



Farm Houses Struck By Nebraska Tornado.

END OF BALKAN WAR IS IN SIGHT

Fall of Adrianople and Tchatalja Dishearten Turks.

Unless Powers Interfere, Bulgars Will Move on Constantinople—Sultan Weeps at News.

Paris—Now that Adrianople has fallen there is every indication that the powers intend to force an immediate conclusion of the Balkan war.

The plan generally favored is to make the Turkish frontier run along the line from Midia, on the Black Sea, to Enos on the Aegean Sea, to give the Greeks Saloniki and Janina, reserving the question of disposition of the Aegean Islands and to make Albania an autonomous country.

The boundaries of the new state may be settled later at a special convention, but Scutari will probably be given to Albania.

Scutari is the only city where fighting is going on save in the immediate neighborhood of Constantinople. The gallant example of the Serbs and Bulgars at Adrianople is likely to stimulate the Serbs and Montenegrins to make a general assault on Scutari, and if it occurs it will probably be successful.

In the meantime the end of the long siege of Adrianople enables the allies to run the supply trains direct to Tchatalja without a long detour by ox carts that was hitherto necessary. It also liberates 500 cannon and about 100,000 men for use in direct attack on Constantinople.

It was chiefly the lack of cannon which prevented the Bulgars from charging the famous Tchatalja forts and capturing them long ago.

Failure of the Turks' recent campaign on the Gallipoli peninsula implies that unless the powers succeed in completing speedy peace the Bulgars will endeavor to march straight into Constantinople, the fall of which would involve international complications too dangerous for diplomats to contemplate.

London—Railway and telegraph communication with Adrianople is being restored rapidly and some idea of the situation within the city is beginning to reach the outside world. The condition of the population is not so desperate as has been depicted. While the Turks set fire to the grain store they overlooked the flour depot, the contents of which are being distributed among the poor. Only a few buildings were damaged by the bombardment.

The sultan wept bitterly when informed of the general situation. It is reported that the Turkish embassies have been ordered to appeal to the powers to hasten mediation.

WOMEN LEAP INTO WATER.

Rescuer Tells of Maddening Scenes in Indiana Floods.

Plymouth, Ind.—Graphic description of the horrors of the flood that is believed to have swept 200 or more residents of Peru, Ind., to watery graves and made thousands homeless, was given by Gilbert Kessler, one of the heroes of the calamity. Weary, tired and almost unnerfed from the loss of sleep and the sight he had witnessed, young Kessler staggered from the relief train of the stricken city.

Kessler's most vivid picture was the suicide of several fear-crazed women who leaped from the rescue boats. The roaring current and the terrible sights, he declared, had maddened them.

Income Tax Plan Revised.

Washington, D. C.—The effect of the revision, including the graduated income tax plan, was completed Friday afternoon by the Democratic majority of the house committee on ways and means, which adjourned sine die. The plan as finally passed upon is understood to provide for raising the income tax revenue on a graduated scale, exempting incomes under \$4000, beginning with a 1 per cent tax on incomes of \$4000 and running as high as 4 per cent on incomes of \$100,000 and upward.

OHIO RIVER SWEEPS CITIES

Citizens of Huntington, W. Va., Rescued By Boats.

Militia Called Out—Governor Visits Scene—12 Persons Missing and Damage Immense.

Huntington, W. Va.—This city is in total darkness, is facing both a food and water famine, and 15,000 of the 40,000 inhabitants are homeless. Twelve persons are reported missing and the property damage, according to close estimates, will amount to nearly \$1,000,000.

Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the river reached a stage of 66.2 feet, the highest in the history of Huntington, and now is stationary.

The entire business section is inundated, water being up to the second floors in some buildings.

Governor Hatfield arrived here on a special train from Charleston, bringing supplies, motor boats and skiffs. The boats now are being taken through the different sections of the city to rescue hundreds who are marooned. The local militia has taken charge of the rescue work.

The electric light plant has been forced to shut down, and the gas supply was cut off to prevent fires.

Although supplies have reached here from Charleston, the city is in great need of food and water.

While at a late hour no reports had been received from Point Pleasant, W. Va., Cattlesburg, Ky., and Ironton, O., it is believed conditions similar to those here prevail in each of these cities.

William Sullivan, whose wife and children were rescued Friday, committed suicide by taking poison when he learned the rescuers could not reach him.

It is thought that the rescuers will soon be able to get into the heart of the flooded section. Just how many lives have been lost will not be known until conditions permit a thorough investigation.

FLOOD CUTS OFF CAIRO., ILL.

Springfield, Ill.—Illinois is fast becoming the center of flood distress. Startling messages telling of danger have been received by Governor Dunne and Adjutant General Dickson, indicating that Shawneetown and Cairo are in immediate danger of being inundated. Other towns are in distress.

At midnight Governor Dunne received word that telegraphic communication with Cairo had been suddenly cut off. The governor fears that the breaking of communication means that the levee has collapsed.

Refugees From Other Points Are Again In Danger.

The governor personally is directing the mobilization of troops to go to the scene and the rushing of supplies.

The governor later received a message from Cairo saying that the water was within one foot of the top of the levee which protects the city and that the river was still rising.

Old Pact Now Restored.

Seattle, Wash.—E. L. Fairbanks, secretary of the Pacific Coast Shippers' association, has been officially notified that the transit privileges for shingles consigned to Texas points abrogated December 24, 1910, had been restored, effective Monday, with Cheyenne as the common reconignment point. This will cause a heavy increase of shingle shipments from Puget Sound and the Northwest, and manufacturers are jubilant over the news. From 7000 to 8000 carloads of shingles are annually shipped.

King to Visit Saloniki.

Athens—Immediately after the funeral of the late King George, which will take place Wednesday, King Constantine will go to Saloniki and remain there until peace has been declared. As in the case of King George, Constantine's presence may be taken as a notification to Bulgaria that Greece intends to hold Saloniki as part of her spoils of war.

Servians' Losses Heavy.

Belgrade—The Servian troops suffered great losses in their attack on Adrianople. The Third and Fourth battalions of the Thirteenth column of infantry lost 1000 men killed and from 3000 to 4000 wounded, including 100 officers. The first transport, with about 1500 wounded, has already arrived here. Fears are expressed that the medical supplies are insufficient for the needs of the sick and wounded.

Ojeda's Force Hemmed In.

Naco, Ariz.—General Ojeda, with 400 federals, is surrounded by 1000 state insurgents ten miles below the border at Naco, Sonora, where he is making a last stand. General Obregon, commanding all the Sonora insurgent troops, is on his way from Cananea with 600 insurgent reinforcements.

OHIO RIVER LEVEE BREAKS

Cairo, Ill., Anxiously Awaits Crest of Flood.

Bacteria Increases Wealth

Cairo, Ill.—News that the Big Four levee in the drainage district north of Cairo had gone out brought no alarm here, but anxiety is felt over the fate of the levees which protect the city proper when the crest of the Ohio river flood reaches Cairo.

The opening of the Big Four embankment is about 15 feet wide and the drainage district certainly will fill to a depth of from 10 to 20 feet. The drainage district comprises about 7000 acres, in which are located many big manufacturing, mail order and lumber distributing plants. The territory was flooded last year, with a loss of about \$7,000,000. The loss by the present flood, it is said, will not exceed \$1,000,000.

With the flood waters of the Ohio close to the 54-foot stage, Colonel Moriarity, in command of the Illinois state troops here, took steps to protect the lives of women and children still remaining in Cairo. Sufficient river steamers have been assembled to care for all of them, it is believed. Many train loads of refugees already have left and many have been taken to Wycliff, Ky., on steamers. Those who remain either are poor people unable to purchase tickets to points of safety or old residents who have implicit confidence in the stability of the levees.

At the time of the former flood, Future City, with a negro population of 1500, was inundated. Many of the houses there have been unoccupied since that time, and those who continued to live in the district had ample warning. It required 24 hours for the flood waters to fill the district last year through a break 300 feet wide, and it is estimated that the district will not fill up for more than two days.

The break will stop traffic on the Big Four railroad, as the Big Four tracks run along the top of the levee. The time when the flood crest will reach Cairo has not definitely been determined. The river gauge showed a stage of 53.8 feet at 7 o'clock Wednesday night with the water still rising.

Wilson Shows Man Door

Washington, D. C.—Official Washington was talking Wednesday of President Wilson's severity in dealing with people who seek office for themselves.

It became known that an office seeker had evaded the president's rule against seeing applicants for office in person. The man's name was not disclosed at the White House, but Secretary Tumulty said he had obtained an engagement with the president on the assumption that he would talk of other subjects.

When the office seeker reached Mr. Wilson's private office he began setting forth his own merit. The president is reported to have said, sternly: "That will do, sir; you know my rule."

Big Loss to Charity Is Seen

Philadelphia—Market conditions will not be disturbed by the death of J. P. Morgan, said his Philadelphia partner, E. T. Stotesbury. Mr. Stotesbury is deeply grieved over the death of the financier, with whom he long was associated. "Mr. Morgan's death is a sad blow," he said. "It is a loss to charity, as well as to finance, for Mr. Morgan was most charitable."

Mayor Does "Turkey Trot."

St. Paul—Mayor H. P. Keller danced the "turkey trot" and sang popular songs on a rude platform at an open-air performance given by members of a theatrical company at the city hall to secure funds for flood victims. The mayor's movements were as graceful as those of the chorus girls, and he was a feature of the entertainment. Nearly \$500 was collected and will be forwarded to Ohio and Indiana. The general relief fund inaugurated by two local newspapers has swelled to more than \$1000.

Foreign Papers Pay Tribute.

Paris—Appreciations of Mr. Morgan are published in most of the papers here, which call attention to his high position in finance, his benevolence and culture. The Figaro says: "Mr. Morgan's death will cause sincere sorrow to France. The French museums possess many proofs of his generosity and the government intended to confer upon him the high distinction of grand officer of the Legion of Honor on his next visit to Europe."

Single Term Bill Framed.

Washington, D. C.—Efforts to secure the submission to the country of a single presidential term constitutional amendment will be renewed at the opening of congress by Senator Works, of California. He will introduce his amendment in such form that it would prevent Taft, Roosevelt or Wilson from seeking re-election.

OREGON STATE ITEMS OF INTEREST

General News of the Industrial and Educational Development and Progress of Rural Communities, Public Institutions, Etc.

BACTERIA INCREASES WEALTH

Oregon Agricultural College Distributes Culture Free.

Thousands of dollars were added to the wealth of Oregon farmers last year by the bacteriology department of the experiment station at the Oregon Agricultural College, which furnished inoculation cultures so that alfalfa, red clover, alsike, peas, beans, vetch and other leguminous crops could be grown where before it had been impossible.

The cultures were furnished free, except where large amounts were asked for, and then the farmer paid the postage or express charges. Hundreds of farmers were enabled thus, by proper seed treatment according to directions sent from the college to grow crops where they had not been able before.

The experiment station will again furnish the cultures this season, and any farmer in the state who wishes them can get them by writing to the bacteriological department, O. A. C., Corvallis. He should state what crop the culture is to be used on, and should write at least ten days or two weeks before he must plant, so that the department will have time to prepare the cultures. The probable time of planting should be stated and if more than two acres are to be planted, 15 cents should be sent for parcel post stamp.

Inoculation of the seed before planting, it was found, made it possible to grow leguminous crops successfully and to increase the amount approximately 75 per cent in the hundreds of trials given in the season of 1912.

But seed inoculation will not rectify poor soil conditions caused by lack of lime, such as are found in many parts of Oregon. Moreover, if nodules, or small bunches, are found on the roots of a crop already grown in a field, it is not at all certain that seed or soil inoculation will increase the succeeding planting.

These cultures sent free to farmers by the bacteriological department at the college are the same as those sold by dealers under different trade names. This is one of the directions in which the college is working to increase the profits of the Oregon farms and the productivity of the soil.

OREGON'S SHARE, \$15,328.

Government Land Sale Bring in \$2542 Over Last Year.

Salem—According to a statement made by Secretary of State Olcott, the state's percentage from the sale of Government land this year amounts to \$15,328, an increase of \$2542.33 over last year, the sum received then being \$12,785.67. This represents 5 per cent of the money received from the sale of the lands, and the money is apportioned among the counties and is to be used by them in building roads. The statement is as follows:

County	Acres	Amount
Baker	1,958,400	124.67
Benton	449,320	119.30
Clackamas	1,192,960	298.85
Clatsop	525,440	131.62
Columbia	423,680	106.14
Coos	1,041,920	261.01
Cook	4,977,920	1,244.02
Curry	958,720	239.68
Douglas	3,150,080	789.13
Gilliam	748,440	187.15
Grant	2,930,560	728.64
Harney	955,040	238.77
Hood River	347,520	87.06
Jackson	1,815,040	453.88
Josephine	1,139,840	284.93
Klamath	2,929,260	732.30
Lake	5,068,800	1,267.20
Lane	2,931,680	728.64
Lincoln	645,120	161.61
Linn	1,435,520	358.81
Malheur	6,325,120	1,581.50
Marion	744,160	186.04
Morrow	1,296,000	324.06
Multnomah	288,640	72.13
Polk	453,760	113.47
Sherman	335,040	83.76
Tillamook	720,000	180.00
Umatilla	2,030,720	507.68
Union	1,335,840	333.96
Wallowa	2,012,800	503.23
Wasco	1,499,520	374.84
Washington	467,840	117.20
Wheeler	1,990,560	497.64
Yamhill	456,960	114.27
Total	61,188,480	\$15,328.30

FORM POULTRY ASSOCIATION

Oregon Branch of National Organization Begins Work.

The first meeting of the new executive board of the Oregon branch of the American Poultry Association was held at the Imperial Hotel in Portland last week. The new officials declare they expect at least 100 members during their term of service, and the work of spreading the American poultry gospel was begun by mail.

The next meeting of the American Poultry Association will be held in Atlantic City, N. J. Mr. E. J. McClanahan, president of the Oregon branch, will represent coast poultry interests there.

Vale Plans to "Swat the Fly."

Vale—The "swat-the-fly" phrase has been adopted as the slogan of the Women's Civic Improvement club here and the women are going to wage bitter war on the fly this summer. A ball is to be given in the near future to raise funds for the undertaking, and the club intends to do away with the fly menace and consequently eliminate a good part of the typhoid fever which has been prevalent the past two summers. The council has reorganized the street cleaning department and the streets will be kept in a sanitary condition.

Producer Gets the Short End.

University of Oregon, Eugene—Pumpkins, prunes and watermelons form the subject of the thesis of Andrew M. Collier, a senior in the economics department at the University of Oregon. With an array of statistics Collier shows that more than half of the retail price at which these three products are sold represents charges for handling.

COLLEGE FURNISHES EGGS

Poultry Department Will Sell Limited Number on Request.

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis—Because it is found that false impressions have been created in regard to the manner in which the Oregon Agricultural college poultry department furnishes eggs from tested laying stock, Prof. James Dryden has made the following statement:

"The experiment station poultry department does not charge \$1 for each egg, nor does it give away eggs for hatching purposes. Eggs are sold in limited numbers for hatching, not more than two sittings going to any one person, at \$1.50 a sitting.

"Requests come from all counties in the state, and from various other states as far off as Florida and Canada. High prices are often offered for the eggs, but until we can furnish the eggs to supply the demand in Oregon we do not care to send eggs or stock to other states.

"The eggs are from stock that has been bred, most of it, for three generations from hens that have laid over 200 eggs a year. We do not sell day old chicks. That would interfere with our breeding and other work."

SNOWFALL AT ECHO HEAVY

Season Is Backward But Big Crops Are Expected.

Echo—The coldest wave known to the oldest resident at this time of year held this section in its grip for five days last week. Five to six inches of snow fell, melting as fast as it fell in the valley, but on the surrounding hills it remained on the ground, protecting the crops from injury.

The late winter and backward spring have held back the trees, so that there has been little if any damage to fruit.

There is more moisture in the ground at this season of the year than for many years past, and the heavy snow in the surrounding mountains insures ample water for the summer irrigation.

Land-Clearing Project Big.

Hood River—The largest orchard land clearing will be made here this summer by the Green Point Orchard company, which is composed of Minneapolis capitalists. John P. Hough, president of the company, and F. L. Dean, who will supervise the operations of clearing and planting, arrived here this week and will begin work as soon as the snow of that region has melted. The tract owned by them consists of 1120 acres. They plan on clearing more than 100 acres each year.

Mr. Dean, who is accompanied by his wife, will build on a new orchard tract and make his home there. He has spent his life in the orchards of Maryland, and is a graduate of the Maryland agricultural college. The clearing will probably be done with a donkey engine.

Seaside Wants a Sawmill.

Seaside—By building a logging road four miles and a half long, Olson Bros., who have established a logging camp in the hills east of here, say they can tap a belt of timber containing over 375,000,000 feet, and that to log that section of Clatsop county known as the Lewis and Clarke would keep them busy for the next 20 or 30 years. Efforts are being made to get capital men interested in the sawmill, sash and door factory here.

The mills here have been idle for several years, and have deteriorated. It is estimated that the original cost of the plants and additional improvements would aggregate \$2,000,000.

Potato Market Wanted.

Klamath Falls—An effort is being made to find a market for a large quantity of potatoes which otherwise will soon be a loss to Klamath county farmers. The low price in San Francisco prohibits shipments to that point. It may be that the owners, combining to meet the expense, will send a representative to Coast towns and try to dispose of them in that way. The farmers are aware that they are good feed, but the supply of hogs to be fed is small, and the tubers must be cooked if fed to cattle.

Alien Women May Vote.

Salem—An alien woman may vote if her alien husband has taken out his declaration to become a citizen, declared the attorney general in an opinion on the question that has bothered Oregon since equal suffrage was granted. Furthermore, the ruling holds that an alien woman may not take out a citizenship declaration in order to vote if the husband has not done so.

Prairie City Imports Dairy Stock.

Prairie City—The First National bank of this place has received another consignment of two carloads of Jersey and Holstein dairy cows, to supply the demand for milk cows created by the establishment of the new creamery.