

SEVEN TURKISH GUNBOATS ARE DEMOLISHED

Italian Fleet Finds Fleet of Turkish Ships and Completely Destroys Them Without the Loss of a Single Man or Ship.

TURK LOSS OF LIFE IS THOUGHT TO BE HEAVY

Boats Carried Contraband Goods for Troops in Arabian Province.

ROME, Jan. 12.—Seven Turkish gunboats were sunk off Koufuda in a battle with Italian battleships and destroyers, according to advices received here.

The Turkish gunboats carried contraband goods destined for the Turkish troops in the province of Iemen, Arabia. The Italian warships sighted and pursued them.

One of the Italian battleships opened fire at long range, sinking two of the gunboats. The five other Turkish gunboats were overhauled after a two hours' pursuit, and made a futile attempt to give battle. The engagement lasted for one hour, but the guns of the Italian battleship finally sank the Turkish craft. Then Turks took to the lifeboats. The number of casualties is not stated.

After the gunboats sank, the Italians discovered an armed Turkish yacht endeavoring to escape. It was chased and finally captured.

Many Turks are believed to have perished in the fight that preceded the sinking of their warships and many more undoubtedly went down with the ships.

No Italians were injured in the fight.

The Turkish gunboats had been eluding the Italians for weeks, carrying immense quantities of arms, ammunition and food supplies to the Turkish troops in Arabia.

LOWER RATES TO MINING CONGRESS

Southern Pacific Grants Fare and Third Rates to Those Who Wish to Attend Mining Congress Here Early in February.

The Southern Pacific has granted a rate of a fare and a third from points in southern Oregon to Medford for the mining congress, to be held during the first week in February. This assures a large attendance.

JUDGE COLVIG IS BACK FROM SOUTH

President and Manager of Commercial Club Says He Believes He Did Much Effective Work While in the South.

William M. Colvig has returned from his trip to southern California, and is confident that he did considerable good by talking for southern Oregon while in Los Angeles. The Judge stated that he had a splendid trip, but is glad to be back in "God's country" once more.

Judge Colvig delivered an address in the south and distributed much literature.

While in Los Angeles Judge Colvig had dinner with Mayor Alexander and also with James J. Jeffries.

On the day that your store is the best advertised store in town—life ought to have a very rosy look to you!

MEDFORD PREPARES TO FEED MENAGERIE AND THE SUN SHINES

Lone Wolf, Traveling Ahead, is Seized by Cub Reporter and Forced to Give Up Item—Food Promised and City is Saved.

Sh—sh—sh—! "Twas midnight. The cub reporter shivered as he chased the vagrant item.

With heroic effort he nerved himself. He was about to surrender in despair. Instead he leaped into the inky blackness and landed astride a last chance.

"Sh—! I am Lone Wolf and I'm hungry. I want food!" exclaimed the phantom of the night.

And the cub brought him a socialist supper whilst the wolf continued in stage whispers: "In the advance guard. The Wolf travels ahead. Behind come the Gregarious Coyote, Straggling Bob-Cat and the Roosevelt Bears—300 of 'em, traveling on the fake special—all hungry. They must have food. Get it or beware the fate of the Los Angeles Times."

And the cub reporter stood alone while the chill wind whistled. It was his duty to warn the public—to get the floating menagerie fed, and he "done his darndest"—even the cash grocery offered to sell on credit, providing he got free advertising; the bakeries promised a loaf of bread to every Teddy bear showing credentials, and the chop house free soup to everyone buying a square meal.

Medford was saved and the sun gleamed to shine with its accustomed glory!

TWOHY BROTHERS HAVE QUIT WORK FOR THE WINTER

Machinery is Housed Until Such Time as Central Point Road Dries Sufficiently to Allow Improvement Work to Proceed.

The Twohy Bros., who had the contract for macadamizing the Medford-Central Point road, have closed down work until the ground dries out in the spring. They have housed all their machinery and tools and the horses, two earloads, have been shipped to Eugene, where they will be put to work on railroad grading.

The macadam has been put down on the road for a distance of one and a half miles, from the Pacific & Eastern crossing on this end to what is known as the Mike Hanley place on the north. The macadam has been put in the full 20 feet in width over all of this strip and that much of the road is practically finished, all that is required to complete it being a little dressing up in the spring and the rolling down of the earth at each side.

Arbitration Checks Strike.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 12.—Arbitration today has prevented an impending lockout of 1000 employees of the Franklin Printing association's 24 shops here. Two lithographing firms, who started the trouble by refusing to pay five feeders \$16.50 a week, finally agreed to the workmen's demands.

WHO IS YOUR CHOICE FOR PRESIDENTIAL NOMINEE?

Mark cross between number and name of candidate. Republican.

- 1 (.....) William Howard Taft.
- 2 (.....) Robert M. La Follette.
- 3 (.....) Theodore Roosevelt.

Democrat.

- 4 (.....) Woodrow Wilson.
- 5 (.....) Judson Harmon.
- 6 (.....) Champ Clark.
- 7 (.....) William J. Bryan.

Cut out and mail to Mail Tribune.

Name

Address

32,000 TRAINED JAP SOLDIERS NOW IN HAWAII

So Declares Major General Carter, Assistant Chief of Staff of the United States Army—Gives This as Reason for Recent Step.

UNITED STATES SAID TO REALIZE THE DANGER

Makes Statement in Regard to Matter of Reducing Number of Line Officers.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—Declaration that 32,000 Japanese, all trained soldiers, had been smuggled into Hawaii since the Russian-Japanese war was made here this afternoon by Major General Carter, assistant chief of staff of the United States army. He declared that the United States, realizing the danger of the Orientals seizing the island, had taken steps to send 13,000 troops to Hawaii.

General Carter's statement concerning the Japanese in Hawaii was made while he was opposing the Hay bill which is intended to reduce the number of line officers in the army. Before this he had asked the official stenographer not to take down what he had to say.

According to report, General Carter made the following statement to the committee:

"When America heard of Japan's action in sending troops to Hawaii this government realized that it had to do something and at once decided to dispatch five regiments to Hawaii."

"The 32,000 Japanese now in Hawaii are not enlisted in the mikado's army, but they are all experienced soldiers. An Oriental can do anything he pleases in Hawaii without attracting the attention of the war department through accident and spies."

"The army cannot afford to have any officers taken from the line. It must have officers to supplant those serving in territorial possessions when their terms expire. If the Hay bill passes, the army will not be sufficiently officered and a sufficient force adequate for the protection of Hawaii, the Philippines, Panama and other distant possessions could not be maintained."

HALIFAX SUFFERS \$500,000 FIRE

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 12.—Causing an estimated loss of \$500,000, fire which broke out here shortly after midnight was brought under control at 9:30 a. m. today. The plant of the Halifax Herald and the dry goods establishment of the Munroe company, one of the largest concerns in the city, were destroyed. The firemen were forced to their best efforts to prevent the flames from communicating with the legislative buildings, which for a time were seriously threatened.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Where in Mrs. H. G. A. Davidson, captivated blonde, with pearly teeth and a chin dimple? Not only the police but others would like to know. The Rev. William Rader "fell" for a "loan."

WAR MAP SHOWING RELATIVE POSITIONS OF GOVERNMENT AND REBEL FORCES IN CHINA, WHERE REVOLT IS REPORTED



The Chinese war map herewith presented shows the positions of the troops of the imperial and rebel forces. The imperialists hold the three provinces of Manchuria, Chi-li, Ho-nan, Shan-tung, Kan-su, most of Hu-peh and An-nui and northern Kiang-su. This comprises practically the whole territory north of the Yang-tse river excepting Shen-si province, a small portion of Kiang-su and a few cities on the north bank of the Yang-tse. Shen-si province is in the hands of bandits not connected with the republican movement. All the provinces south of the Yang-tse, and also Sze-chuen, are in revolt.

NEW RURAL MAIL ROUTE FROM CITY TO BE ESTABLISHED

Postmaster Woodford is in Receipt of Blanks to be Filled and Returned Containing Necessary Information—Will Cover Wide Range.

Rural mail route No. 2, out of Medford, has been taken up again by the postoffice department, and there is every indication that the route will soon be established.

Postmaster Woodford is in receipt of blanks to be filled by him and returned to the department. All of these are with reference to the establishment of this rural route. One of these blanks requires that Mr. Woodford shall certify that there are at least 90 patrons of the proposed route who will provide themselves with mail boxes and put them in position of easy access by the mail carrier. Mr. Woodford desires that all patrons of the route who will do this either call at the Medford postoffice and so indicate or, if more convenient, write a card or letter to him, stating that they live on the route and will provide themselves with a suitable box as a receptacle for mail matter.

The matter of hurrying up the establishment of this route is now in the hands of the patrons. There ought to be no time lost in complying with Mr. Woodford's request.

The route as laid out and approved by the department is 22½ miles in length and from the Medford postoffice will go north on Central avenue to the Pacific and Eastern railroad, west on the Ross road to the Jacksonville and Central Point road, then retrace part of this distance back to the Jones corner, south from there to the Orchard Home road, west to Knipp's corner, north to Medford and Jacksonville road, west to Jacksonville, north on Jacksonville and Central Point hill road to Tracey's corner, south to school house, east to Ross lane and Central Point road, north to the Beall lane, east to Merriman's corner, south on Medford and Central Point road and Central avenue to the Medford postoffice.

Shuster on Way Home.

TEHERAN, Jan. 12.—Removed as treasurer general of Persia through the efforts of the Russian and British governments, W. Morgan Shuster, accompanied by his family and by Edward Bell, secretary of the American legation here, today is en route for London.

OROVILLE, Cal., Jan. 12.

Charged with complicity in the murder of Helen Rumball, her little stepdaughter, for whose actual killing her brother, Arthur Lewis, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, the trial of Mrs. Emma Rumball began here today before Judge Gray.

\$1,500,000,000 IS STILL BURIED IN ICE-BOUND VAULTS

Over \$500,000,000 in Money and Securities Have Been Removed—Believed That All Securities Will Be Found Intact.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—Although \$500,000,000 in money and securities have been removed from the vaults of the burned Equitable building, it was announced today that \$1,500,000,000 remains to be removed. Most of the latter amount is buried in the vaults of the Mercantile Safe Deposit company, under thousands of tons of ice and debris.

An attempt will be made today to remove \$150,000,000 in negotiable paper and money from the vaults of the August Belmont company, and Kountz Brothers hope to recover at least \$30,000,000 from their vaults. All vaults in the Equitable building are believed to have escaped injury, and it is regarded as almost certain now that all the securities will be recovered intact.

A flood of water today burst through the subway walls at Cedar street, threatening to flood the subway and causing inconvenience to hundreds of thousands of persons.

FRANKLIN SAYS HE WILL NOT CONFESS

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—I have not changed my position, and there is no reason to suppose I shall," said Bert H. Franklin today when asked if it were true that he had agreed to plead guilty to charges of bribing and attempting to bribe jurors in the recent McNamara trial. Franklin previously had declared that he would fight the case to the end.

MERCURY GOES DOWN; PRICE OF COAL GOES UP

Chicago Today is Suffering One of the Coldest Days of the Year—At Des Moines Temperature is 29 Below—Coal Famine Threatened.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—With the thermometer registering 9 degrees below zero and still colder weather predicted, Chicago today is in the grip of one of the coldest days of the winter. To make matters worse, the price of coal was today boosted another \$1 a ton, and the suffering in the poorer districts is intense.

At Des Moines, Iowa, the thermometer today dropped to 29 below, and the city is threatened with a coal famine.

Record breaking low temperatures are reported from all sections of Iowa.

Cold at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 12.—Twenty-six degrees below zero was registered here today. This part of the state is experiencing the most severe weather ever known. Today's temperature is a new cold record. Considerable suffering among the poor is reported.

STRIKE OF 611,000 MINERS SEEMS CERTAIN

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Strike of 611,000 English coal miners seems inevitable today. The balloting on the question, according to reports, indicates that 80 per cent of the miners favor the strike if the minimum wage scale is not granted. The count of the vote is still in progress.

Selling real estate in this city is neither a doubtful nor an expensive task—it's a want ad task.

HUMAN NATURE TO BLAME SAYS CANNY SCOT

"Anyone is Justified in Doing Everything Possible Under the Law," Says Carnegie in Admitting That Law Must Keep Prices Down.

COMPARES TAFT'S IDEAS WITH COLONEL ROOSEVELT'S

Carnegie Declares That the Tariff Can in No Way Affect the Price of Steel.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 12.—

Drawing a comparison between Colonel Theodore Roosevelt's conception of a corporation and that possessed by President Taft, Andrew Carnegie today, for the third consecutive day, was interrogated by the Stanley house committee investigating the steel trust. After admitting that a law must be invoked to prevent excessive prices on steel commodities, Carnegie said:

"You cannot trust human nature. Any one is justified in doing everything possible under the law. It is certain that sooner or later the offenses against natural competition will force the making of a real law to govern such conditions."

In denying that the decisions in the Standard Oil and Tobacco cases had accelerated this conviction, he said:

"There are two lines of thought in this country. One is Taft's idea that corporations should be dissolved. The other is expressed in Colonel Roosevelt's conception, which is that large corporations units should be recognized but put under careful and close governmental regulations. I know that these are Colonel Roosevelt's views and I heartily agree with them. I think the government should first pass a law regulating corporations and then wait and see if further legislation is necessary."

Carnegie reiterated that the tariff could in no way affect the price of steel. In this connection he said:

"America makes more steel than all the rest of the world combined. Your legislators need not worry about any tariff to protect steel."

The Scotchman then repeated his recommendation for an industrial commission similar to the interstate commerce commission. At this point Congressman Bartlett interrupted the witness and asked:

"What is it that has brought practically every big corporation in such a frame of mind that they are almost unanimously in favor of this solution of the trust problem?"

"They have seen," answered Carnegie, "as I saw long ago that the people will not submit to huge combines subsisting without regulations."

Carnegie then declared that he was opposed to strengthening the Sherman anti-trust law in an effort to hasten the dissolution of corporations. When asked if the dissolution would reduce the price of steel the witness said that it would not and the only way to effect a reduction was by government regulation.

In direct contrast to his manner yesterday, Carnegie today made no effort to evade questions, but answered promptly.

GAS FAMINE MAY COME AT GOTHAM

If Members of Gas Workers' Union Are Able to Force a General Walk-out as Planned, 80 Per Cent of Supply Will Fall.

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—

New York City today faces a gas famine, a general strike of employees of the plants of the Consolidated Gas company being probable to go into effect today. The situation is admittedly most serious. If the members of the Gas Workers' union are able to force the general walkout, 80 per cent of New York's gas supply will be cut off.

RUSSIANS HANG PERSIANS IN TABRIZ.



BAHARI TROOPS AT TABRIZ.

Conditions in Persia are still in an unsettled state. The forced retirement of W. Morgan Shuster, the American treasurer general, has not alleviated matters. Prominent citizens of Tabriz are hanged daily by the Russians, whose high handed measures against Persia are attracting the attention of the powers.