

BLACK SEA TO PLAY LEADING ROLE IN WAR PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The National Geographic society in a statement on European war geography, says of the Black sea: "The Black sea is unique among the war theaters. It is the least regarded by the people of the west, and yet, operations there may result in a permanent reorganization of European affairs. Half-possession has just served to whet the desires of each of the two empires for full possession, and the Ottoman and the Muscovite have long frowned at one another over the waters of this inland sea.

An Oriental Water Body

"Enclosed on the north by the southern coast of Russia, on the east by Russian Caucasus, on the south and west by Turkey in Asia and Turkey in Europe, and on the northwest by Bulgaria and Roumania, the Black sea is in every respect an Oriental water body. Physically, it is a boundary between the east and the west; in reality the life which surrounds it is strongly related to the east and as strongly foreign to the west. Hence, there is little general interest in the military operations there among Americans.

"The Black, Caspian and Baltic seas are about the same size, but, of them all, the Black sea drains the country of greatest natural resources, of most advantageous connections with the trading world, and by far of the most commercial importance. From east to west the Black sea has a length of 750 miles; its greatest width of 380 miles, and it covers an area of 180,000 square miles, or is considerably greater than the sum of the areas of the American Great Lakes. It has a coastal line of 2000 miles, and a large part of its central basin reaches the extreme depth of 6000 feet.

Drains Million Square Miles

"A million square miles of land in Europe and Asia drain into the Black sea. The Danube, Dnieper, Dniester and Bug, of Central Europe; the Don of eastern Russia; the Kurban and smaller rivers of Caucasus; and the Tcharuk, Kizil Irmak, Sakaria and other rivers of Asia Minor, carry enormous volumes of water to its basin; it rises and falls according to the increase and decrease in the volumes of its tributary waters. Of tidal action there is little or none.

"Chief among the port cities are Odessa, Sevastopol and Batum, in Russia; Trebizond and Sinope, in Asia Minor; Varna in Bulgaria, and Kostonje in Roumania. Greatest of all the commercial ports is Odessa, one of Russia's most important cities for the shipment of agricultural produce. Batum is a famous oil port. With the mouth of the Black sea, the Bosphorus, corked by the Turks, Russia is in the peculiar position of having plenty of grain and plenty of petroleum, and of yet being unable to take advantage of the high prices offered by her allies for these commodities. With Turkey in Europe the advantages of Russia's only warm water ports are, at best, doubtful.

Only One Island

"The sea is swept by violent storms and heavy fogs in winter, making navigation in winter and early spring a matter of some hazard. Then, on every side, except along that strip from the Crimean peninsula to the Danube, its shores are high and bold. Furthermore, there is only one island large enough for a medium-sized ship to take refuge behind on all the sea. This is Serpent's Island, thirty miles from the Danube.

"The Black sea is better known to the people of the west in fable than in history, for the myth-laden Cimmerian region is upon its northern shores, and many of the early Grecian heroes carried on their knight-errantry along its coasts, while Colchis, where Jason and brother Argonauts sought the Golden Fleece, lies on its east bank."

CANTALOUPE KINGS SUED FOR MILLIONS

LOS NOGALES, Cal., Feb. 16.—Twenty-five members of the Western Cantaloupe exchange, an organization of produce buyers of New York, Chicago, Pittsburg and other eastern markets, are defendants in a damage suit on file today in the United States district court for \$3,468,000. Japanese cantaloupe growers of the Imperial Valley, California, represented by George S. Cunniff, are plaintiffs and allege that they were victims of a trust combination. Similar suits were filed recently in Chicago, New York and Pittsburg.

ITALY TEACHING WORLD HOW TO RAISE TOMATOES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—The tomato was given to the world by America, but Italy is today teaching the rest of the world by example how it should be raised and how it should be preserved. Italian canned tomatoes have practically pushed the American product out of the English market, and have gained an enormous market in the United States. The Italians raise a solid meaty tomato of fine color and it is so packed in the cans that the consumer is not obliged to pay for a large percentage of water.

Canned tomatoes, however, are put up principally for the export trade. The Italians themselves prefer their tomatoes in the form of sauce, or paste, which is nothing more nor less than boiled-down tomato pulp, minus the skins and seeds, as set forth in an interesting manner in a report by Commercial Agent J. Alexis Shriver entitled, "Canned Tomato Industry in Italy," recently issued by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce. This sauce is put up in cans and is used by the Italians in a great variety of dishes, of which spaghetti is perhaps the most familiar to Americans.

According to fairly accurate statistics the area planted in tomatoes in Italy is about 22,000 acres, producing about 285,000 tons. The exports to the United States amount to about 20,000,000 pounds of canned tomato and tomato sauce, and some 5,000,000 pounds of the product go to South America. The total value of the tomato exports from Italy is well over \$6,000,000.

The skin and seeds that were formerly wasted are now utilized, the former as stock feed and the latter as a source of oil. The crude oil is suitable for soap making and for lamps, and the refined oil is said to be edible. Commercial Agent Shriver's report, Special Agents Series No. 93, may be obtained from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, at 5 cents a copy.

RESUME OPERATION OF COPPER MINE

ROSEBURG, Or., Feb. 16.—H. A. Devens, a mining man, expects to begin operations at the mines formerly owned by the Oregon Copper company, at Doe creek, in the Cow creek canyon, next month. These mines have many hundred feet of tunnel already bored to the ore-bearing lead, and the present owner will begin to ship at once to the Kennet, Cal., smelter. The mines have been tied up for a number of years by litigation. The last carload of ore was shipped by J. P. Hanson, foreman of the mine when it closed, to settle a bill due him, and he received \$16 a ton for the carload. This mine lies on the Southern Pacific line. The Bantfield mine not far from Tiller, Or., on which \$200,000 has been spent in development, has been sold to the eastern lumberman, De Witt Van Ostrand. This mine is forty miles from the railroad, and while the ore is of unusual grade, successful working is awaiting transportation.

SPAIN TO JOIN IN NEUTRAL'S PROTEST

MADRID, via Paris, Feb. 16.—The Spanish government has adopted an attitude of extreme reserve regarding its position on Germany's note announcing its determination to include the waters around Great Britain in the war zone. While Spain will try to avoid action which would give any belligerent an excuse to accuse it of departing from its attitude of neutrality it is understood that the government will join the United States if the latter proposes joint measures on the part of all neutrals.

SPAIN'S APPEAL TO POWERS UNCONFIRMED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The United States, President Wilson said today, has received no confirmation of reports that Spain had addressed the powers on restoring order in Mexico. The president told callers there was no material change in the Mexican question.

GERMAN SOLDIERS LISTENING TO MASS IN POLAND



GERMAN FIELD MASS IN POLAND
The above photograph shows a priest saying mass to a company of German soldiers in Poland. The sight of a group of soldiers listening to the mass after fighting for many hours is witnessed very frequently. The fighters, although some times very weary and tired, are always anxious for the priests to come.

AMERICAN SHIPS IN WAR ZONE

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Of the steamships clearing from New York within the last two weeks, maritime records show today that 27 are due to be within the war zone declared by Germany around Great Britain on and after February 18, the day set to establish the one. Four ships of this fleet are American owned and fly the American flag and five of the steamers carry passengers.

The four American ships are the Suruga, the Cushing, the Kansas and Philadelphia, a passenger carrying ship. Four other vessels carrying passengers are the Adriatic, the Norwegian steamer Bergenfjord, the Cunarder Orduua (British) and the French liner Niagara.

The Philadelphia carried 250 passengers, the Adriatic (British) 400 and the other three liners had fewer passengers aboard.

WIFE MUST TELL OF HUSBY'S PURSE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—A wife ought to tell what she knows about the amount of her husband's purse and the purse's whereabouts, according to a decision by Judge Erskine Ross of Los Angeles in the United States circuit court of appeals here. The decision reverses an order of Judge Edward E. Cushman of Seattle, who discharged contempt proceedings against Mrs. Daniel Fuhman of Seattle, November 3, 1913, when she refused to tell where \$9000 of her husband's bankrupt estate could be found.

Fuhman had been sent to jail for refusing to tell where the money was and Judge Cushman decided the wife was not supposed to know anything about the money.

Now Mrs. Fuhman must prove in court her inability, to produce the \$9000 or be liable to punishment for contempt, according to Judge Ross' decision.

SERBS REPULSE ALBANIAN INVADERS

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A Nish dispatch to the Havas agency says: "The Albanian raiders have been routed and driven back across the Serbian frontier. More complete information shows that the Albanians were led into making the raid by Austrian priests and Mohammedan adversaries of Essad Pasha, the provisional president by preaching a holy war. This movement is being directed by Turkish and German agents."

SOFIA'S ARISTOCRACY KILLED BY BOMB

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—Two members of Sofia's aristocracy are reported to have been killed and ten others injured when a bomb was exploded at a masked ball attended by representatives of the most exclusive society of the Bulgarian capital. Advances received here state that those killed were the son of a former minister of war and a daughter of the present war minister.

TOBOGGANING AT CRATER LAKE

(Klamath Northwestern.)
Tobogganing at Crater Lake is the rare sport planned by a party of twelve young people of Fort Klamath who left the Wood river valley town Thursday evening, according to J. S. Glover, who came down from Ft. Klamath yesterday. When they left town, members of the party also planned to hold a dance in a building at the rim of the scenic wonder and possibly other sports in addition to tobogganing. The young people expected to return Monday.

Those who made up the party are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zumbrum, Miss Alma Berry, Miss Alta Berry, Miss Eva White, Miss Kirkpatrick, Miss Harbold, Miss Ida Brewer, Chuck Zumbrum, Charles Brewer, Jack Brewer, Mr. Berry and Mr. Murphy.

EXTORTIONISTS SENT TO PRISON FOR PLOTTING

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—The United States circuit court of appeals has affirmed the verdict of the district court of Washington in the conviction of Edwin F. Meyer, and Emar Goldberg on a charge of forming a conspiracy, with three others, to obtain higher than the market price from the government for zinc sold to the Bremerton Navy Yard. The two were convicted in 1909 and sentenced November 26, 1913, to 18 months imprisonment.

Meyer was a clerk at the navy yard and Goldberg was Seattle manager for the Great Western Smelting & Refining company of this city.

ACTUAL EXCHANGE OF WAR PRISONERS BEGUN

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 16.—The actual exchange of wounded British and German prisoners of war, who have been incapacitated for further use, began today. The men were weary, but cheerful, at the prospect of returning to England. Two incapacitated German officers and ninety-two soldiers who have been prisoners of war sailed today for Holland, where they will be exchanged for British wounded.

OMAHA SUFFERS \$100,000 FIRE LOSS

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 16.—Fire early today destroyed four upper stories of the board of trade building, a city landmark, causing a loss of \$100,000. The flames originated in the kitchen of the University club on the top floor. The Schlitz Hotel, adjoining the board of trade building, was threatened for awhile.

A HEALTHY, HAPPY WIFE is the greatest inspiration a man can have and the life of the family, yet how many homes in this fair land are blighted by the ill health of wife and mother! It may be backaches, headaches, the tortures of a displacement, or some ailment peculiar to her sex which makes life a burden. Every woman in this condition should rely upon Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made from roots and herbs, to restore her to health and happiness.

VAWTER'S INSURANCE BILL IN INTEREST OF INSURED PASSES

SALEM, Or., Feb. 16.—The house Monday passed H. B. Nos. 148, 288 and 475. The first was introduced by Vawter and contains an important amendment to the fire insurance laws of the state. Under the present law a fire insurance company can invalidate a policy if it is shown that the insured was not the sole and conditional owner, and the bill passed today makes this impossible.

H. B. 288 was introduced by Jeffries and allows cities to commit "municipal suicide." H. B. 475 was introduced by the committee on revision of laws, and repeals an old statute requiring a census to be taken of the inhabitants of the state for military purposes.

Besides a number of minor bills, the house considered several important measures to the legislative cemetery without debate. Representative Wentworth's bill providing for the transfer of the factory inspection work from the labor commissioner's office to the industrial accident commission came in with an unfavorable report from the committee on labor industries, and was indefinitely postponed without protest.

The non-partisan judiciary bill, introduced by Handley, met with the disapproval of the judiciary committee and no member raised a voice against it being indefinitely postponed. Two bills, H. B. 310, creating the fourteenth judicial district, and H. B. 308, creating the fourteenth and fifteenth judicial districts, went the same route.

Forbes consented to the indefinite postponement of his bill regulating the use of trading stamps in view of the fact that there is another measure on the same subject pending. Stott made no objection when the house sounded the death knell on his bill, which provided that apartment-houses should have a lien on baggage. Olson's bill amending the exemption laws relating to homesteads was killed, and so was S. B. 149 relating to the construction of bridges by counties.

The S. P. Co. bridge across Coos Bay will be 2400 feet long of structural steel.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT BILL IS KILLED IN SENATE

SALEM, Feb. 16.—After the house had passed a bill providing for the creation of public utility districts, giving the rural communities the same rights that cities now have for operating and owning their own public utilities, the senate defeated the measure 17 to 12.

The proponents of the measure declared it was one of the most important and beneficial pieces of legislation proposed at this session. The bill was drawn by the hydro-electric commission.

Among the house bills passed by the senate are:

By Bowman, providing for the payment of the salaries of state officers monthly instead of quarterly.

By Jones, abolishing the Innaha game reservation.

By Davey, giving cities of 1000 population the same rights to own public utilities as are now enjoyed by cities of 3000 population.

Eleven bills were killed in the house today. Chief among these was the non-partisan judiciary bill, introduced by Representative Handley at the request of the Oregon Bar association.

Forbes' trading stamp bill was also killed.

The house passed four bills, chief among them on rearranging the system of assessing railroad mileage.

The bill stipulates that the tax commission shall estimate the total valuation of the railroad tracks in the state according to the same data now used. From these figures they estimate what portion refers to main lines and then assessing the branch lines, side tracks and spur tracks on a basis that shall not be greater than 50 per cent of the main line valuation.

Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DE WET ON TRIAL FOR HIGH TREASON

BLOENFONTEIN, via London, Feb. 16.—The trial of General Christian De Wet and other leaders of the South African rebellion against Great Britain who are charged with high treason, began here today.

General De Wet, the leader of the rebellion, was captured December 1 on a farm at Waterburg, British Bechnanaland, whither he had been pursued by a motor car brigade. Since that time nearly all the other commanders of the insurrectionary forces have been captured or surrendered.

AUSTRIA REPORTED TO INVADE RUMANIA

MILAN, via Paris, Feb. 16.—The Italian government, as the result of reports that Austria was about to invade Rumania, says the Corriere della Sera has asked the governments at Vienna and Berlin to give assurance that no attack will be made on Rumania.



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