

ARMENIA NOW INVOLVED IN EAST TURMOIL

Turks Refuse to Attend Meet to Consider Plea of Destitute People for National Home.

RUSSIAN ATTITUDE REMAINS A MYSTERY

Hopeful Progress Made on Problem of Greek Patriarch—May Remain

LAUSANNE, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—Armenia was the storm center of the Near East conference today. The Turks refused to attend a meeting of the sub-commission which had arranged to hear the plea of the Armenians for the establishment of a national home in Turkey, and both Ismet Pasha and Riza Nur Bey sent strongly worded communications to the conference protesting against the decision to allow the Armenians to state their case.

Allies Listen Alone
In consequence of the Turkish protest the official meeting of the sub-commission was postponed and the representative of the powers, Great Britain, France and Italy, sitting alone, listened to the Armenian spokesman, who suggested that a home be established in the northeast vilayet of Turkey which should include historic Mount Ararat or a section in Cilicia. It was impossible, he declared, for the proposed Armenian home to amalgamate with the Armenian republic of Erivan, which has been taken over by the Moscow soviets. The Armenians would willingly accept the same relationship with Turkey as the dominions with England.

Bulgarians Present Problem
In conclusion he asked for exemption from military service for the Armenians and urged maintenance of the orthodox patriarch in Constantinople.

The entente delegates took the Armenian petition under advisement, as they did also petitions from the Bulgarians and the ancient people known as the Assyro-Chaldeans.

Noradunghin Pasha, once Turkish foreign minister, presented the Armenian plea.

The Bulgarians requested that 160,000 Bulgarians who had fled from Oriental Thrace should be permitted to return to that country, which had become Turkish territory, and said they were ready to accept the same treatment as Turkish citizens.

Patriarch May Stay
Biblical history came before the meeting when the representatives of the Assyro-Chaldeans arose. Their people live in Mesopotamia, between Mosul and the Turkish frontiers. It is their wish to maintain their own language and customs and to be allowed to dwell in peace. General Aghlitos, their chief spokesman, said with dignity that history had proved that Adam and Eve were born in their country, and the early chapters of early life moved about the Assyro-Chaldeans.

Hopeful progress was made today on the problem of the Greek patriarch. The French suggested as a possible solution that permission be granted the patriarch to remain in Constantinople as an autonomous archbishop with the understanding that he would in no way represent political administrative matters or voice the ambitions or incarnate aspirations of Greece, he would exist as a religious figure.

Serbia Problem Unsettled
The French argued that the brusque removal of the Christian leader would cause an unpleasant feeling abroad toward the new Turkish state.

The straits problem still remains unsettled; the allies are striving to arrange some formula

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BERGDOLL HAS SMALL CHANCE WITH LEGION

Patriotic Organization Would Be Pleased to Lay Hands on Army Deserter

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 26.—The American Legion in Washington will do anything it can to help capture Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, convicted army deserter, whom a restaurant man believes he saw in Seattle last night, Henry A. Wise, state adjutant of the legion announced today.
"Every American Legion member would take pleasure in capturing Bergdoll," said Mr. Wise. "We still have his description with pictures, and every legion man in this state will be on the lookout for him if he comes to the Pacific coast on a German vessel, as he is reported to be doing."

CHINATOWN GETS SHOCK

19-Year-old Chinese Flapper, Americanized, Would Receive Hubby-to-be

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(By the Associated Press)—The twisted streets of Chinatown which have pulsed with subdued gossiping since Mildred Wenn, 19-year-old Chinese "flapper" ran away from her Washington home Friday, almost on the eve of her wedding to George Num Lee, scion of one of the best Chinese families of New York, had some added thrills today.

Trunks Appear
The first came when word was passed that Miss Wenn had returned to her home and that George Lee—whose father is president of the On Leong Tong in the United States—had rushed to her on the first Washington train this morning.

Then, about noon, almond-eyed inhabitants of Mott street congregated about the Lee home at No. 32, saw two black shiny wardrobe trunks unloaded and lugged up five winding flights of stairs by truckmen of the Canton Transfer company. Boldly across the end of each trunk, in brave red letters was the legend "M. Wenn."

The trousseau had arrived, but no bride.

Rumors Fly
A little while later, Lee Quon tong chieftain and prospective father-in-law, hurried from the house and, according to neighbors, took a train for Washington.

This gave added sweep to rumors that the Americanized Mildred Wenn had put her tiny foot down on the Chinese tradition that a bride must go to her husband, and had delivered an ultimatum that there would be no wedding unless it was solemnized in her home in Washington.

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COAST GETS BIG FREIGHT SLASH

S. P. Announces Thirty Percent Reductions Between Chicago and West

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Reductions in freight rates ranging as high as 30 per cent will be published soon between Pacific coast points and eastern points by the Southern Pacific railroad, it was announced today at offices of the company here.
The present carload rate of \$1.08 per 100 pounds on tin or tin plate from eastern points to Pacific coast points will be reduced to 95 cents from New York, 85 cents from Pittsburgh and 75 cents from Chicago and points west.

The carload rate on olives in tin cans and in brine in barrels from Pacific coast to eastern points will be reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.25. The rate on wooden and iron hose reels in carload lots to Pacific coast points from New York will be reduced from \$2.50 to \$2.77 1-2. The new rate from Chicago will be \$2.48, with a corresponding reduction from points between Chicago and New York.
The new rates will become effective as soon as the tariffs can be published, the company announced.

KAHN FOREIGN DEBT PLAN IS NOT SUCCESS

Solution Offered by New York Banker Fails to Find Responsive Chord Around Washington.

AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT IN PROPER MOOD

Commission Said Able to Do Only Three Things With War Debt

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The solution of America's foreign debt problem proposed by Otto H. Kahn, the New York banker allied generally to strike a responsive chord today in official circles in Washington.

Opposition Expressed
Members of the American debt funding commission took note of Mr. Kahn's proposal that the United States differentiate between the seven and a half billion dollars loaned to European countries before the armistice and two and a half billion dollars loaned after hostilities ceased and arrange differing methods of repayment, but pointed out that the act of congress creating the commission would permit no such differentiation even if considered advisable.

Members of congress generally expressed decided opposition to the New York banker's suggestion that at least a portion of the debt be cancelled, several leaders in both the senate and house declaring that the American people were in no mood to approve any such action.

Smoot is Silent
Senator Smoot had not received Mr. Kahn's letter today and said that he, himself, would not comment upon it until he had received it and studied the propositions set forth in it. Other members of the commission, however, were quick to declare that the commission could do nothing toward differentiation in the debt as suggested by the banker. The commission, they pointed out, was permitted to do only three things: with trade debts—allow postponement or payment of principal or not longer than 25 years, to fix the rate of interest at not less than 4 1-2 per cent and to authorize refunding of the interest along with the principal for not longer than 25 years.

The most that the debt commission could do in the line with the Kahn suggestion, it was said by a commission member, would be to present recommendations to congress if study found that it was possible to proceed within the authorization of congress.

PART OF LARGE ESTATE AWARDED

Mrs. Helene Crocker Gets \$6,000,000 in Stock Willed by Mother

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Mrs. Helene Irwin Crocker, wife of Charles Templeton Crocker, was awarded stock valued at \$6,000,000 today when Superior Judge Frank Dunne ordered a partial distribution of the estate of her mother, the late Mrs. Fannie G. Irwin.

The founding of the Irwin fortune is a romance of the South Seas. When a boy Irwin and his father, a paymaster in the British navy, were shipwrecked in a sailing vessel off the Isle of Oahu. There the lad was raised and eventually became one of the wealthiest sugar planters and ship owners in the islands. He also served in the cabinet of the last island king. The estate is valued at \$12,084,733.

Prominent Newberg Man Passes Away at Home

E. H. Woodward, a prominent citizen of Newberg, died at his home yesterday. He was interested in the publishing business for a number of years and until one year ago was publisher of the Newberg Graphic.
The funeral will be held at the Friends church at 2 p. m. Thursday. Death was due to cancer.

SALEM TO AID OREGON CITY BRIDGE FETE

Several Officials to Attend Ceremonies—Entire Capitol Invited to Attend

Salem, represented by a delegation of at least four, will help Oregon City and West Linn celebrate the opening of the new Pacific highway bridge between those two cities tomorrow. Mayor George E. Halvorsen, King Bing McElchris, of the Cherrians, President J. C. Perry of the Chamber of Commerce, Manager Robert B. Duncan of the Chamber of Commerce and perhaps others will attend from Salem.
Mayor Halvorsen and Mayor George L. Baker of Portland will be among the speakers. Salem's part of the program is to begin at 11:30 o'clock. This will be a parade.

At 9:30 o'clock there will be a band concert on the streets. At 10 o'clock the crowning of the queen is to take place, and at 10:30 there will be a reception at the Commercial club. The parade will be held at 11:30 and at 12 o'clock noon the ceremonies of opening the bridge will take place. A banquet will be served, beginning at 1:15 o'clock.
The invitation received here is extended to "all of Salem," to quote the letter, which is signed by M. D. Latourette, chairman of the celebration committee.
The bridge was built by the state highway department, and designed by C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer of the department.

TOLEDO YOUTH TAKES POISON

No Motive for Suicide Found Unless Despondency—Would Be Cremated

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 26.—Virgil E. Porter, aged 25, died here today as a result of drinking acid. He was found unconscious in his room and a note indicating he had intended to take his own life, said "For heaven's sake do not notify my parents."
The note requested that his body be cremated and his ashes sent to 414 South Main street, Findlay, Ohio. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Porter of Findlay, Ohio, were notified. Porter was connected with a mercantile firm here. His friends could ascribe no motive for his act but despondency.

STATE EMERGENCY BOARD MEETS HERE

Gathering to Discuss Appropriations for Relief in Astoria

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 26.—The state emergency board will meet in Salem Friday of this week to consider an appropriation for relief work in Astoria, according to announcement today by Acting Governor L. E. Bean. Mr. Bean said he will attend but not in the capacity of governor as Roy Rittner, president of the senate will be back in the state at that time and will resume his executive duties. Adjutant General George A. White has made a report that \$2,000 will carry on the relief work expense until the legislature meets.

Astoria Woman Drowned by Fall from Speeder

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 26.—Mrs. Anne Lamb, wife of James Lamb of Salmon Creek, Wash., was drowned yesterday. With her husband and John Hakala, she was coming down the Olson Logging railroad on a speeder. The car struck an obstruction on the track and Mrs. Lamb was thrown into Salmon creek, drowning before help could reach her. The body was recovered.

LIQOR FILE S HOSPITALS

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—More than 50 persons were in hospitals here today suffering from alcohol poisoning as a result of drinking liquors obtained during the holidays. Two deaths due to this cause occurred. Eighteen of the patients were listed in a critical condition.

FRANCE GAINS VICTORY OVER REPARATIONS

Commission by Three to One Vote Declares Germany in Default in Wood Deliveries.

GREAT BRITAIN IS ONLY NATION OPPOSED

Teutons Assert it Impossible to Fulfill All 1923 Obligations

PARIS, Dec. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—France gained an important victory in the allied reparations commission today when the commission by a vote of three to one declared Germany in default in her wood deliveries for 1922.
France, Belgium and Italy voted in favor of the declaration while Great Britain cast its ballot against it.
Britain Opposed
The decision of the commission was immediately communicated to the allied governments for their action. It may have a vital effect on the reparations problem if France can retain the support of Italy and Belgium when the reparations question is discussed at the January 2 meeting of the premiers.
The lone vote cast against the declaration by Great Britain was in accordance with British policy, which has been opposed to declaring Germany in default, in fear that such action might have a disastrous effect on the already precarious state of German finance.

Must Reduce Deliveries
Germany has carried out more than sixty per cent of its schedule of wood deliveries for this year. When the German experts were before the commission several weeks ago they announced that Germany had been unable to deliver more than she had, and that the deliveries for 1923 must be greatly reduced.

MAY CALL STRIKE OF TELEGRAPHERS

Unless Board Acts Favorably on Rehearing Petition Walkout is Likely

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—(By The Associated Press.)—Prediction of a telegrapher's strike on some western railroads unless the railroad labor board acts favorably by next January 1 on a petition for a rehearing on the decision of the board which recently reduced the wages of 11,000 operators about \$1,500,000 a year, was made here tonight by Edward J. Manton, president of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.
Manton said he had appealed to President Harding to intercede in behalf of the telegraphers on the ground that the labor board had been repudiated and that the president himself had conceded its abolition.

"Undoubtedly there will be strike votes taken on some roads," declared Manton. He asserted that any of the telegraphers' grievance committees of the 11 roads affected by the wage cut, who ask for permission to walk out "will get authority to strike from me."
The roads affected by the wage reduction are the Chicago and Northwestern; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy; Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha; Great Northern; Illinois Central; Minneapolis & St. Louis; Central; Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie; Northern Pacific and the Southern Pacific.

Manton added that the pay cut was announced by the labor board as adjusting inequalities, but in reality was a reduction for all operators on the 11 roads when wages in other lines of employment were being advanced.

ANOTHER CATHOLIC FIRE

MONTREAL, Dec. 26.—Word was received today that the tenth fire to sweep a Catholic edifice in Canada this year had destroyed the parish church of St. Thomas d'Alfreda at Fassett last night.

GROCER WOULD FOOL THIEVES, SHOT INSTEAD

Robbers Fire Twice Through Bathroom Door When Man Calls For Help

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—Edgar C. Wright, Portland grocer, was shot in the right arm tonight while attempting to trick a pair of holdup men who were after the contents of his cash register. After the shooting both escaped, but got no money.
The Wrights live in the rear of the grocery. Mrs. Wright was preparing supper and Mr. Wright was in the store with a customer when the two robbers entered.
"Hand over your money," one of the robbers ordered.
"All right," returned Wright. "I'll get it for you."
Wright walked into the kitchen and shouted for help as he dashed into a bathroom and closed the door. The robber fired two shots through the bathroom door and ran out with his partner.
Wright was taken to the city hospital.

MAYOR CHARGED WITH MURDER

Former Official of Mer Rouge Arrested in Baltimore—Two Are Held

BASTROP, La., Dec. 26.—The second arrest in connection with the Morehouse kidnaping of last August occurred today when Dr. B. M. McKoin, former mayor of Mer Rouge, was taken into custody at Baltimore on instructions of Governor Parker who charged him with murder.
The physician was taking a post graduate course at Johns Hopkins. The former mayor is expected to reach here within a few days to join T. J. Burnett, a former deputy sheriff, arrested on a similar charge.
A detachment of national guard today reconnoitered along Lake LaFourche for evidence to lead to the arrest of dynamite responsible for the blasting at a ferry landing last week when the bodies of two men believed to have been tortured and murdered by masked and robbed men, were blown from the bottom of the lake.

More Arrests Expected
Attorney General Cocco yesterday announced that at least six or seven more arrests would be made before the open hearing in connection with the case which has been set for January 5 here. Federal agents declare they have the names of the ringleader of the dynamiters, and his arrest is imminent.

The arrest of Dr. McKoin came as a complete surprise. Dr. McKoin was born and grew to manhood at Monroe and later moved to Mer Rouge where he was a practicing physician. His friends urged him to make the race for mayor, and during his incumbency he fearlessly upheld the law and attempted to rid the community of moonshiners and other law breakers, it was said.

Burnett Sullen
On August 2, 1922, he reported assassins fired two loads of shot into his automobile as he was answering a sick call. He later received persistent warnings to leave the community, and he did. This event led to the tragedy of the 24th, in the theory of the state.

Burnett, arrested last Saturday, has become sullen and restless. His battery of attorneys spent several hours with him.

Federal Distributor of Fuel Gives up Position

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Conrad E. Spens presented his resignation today as federal fuel distributor for transmission tomorrow to President Harding to become effective January 1.
Along with it will go a brief report on the work of the emergency office which was established September 22 after the conclusion of the coal strike. Mr. Spens will return to his former post as vice president of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, with headquarters at Chicago.
It is considered probable that the fuel distribution office will be closed soon after January 1, although an organization will be held together to care for left-over details.

BUILDING PROGRAM IS HELD NECESSARY BY SCHOOL BOARD

Officials, Alarmed at Congestion, Instruct Superintendent to Outline Tentative Plan for Enlargement of Facilities—Construction during Coming Year Now Seems Probable.

Alarmed over the daily more noticeable congestion of the Salem schools, the school board at its meeting last night authorized Superintendent George Hug to outline a tentative plan for a comprehensive enlargement of the present city school facilities, this report to be turned in at the meeting on January 9. It is possible that the first construction work may start in the coming spring.

The board has faced this condition of inordinate crowding all the year. It began last year. Practically every building in the whole city system now is crowded beyond its normal capacity. Playrooms, assembly halls, basements, halls, almost every bit of space that could possibly be turned into class rooms, have been so arranged, and even then there isn't enough to do it justice. The reports brought in to the school meetings every two weeks since the school year began, have been makeshifts to care for the growing army of young folks who want educations.

BELIEVE BLINN SLAYER FOUND

Description Given by Miss Lyle Fits Stranger Suspected by Police

STUEBENVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Efforts to apprehend the slayer or slayers of Charles Blinn, 42, prohibition enforcement officer, are centering about a stranger whose description was secured from Miss Lyle Lyle, at whose home Blinn was last seen alive, Chief of Police Blaine announced today.
Blinn Intoxicated
According to Chief Blaine, Miss Lyle declared that the stranger was with Blinn when he called at her home and that she was introduced to him, but could not remember his name. She told police that he said he was a Hungarian.
In her statement to police, Miss Lyle said that Blinn was intoxicated and flourished his gun and said that he was "going to get someone." Shortly after Blinn and the Hungarian left the Lyle home, Miss Lyle heard a shot and the noise of an automobile moving away, according to Miss Lyle's statement. She said she paid no attention to the incident, believing Blinn had his own automobile, she told police.

Believe Gunman Paid
Blinn's body was found about one hour later, and, according to physicians he had been dead about an hour.
Police said they were working on the theory that a paid gunman was hired to kill Blinn; that the first shot was the result of a scuffle between him and the gunman, and that he was shot to death with his own gun after they had carried him several blocks from the Lyle home. Blinn was shot three times in the back of the head, once between the shoulders and the right hand.

Action Imperative
It is the belief of the board that, since the necessity is so great that immediate action only can give the children of Salem the schools they must have, action should be taken at once, so that a plan can be agreed upon and building begun this spring so as to have the added facilities ready for next fall.
Charles Cone, science teacher of McKinley junior high, handed in his resignation, which was accepted, and Lela Reed of Monmouth was elected to fill the vacancy, beginning January 2.

MUSICIAN FREED FROM STATE PEN

William Young Arthur Goes With Conditional Pardon in Pocket

With a conditional pardon in his pocket, signed by Governor Roy W. Rittner, William Young Arthur, who directed the orchestra at the state penitentiary, where he was an inmate, left today for Portland to join his wife, Arthur, while employed in the office of a lumber company at Baker, Ore., was accused of wrongfully tampering with the payroll and was convicted. He has served more than a year of his sentence, but there has been doubt as to his guilt. While living in Baker, Arthur was active in church and social circles, and it is said many acquaintances there do not believe that he was guilty.
Arthur's conditional pardon was signed Saturday.

River Now Stands at 12 Feet Above Normal

The Willamette river stood at 12 feet above the low water mark last night at 6 o'clock and was falling, according to Clarence E. Oliver, local weather observer. The river reached 12.5 feet Monday, the highest point reached during the last fall and winter, it is falling now and it is thought it will continue to fall.
Warm weather which melted the snows in the mountains and the rain were responsible for the rise of the river. It rose five feet in the 24 hours from Saturday morning to Sunday morning.
Yesterday's rainfall totaled .48 of an inch. Sunday's rainfall totaled .76 inch while Monday's rainfall was .02.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Wednesday, rain.

LOCAL WEATHER (Tuesday)

Maximum temperature, 57.
Minimum temperature, 46.
River, 12 feet above normal level; falling.
Rainfall, .48 inch.
Atmosphere, cloudy.
Wind, south.