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## MILLER WILL JOIN TWOHY FORCES

Former Traffic Manager for O.-W. R. & N. Co. to Become Associated With the Road From Grants Pass

Portland, Dec. 20.—That R. B. Miller, formerly traffic manager of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, will be president of the new Twohy Brothers' railroad, from Grants Pass, Ore., to Crescent City, Cal., was tacitly admitted today by Robert Twohy.

"I'd rather Mr. Miller made the announcement," he said when questioned.

Mr. Miller himself would make no statement. He intends to go to Grants Pass within a few days and says no announcement can be made until his return, or at least until he has had another conference with the Twohys.

R. B. Miller, one of the foremost railroad men of the northwest, and who resigned last summer as general traffic manager for the O.-W. R. & N. company, is henceforth to be associated in the direction and management of the Twohy Brothers company and the Coast railroad. This announcement, just coming from the Twohy company, undoubtedly forecasts immediate developments of an extensive character in the progress of work upon the new railroad that is to tie Grants Pass and the interior to an ocean port. Mr. Miller, accompanied by Judge Twohy, the head of the Coast line, will arrive in Grants Pass Tuesday morning from the north, and it is believed that announcement of plans for the future will be made during the visit.

The coming of a man of Mr. Miller's caliber and standing in railroad circles portends much for future operations upon the new railroad. When he resigned his position with the O.-W. R. & N. last summer there was a rumor that he was preparing to join forces with the Twohys, and shortly after his resignation he came to Grants Pass in his special car and made a trip by auto over the route of the new line to Crescent City. Two weeks later he returned again, his car stood upon the siding here for several days, and his investigation of the district that would supply traffic to the new road was pretty thorough.

## RUSSIAN ARMY NOT TO AID ALLIES IN BALKAN CAMPAIGN

London, Dec. 20.—That Russia has abandoned the idea of entering the Balkans was apparently confirmed today by Sofia dispatches saying her forces had withdrawn from Romani on the Roumanian border, where they had been massed for weeks. These reports said the troops had been transferred to the Bukovina frontier, presumably for a new blow against Austria.

Diplomatic circles learned here recently that the czar had abandoned the hope of Roumanian co-operation and that the Roumanians had threatened to fight the Slavs if they invaded Roumanian territory to reach the Balkan theater of war.

I. F. Peck, Holland mining man, returned this morning from a ten days' business trip to Los Angeles.

CLAUDE A. SWANSON.

Short Term Member of United States Senate From Virginia.



Photo by American Press Association.

## GERMANY'S MOVE AGAINST EGYPT IS NOT ALL BLUFF

London, Dec. 20.—Britishers today regard Germany's much-advertised Egyptian campaign as mostly, though not entirely, a bluff.

They were much interested in the report that Field Marshal von der Goltz had arrived in Syria to lead a Turk-German invasion, but the story did not agitate military circles.

Officials whom the United Press interviewed today said that such a campaign would require a more formidable army than the enemy could possibly muster and equip, in view of conditions at other fronts. If the Teutons attempt such a drive, they must retain huge forces in the Balkans to prevent the allies' co-operation with the Serbians, and possibly the Russians, from cutting their communications. Nevertheless, England is taking no chances. She is ready.

While the United Press is not permitted to specify them, extraordinary defenses have been made in the Suez region since the Turks' early abortive attempt against that region. Experts agree these measures of protection are practically impregnable. "It would require at least two months for the Turks and Germans to assemble forces large enough to menace the Egyptian front," said an official. "Meantime, England would have ample opportunity to reinforce in Egypt sufficiently to meet the invasion."

While the new Egyptian campaign is being advertised, there are reports of a "drive" on the western front, but the German offensive at Ypres and other recent activities on the western line are not considered a new drive. Manifestly the purpose of these moves is to prevent the allies from reinforcing their troops now at Saloniki.

## STEAMER EASTLAND SELLS FOR \$46,000 AT AUCTION

Chicago, Dec. 20.—The ill-fated excursion steamer Eastland, which carried hundreds to death in the harbor here last summer, sold for \$46,000 at auction today. E. A. Evers, representing the Illinois Naval Reserve, was the purchaser, and the vessel will be used as a training ship.

## BELGIAN ROYAL COUPLE NEAR DEATH IN AIR ATTACK

Paris, Dec. 20.—Press reports today said the king and queen of Belgium recently came near being the successful targets of a German bomber.

## BRITISH ARE QUITTING TURK SOIL PEACE DOVES SHIES FROM OSCAR II

Forces of More Than 100,000 English Soldiers Leave the Dardanelles Operations for Saloniki or Egypt

London, Dec. 20.—British forces in the Suvla Bay and Anzac regions of the Dardanelles, together with their guns, have been transferred to "another sphere of operations," it was officially admitted today.

The statement declared the transfer was accomplished with "insignificant casualties," indicating that the Turks had attacked during the re-embarkment.

The objection to abandonment of the Dardanelles expedition had been a fear that Turkish artillery would slaughter them in the small boats leaving for the transports. Hence, it is assumed that allied warships must have covered the retreat.

These forces presumably withdrew for service at Saloniki or in Egypt. The removal affects more than 100,000 British soldiers who have been vainly trying for months to advance on Anzac and the west shore of Gallipoli peninsula. The message, however, did not mention withdrawals from Sedd-ul-Bahr.

Possibly the step is the forerunner of abandonment of the entire Dardanelles expedition, in favor of Balkan or Egyptian operations.

Reports were current recently that England intended to make such a clearance. Then Lord Kitchener went into the near-east, and subsequently the Dardanelles operations took, at least temporarily, a new lease of life, thus creating the impression that the possible abandonment had been completely sidetracked.

More than 100,000 troops, mostly Australians and New Zealanders, landed in the Suvla bay and Anzac regions several months after the first Dardanelles attacks began in the region of Sedd-ul-Bahr.

Their object was to cut the communications and attack the Turks from the rear. They failed after being nearly successful in a grand assault. The Turks drove them back close to shore, and their advance since then has been unimportant.

## TEDDY SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AMONG POLITICIANS OF THE EAST

(By United Press Leased Wire) Washington, Dec. 20.—Anybody can have a guess as to what Colonel Roosevelt is going to do in the coming presidential campaign. He is the best dope upsetter in politics and his attendance at the Gary dinner last Friday may have meant a powerful lot or may not.

Summarized, this is the view of politicians here today concerning what the leader of the bull moose has in mind. Frankly, they are up in the air. Senator Borah, himself a candidate in the presidential lists, was chary of advancing an opinion. Senator Clapp, an ardent Roosevelt man, declared, "I see no political significance in the dinner. Roosevelt has had enough of experience with those gentlemen to withstand their blandishments."

At the same time, Senator Poindexter, progressive republican, said: "Roosevelt has a right to attend a private dinner, and it is not for us to comment."

Members of the Ford Party Doubt Success of the Pilgrimage and Seek to Have Ford Abandon His Mission

Christiania, Norway, Dec. 20.—For the first time since the Ford peace ship started on its journey leaders of the party today began to doubt of success. This doubt grew as it became evident that the reception in the first neutral country at which the ship has touched lacked warmth, if it was not actually hostile. Leaders were convinced from the unfriendly tone of the press that their plans to bring the warring men out of the trenches will encounter rough sledding henceforth.

So strong is the feeling that success will not crown the party's peace efforts that Judge Ben Lindsay of Denver counseled Ford to abandon his mission. Lindsay is convinced that Ford's efforts will be hopeless and begged him to turn the enterprise into one of finding homes for war orphans. To this proposal, however, Ford turned a deaf ear.

Ford is not discouraged at the reception accorded the party here, nor is he disheartened at the row in mid-Atlantic which left the party divided against itself. He is now trying to get an audience with the king of Norway, that he may seek to enlist him as an active supporter of the peace party.

Rumors of important developments were current today. Ford's lieutenants admit that their plans are no better developed now than they were when the argozy left New York.

Thus far the expedition has cost Ford \$125,000, and it is estimated the final figure will be at least \$500,000.

An attempt to oust several newspaper men for alleged unethical tactics failed, for the executive committee agreed that expelling them would end publicity for the expedition and impair its success.

The attitude of the European press has been influenced by unfavorable reports regarding the party cabled from America. Moreover, quarrels reported aboard the ship also have weakened the possible influence the ship might have carried.

SULTAN OF EGYPT.

Arabs Are Said to Be Furious at His Appointment.



## JAPANESE GUARD SUEZ CANAL FOR GREAT BRITAIN

Los Angeles, Dec. 20.—That a Japanese squadron is guarding the Suez canal for the British was the assertion here today of A. M. Pappajian Bey, former Egyptian minister of the interior. Pappajian Bey is visiting Los Angeles while touring the United States.

In addition to the Japanese warships, he declared British forts make the canal impregnable. Pappajian Bey says the British have fortified Saloniki, in Greece, and will probably seize it after the war because Greece refused to aid the allies. He scoffs at the idea of a German invasion of Egypt, saying the desert and the Red sea form impassable barriers to the Teutons.

## REVOLUTIONISTS IN U. S. GET NO WORD FROM ACROSS SEA

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—That Emperor Yuan Shi Kai has cut off communication between Chinese revolutionists in China and America, to prevent war funds being sent to China, was the belief of prominent Chinese here today.

This belief was given tangible support following a meeting of representatives of fifteen tongs and other Chinese organizations, when word from the revolutionists had been expected. Despite this, the revolutionary movement was given a new impetus. Large sums were contributed to the war fund and promises of support from many influential Chinese throughout the United States were announced.

Fear for the safety of advocates of a republic in China was expressed by a Chinese merchant, who said political dissenters are frequently thrown into prison or summarily executed without the formality of a trial.

## SNOW SLIDES BLOCK EASTERN OREGON TRAFFIC

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

LaGrande, Dec. 20.—Four snow slides on the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company's line near Bacon have blocked traffic since early last evening. Five transcontinental trains are stalled. Passengers spent the night on the mountain side, in their coaches.

## RED CROSS STORES ARE SEIZED

American Flag Is Ripped Down by Bulgarians at Monastir, and Chicago Society Woman Nurse Is Arrested

Saloniki, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Walter Farwell, Chicago society woman and newspaper correspondent, was handled roughly, and Dr. Harry S. Forbes, American Red Cross doctor, of Boston, was attacked when Bulgarian forces raided American Red Cross headquarters at Monastir. Likewise, they ripped down the American flag and seized Serbian relief stores for the Bulgarian army's use. Then stationing sentries, the Bulgars virtually held Mrs. Farwell and American Red Cross workers as prisoners.

Edward Stewart, chief of the American Red Cross in Serbia, appealed today to the state department through Consul Kohl here that Mrs. Farwell and Dr. Forbes be allowed to leave. The Red Cross worker who reported the attack said that the couple were safe Wednesday, but that their situation was growing unpleasant.

The conduct of Forbes and Mrs. Farwell was heroic. Forbes had purchased 24 carloads of flour from the Serbians before they evacuated the city. This he stored in Red Cross headquarters and was distributing small portions daily to 2,000 impoverished families within the town. Repeatedly the Bulgarians demanded that Forbes sell them flour and offered him double what it cost originally. He refused steadfastly, explaining that the flour was American property for civilian distribution. Then the Bulgars threatened.

So Forbes, thinking to protect his stores and himself, hung the stars and stripes above the door of his headquarters. Suddenly several Bulgarian officers, with 30 soldiers, descended upon the building and ripped down the flag. One officer, who said he was a former deputy sheriff in Kansas, exclaimed to Forbes: "I know that rag. It's only good enough to scare Mexicans—not Bulgarians."

Thereupon several of the soldiers sprang at Forbes, and in the struggle an officer hit him with the butt of his sword. At the same time, Mrs. Farwell, calmly and showing no signs of fear for herself, attempted to take a picture of the fight. As the camera clicked, three soldiers seized her by the neck and arms and smashed her camera. They then seized two carloads of flour and warned Mrs. Farwell and the doctor not to attempt to leave. A Red Cross officer who went into Serbia in an attempt to reach the pair was returned into Greece by the Bulgarians. From them, however, he learned the story of the raid.

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Walter Farwell, reported arrested by Bulgarians at Monastir, is the wife of Walter Farwell, millionaire son of late Illinois senator. She has been engaged recently as a correspondent for the Chicago Tribune for the southeastern theater of war. Her mother's first husband was Stephen A. Douglas, who defeated Abraham Lincoln for the United States senate.

Recently Mrs. Farwell was "lost" in the southeast. Her husband directed anxious inquiries for her and after getting a trace of her started abroad to find her and bring her back to this country with him.

L. C. Hudson came in yesterday from his farm in the Salma district and is transacting business matters here.