Police Jenkins, suffered a broken left wrist and bruises to the left side and left leg last night when the chief's automobile, driven by Patrolman F. A. Pratt, skidded into a telephone pole near East Thirteenth and Bybee streets. Mrs. Jenkins was taken to St. Vincent's hospital.

With Driver Pratt in the front seat was Raymond Jenkins, son of Chief and Mrs. Jenkins. Neither was hurt. Mrs. Jenkins was in the tonneau with Mrs. Bert Hall, wife of the emergency driver on the first night relief of inspectors. Mrs. Hall was found to have a head wound and reserved for the private use of the chief, was proceeding west on Bybee, Pratt said he had just driven from a dense fog bank into a clear space and struck another fog as he

was about to turn into East Thirteenth at the Portland crematorium. He said that he felt the rear wheels skidding and endeavored to straighten out by letting the car slide into the curb so that the wheels would follow it. The left front wheel buckled when it struck the curb and the car ran onto the parking and stopped when it struck the telephone post.

Evidently Mrs. Jenkins and Mrs. Hall, seeing that an accident was imminent, arose from their seats, as they were thrown violently forward at the impact.

Chief Jenkins was entertaining a delegation of police from Dallas, Tex., at the Imperial hotel. He excused himself and reached the hospital as the ambulance arrived.

MERGER RUMORS REVIVED

Negotiations Between Big Ohio Companies Reopened. YOUNGSTOWN, O., Dec. 19.—Talk of a possible merger of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube company and the Brier Hill Steel company, two of the largest independent steel companies in the country, was revived today with the news that prominent stockholders of the two concerns had reopened negotiations. Conferences held several months ago resulted in a refusal by the sheet and tube company to purchase the properties of the Brier Hill. Since then the latter company has secured a \$10,000,000 loan and has embarked on a programme of expansion.

MINNESOTA COW WONDER

World Record for Year's Production of Butter Broken. OMAHA, Dec. 19.—May Walker Ollie Homestead, a Holstein cow, owned by the Minnesota Holstein company at Austin, Minn., has broken the world record for a year's production of butter. Her figure for 45 days ending at midnight last night was 1217.27 pounds of butter fat, the equivalent of 1521.6 pounds of butter, according to L. E. Eberhardt, president of the company and manager of a local packing plant. The former record of 1168 pounds of butter was held by Duchess Skylark Ormsby, a Holstein.

MME. BERNHARDT BETTER

Actress Expected to Resume Her Work on Stage Soon. PARIS, Dec. 19.—Madam Bernhardt passed a comfortable night and her physician said today no serious consequence was to be expected to follow her fainting spell. She will be obliged to rest several days, but it is considered certain that she will be able to resume her work on the stage soon. A bulletin issued this afternoon by Mme. Bernhardt's physician said: "The crisis has fortunately and rapidly terminated. It exactly, however, absolute repose for some days, with complete isolation."

HUGHES' FOES ARE BUSY

Movement Started in Australia to Defeat Premier. MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press.)—Latest returns from Saturday's general elections indicate that the nationalists (the party of Premier Hughes) and the laborites have each elected 28 members of the federal house of representatives. Reports from Sydney are that negotiations are in progress between the nationalists and the country party for co-operation between the farmers, stipulating, however, that the nationalists drop Premier Hughes.

VOTE RECOUNT PLANNED

Texas Republicans Not Satisfied With Election Results. DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 19.—Plans are under consideration by the republicans for a complete recount of the vote for United States senator and governor at the November election, according to reports here today. Luther Nickels, one of the attorneys for the republicans in the litigation which sought to keep the name of Earle B. Mayfield off the ballot as the democratic senatorial candidate, refused to discuss the reported steps toward a recount.

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PROBLEM LARGELY UP TO DISMISSED POWERS.

Reparations Settlement Is Held Prerequisite.

LOAN COUNTED POSSIBLE

Bankers Would Help, But Insist Steps Must Be Taken to Restore German Credit.

BY ARTHUR SEARS HENNING. (By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—Whether the United States will find it possible to bring about a settlement of the German reparations question which has produced the present international crisis in Europe will not be determined until President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes have conferred with George Harvey, ambassador to Great Britain, who calls for America December 23.

As the matter now stands America and the allies are far apart on the question and working at cross purposes. The situation may be summarized thus: 1. England and France are maneuvering for a reparations settlement contingent upon inter-cancellation of all war debts the allies owe each other and the United States.

2. America is contending for a reparations settlement without cancellation of the \$11,000,000,000 allied debt to the United States. The arrival of Ambassador Harvey is awaited to throw light on the possibility of the allies accepting the American viewpoint or of the evolution of some alternative plan which would not involve surrender of the American claims on the allies.

Problem Up to Europe.

The official view here is that the United States can help materially in the rehabilitation of Europe if the European governments take the necessary steps to improve their credit. Such steps would be the balancing of budgets, reduction of military expenditures and reduction of German reparations to an amount that Germany can and will proceed to pay.

If such conditions were complied with American bankers would join with European bankers in floating a huge loan to Germany with which to discharge German obligations to the allies. J. P. Morgan and associated American financiers have been considering such a loan for several years. It would be an enormously

MURDER SUSPECT HELD

Alleged Salt Lake Slayer Arrested in California. SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 19.—Police here were notified today that a man giving the name of Arthur Haan, 23 years of age, is under arrest at Richmond, Cal., as the suspected murderer of 16-year-old Ruth James of Salt Lake City. In an attempted drug store robbery here December 2.

Young James was shot in the back and died instantly when a robber entered the drug store where he was employed as a clerk and attempted to rob the establishment.

WALLA WALLA HAS CHINOOK

Warm Weather Causes Early Rush to Stores of City. WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 19.—(Special)—Chinook conditions, which developed about 2 o'clock this morning brought a sudden welcome relief from severe winter weather, and by 5 o'clock the mercury had climbed to 43 degrees, a rise of 34 degrees in 24 hours. The wind died down early this morning but the thaw continued all day. The wind lifted the clouds and the mountains showed effects of the moderating weather.

HIGH TIME SOMETHING WAS BEING DONE ABOUT IT.



CHRISTMAS BUSINESS ESTABLISHES RECORD

POSTAL RECEIPTS HEAVIER THAN LAST YEAR. Houses Dealing in Yuletide Gifts Also Report Big Increase in Trade.

With each succeeding Christmas in Portland breaking the records of all previous Yules, the public party may most fittingly go forth to those cheerful servants of the holiday—the postman and St. Nicholas. For the Christmas now upon us is the premier Christmas in the annals of the city, as both street crowds and volume of business attest.

Postoffice receipts yesterday were 28.87 per cent heavier than on the corresponding day of last year, while postal cancellations totaled on Monday the amazing record of 326,885 individual items of mail of all classes, or 91,316 more than were posted in Portland on the same day last year.

"There can be no question," said Postmaster Jones, "of the greater volume of Christmas giving this year, if the postal records are any criterion, as of course they are. We estimate that the outgoing Christmas mails are at least 15 per cent heavier thus far than they were in 1921, and it will be recalled that 1921 set a new record. Additionally whether the United States will find it possible to bring about a settlement of the German reparations question which has produced the present international crisis in Europe will not be determined until President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes have conferred with George Harvey, ambassador to Great Britain, who calls for America December 23.

Business houses dealing in a variety of Christmas gifts attend, and anticipate a late-in-the-week Christmas rush that will put to shame all previous stampedes for the counters. This is not because collective Portland had not sincerely resolved to shop early, for such a resolution has been apparent throughout the month. The week or so of inclement weather retarded a worthy resolve and threw much of the burden of Christmas shopping upon the brief time remaining. At the old postoffice building, or substitution, where a majority of Portland folks still transact their postal affairs, the crowds yesterday afternoon were greater than ever before. Quite literally it was impossible at times to force an entrance through the massed gift givers, and instances are cited in which more than an hour was required to mail a Christmas package.

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FOG THICK AS SMOKE SETTLES OVER CITY

AUTO HEADLIGHTS UNABLE TO PIERCE MIST. Traffic Police Held Ready for Accidents and Street-Car Men Are Warned.

NORTHWEST BREAKS GRIP OF COLD WEATHER. The Dalles—Wasco county has chinook. Hood River—Many buildings flooded. Columbia highway cleared. Pendleton—Winter's grip broken. Walla Walla—Chinook brings relief.

"A typical 'smoky city' fog, so thick that auto headlights failed to pierce it, settled down on the city soon after dark last night and served to demoralize traffic to a certain extent. The warm weather and the thick fog gave a feeling of damp closeness in the air. On the bridges, especially, was the white blanket of cloud thickest. The fog seemed to settle on all sections of the city.

Such fogs are not frequent in Portland. Each winter there usually are from one to three similar nights, but last night's mist seemed especially heavy. As there is no machine in the weather bureau that will accurately measure the density of fog, there is little chance of any basis for comparison, but from all appearances it was right up to the Portland fog record.

Traffic police were held in readiness to answer accident calls and street car motemen warned by the city to proceed at slow speed. One early report told of an automobile driver, who got lost in the fog, and almost drove off the high bluff over Mock's bottom before he discovered where he was. Hills were hidden and there were no valleys or bluffs apparent to the eye after the fog settled down. Reports from the east side, especially from the Peninsula district, told of dangerous conditions on the main boulevard in that section. River boats moved only when necessary and then under slow bell. The chinook, which swept most of the snow from the northwest, included Portland in its work. By 3 A. M. yesterday the white blanket was disappearing. At daylight all was clear. It had gone although occasional white spots were seen in places sheltered from the warm wind.

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DRUG WAR BEGUN BY LOS ANGELES

Police Chief Asks Fund of \$10,000.

CITY IS ROUSED TO DANGER

Council to Act Today on Recommendation.

WALLACE REID BETTER

Film Star Slowly Recovers From Illness Following Battle With Habit of Using Narcotics.

BY EDWARD DOHERTY. (By Chicago Tribune Leased Wire.) LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 19.—Wallace Reid, noted film star, who is recuperating from year of indulgence in liquor and narcotics, may save hundreds of his fellow "dopes" in Los Angeles. Because of the publicity given the movie idol's case, the city council, the chief of police and groups of ministers today were preparing to wage war on the traffickers in morphine, cocaine, heroin and marijuana, not only in Hollywood but throughout the city.

As a result of a petition offered by the city council today by the Methodist Minister association, Chief of Police Oaks recommended that an appropriation of \$10,000 be made for a secret service fund to investigate the narcotic traffic. The recommendation was approved by the police commission and will be acted upon by the council tomorrow.

Narcotic Squad Increased. Chief Oaks declared he had already increased his narcotic detail, and added that his department had obtained more convictions of drug peddlers in the last few months than the sheriff, the district attorney and the federal department combined.

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ASSAY OFFICE RAIDED BY TWO ARMED MEN

\$50 CASH AND YELLOW ORE, JUST COPPER, TAKEN. Belt of Metal Is Expected to Bring Only About 60 Cents in Any Market.

The Montana assay office, 142 1/2 Second street, between Morrison and Alder, was held up last night by two men armed with revolvers. They removed \$50 in cash and pounds of yellow and dull gleaming metal—copper.

And copper it was, good copper, fresh from the purifying flames of the blast furnace. But as it lay on the counter in a great box, pounds of it in nugget shape, it passed for gold in the eyes of the robbers.

A new and roomy canvas belt, eight inches deep, attached to the waist of the holder of the outlaws, served to receive it as it was scooped from the counter by a trembling hand. It, and not the cash, which happened to be in the safe, was the objective of the well-planned holdup.

H. B. Williams, manager of the place, prepared to close the doors at 5:30, when the two arrived. Two revolvers flashed out and the startled Williams was made to "stick 'em up."

First the cash in sight was appropriated and then, with Williams still covered by the two robbers, one of the pair set to work filling his belt with what he thought to be rich metal and kept on until the belt was stuffed to overflowing with the gleaming nuggets. A whispered conversation between the two and out of the store they backed, pulled down their caps, and set off down the street.

YULE LIQUOR IN DEMAND

New Yorkers Await Arrival of Rum Fleet Due From Bermudas. NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—If the Christmas rum fleet reported to be bound for New York from the Bahamas succeeds in running the blockade of the dry navy, it should find New Yorkers amply supplied with receptacles for toting the forbidden liquor.

Several manufacturers said today that the demand for flasks had trebled since the advent of prohibition. Shop windows with their Christmas decorations feature clandestine drinking vessels which in "wet" days brought a shudder from society.

SAN FRANCISCO THIRSTY

Plea for Light Wines and Beer Presented to Senate. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 19.—A memorial from the board of supervisors of San Francisco petitioning for light wines and beer was presented to the senate today. It stated that at the last election the people, by referendum, voted two to one for such an amendment to the present prohibition act.

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\$3,000,000 SCHOOL BONDS HELD VALID

Portland Issue Upheld by Supreme Court.

ATTACK IS UNWARRANTED

Form of Notice for Election, Not Prescribed.

TWO RULES POSSIBLE

Legislation Declared Able to Fix Regulations According to Size of District.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 19.—(Special)—School bonds in the amount of \$3,000,000 authorized by the voters of the Portland district at a special election June 17, 1922, were held valid in an opinion handed down by the Oregon supreme court here today.

The opinion was written by Justice Hand and affirmed the decree of Judge Stapleton of the Multnomah county court. The suit was instituted by E. B. Miller, a taxpayer and resident of the Portland school district, while the members of the board of directors of the Portland school district were named as defendants in the action.

The complaint charged that the election was illegal in that under the Oregon laws the defendants were required to post three notices thereof in each of the election precincts of the school district, and that the published notice of the election should have set out definitely the particular polling places in each of the voting precincts. It was alleged that the sufficient number of notices were not posted and that the published notices did not set out the particular voting places but referred to them as the "various polling places." These discrepancies in giving notice of the election, it was charged, rendered the election illegal and void.

General Demurrer Made.

At the time the suit originally was filed in the Multnomah county circuit court the defendants submitted a general demurrer to the complaint in which it was alleged that the notices of election were sufficient and that the election was held in accordance with law and that the board of directors were authorized and empowered to issue and sell said bonds. This demurrer was upheld by Judge Stapleton.

The plaintiff contended that the general laws of Oregon for the year 1913 governing the election and the manner of giving notice thereof and that under this statute the defendant was required to post notices of the election in three public places in every election precinct in the school district and to post one of the notices at each polling place.

PORTLAND FASTEST GROWING PACIFIC PORT

This is no idle slogan, conjured up in the brain of a practiced phrase-maker. It is a fact which has been emphasized in hundreds of ways during the year fast coming to a close. As a grain exporting center Portland is exceeded only by Galveston, Tex. Portland's exports of all kinds during 1922 have put this port in second place on the Pacific coast. Portland's municipal terminals are equal to any in the world in modern equipment facilitating rapid movement of freight. Bulk loading of grain has been made a prevailing practice in Portland harbor because of the unusually fine facilities for handling it. Fruit shipments to all sectors of the globe are increasing at a tremendous rate because of the motor and gravity conveyors provided by Portland docks to transport the fruit from car to warehouse to hold exclusively and without bruising. To encourage apple exportation by water, a ventilated storehouse has been erected. These facts, and many other things about the Port of Portland which the resident of this city should know, will be pointed out in illustrated articles in the New Year Edition of The Oregonian, to be issued MONDAY January 1, 1923