

ALLIED FLEETS SAIL 14 MILES IN DARDANELLES

Forty Warships Penetrate Straits, Destroying Fort Intepe and Bombarding Fort Dardanos—Sultan of Turkey Reported Preparing to Leave Constantinople—Train Waits

ATHENS, Feb. 27.—An allied fleet aggregating 40 warships today penetrated the Dardanelles straits as far as Hortari and within range of Fort Intepe on the Asiatic side, according to reliable information reaching here today.

Fort Intepe was destroyed. Various Turkish encampments also were bombarded. The ships are now within range of Fort Dardanos. A French squadron is cruising under the forts at the entrance to the straits, which are now entirely dismantled.

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The Athens correspondent of the Matin has forwarded the following:
"After the complete destruction of the forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the allied fleet penetrated the straits and shelled the interior forts. It proceeded down the Dardanelles 14 miles from the entrance."

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The "Matin" prints today a dispatch from its correspondent at Athens, who repeats the story published several times recently that the Sultan of Turkey is preparing to leave Constantinople and to this end imperial trains are kept with steam up in the railroad station. The inhabitants of the Prinkipo islands in the Sea Marmora, not far from Constantinople have been instructed to hold themselves in readiness to leave.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The admiralty announced tonight that during the bombardment of the Dardanelles fortifications the battleship Agamemnon had been struck and that three men were killed. The announcement says further that the Dardanelles operations are still proceeding.
The admiralty announcement says that landing parties went ashore from the allied fleet. With their assistance three of the four forts at the entrance to the Dardanelles were completely demolished and the fourth was badly damaged.

NO EXTRA SESSION OF SENATE FOR FOREIGN TREATIES

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—President Wilson has practically decided not to call special session of the senate to consider the Colombian Nicaraguan treaties. At the White House today it was there was little prospect of a special session being called.
The opposition of some republican senators makes it improbable that any action on the treaties can be taken during the present session. The president expects, however, that at least some of his nominees for the federal trade commission will be confirmed before March 4. Any not confirmed are expected to get recess appointments.

GOVERNOR ACCEPTS FERN'S RESIGNATION

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—Miss Fern Hobbs, the woman who broke the deadlock between the Oregon house and senate at its recent session by offering to resign as a member of the state accident industrial commission, will retire from office on May 21, her resignation being accepted today by Governor James Withycombe.

Bandon—An engineer has arrived and work will soon be begun on the new petty.

RUSSIANS CHECK TEUTON DRIVE UPON WARSAW

Efforts of Germans and Austrians to Crumple Both Ends of Long Slav Front Countered—Fresh Forces Appear in Poland and Begin Attacks—Germans Forced Back.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—The efforts of the German and Austrian armies to crumple both ends of the long Russian front are reported today to have been checked. Petrograd states that the German drive at Warsaw from the north has been countered. The official report from Berlin says that new Russian forces have appeared in northern Poland and begun attacks. In Eastern Galicia at the other end of the front, the Russians are reported to have recaptured Stanislaw. German aeroplanes made a raid on positions of the allies near Nieport and a French aeroplane dropped bombs on Metz.

At the Dardanelles
A fleet of British and French warships continues to hammer away today at the door of the Dardanelles, the straits which close Russia's rich grainery; and the very real necessity of releasing the huge supply of wheat on the shores of the Black Sea causes the general belief that the present attack on the Dardanelles forts is a serious undertaking and not merely a demonstration.
Official announcements declare that after the reduction of the four outer Dardanelles forts, mine sweepers went to work within the straits under the protection of the guns of the fleet, while unofficial dispatches from Athens and Rome assert that at least one French warship actually has penetrated the passage.
Germany remains silent regarding her share in the military operations, both in the east and in the west, while Austria-Hungary declares that Austrian and German forces are holding their own in the Carpathians and in Eastern Galicia.

Forced Back 25 Miles
Petrograd, less reticent announces a repulse of German attacks in North Poland with heavy losses. As a result of the desperate fighting of the last few days the Russian general staff claims to have forced back the Germans along a front of 25 miles in the Praznysz region.
The impression is growing in England that the German advance in East Prussia is due mainly to political and economic motives and that consequently it is without great strategic effect on the eastern campaign as a whole.
In the west the French continue to claim advances in the Champagne district with quiet prevailing along the rest of the line.

EAT POTATOES AND LESS BREAD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—"If wheat remains at its present high figure or continues to rise in price and if there is a corresponding increase in the price of bread, scientists in the department of agriculture suggested that the ordinary household will find it advantageous to eat more potatoes and less bread," says a statement issued today at the department.
"With potatoes at 60c a bushel, 10 cents worth, or 10 pounds, will give the consumer a little more actual nourishment than two one-pound loaves of bread at five cents each. If prices change sufficiently to make it desirable from a financial point of view, there is no scientific reason why potatoes should not be substituted to a great extent for bread."

FOOD SUPPLY IN MEXICO CITY BETTER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—General Carranza's agency announced today receipt of a report from Vera Cruz, saying "the food situation in Mexico City is better and food supplies are being received from various sources and distributed among the poor."

RECEIVER FOR WESTERN PACIFIC SYSTEM ASKED

Default on Interest on Bonds to be Followed by Proceedings of a Friendly Nature—Readjust Relations With Rio Grande Which Owns Controlling Interest.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Application for a receiver for the Western Pacific railway will be made after the railway will have defaulted the interest on its first mortgage due March 1 according to an announcement made today after a meeting of the board of directors of the Denver Rio Grande company which controls the Western Pacific. The proceedings, it is said, will be of a friendly nature.

This method, it was said, has been decided upon as the best course to pursue in adjusting the company's financial difficulties and its relations with the Denver and Rio Grande. Bankers representing security holders of the two properties were to meet this afternoon to discuss the situation. It was said that after the meeting a statement would be issued in their behalf.

Is Gould Line
The Western Pacific railway was incorporated by the Gould interests in 1903. Its main object being to give the Gould system of railroads, then at its height, an outlet to the Pacific coast.
The line was to extend from San Francisco to Salt Lake City, more than 900 miles, with a number of small branch lines in California. Connection was formed with the Denver and Rio Grande, which controlled the company through stock ownership, at Salt Lake City. The Western Pacific was turned over to the operating department of the Denver and Rio Grande in July, 1911.
The following year arrangements were made with the Denver and Rio Grande and banking identified with the latter property to place at the disposal of the Western Pacific the proceeds of \$2,500,000 Denver and Rio Grande new issue of seven per cent adjustment bonds. This money was used to improve the Western Pacific's main line at and around Sacramento, Cal.

No Surprise Created
Western Pacific's capital stock amounts to \$75,000,000 of which the Denver and Rio Grande railroad owns \$50,000,000. Its bonded debt includes \$50,000,000 first mortgage five per cent gold bonds and \$25,000,000 of second mortgage sinking fund five per cent gold bonds.
The fate of the Western Pacific road excited no surprise in financial circles where its precarious condition was a matter of general knowledge.

FRENCH DECLARE AGAINST PROPOSALS

PARIS, Feb. 27.—The French press is unanimous in declaring that Great Britain cannot accept the informal proposals, said to have been made by the United States that the embargo on foodstuffs for Germany be raised provided Germany abandons her intention of destroying merchant ships. The papers, however, express appreciation of the spirit in which the proposals were made.
The Matin declares such a step would be carrying altruism altogether too far because "every loaf which a civilian was able to spare would be a loaf the more for a soldier; in other words the allies are asked to continue the war and sacrifice the lives of their soldiers in order to save German civilians from want."

DAILY AVERAGE AT EXPOSITION IS 88,428

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—The official figures for the attendance at the Panama Pacific International exposition for the first week were given out today by the department of admissions as 619,000. The average daily attendance was 88,428.

"MOVIE" ACTRESS WINS \$40,000 FROM RICH LOS ANGELES MAN



LOS ANGELES, Calif., Feb. 27.—After a two weeks' legal battle, in which her entire life was laid before the critical gaze of a jury and the public, Maude Armfield, a moving picture actress, established the parentage of her baby when a court decision awarded her \$40,000 damages against Bryant Howard, son of a wealthy family of San Diego. She sued him for \$500,000. Miss Armfield claimed she was married to Howard in San Diego when she was 15 and allowed the marriage to be annulled when, as she alleged, she found he had not been legally divorced from his first wife. She based her suit on the alleged promise of Howard to marry her again when properly released by law.

SPEYER'S PROFITS ON ROCK ISLAND SALES \$1,438,743

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—James Speyer, head of the New York banking house of Speyer, made a voluntary statement before the interstate commerce commission today of his firm's dealings with the Rock Island system during the period of its history under investigation. The firm never had occupied the position of fiscal agent for the railroad, he said but acting as a principal had bought and resold between 1904 and 1912 securities of the Rock Island company itself of some \$170,409,000 face value. The total profit on those transactions for his firm, Mr. Speyer said, was \$1,438,743, or eight-tenths of one per cent. Not all of the firm's transactions in Rock Island securities had resulted in profits, Mr. Speyer added.
At no time, Mr. Speyer said, had his firm handled any securities of the Rock Island holding companies organized by the Leeds Reid group.
Mr. Speyer volunteered his statement after Chief Counsel Folk for the commission had closed the commission's direct case with the testimony of Ogden Mills, a director of the Rock Island company and of the New Jersey holding company. Mr. Mills said he had no personal knowledge of the various payments in stock or bonds in addition to salary, made to various officers of the Rock Island system.
Testimony for the railroad followed. Henry U. Mudge, president of the Rock Island, discussed the physical condition of the system, disagreeing with representatives of poor condition already filed in the hearing.

GERMAN SUPPLY OF ALCOHOL SHY

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Germany's supply of alcohol is so far below the demand that the so-called "spirits central" organizations which has primarily supplied the army's needs, has announced that it will be compelled to limit sharply deliveries of brandy and spirits for other purposes, especially for drinking. About 40 per cent of the former amount will be allowed the larger industries for use in March and slightly more to smaller concerns. The supply of denatured alcohol for fuel lights also must be curtailed.
An effort will be made to save for human consumption a large portion of supply of plants and now in distilleries and to induce distillers to undertake the production of crude sugar.
Salem—Act of legislature insures \$230,000 bridge.

BURGLAR SHOT WHILE ROBBING COUNTRY STORE

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—Discovering three burglars robbing the general merchandise store of Joseph Gooding at St. Paul, Ore., early today Daniel Girdle, a citizen of that town, opened fire with a rifle and killed an unidentified member of the trio. Deputy James Grady and Frank Undermyer, who are being held on suspicion. The former had plunder on him, it is alleged. Girdle's attention was attracted to the store by the crashing of glass. Arming himself with a rifle he waited for the robbers to come out. When they finally emerged loaded down with plunder, he called on them to halt, and when they broke and ran he fired.
A few hours previous, three stores were broken into at Wilsonville, near St. Paul, by three men, who are believed to be the same who operated here.

BRITISH MERCHANTMAN REPORTED TORPEDOED

DIEPPE, via Paris, Feb. 27.—It is reported here that a British merchantman has been torpedoed in the English channel off St. Valery-Sur-Homme. A French torpedo boat destroyer has gone out from Dieppe to the assistance of the British ship.

INDICTMENTS IN MILLION DOLLAR CASHIER FAKE

Federal Grand Jury Accuses Frank Menefee and Other Promoters of United States Cashier Company Swindle—Sold Capital Stock in Pretended Patents.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—A million dollar swindle is charged against officers and salesmen of the now defunct United States Cashier company of this city, in an indictment returned against them by the federal grand jury here today. The indictment charges conspiracy and misuse of the mails on the part of Frank Menefee, F. M. Lemmon, O. E. Gernert, B. F. Bonnewell, H. M. Todd, Joseph Hunter, O. L. Hopson, P. E. Murnine, Oscar A. Campbell, and Thomas Billyeu.

It is alleged that the concern, which was incorporated at \$1,250,000 sold all its capital stock, bringing into its treasury more than \$1,000,000 in money and property on the false representation that the company owned the patents to five change-making machines which it proposed to manufacture. The company was organized September 1, 1910, for the purpose of making models as a basis for selling stock. It continued its business until January 31, 1914, when it sold out to an Indiana concern.

During the time the company was in operation, it is alleged, the defendants sold more than \$1,000,000 worth of stock to some 4000 shareholders scattered over Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Texas, North Dakota, Illinois, Michigan, and Colorado. The indictment asserts that during the life of the concern it was insolvent, and that in the published statements of its financial condition liabilities to the extent of \$500,000 were entirely omitted.

The company was barred from Oregon by Corporation Commissioner Watson for violation of the Blue Sky law. The models upon which they sold stock, were a clever combination of the National Cash Register and Burroughs Adding Machine patents.

STANISLAU AGAIN IN AUSTRIAN HANDS

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Messages reaching here from Vienna say the Austrian war office has given out a report explaining that an extremely valuable partial success has been achieved near Stanislaw and that it will soon result in a favorable general move.
The number of Russian prisoners falling into Austrian hands is increasing daily, these dispatches declare. The Russians have abandoned their attempt to force the Dukla Pass and they remain entrenched. Their attacks have been bravely carried out and they have tested the steadfastness of the Austro Hungarian troops to the utmost.
The possession of Stanislaw is important for the Russians because of the railroad lines running from there into the Carpathians and for the reason that it would prevent, according to the view held in Vienna, the encircling of the Russian left wing.

BERLIN PROHIBITS STOCK SPECULATION

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Explanatory details have been issued regarding the Bundesrath's prohibition of the publication of the prices of securities or variations in them. The order was designed it is explained, to check unwholesome speculation and was not due in any sense to unsatisfactory market prices which are said to compare very favorably with those of foreign paper. Foreign securities quotations may still be printed.

RESTAU LEADING IN GRAND PRIX AT EXPOSITION

At 2:30 O'clock, With Half of 400 Miles Behind Him, Peugeot Car Leads Thirty Starters in \$1800 Race—Average Time 57 Miles An Hour—Oldfield Has Engine Trouble

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—At 2:30 o'clock with one half of the 400 miles behind him, D. Restau, driving a Peugeot, led a field of thirty starters in the Grand Prix automobile race for \$8000 in money prizes at the Panama Pacific exposition today. His average time was 57 miles an hour.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—Thirty drivers tuned up their cars today for the 6th Grand Prix automobile race scheduled to start at 10:30 a. m. on the Panama Pacific Exposition four mile course. The cars were to be started three abreast at intervals of 15 seconds. Eddie Pullen, Barney Oldfield, Ralph DePalma, Earl Cooper and Caleb Bragg were among the speed stars entered for the 402 mile grind which it was expected would require five hours to finish.

Governor Johnson, honorary referee of the meet, and Mayor Rolph were among the first arrivals at the track.

The official distance was announced as 400.2856 miles, requiring 104 laps to complete it.

At 10:30 the starting signal was given by Starter Fred Wagner.

At noon a sharp shower which promised to continue indefinitely, threatened to bring the race to a close.

The cars, which had been maintaining an average speed of 65 miles an hour, began to slow down perceptibly.

Oldfield's car went wrong after he had several delays.

MALPRACTICE SUIT IN CIRCUIT COURT

The suit of Russell Wheeler, a 13 year old boy, through his guardian for \$10,000 damages against Dr. R. W. Clancy of this city, for alleged malpractice in the setting of a broken leg is being heard in the circuit court today. It is not expected that the evidence will be completed before Monday noon.
The suit is based upon the allegation that the leg of the boy, when set after breaking, was improperly, necessitating a second breaking of the limb, and a consequent resetting, to save permanent crippling. The limb was first broken while playing over two years ago.
The plaintiff is represented by E. D. Briggs of Ashland and Newton Borden of this city, and the defendant by Attorney McCormack. Many Medford doctors were called this morning as expert witnesses on technical points.

GOVERNOR APPROVES SPOILS SYSTEM BILL

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 27.—Governor Withycombe has approved senate bill No. 312, introduced by Senator Moser, which has been widely denounced as paving the way for a return to the spoils system in Oregon by providing that the terms of all officials appointed by the governor shall be indefinite, and that all such appointments shall be subject to summary removal by the governor at any time. The governor gave out a lengthy statement, in which he declares that an emergency actually exists, owing to the necessity of creating and maintaining efficiency in the various state departments and that there is a justification for putting the law into effect without waiting to give the people a chance to approve or disapprove through the referendum. He asserted that the referendum should not be abused as an agent for crippling a competent administration.