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ITALY'S INTENT WAS SANE WAR

Had Not Figured on Much Resistance and Was Surprised at It.

GAVE TRIPOLITANS FOOD

First Bitter Fight Was Self Defense And Campaign of Subduing Natives Then Became a Very Apparent Necessity.

(By Henry Wood, Correspondent of the United Press.)

Rome, Dec. 28.—Following the actual declaration of war and the almost simultaneous blockade of the coast of Tripoli and Cyrenaica, Italy's soldiers and sailors at once occupied the principal cities of the two provinces.

At all of the four principal fortified coast cities, Tripoli, Homs, Bengasi and Tobruk, nominal resistance was offered to the naval occupation but in each case this was easily overcome by the large Italian navy, without serious loss to the Italians, with the exception of Bengasi. There an effort was made to land marines in a heavy sea while the efforts of the battleships to keep from blowing up the powder magazines in the city, which would have completely demolished the place, kept their fire from being effective and the Italians suffered heavily, especially in the first attempt which had to be abandoned.

In the second attempt a successful landing and occupation was effected. At all four of the cities, the Italian fleet confined its efforts merely to demolishing the forts and entrenchments and every possible effort was put forth to keep from inflicting any unnecessary damage to private and business property within the cities. In the main, this effort was successful, and after the forts had been reduced and abandoned by the enemy a landing was made and the formal control of the cities taken over by the Italians.

In each case many of the Arab tribes submitted peacefully and the first phase of the occupation was very much like that of a welcome to Italian control. Immediately following the naval occupation, the military expeditions which had been forming for weeks at the various ports of Italy set sail with great secrecy, under heavy naval escort, and troops were later landed at the four cities, lines of fortifications and trenches thrown up and complete occupation fully established.

At this time and for some little time thereafter there was every indication that the occupation was going to be a very peaceful and easy affair. This was especially the case at Tripoli, where, although there were night attacks from the Arabs and the Turkish tribes without, yet they were attacks that were easily repulsed and indications were that there was little thought of very serious opposition. As a consequence, Italy gave its attention largely at this time to the carrying out of the implied promises it had made in occupying the two territories—namely the promise of their moral and material development. There had been a crop failure in Tripoli for the three years previous, and the Italian officials at once began the distribution of grain and seed for the coming planting period. Food was also distributed to the natives, the local currency was changed into Italian money, the Italian

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TO WIPE OUT PERSIANS

Russia Rushes 20,000 More Troops to Scene of Trouble.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—Having received orders to punish all Persians who took part in the attacks on Russian troops following the Shuster controversy, twenty thousand additional troops were today dispatched for Persian territory.

Apparently the Russian government is bent on waging a war of extermination and the war department is greatly excited. It is also believed that Russia is preparing for an extended campaign in Persia and to wage a bitter war if Persia further resists her efforts to maintain a protectorate.

To Re-Try Case.

New York, Dec. 28.—Justice Davis in the supreme court today followed up his action of a week ago in refusing to confirm the report of Wm. S. Kelly, the referee who recommended that Upton Sinclair, the author, be granted an interlocutory decree of divorce from Meta Fuller Sinclair, by directing that the case be re-tried. The justice appointed Marshall S. Hadin as referee to hear the testimony.

Needs En Route Home.

San Mateo, Calif., Dec. 28.—Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid are now en route from London to take up residence in the Mills mansion here which has been remodeled at a cost of \$100,000. They took possession after the death of Reid's father, D. O. Reid.

LA FOLLETTE FLAYS PAYNE-ALDRICH BILL

President Taft Will Follow Opponent in Ohio

Norwalk, Ohio, Dec. 28.—Senator La Follette left here today for his second day in Ohio, after delivering an address here on the tariff in which he attacked the trusts, President Taft's plan for licensing corporations, and the Aldrich-Payne tariff law.

At noon today he spoke to a large number of railroad men and residents of a rural community near Norwalk. In his speech here, he said in part: "The progressives have seen this vast revolution in economic conditions and have recognized the need of radical changes in our tariff revision, while the standpat republicans have refused to recognize the changed conditions. They believe in keeping the tariff wall as high as possible, notwithstanding the growth of extortionate monopoly. They believe it more important to keep up the profits of the combined manufacturers than to keep down the prices."

The passage of the Payne-Aldrich bill was the most outrageous assault of private interests upon the people recorded in tariff history."

Taft Takes Notice.

Washington D. C., Dec. 28.—President Taft intends following Senator La Follette's invasion of Ohio, it was announced today. It was stated that the president expects to speak at Cleveland January 23, Columbus, January 29, and at Akron January 31. He is considering one more date but is undecided where it will be.

It is considered significant that announced after Warren Harding, re-announced after Warren Harding, recent republican candidate for governor of Ohio, was called to Washington. It is understood that Harding told the president concerning La Follette's chances for Ohio's delegates, and they considered a similar trip urgent.

COW'S KICK DRIVES PITCHFORK INTO FARMER'S STOMACH WITH FATAL RESULT

Having lingered for thirty-six hours after his stomach had been penetrated by the sharp long tines of a pitchfork which were forced into his flesh by a cow's kick, Chris Roberts, a prosperous farmer of Umatilla county succumbed to the injury at 7 o'clock this morning at his home near Echo, according to a report which was received in this city today.

The report had it that Mr. Roberts sustained the injury Tuesday evening while engaged in cleaning out a stall in his barn.

He was working with the pitchfork, when a cow, which was kept in the place, suddenly kicked at him. The animal's heels struck the handle of the pitchfork with such force and in such manner as to reverse it, with the result that the tines entered the abdominal cavity.

Mr. Roberts was about forty years of age and is survived by a widow and three children. His farm is located on the Umatilla river about three and one-half miles from Echo.

MERCHANT SLAYS 7 OF FAMILY; SUICIDES

Young Son, Sole Survivor, Discovers Slaughter on Returning to His Home.

Benton, Ark., Dec. 28.—Because he was in "deep despair" and "believed he and his family would be better off in heaven," James Grant clubbed his wife, five children and a stepson to death and hanged himself some time Tuesday night. The bodies of the children were found in their beds last night, the skull of each being crushed.

The body of Mrs. Grant, was found in the hall half dressed. Evidently she had been killed as she was about to retire. A heavy club covered with blood was found in the house and it was apparent it was with this Grant killed the seven members of his family. The children ranged in age from five to 15.

Hugh Grant, a 16-year-old son the only remaining member of the family, discovered the bodies when he returned from a holiday celebration at a neighboring farm. He found a note signed by his father which explained that "owing to deep despair and that I see nothing for me or my children who I believe, would be better off in heaven, I commit this act." Grant lived near here on a farm and was reputed to be well to do. He also conducted a mercantile business.

CHAMPION GOTCH DECLARES HAS QUIT WRESTLING

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—"I want to quit while I'm at my best, which is now," said Champion Frank Gotch today, following his victory last night over Alexander Munroe, the English champion, whom he threw to the mat twice in seventeen minutes. "I'll begin to decline some of these days. I don't want to grow stale and let some foreigner beat me." Gotch said that he believed the best foreign wrestler is Mahmoud, the "Terrible Turk," with Pederson, the Dane, ranking second.

LOS ANGELES HAS A BIG BANKING MERGER

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—Involving more than \$44,000,000, the biggest financial deal in the history of this city, the merging of the Security Savings, the Equity Savings and the Southern Trust companies into one, to be known as the Security Trust and Savings Bank is about to be consummated here. The total resources of the concerns is \$44,000,000 with deposits of \$13,000,000. There are 80,000 depositors.

PORTLAND GIVING WORK TO UNEMPLOYED MEN

Portland, Dec. 28.—Declaring that the problem of the unemployed is not one for red tape, Mayor Ruslight, acting under the council's appropriation of \$10,000 to give work to Portland's idle men of families, said today he would put as many as possible to work on the Mt. Tabor road tomorrow. The county's fifty jobs have already been snapped up. It is estimated that fully 10,000 men are jobless here.

GERMANS FEAR THEY HAVE BEEN STRICKEN BY PLAGUE

Berlin, Dec. 28.—With fifty indigents already dead, in the Berlin municipal night shelter and in other asylums, and one hundred more cases reported, the whole city is terrified lest it has been stricken by some unknown plague. It was thought the patients had ptomaine poisoning from eating tainted herring, but later the physicians say it is some disease. The victims die quickly in convulsions.

Torpedo Boat in Storm.

Washington, Dec. 28.—Wireless dispatches tell of imminent danger to the torpedo boat Warrington, which is in distress on the high seas, fifteen miles northwest of Cape Hatteras. The revenue cutter Onondaga and the scout cruiser Salem are hurrying to the rescue. It is believed the boat will weather the storm.

Boys Find Treasure.

Jacksonville, Dec. 28.—Guided by an ancient chart found in the ruins of a Spanish shell house on Fort George Island, two boys of this city say they have unearthed treasure worth \$150,000. They say gold, silver and copper coins were found in a strong box. Those who have seen the coins say they are more than a century old.

MISS ERMAL MANN WEDS AND SURPRISES FRIENDS

Couple Attend Fraternity Dance Following Performance of Secret Ceremony.

Latest of all the recent innumerable surprise weddings was the one yesterday in which Miss Ermal Mann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Mann and one of the most popular young ladies in Pendleton, became the bride of George C. Baer of Portland. Although friends suspected that the nuptials were not far distant, they were not aware that the ceremony was to be performed yesterday, and so secret were the young people, that they attended the Lambda Sigma dance last evening without their friends suspecting that they were man and wife. They left for Portland on delayed No. 5 this morning but did not succeed in completely eluding their friends, and bore on the train with them several grains of rice from a parting shower given them.

Mr. Baer is almost as well known in the city as his bride, having attended the local high school a number of years ago and having spent last winter here. He is at present employed in the S. P. & S. office at Portland.

LAKE REGION IN THREE OF DEATH DEALING BLIZZARD

Chicago, Dec. 28.—With the mercury at five degrees above zero, the coldest wave of the winter struck Chicago and the lake region today. Two deaths have already been reported and thousands are suffering. At Minneapolis it is eight below, at Milwaukee, zero, and at La Crosse, Wis. seven below.

PEACE BANQUET IS TO BE WAR DINNER

New York, Dec. 28.—The "Peace Banquet" here Saturday, which Colonel Roosevelt flatly refused to attend, threatens to merit the designation of "War Dinner." The committee on arrangements decided today that the result of complications threaten to destroy the purpose of the affair and Chairman Clews has taken direct issue with Colonel Roosevelt. He plainly states that Roosevelt is "mistaken" in declaring that the "original purpose of the banquet was changed from the specific endorsement of the peace treaties to anything that would aid in securing universal peace." It was announced that Roosevelt will publish a letter Saturday addressed to the committee of arrangements, in which he bitterly scores their plans and the motives of those who arranged the dinner.

SCANDAL IN NEW YORK QUARANTINE DEPARTMENT

New York, Dec. 28.—Declaring that only the interposition of Providence, prevented cholera and other infectious diseases from gaining a foothold in New York, Governor Dix today demanded the immediate resignation of Dr. Alvan Doty, chief of quarantine since 1907.

Governor Dix charged that Doty had failed to maintain an effective safeguard to the health of the city and state and that he allowed lewd practices between his orderlies and other employes and immigrant women and girls, while they were held in quarantine. Governor Dix closed his letter by saying: "There has been the grossest failure under you to either establish or maintain such a quarantine law as the country demands at the port of New York."

LABOR LEADERS' TYPIST BEFORE GRAND JURY

Los Angeles, Dec. 28.—The federal grand jury shortly before noon today resumed the inquiry into the alleged dynamite conspiracy. Miss A. Murphy, a stenographer in Trietmoe's office, was the first witness. H. W. Pohlman, a labor leader of Seattle, who it is said had important information, was the second witness. After hearing him the jury adjourned until tomorrow.

Spaniards Win Battle.

Mollina, Morocco, Dec. 28.—More than four hundred natives were killed thirty Spaniards perished and ten were wounded in a six hour machine gun battle here today. The tribesmen removed their wounded but left the dead on the field.

BOMB SUSPECT DEFIANT

Refuses to Keep Promise and Confess to the Police.

Monessen, Penn., Dec. 28.—After having admitted that confederates gave him the suitcase in which were a number of sticks of dynamite when he was arrested a few days ago, George Bridges today became defiant and refused to confess as he promised the police he would do.

He said he was convinced that the police did not have a case against him and will not be able to prove that he had conspired to destroy the mills here, if he keeps his mouth shut. He refused to say whether he was a union or non-unionist.

Fish Causes 37 Deaths.

Berlin, Dec. 28.—Thirty-seven homeless men who sought with dejected smoked herring to add to a frugal meal of bread and soup, served to them at the municipal lodging house last night are dead. More than 40 others are ill, several of whom are believed to be dying. The cause of death has not yet been announced, but the authorities are confident that the putrid fish are responsible.

Boy Shoots Mother.

St. Louis, Dec. 27.—With a rifle received as a Christmas gift, 16-year-old Harry Lowell today shot and instantly killed his mother, Mrs. Caesarina Lowell, in their home near Jefferson barracks. Harry did not know the rifle was loaded.

PACKERS WATERED STOCK \$650,000,000

Idea Was Brought From Europe By Louis Swift

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Arthur Veeder former counsel for the beef trust and one of its organizers, resumed the stand today in the trial of the packers. Through him the government attempted to show the schemes by which the packers tried to induce Wall street to help float the billion dollar concern, in 1902.

"They finally decided to use twenty-five times their individual annual earnings as a basis for capitalization," said Veeder. He said they thus added \$650,000,000 of water to the stock of the new concern, the National Packing company.

"Before reaching a final decision," continued Veeder, "the packers discussed many schemes. Finally the plan of turning over their properties to the new concern at two for one was offered. The packers saw the humor of that time-honored plan and decided to devise other means." Veeder said that Louis Swift got the idea of combining from Lord Gordon in London. Gordon said they should combine for economic reasons. Swift brought the idea back with him and broached it to the others.

GEORGE COCHRAN, WATER SUPERINTENDENT GIVES HIS VIEWS OF DUTY OF WATER

George T. Cochran, superintendent of water division No. 2 in this state, gave a lecture last evening before the Walla Walla valley society of engineers at Walla Walla in which he dwelt upon northwest irrigation problems and upon several questions that are now at issue in this vicinity. In speaking about the duty of water he made statements that are of particular local interest in view of the fact he is one of the board that must adjudicate the local rights and determine the duty of water on streams in this section.

Mr. Cochran's address in part was as follows:

Duty of Water.

"The question of duty of water should be scientifically worked out in each case. Experiments with accurate measurements should in all cases be made. Soil experts can be used on soil moisture. Our agricultural colleges have ascertained that you cannot put more than one and one-half acre inches in the first foot of soil without saturation or having excess water, and that three inches for most soils is sufficient water to put on the ground at one irrigation. However, there are some soils upon which five acre inches can be put at one irrigation without injury, but these soils do not require so many irrigations during the season. On this basis it would take only from 20 to 30 acre inches of water to irrigate an acre of land.

"Again, actual experiments have shown that it takes about 750 pounds of water to produce one pound of dry matter in alfalfa. Now, alfalfa hay is ordinarily about 15 per cent water. Five tons of alfalfa per acre per year is a very good crop, or 10,000 pounds. Drying the 15 per cent water leaves 850 pounds of dry matter. Multiply this by 750 and it gives us the number of pounds of water required to produce that amount of dry

MANCHUS AGREE TO ABDICATE

Issue Edict, Acknowledging Hopelessness of Further Resistance.

ORDER ELECTION PLANS

Will Call Convention of Delegates, Which Rebels Fear Is Attempt to Gain Time for Intervention of Powers—Royal Family in Flight.

Shanghai, Dec. 28.—An imperial edict was issued today at Peking by the Manchu prince, virtually assenting to the abdication of the emperor and the establishment of a Chinese republic.

The edicts came after a heated conference of members of royalty and assents to the proposal that a national convention be called to decide between a limited monarchy and a republic.

It also orders the cabinet to decide immediately on election laws by which delegates to the convention may be chosen.

The edict specifically directs that Tang Shao Yi and Wu Ting Fang consult with each other regarding the permanent suspension of hostilities and it says it hopes the convention's decision may finally decide whatever is best for the country. The edict came after Premier Yuan had told them that their case is hopeless.

The publication of the edict is taken here to mean that, finding further resistance hopeless, the Manchus finally decided to yield and adopted this course to save a portion, at least, of their properties, as well as to delay the day of final reckoning.

The edict, as soon as it was issued, was telegraphed to Shanghai and Wu went into conference with the rebel chiefs preparing an answer.

While he would make no definite statement, Wu Ting Fang, it is understood, is not enthusiastic over the convention scheme as outlined in the imperial edict. He apparently fears that the apparent surrender is merely an expedient to gain delay and to permit the country to drift into a state of anarchy, thus causing foreign intervention.

Anxious to Settle.

London, Dec. 28.—Peking dispatches say the emperor's dowager and Manchu princes have notified Premier Yuan that they will abide by any decision the proposed convention may reach.

Tien Tsin dispatches say the Manchu royal family is preparing to flee from Peking in a panic.

HOBO ACCOSTS AND ANNOYS HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS---WILL SPEND 10 DAYS IN JAIL

Because he accosted two high school girls yesterday afternoon and followed them for several blocks, O. J. Stockdale, who claims he was a resident of Pendleton eleven years ago, will spend the next ten days in the city jail, Judge Fitz Gerald fixing that penalty for his offense after a trial in the police court this morning.

From the testimony of the girls, whose names are withheld by request, they first met Stockdale near the depot yesterday afternoon, at which time he greeted them and asked them which way they were going. Without response, the girls turned back, went south on Main street to Bluff and turned down that street, the stranger following a short distance behind. In their fright, they hastened around a corner and dodged into a neighboring house.

Stockdale, it appears, lost sight of them, and in his persistence to overtake them, inquired from Isaac Jay and several women whether the girls

had gone, referring to them once as "prostitutes." Meanwhile some friends of the girls had notified the officers and, to keep the man near at hand until he could be arrested, the girls re-appeared on the street, Stockdale covertly watching them from behind a tree. Here he was discovered by Officer Myers and arrested.

According to his story told to the court, he was passing through Pendleton on his way to Lewiston, and, while waiting for the train undertook to look up some of his friends whom he knew eleven years ago when he drove the bus to and from the sisters' school. Wishing to find out where a Mrs. Peters lived, he said he accosted the girls and denied he was following them but was simply hunting for the Peters house. However, he failed to explain why he made inquiries as to the direction the girls had gone and Judge Fitz Gerald was impressed with the evidence of his guilt.