

2 CRUISERS BADLY DAMAGED BY FIRE FROM TURK FORTS

French Vessel Put Out of Action and British Ship Suffers Heavily in Sunday's Bombardment.

FORMER SHIP IS SET AFIRE

Allied Fleets Reported to Have Ceased Firing After Vain Attempts to Damage the Turkish Shore Batteries—British Admiralty Deny Constantinople Claims.

LONDON, March 8.—A French cruiser was damaged during the bombardment Sunday of the Dardanelles forts, according to an official announcement from Constantinople. The dispatch reached here via Berlin. The German government asserted that the Turkish claims have been confirmed by unofficial German advices.

Shells were declared to have exploded upon the decks of the French ships, the porte's statement asserted, killing many, and the stricken vessel steamed from the firing line with its superstructure aflame.

The British battleships Majestic and Irresistible are named as among those participating in the bombardment.

The ships of the allies were declared to have ceased firing after attempting in vain for several hours to damage the Turkish shore batteries. The Turkish claims are denied by the British admiralty which declared that the ships are bombarding from a range too long to be within the fire of the guns in the forts.

Unofficial advices indicated the Anglo-French plan provides for an investment of Constantinople by the end of March and the Turkish government and troops are expected to evacuate as soon as the Dardanelles forts have fallen.

FARM HOUSE OF THOMAS CAMPBELL PREY TO FIRE

LOSS WILL AMOUNT TO SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS—EVERYTHING DESTROYED.

Fire Saturday evening completely destroyed the farm house on the Thomas Campbell estate northwest of Pendleton and practically all of the household belongings of Will Campbell perished in the flames. There having been no insurance on either the house or contents, the loss is a total one and will amount to several thousand dollars.

The fire broke out just before dark when Mr. Campbell was absent from home. Only the children of the late Thomas Campbell, Jr., were at the house and they are unable to account for its origin. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to save anything but a very few pieces of furniture. Mr. Campbell lost not only his furniture and clothing but some valuable papers as well.

Fortunately Mr. Campbell had a new house under way and will soon have it completed so that he will not be without a dwelling for long.

LOGGERS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE IN PORTLAND FIRE

PROMPT WORK OF MAN WHO DISCOVERS BLAZE PREVENTS LOSS OF LIFE.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 8.—Thirty-seven loggers in two rooming houses were imperiled by a fire early today which destroyed the Morgan wall paper store on Second street. That none perished was due to the work of C. E. B. Tibbary who turned in the alarm and helped to rouse the sleepers. The loss exceeds \$12,000. The cause of the fire is not known. Most of the loggers upstairs were roused in time to save their belongings. A man with a broken leg and his sick wife were carried out by the police.

GETS SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS IN PASSPORT CASE

NEW YORK, March 8.—Carl Ruode, indicted by a federal grand jury of conspiracy to obtain a fraudulent passport, pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to three years in the federal prison at Atlanta.

GERMANS TAKE THE OFFENSIVE AS BIG BATTLE DEVELOPS

War Office at Petrograd Admits Kaiser's Forces are Making Desperate Drives in Poland.

RUSSIANS REPORT SUCCESS

Constant Clashes Reported as Preliminary to General Engagement in Which at Least Two Slav Army Corps Will Participate—British Stops Wheat Cargoes.

PETROGRAD, March 8.—That the Germans are violent on the offensive in southeastern Poland was admitted by the Russian war office today.

A big battle, in which at least two army corps are engaged, has developed near Opoczno and Tomaszow where constant clashes are reported to have occurred along the Przasnysz-Milawa road.

"Northeast of Gordon," the official statement says, "the Russians continue to make progress. Violent fighting west of Smolnik, along the San river, is taking place."

WASHINGTON, March 8.—The British embassy announced that cargoes of cotton consigned to German or Austrian ports, no longer will be permitted to proceed by the British patrol. It was stated that cotton might be sent under restrictions, but the effect of the ruling puts it on the contraband list.

HARRY THAW WILL TESTIFY IN OWN BEHALF AT TRIAL

WILL REFUTE CHARGE THAT HE IS INSANE, DECLARES LAWYER.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Harry Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, will take the stand in his own defense to refute the charge he is insane. This was the intimation of Thaw's counsel at the opening of the trial this morning on a charge of conspiracy to escape from Matteawan.

Thaw's mother, brother and sister were interested spectators while a jury was being drawn.

EIGHT CENT ADVANCE IN CHICAGO WHEAT PIT

PORTLAND MARKET MAKES ADVANCE OF FOUR OR FIVE CENTS TODAY.

A jump of eight cents in the price of wheat in Chicago is reported by wire advices today. An advance of eight cents was made in May options the closing price being \$1.48 1/2. July closed at \$1.19 3/4. The Portland market made an advance of four or five cents today.

\$21,000 Allies Captured.

BERLIN, March 8, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—Among the items given out for publication by the Overseas News Agency are the following: "Members of the Prussian diet who have been visiting prisoner camps have received information that at present there are \$21,000 war prisoners interned in Germany, an increase since the end of 1914 of more than 200,000 men."

NEWS SUMMARY

Most of us could start a brass band if hot air were music.

General. Pressure is being brought to bear at Washington for intervention in Mexico. Bryan's last note will make Carranza take notice, is declaration of British ambassador.

Two cruisers, one French and one English, have been badly damaged by the Turkish forts at the Dardanelles.

Former sultan of Turkey escapes from his prison and believed to be planning coup which may force present Turkish government to sue for peace.

Local. Fire does damage to Presbyterian church. Campbell farm home destroyed by fire.

Bowlers break all records in practice for Spokane tournament.

Where Ships Have Been Sunk in and Out of "War Zone"



This map shows the operations of the German mines and submarines, some by submarines and some by mines. The two American vessels, the Evelyn and the Carib, went down off German harbors as the result of contact with mines, so no very serious international questions were raised. But some other neutral ships have been sunk by submarines. The Germans have given no assurance that they will not sink American vessels flying the American flag without close investigation, nevertheless, the fact remains that the first nine days of the operations in the war zone by their submarines they had sunk no ships flying the American flag though they had not so highly regarded the flags of weaker nations.

ITALY AND BALKAN STATES ON VERGE OF GOING INTO WAR

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Because of the universal belief in official circles that Italy and most of the Balkan states soon will enter the European war, administration officials have veiled the pending negotiations in secrecy. Secretary Bryan refused to disclose to the press the text of the messages the government has sent to England and France, inquiring the methods they expect to employ to make effective the proposed blockade of Germany. It is believed this will involve protracted negotiations. Precautions are being taken to prevent embarrassment from premature publication.

FRENCH LINER IS BEING ESCORTED SAFELY TO PORT

LATOURAINE WHICH IS AFIRE EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN HAVRE TONIGHT.

LONDON, March 8.—The French liner Latouraine is proceeding on its way to Havre and is expected to arrive tonight. A wireless message to the owners stated that the fire practically has been extinguished. French cruisers patrolling the coast have joined the steamer Rotterdam in escorting the vessel to port.

M. L. Warren, one of the school directors of South Yakoum is in the city today on business.

FRENCH IN COUNTER ATTACK, TAKE CITY FROM THE GERMANS

PARIS, March 8.—A bloody engagement in the Vosges in which the French Chasseurs achieved a splendid victory is described in an official statement by the French war office. The Germans charged against the French works at Belchackerkopf, driving the French out, gaining a foothold in the outskirts of the village. The Chasseurs reformed and delivered a spirited counter attack, lasting several hours. The French used bayonets until the fighting be-

Newsy Notes of Pendleton

Final Dividends Declared. The final dividends in the bankruptcy case of Joseph Bohl has been declared by Referee Fitz Gerald at 17 3-10 per cent. The liabilities of Mr. Bohl amounted to \$3943.25.

Gets Picture of Bandits. Deputy Sheriff Estes has just added a rather gruesome picture to the official picture gallery of the office. It is a photo of the four dead bandits of the notorious Dalton gang who were killed after robbing two banks at Coffeyville, Kansas, October 5, 1932.

Clean-up Days Coming. It behooves Pendleton residents to begin cleaning up their premises and sacking up their trash for the annual "Clean-up" days will probably be set by the council at the regular meeting Wednesday evening. The ladies of the Civic Club who originated the "clean-up days" movement will suggest early dates to the council.

Indians Are Vagabonds. Four of the Indians, who make a practice of loafing about the back streets in wait for any liquor they can secure, were this morning sentenced to five days each in jail on vagrancy charges and will become members of Street Commissioner Heathman's gang. They are Joe Hayes, Charles Bennett, Jr., George Washington and Harry Luton.

Ray Away With Dad's Horses. Charged with taking three of his father's horses, Hugh McCool, a 22 year old son of a prominent Walla Walla farmer, was yesterday arrested at Hermiston by Sheriff T. D. Taylor of this city and Sheriff Lee Barnes of Walla Walla. The young man had the horses with him and was passing through Hermiston with them when apprehended.

Bootlegger Pleads Guilty. Fred Parr, an old offender, this afternoon pleaded guilty before Police Judge Fitz Gerald of selling liquor to Indians and he drew the customary sentence, 140 or 20 days. He chose the latter alternative. He was arrested Saturday and charged with furnishing liquor to Joe Hayes and Charlie Bennett, Jr.

A photograph also talks a good deal, but one can change the records.

ATHLETIC CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD BY HIGH SCHOOL

NEW SWEATERS WILL BE PURCHASED WITH PROCEEDS—PROGRAM PREPARED.

In order that the basketball boys of the local high school might have some new sweaters with which to wear their letters for this year's work and in order that any small financial deficit obtained during the season might be cleared up, it has been decided to give an athletic carnival next Friday night in the high school gymnasium.

The students are offering a variety program for the carnival in which will occur a first class basketball game between the first team of the high school and some other local team of all-stars. There will probably be a preliminary game between a couple of first class teams. However, this has not yet been fully decided upon. Besides the games there will be boxing bouts, and wrestling matches between high school athletes and non-students, and between representatives of the various classes. A great many comic numbers have been arranged for, including obstacle races, biscuit shooting, and pie eating contests. Various other amusing and interesting numbers will be arranged for at a later date, probably at the next meeting of the committee.

There is also a probability of a basket social at the close of the carnival. However, this is an uncertain attraction, and may possibly be dispensed with. Definite arrangements and a complete program will be made at the next meeting of the committee. The carnival date has been set for the 12th of March.

FORMER SULTAN OF TURKEY ESCAPES; PLANNING COUP

LONDON, March 8.—Abdul Mamed, former Sultan of Turkey, is free, according to a Bucharest dispatch to the Central News. The correspondent says the former ruler has surrounded himself with numerous friends and plans to execute a big coup.

Abdul expects to make a dramatic entry into Constantinople. There is a possibility the former sultan has made a master stroke for the allies which may force the present Turkish government to sue for peace.

PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR IN FAVOR OF INTERVENTION

Affairs in Mexico City are Hourly Growing More Serious—Famine Situation Not Relieved.

FOREIGNERS ARE IN DANGER

President Wilson, However, Will Stand Firm on Former Policy—Nothing But a General Massacre Will Change His Attitude, Declares Secretary Bryan.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Extreme pressure from three sources is being brought to bear on the administration to force intervention in Mexico.

European diplomats, who formerly backed Huerta, are more apprehensive than ever regarding their safety and through Washington ambassadors are urging the United States to act. The financial interests of Germany and England, it is stated, are extremely active.

Those who advocate a division of Mexico into two states are protesting against the present conditions. Secretary Bryan has told these that the president intends to stand firm on the belief that the United States has no right to intervene in the affairs of a friendly nation. Only a general massacre will force him to change this policy.

There is no attempt being made in administration circles to disguise the gravity of the situation, however. The famine crisis is becoming more serious and President Carranza thus far is taking no steps to relieve the conditions.

WASHINGTON, March 8.—Secretary Bryan's last word to Carranza will make him sit up and take notice. This was the declaration of Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, British ambassador, following a visit to the state department. He had called to ask Bryan to outline the latest developments in the Mexican situation and was shown the note which has been forwarded to Silliman for transmission to Carranza. The ambassador said he entirely approved of the note, which notified Carranza that he must answer for the actions of General Obregon, who he claimed is menacing the peace of Mexico City. If foreigners are slain, Carranza must assume the responsibility.

Government Wins Suit. WASHINGTON, March 8.—According to a decision of the supreme court, the government has won the suits against the Linn and Lane Timber company and Charles Smith of Minneapolis, to cancel patents to Linn county, Ore., timber land for alleged fraudulent entries. The litigation began in 1908.

Wilson Declines Invitation. WASHINGTON, March 8.—President Wilson formally declined an invitation to visit the Panama-Pacific Exposition "at present."

FIRE AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DOES \$150 DAMAGE

MEETING IS BROKEN UP—SERVICES IN EVENING HELD AT COURT HOUSE.

Fire that broke out yesterday afternoon in the Presbyterian church, not only did considerable damage to that building, but interfered with the worship of the day. It broke up one meeting in progress and caused another to be transferred to the court house.

The fire broke out about 4 o'clock while the back room of the building was being used by some of the colored church people. They discovered the fire and turned in the alarm with the result that the fire department arrived on the scene before the flames could get much headway. Within a short time the "fire out" tap was rung in.

The damage was confined to the rear part of the building, the flames being in the attic about the pastor's study room. Two holes were burned in the roof. Fire Chief Morrow estimates the total loss from fire and water at \$150 and this was fully covered by insurance. He has not yet arrived at the cause of the fire but states that either spontaneous combustion or defective wiring was responsible. There was a fire in the furnace but the flames broke out at a considerable distance from the flue.

The evening services of the church were held in the court room at the court house. As soon as an adjustment has been made by the insurance men, the work of repair will be undertaken.