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TURKS ACCEPT BUT GREEKS SHY AT PEACE PLAN

OTTOMAN EMPIRE DELEGATION AGREEABLE TO CONFERENCE ON NEAR EAST SITUATION

VICTORIOUS ARMY HARD TO STOP

Grecian Premier Surprised That Allies Should Propose Cessation of Hostilities

Washington, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—The Turkish delegations to the Near East conference accepted the proffered arbitration of the supreme council between Turkey and Greece regarding Smyrna and Thrace. The Greek premier, however, expressed surprise that the allies should suggest a commission of inquiry and cessation of hostilities, and thought it would be difficult to halt the victorious Greek army, but would telegraph the allies' proposal to Athens.

Rogue Valley Debates—

Mrs. Laura Thomas Gunnell, of the high school faculty, visited Medford yesterday to arrange for the coming debates with the schools at Medford and Ashland. The final tryout for the teams to represent Grants Pass will be held next Monday, when two teams to represent Grants Pass will be held next Monday, when two teams of two debaters each will be selected, one to uphold each side of the question under discussion. The question will be "The Unassimilative Races." The first of the series of debates of the three schools will be held at Medford Saturday night of next week between Medford and Ashland, two teams each, and the winners there will meet the two teams from this city, one here and the other at the home of the winning team.

CALIFORNIA PRODUCE BY WATER SHIPMENT

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—California vegetables, as well as fruits, have begun to move to eastern markets by water, it is announced by D. J. Hogan, traffic manager of the California Vegetable Union.

The water rate from Los Angeles harbor to New York is 65 cents a hundred pounds, compared to \$1.66 1/2 by rail.

"Besides New York," Mr. Hogan said recently, "a large number of eastern markets can be reached by water through the many new steamship companies now operating between the Pacific and Atlantic coasts. These include Savannah, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Boston. California produce can be shipped inland westbound as far as Pittsburgh at a saving in freight charges over the railroad rate from Los Angeles to Pittsburgh."

Immediate shipment by water to eastern markets is planned for large consignments of onions, celery, cauliflower, lettuce, potatoes, oranges, lemons, olives, beans and cottonseed oil.

MILITARY ROUTED BY IRISH AMBUSH

Macroom, Ireland, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Fifty auxiliary police in lorries were ambushed near here by 300 men who opened fire from the cover of rocks, killing the major commanding the police and wounding seven. The battle lasted two hours after which the military withdrew. Hundreds of reserves later were rushed to the scene from neighboring barracks and with the aid of battle airplanes renewed the attack. Casualties of the ambushers were not learned.

MME. ALEJANDRO CESAR



Mme. Alejandro Cesar, wife of the Nicaraguan minister to the United States, is a newcomer to the diplomatic set in Washington, and one of the most popular of the younger hostesses. Her husband is the youngest member of the diplomatic corps and a distinguished physician.

HOOVER'S IDEAS PLEASE HARDING

President-elect States He Is in "Perfect Accord" With Policies of the Cabinet Appointees

St. Augustine, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—President-elect Harding's selection of Herbert Hoover as secretary of commerce was finally confirmed by Mr. Harding who announced himself in "perfect accord" with the policies urged by Hoover as a condition of entering the cabinet.

CLERK IS ACCUSED OF LIBERTY BOND THEFT

Chicago, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Liberty bonds of a par value of \$772,000 were stolen from the Northern Trust Company today. A clerk is accused of the crime.

PORTLAND POLICE ARREST 49 FOR GAMBLING

Portland, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—After boring holes in the roof to watch what was going on inside, the police raided the Hellenic club and arrested 49 men whom they charged with gambling.

CONVICT WELCH OF FIRST DEGREE MURDER

Southbend, Wash., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—J. Fred Welch was convicted here today of murder in the first degree in connection with the explosion of the dredge Beaver, December 16th, in which four persons were killed.

PROPOSES BIG WESTERN POOL OF WOOLGROWERS

Dillon, Mont., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—One of the most important projects that concern woolgrowers in this section became known in a letter written by G. R. Quarles, a banker of Salmon, Idaho. The letter, written to 4,000 wool growers of Montana, Idaho, Utah and Wyoming, suggests a pool of wool for sale on the markets of the country.

The wool, amounting to approximately 132,000,000 pounds, would be in the hands of a commission composed of nine men who would have the absolute selling authority for the wool raised in the four states. The commission would be composed of two men from each state, and the eight men thus chosen would select the ninth commission member. These men would be from the ranks of the fleece growers and would be conversant with every fluctuation of market and cost.

Local wool men declare they will continue to work for a realization of the scheme which they hope will be in operation before the 1921 clip is placed on the market.

HARDING ASKS CONTINUING OF NAVY PROGRAM

SENDS WORD TO SENATE LEADERS THAT HE FAVORS GOING FORWARD WITH POLICY

HOUSE TOTALS TO BE INCREASED

No Reduction of Warship Building Is Desired by President-elect at This Time

Washington, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—President-elect Harding today sent word to senate republican leaders that he desired adequate appropriations for the navy and favored continuing the present building program without material reductions. With this statement of the new administration policy, republican leaders declared they would insist upon senate increases over house totals in the naval appropriations bill, even at the risk of defeating the bill at this session.

FREE TEXT BOOKS COST HALF MILLION DOLLARS

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Free text books in the schools of California will cost the taxpayers \$527,000 if a bill presented to the 1921 legislature by Senator Allen is passed. This sum was recommended by the board and is \$300,000 less than was requested by the state board of education.

Bills have also been offered at the current session to extend the provisions of the free text book act to several state educational institutions that do not now enjoy them.

CONDEMNED MURDERER REPRIEVED BY GOVERNOR

Salem, Ore., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—The governor reprieved George Howard, who was sentenced to hang today for the murder of George Sweener, of Vale. The reprieve was granted because papers from Vale staying the execution on account of appeal filed there could not reach the prison in time by mail.

E. Garner went to Medford this morning to spend the day.

YEAR 1920 ONE OF GREAT ADVANCE IN THE NATIONAL FORESTRY POLICY

Washington, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Pointing to 1920 as the year in which the greatest advancement had been made toward a national forest policy, Charles Lathrop Pack, president of the American Forestry association, today opened the annual meeting of the organization here. Mr. Pack emphasized the fact that President-elect Harding is heartily in favor of such legislation and quoted this message from the incoming president:

"It is perfectly practicable and feasible to provide for a new growth of timber and at imperative duty to improve our forest protection. I can think of no forward look in relation to the good fortunes of America which does not contemplate a forest policy which will assure us the essential in the lumber line for all our constructive activities."

Mr. Pack then pointed out that the Snell forestry bill pending in congress has the united support of business including the American Newspaper Publishers association, many wood using industries and also the United Forest service. "We are now at the place," said Mr. Pack, "where something constructive can be done in the perpetuation and preservation of the forests. Conservation has been quite a

UNITED STATES EXPORT TRADE SHOWS SLUMP

FALLING OFF OF \$66,000,000 OVER THE MONTH OF DECEMBER IS REPORTED

IMPORTS ALSO SHOW DECLINE

Department of Commerce Tells of Shrinking of Business Between America and Foreign Lands

Washington, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Shrinkage of \$66,000,000 in the American export trade in January was reported by the department of commerce. Imports for the month fell off \$55,000,000 compared with December figures.

PORTLAND MARKETS

Portland, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Livestock, steady; eggs, lower, buying price 25 to 26, selling, selects, 30c to 32c; butter, firm.

CALIFORNIA WILL SHIP LEPERS TO LOUISIANA

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Arrangements to transfer all lepers in California to the newly established Federal Leprosarium at Carrville, Louisiana, have been started by the California state board of health. A census of all persons in the state known to be suffering from the disease is to be made immediately and when it is completed arrangements for the transfer will be made with the federal government.

MURDER VICTIM WAS A STEAMSHIP COOK

Portland, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Officers are seeking John Bruno, first cook of the steamer Montague, in hopes that he could throw light on the murder of Harry I. Pawluk, second cook of the steamer, whose body was found near the city Tuesday. The body was identified last night by finger prints and by a passport photograph. Officers said there was no

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PETER J. MAC SWINEY



Peter Joseph MacSwiney, an American citizen and resident of New York, and a brother of the late lord mayor of Cork.

WORKMEN REFUSE TO QUIT WORKING

Raised Red Flag Over Works Under Construction When Wages Are Reduced by Employers

Paris, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—The red flag was raised over the big electrical works under construction at Gennevilliers by workmen who refused to quit after a lockout by the company. The police and troops were called to maintain order. The company had reduced wages and claimed the workers slackened in their efforts and the lockout was decided upon.

DISPLAY WILDFLOWERS AT CALIFORNIA SHOW

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Wildflowers of the state will be on display at the seventh annual exhibit of the California Wildflower conservation league to be held here April 28, 29 and 30. Mrs. Bertha M. Rice, San Francisco, is making preliminary arrangements for the exhibit.

Committed to Asylum—

S. A. Pottorf was examined in the county court this morning and following the determination that his mind was diseased, he was committed to the state hospital at Salem for treatment. Pottorf believed that some of his neighbors were possessed of the devil. He also professed to be a believer in the law of "pre-science," and said he could communicate at a distance with any one he wished to.

BORLESKE IS COACH OF WHITMAN BALL PLAYERS

Walla Walla, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—With eight letter men now in school and another expected to return next term, Whitman baseball prospects for the 1921 season are very bright, according to R. V. (Nig) Borleske, coach of the missionary nine. Though weather conditions may not permit any extensive practice, Coach Borleske has announced a baseball meeting for all diamond candidates for the near future in an effort to line up what new material will be on hand when regular practice begins.

The lettermen in school are: Ben Comrada, outfielder, Seattle; Leonard Garver, pitcher, Waukegan; Ralph Knudson, pitcher, Portland; Ted Rich, second base, Kennewick; Sabin Rich, third base, Seattle; Roy Tate, outfielder, Portland; George Ingram, outfielder, Spokane, and George Yancey, outfielder, Spokane. In addition to these men, Bell Coffee, of Sedro-Woolley, star first baseman of the 1920 nine, is expected to return to Whitman by the beginning of the spring term on March 29.

COAL MINERS AND OPERATORS ARE INDICTED

FEDERAL GRAND JURY ACCUSES 223 IN THE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, DISTRICT

VIOLATION ANTI-TRUST LAW

Follows Investigations Made by the United States Authorities Into War-time Dealings

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—The federal grand jury indicted 223 coal operators and coal miners here today, charging them with violation of the anti-trust law, following investigations made by the United States authorities into war-time coal dealings.

Sophomores Give Program—

The sophomore class of the local high school staged a patriotic program at the school Tuesday morning. The girls of the sophomore double quartet, dressed in the lovely old-fashioned gowns, sang several old songs. A minuet was the next number, and was so enjoyed by everyone that they were called back several times. Next, the boys of the class dramatized well-known scenes from the life of George Washington, such as chopping down of the cherry tree, army life at Valley Forge, and the making of the flag. After this the entire class sang "The Star Spangled Banner," and the rest of the school was unanimous in pronouncing the sophs a "jazzy" class.

Car of Corn Unloaded—

A car load of corn from Indiana has just been unloaded by local farmers who made the purchase through the agency of the Josephine Cooperative association. The car contained 30 tons.

COLLEGE STUDENTS EARN WAY THROUGH COLLEGE

Pullman, Wash., Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—More than half of the young men enrolled at Washington State college this year are earning all their expenses while obtaining a college education, and a large percentage do so during the college term, according to an investigation by Harry Chambers, alumni secretary. Only 17 per cent of the men students are wholly independent of their own earning power while pursuing their studies. Mr. Chambers' complete analysis shows the following figures: 51 per cent earn all their expenses; 5 per cent earn two-thirds; 16 per cent earn one-half and 12 per cent earn one-third. Forty-eight per cent earn from one-third to all of their expenses during term time.

Every possible opportunity is seized to earn money, says Mr. Chambers. "The students do janitor work, office and clerical work, wait tables and many work on farms on Saturdays and holidays. Ninety per cent of the hired domestic service in Pullman homes is done by college students."

HALF MILLION TO CARRY GRAIN TO THE STARVING

Washington, Feb. 25.—(A. P.)—Half a million dollars was voted by the senate to defray the cost of moving across the Pacific the grain donated by American farmers for Chinese famine sufferers. The senate finance committee considered the soldier's bonus bill passed by the house last May, leaders are planning to report it after eliminating the provision for special taxes.