WARFARE IN NEAR EAST IS INCREASING

Orient Conceives New Notion of Fighting for Rights.

CENSORSHIP BUSY AGAIN

Self-Determination Sentiments Expressed by Firearms; Paris Supreme Council Flouted.

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CAIRO, Egypt.—Meager dispatches are continuously finding their way out of the Levant by various indirect routes reporting armed outbreaks in nearly all parts of that troubled region—Egypt, Syria, Arabia, Mesopotamia, Persia, the Caucasus, Asia Minor and the Balkans. There is silence on the western front, but gun fire a-plenty in the near east.

Each of these local outbreaks may portend little or much; taken all together they are of a significance arresting the attention of thoughtful persons everywhere. Evidently armed conflict is at present on the increase in the Levant. Paris decisions are not being complacently accepted by the masses of the east. Given a modern gun and taught to use it in the war, the oriental is making it a powerful argument for what he deems his own rights.

American Fashion Followed.

This mood of rebellion against Europe is no small thing. As George II found nearly a century and a half ago, it is not possible for a European nation to continue to rule a distant people who are resolute to reject foreign control. Today Asia appears to be aflame with militant nationalism. The war cracked the crusts that held it down. In defense of "self-determination" it will fight.

This is the big factor in the present near-eastern situation. Decisions by the supreme council at Paris are futile if the nationalities concerned will not accept them.

The case is bravely complicated by the fact that none of the European powers claiming protectorates or possession of these aroused and now bellicose orientals can afford either the money or the men necessary to keep them in a reasonable degree of subjugation and order. French and British soldiers are displaying an alarming fastidiousness as to when and where and whom they will fight.

Censorship Is Busy.

There are at present four major centers of armed activity in the near east, with half a dozen other scenes of recurring outbreaks. Each of the latter would have been deemed serious in pre-war times and fully written up in the press. Now a busy censorship does its best to keep the disturbing tidings from the people back home.

These four fighting areas do not include revolutionized Russia, nor yet the bellicose Balkans or the cantankerous Caucasus. Persia and Arabia also are excluded, although there is gun-fire aplenty in both places. Morocco and the other north African colonies are also burning considerable gunpowder, but they, too, are outside of the scope of the present article. What may be termed the big fighting is going on in the following four places:

1. Anatolia, which is the western and central part of Asia Minor and is sometimes called Turkey proper.
2. Mesopotamia, which has Bagdad for its capital city and includes the Garden of Eden.
3. Syria, better known in America as the Holy Land, stretching from Egypt up to the Taurus mountains and from the Mediterranean to the Arabian desert—although sub-divided by Anglo-French treaties.
4. Egypt itself, the most homogeneous of all the regions affected.

American Mandate Wanted.

It has already been fully set forth in these articles that armies—real and huge armies—of Greeks and Turks are now facing each other in the hinterland of Smyrna, with frequent clashes. The nationalist movement in Turkey has grown into a fighting force. Forays and skirmishes are frequent. All of the allies are in disfavor with the nationalists, who want America to have a mandate for the regions in dispute.

In the meanwhile any sort of an overwhelming outbreak may take place in Anatolia. The allies appear to have agreed to preserve at least the outward form of Turkey, which is incompatible with the retention of Western Asia Minor by the Greeks. Upon this Mr. Venizelos, who is a power in Paris, insists as a sine qua non.

Partisanship grows more bitter with every passing month and the case of the Turks is strengthened by all delay, especially as the Turks are finding many defenders among the Europeans and Americans who have gone to Turkey since the armistice. There is no use in blinking this fact. It may be due to the more attractive personalities of the Turks who meet foreigners or their ability to set forth their people's claims and it may have no real relation to Turkey's past crimes as a nation. Other races in Asia Minor are not so fortunate in the impression they make upon westerners. The practical effect is that the Turkish cause looks brighter with every passing week of inaction. This is news that will give no pleasure to America.

Clashes Occur in Holy Land.

Readers of these articles know that the stage was fully set far a widespread conflict between the Syrians and French should the latter be given control in Syria. From Emir Feisal himself down to the humblest tillers of the soil the word had gone forth openly that they would resist the French. Now they are fulfilling their threats. The world knows of battles at Saulbeck and outside of Aleppo between French troops and Syrian "patriots," with local clashes reported from many other directions. Whether this Syrian situation is going to develop into a general insurrection remains to be seen. The Syrians, like the Turks, refuse to recognize the secret treaties between Great Britain and France, and call for an American mandate.

Down in that part of the Bible lands with which the Book of Genesis largely deals, where the Garden of Eden was and where Noah dwelt and Abraham was born, known today as Mesopotamia, there is fighting of a more momentous character than the public suspects. The British are in possession, by capture, they say, and have thus far refused to grant any form or degree of autonomy. The Mesopotamians, or principally the people of Bagdad, point to the promises of independence made them on November 7, 1918, and, reciting a list of what they feel to be grievances, they are resisting the British forces whenever and wherever possible. This does not argue well for the peaceful development of the vast oil and agricultural resources of the region. Censorship suppresses all intelligence from Mesopotamia, and the native reports of sanguinary conflicts are doubtless exaggerated. But ancient Babylon and Assyria are still battlegrounds.

Egypt, too, comes within the category of Bible lands, and the continuance of widespread turbulence and hostility there between the natives and the British is better known to the people than the news from adjacent regions. Egypt's insurrection is an independence movement also.

Summarized in a sentence, the far-flung fighting of the near east is nationalistic in character and in armed opposition to the overlordship of European powers.

Can it be possible that the old order of colonial empire is to collapse because the simple-minded native has got a gun and stands belligerently beside the signboard on his homestead, "Trespassing forbidden"?

WILD BERRIES SET OUT

PLANTING OF 100 ACRES NEAR CHEHALIS IS BEGUN.

Burned-Over Logged-Off Lands Used for Evergreen Blackberries by Dr. Sherman Morris.

CHEHALIS, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—The biggest berry proposition to be developed locally on logged-off lands is one by Dr. Sherman Morris of Chehalis, who this week began the planting of 100 acres of evergreen blackberries on a tract in the Newaukum valley, about 12 miles southeast of Chehalis and three miles west of Onalaska. Dr. Morris has purchased a 250-acre tract of logged-off lands formerly belonging to the Coffman-Dobson Bank & Trust company of this city. He has 100 acres of it burned over and in such shape that he is now setting out wild evergreen blackberry plants. The plants are being placed approximately 15 feet apart and logs and stumps will be used in training them for proper handling.

At least 50 acres will be planted this spring and if possible on the entire 100-acre tract.

It is Dr. Morris' intention to develop the entire 250-acre tract as rapidly as possible. The land is river bottom soil and in the heart of a rich farming section. The main county road to Onalaska joins it on one side and the Chehalis & Cowlitz railroad line runs through it, making transportation both by auto and rail available.

Dr. Morris has also begun the development of a big English walnut grove near Meskill, 14 miles west of Chehalis. He hopes to have his trees all planted by spring. The 20-acre orchard to be planted by Dr. Morris will be the first attempt to engage in this business on a large scale.

STEAM KILLS FARM PEST

County Agent Discovers Way to Get Rid of Morning Glory.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Jan. 13.—The destructive wild morning glory, the spread of which in agricultural sections of the Northwest has in recent years elicited from prominent wheat men standing offers of from $500 to $12,000 for the discovery of a sure and practicable means of destroying this hitherto uncontrollable weed, has received in Columbia county of this state what looks like a knockout, according to recent word from J. M. Lewis, county agent, who has evolved the control method.

Mr. Lewis' plan makes use of live steam, which, by an ingenious and simple process, is forced under pressure into the soil at depths apparently sufficient to kill completely the morning glory roots and buds.

With one 20-horsepower steam boiler he steamed 100 square feet of soil in less than half an hour in tests to demonstrate the efficacy of the process; he now is devising with the aid of a manufacturer, a light, portable steam boiler which will successfully steam one acre of morning glory soil in a day.

EASTERN STAR INSTALLS

Pendleton Members Induct Their New Officers at Ceremony.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—An important event of interest to members of the Order of Eastern Star was the "open" installation of Bushee chapter No. 19, at Masonic hall Tuesday, January 6.

The following officers were installed by the past patron, E. T. Avison: Mrs. Clara Burroughs, marshal; Mrs. Annie Ireland, chaplain; Mrs. Mae Hager, organist; Mrs. Pauline Jones Kay, worthy matron; J. C. Woodworth, worthy patron; Miss Emily McBroom, associate matron; Mrs. Edna Woodworth, conductress; Mrs. Mary C. Baker, associate conductress; Mrs. Mary E. Johnson, secretary; Mrs. Anna Storie, treasurer. Appointive officers: Miss Helen Mathews, Adah; Miss Reta Ferguson, Ruth; Miss Eula Simpson, Esther; Mrs. J. Glenn Miller, Martha; Mrs. Olevia Baker, Electra; Mrs. Anna Robertson, chaplain; Mrs. Lillian Conroy, warder; C. H. Conroy, sentinel.

Cowlitz Students Get Pins.

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Twenty-four of the boys and girls of Cowlitz county have completed a successful year in club work and are entitled to wear achievement pins, having enrolled in standard clubs, kept records of their work and showed a profit at the end of the year. Harlan Shepardson of Kelso won an achievement pin for the fourth successive year.

Albany Bank Elects.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Thomas B. Williamson was elected president of the Albany State bank in the annual election of officers yesterday. He succeeds D. H. Bodine, who resigned recently. Other officers were re-elected as follows: Vice-presidents, O. A. Archibald and Elmer B. Williamson; cashier, Clyde E. Williamson; assistant cashier, Raymond Tomlinson.

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ANTI-RED ACTIVITY STIRS UP RADICALS

Non-Partisan League of North Dakota Most Excited Group.

LEADERS SHOW ANXIETY

Isaac R. McBride, Son-in-Law and Former Secretary to Harry Lane, Returns to Washington.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 10.—The coming investigation of red activities in this country before a senate subcommittee beginning next week, together with efforts of the senate to pass the Sterling anti-red bill, has stirred the radicals in all parts of the country.

Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, self-styled soviet ambassador to this country, who was located in this city yesterday by an officer of the senate, will be the first witness called.

The committee is quietly getting a line on other individuals throughout the country who have been actively preaching revolution.

The most excited group of radicals in the country just at this minute appears to be the Non-Partisan league of North Dakota and other northwest states. Leaders of the Non-Partisan league have been stirred by a dispatch to The Oregonian several days ago in which it was mentioned that Professor Charles Emil Stangeland, who is alleged to have "loaded" the state circulating library of North Dakota with anarchistic, bolshevistic, atheistic and free love books, probably would be called before the committee.

Leaders Manifest Anxiety.

Telegrams have been pouring in in profusion on Senator Moses from Non-Partisan leaders manifesting great anxiety as to the possibility of their organization being involved in the quiz.

"I have simply answered that if these red traits lead to the Non-Partisan league it will be investigated," said Senator Moses today.

In the meantime it will be observed whether the Non-Partisan league government of North Dakota sees fit to remove George Totten, chairman of the state board of administration, who admitted responsibility for Stangeland's appointment, and who resisted his removal.

To the credit of the democrats in the senate it must be said that they are giving very general support to Senator Sterling's efforts to pass a strong anti-red bill. The only active opposition comes from two or three republican senators.

Isaac R. McBride Shows Up.

One of the men who showed up for dinner last night at the soviet headquarters at the Lafayette hotel in this city while an officer of the senate was serving a subpena on "Ambassador" Martens was Isaac R. McBride, son-in-law of and former secretary to the late Senator Harry Lane of Oregon. Both McBride and his wife have been active in radical work for years.

McBride is proud of his radical activities. He said a few days ago that he had been in Russia until recently and that he intended going back, accompanying this information with some very complimentary words for the government of Lenine and Trotzky.

Republicans probably will not be heard saying much henceforth about their recent victory in the fifth congressional district of Oklahoma, in the light of today's events. There was much chagrin on the republican side of the house when one of the six votes against delaying a seat to Victor Berger, convicted of disloyalty, was cast by J. W. Harreld, the new republican member from Oklahoma.

3 Republicans Vote for Berger.

Of the six votes cast for Berger three are republicans and three are democrats. The vote of Mann, republican of Illinois, was expected and easily explained because his enthusiasm for the war never attained fever heat. Sherwood, democrat of Ohio, had a pre-war record much like Mann's and declares himself a strong Sinn Fein sympathizer. Voigt, republican of Wisconsin, was born in Berlin; Sisson, democrat of Mississippi, enjoys a good record in congress, but likes an opportunity to show independence at times. The vote of Harreld of Oklahoma cannot be explained unless he gives credit for his recent election to some of the un-American elements in his district.

Griffin, democrat of New York, has many socialists in his district. He may have desired to please them.

U. S. Captains Protest Strike.

BARCELONA, Jan. 10.—The American consul with a merchant marine captain representing the captains of five American merchantmen in the harbor here, called on the civil governor Friday and informed him if the American vessels were unable to discharge their cargoes by Monday on account of the strike, they would feel constrained to protest through diplomatic channels.

Pythian Sisters Install.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Wauna temple of Pythian Sisters has installed the following officers for the ensuing year: Mrs. Susie Lynn, past chief; Mrs. May Chindlund, excellent chief; Mrs. Cora Cuddeford, excellent senior; Mrs. Adelaide Adkisson, excellent junior; Mrs. Florence Rand, mistress of records and correspondence; Mrs. Nellie Ferguson, mistress of finance; Mrs. Beatrice Wood, manager; Mrs. Florence Post, protector. Mrs. Cora Stranahan was installing officer. She was assisted by Mrs. Georgia Isenberg and Mrs. Margaret Howell.

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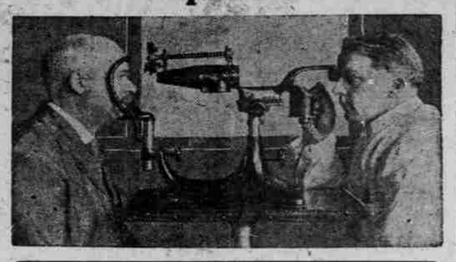

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