

GALLIOLI SCENE OF ALLIES' ATTACK IS FRUITFUL LAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 16.—Today's installment of the National Geographic society's war geography deals with the Turkish peninsula of Gallipoli. It says:

"Gallipoli peninsula, the Chersonesus Thracica of classical geography, where one of the most powerful battle fleets of all times is attacking, is the spur defense of Turkey in Europe, the best guarantee for centuries and the last guarantee in the present of the Ottoman empire's place among the great powers. It is a fruitful land whose conditions at one time gave promise of a world-important commercial future. The Turkish occupation of 1357, however, cut off this promise, and the land has remained as much an obscure land to the twentieth century as it was to the Greeks of Pericles' Athens. The wonderful water avenue which stretches behind it toward the heart of Central Asia has remained stagnant of all development.

"Gallipoli peninsula forms the European bank of the Dardanelles. To the north it is inclosed by the deeply indented Gulf of Saros. The soils of this district are exceedingly fertile and well adapted to agriculture. The five miles in extent, and varying between three and thirteen miles in breadth. It supports about 100,000 people. It was the first section of European land to come under the domination of the crescent.

"Wheat and maize are grown in considerable quantities here, and are exported to the Aegean islands and to Turkish ports. Barley, oats and linseed were raised largely for Great Britain, and canary seed was exported to Australia. Turkish rule, however, has been a continual dead weight upon its development. For example, a wine was formerly produced from Gallipoli's grapes which was held in admiration wherever connoisseurs of alcoholic beverages came together. It was exported in great quantities to France and there blended with other wines. The Turk put a tax of 55 per cent upon it, which drove the vintners to uproot their vines and sacrifice their industry.

"No important industrial establishments have been developed here. There are some steam flour mills, a sardine factory and there is, further, a limited manufacture of leather and silk in the chief town, Gallipoli, which lies upon Marmora sea at its junction with the Dardanelles. Besides the grains, cheese, skins of goats and sheep, and meat products make up the bulk of the peninsula's export. It imports woolen and cotton fabrics and hardware. The United States practically has no part in this trade."

AUSTRIA CEDES NOT WHAT SHE HOLDS

ROME, via Paris, March 16.—Count Soderini, intrusted by Pope Leo XIII with the political documents of his pontificate and that of Pius IX, from which to prepare a history of the papacy in the second half of the nineteenth century, has written an article based upon information contained in these documents and showing that in 1848 Pius IX sent Mgr. Morichini upon a mission to offer papal mediation for the cession of the Venetian province to a new Italian state. The Austrian foreign minister's reply was that it was impossible to accept the proposal for "Austria does not cede what she holds."

HOOD RIVER APPLE GROWERS SECEDE

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Mar. 16.—By unanimous vote the board of directors of the Hood River Valley Apple Growers' association today adopted a resolution to secede from the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, a tri-state marketing association with headquarters at Spokane. The action will be placed before the membership of the Hood River organization for ratification next month, when the annual meeting is to be held.

The Hood River organization claims the backing in the action taken of a majority of fruit growers of Oregon.

CONNECTICUT BREAKS SHAFT IN MANEUVERS

WASHINGTON, March 16.—The Connecticut broke one of her shafts last Sunday while maneuvering in Guantanamo bay, and now is bound for Philadelphia under her own power, convoyed by the naval collier Orion. The hull of the Connecticut is uninjured and no one was hurt.

BRITAIN'S BLOCKADE ORDER DISPLEASES UNITED STATES

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Administration officials were giving careful study today to the provisions of Great Britain's order in council aimed at the stoppage of all commerce by sea to and from Germany which they regarded as unprecedented and as having a far reaching effect on American commerce, especially shipments of cotton and importations of dyestuffs from Germany. That officials are keenly disappointed is evident, and that a vigorous protest will be lodged by the American government against the British action is virtually certain.

What perhaps displeased officials most was the prohibition on American commerce consigned to neutral countries and suspected of enemy destination. It forms the principal basis upon which the American government will insist on the freedom of its commerce from undue interference. The probable course of the United States will be to await an enforcement of the British order in specific cases, each one of which will be made the basis for strong protest.

Official hopes for an early improvement of conditions for the commerce of neutral nations was destroyed by receipt of the British order together with the information that Great Britain was not in accord with the United States in its stand on the shipment of food to Germany.

NINETEEN OF DRESDEN'S CREW ARE MISSING

VALPARAISO, Chile, March 16.—Nineteen members of the crew of the German cruiser Dresden, sunk off Juan Fernandez Island on Sunday by British warships, are missing. This was made known on the arrival here today of the British auxiliary cruiser Orana, having on board the survivors from the Dresden, some of whom are wounded.

29,978 LIVES LOST IN ITALIAN QUAKE

ROME, via Paris, March 16.—An official parliamentary report on the earthquake of January 13 gives the number of deaths thus far reported at 29,978 without including persons who afterward died of injuries and illness caused by the disaster. The communes damaged by the earthquake 372.

WEDDING BELLS

A very pretty wedding was solemnized Sunday evening at 6:30 by Rev. Harry E. Tucker of the Christian church, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pierce of Capitol Hill, when their daughter Bertha May Pierce became the bride of Mr. Erlin James Bratney. The bride wore a beautiful gown of embroidered crepe and carried a bouquet of white marguerites. Miss Lillian Pierce, in a gown of pink chiffon and carrying a bouquet of pink carnations, attended her sister. Mr. Elgin F. Bratney, a brother of the groom, was best man. Mrs. H. E. Tucker played the wedding march. Only immediate relatives of the bridal couple were present. After the ceremony luncheon was served by the Misses Mildred and Grace Myers, Mrs. Ed Pierce and Miss Helen Pierce. Mr. Bratney has recently a beautiful new bungalow on his ranch, the "Top Notch Orchard" where the couple will be at home to their many friends after April first. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bratney have been prominent in church circles, Mrs. Bratney being an active member of the Christian church, and Mr. Bratney of the Baptist church. Mr. Bratney is also one of Medford's popular musicians, having been a member of the Page orchestra for some time past.

MRS. MELTON'S LETTER

To Tired Worn-out Mothers
Jackson, Miss.—"I shall feel repaid for writing this letter if I can help any tired, worn-out mother or housekeeper to find health and strength as I have.
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U. S. TRIALS OF GANGSTERS BOOMS ELECTION CORRUPTION



The principal defendant, his wife and counsel, photographed on their way to the federal building in Indianapolis. From left to right, Congressman A. O. Stanley, Mrs. Roberts and Mayor Donn Roberts of Terre Haute.

SAYS MEXICAN ANARCHY CALLS FOR INTERVENTION

PARIS, March 16.—That "anarchy in Mexico and the crimes committed there make intervention by the United States almost inevitable is a statement credited to Premier Dato of Spain in a dispatch to the Petit Journal from its Madrid correspondent. The premier is reported to have said that the Spanish government had decided not to maintain diplomatic relations with Mexico until the situation there is normal, and will decline the invitation of General Carranza to send a representative to act as successor to Mr. Caro, who was expelled from Mexico.

WITHDRAWAL OF THROUGH RATES HELD UNJUSTIFIABLE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Proposed withdrawal of through rates on grain and grain products from points in Idaho and Utah over the Oregon Short Line and the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroads to points in southern California was pronounced not justifiable by the interstate commerce commission.

WATERFRONT STRIKE ON SEATTLE DOCKS

SEATTLE, Wash., March 16.—The Admiral Line, the only important steamship company here which has agreed to the demand of the longshoremen that crews for handling cargoes shall be selected at union headquarters, moving its boats and freight promptly. All other lines are seriously delayed. There has been no trouble in getting men at the Hotel Liberty and other places where the unemployed congregate, but these men are entirely inexperienced and make slow progress in handling cargoes. Seattle's waterfront has not been considered strongly hitherto but during the present trouble all the skilled men are standing together and it is assumed that all have been brought into the union.

"GUNBOAT" SMITH MEETS JACK DILLON TONIGHT

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 16.—"Gunboat" Smith and Jack Dillon, heavyweight boxers, will meet at catch weights in a ten-round no-decision bout here tonight. Dillon is a slight 4 to 5 favorite.

ITALIAN NAVY IS CONCENTRATING NEAR DARDANELLES

GENEVA, via Paris, March 16.—A dispatch to the Tribune from its Rome correspondent says that a large part of the Italian navy is being concentrated at Taranto, at the southern extremity of the country and the point nearest the Dardanelles.

The same paper prints dispatches from Vienna, which state that Emperor Francis Joseph on Saturday received Archduke Frederick, who insisted on behalf of the general staff in the Carpathians that the Archduke Eugene should be ordered to abandon the campaign against Serbia and also withdraw unless forces on the Rumanian frontier in order to reinforce the exhausted troops in the mountains. The archduke is reported to have cited as an example the conditions in the Carpathians of troops from the Bukia and Lupkow districts, numbering twenty, who have been fighting incessantly six weeks, sleeping with their rifles in their hands.

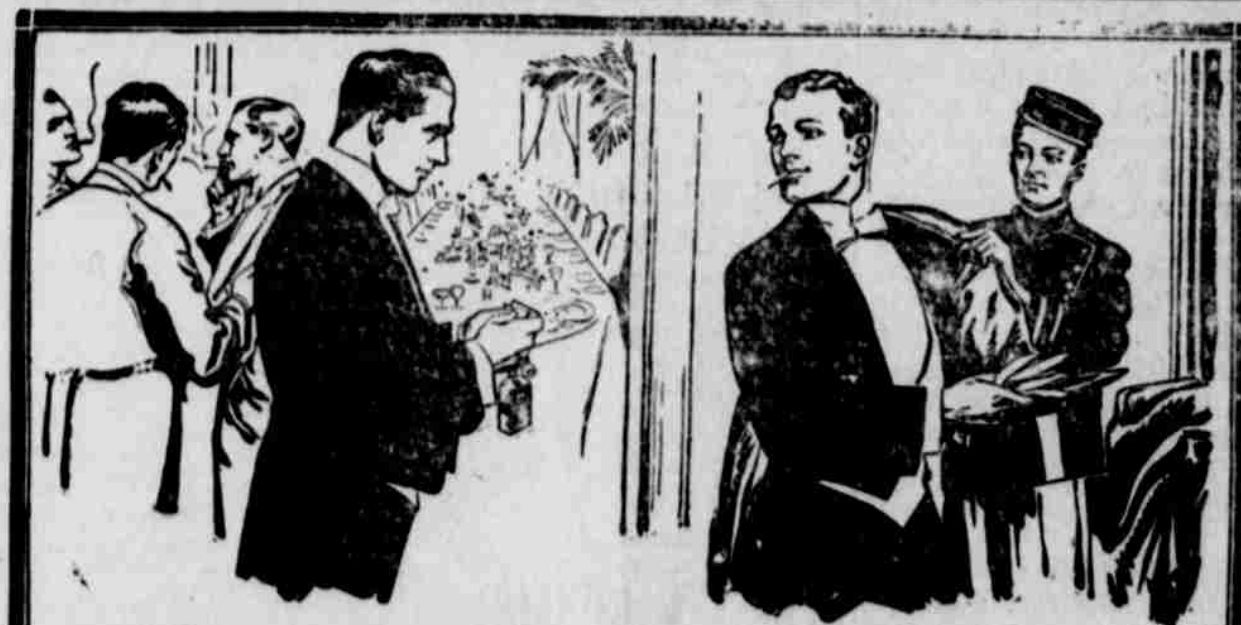
In the interview with the emperor and the archduke, which is said to have taken place before General Potendorf, the emperor decided to send for Archduke Eugene for consultation before deciding the questions put to him.

EXPRESS COMPANIES ASK REHEARING TO RAISE RATES

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Representatives of the American, Adams, Southern, Wells-Fargo companies, asked leave of the interstate commerce commission to file a petition for rehearing of the express rate case. It declared that the low rates in force prescribed by the commission have been disastrous.

GERMANS OUSTED FROM FRENCH ACADEMY SCIENCE

PARIS, March 16.—There are no German members of the French Academy of Science, for the last four names on the roll were ordered stricken off at a session last night. The last of the Germans expelled were Professors Von Baez of Munich, Waldeyer of Berlin, Fischer of Berlin and Klein of Goettingen.



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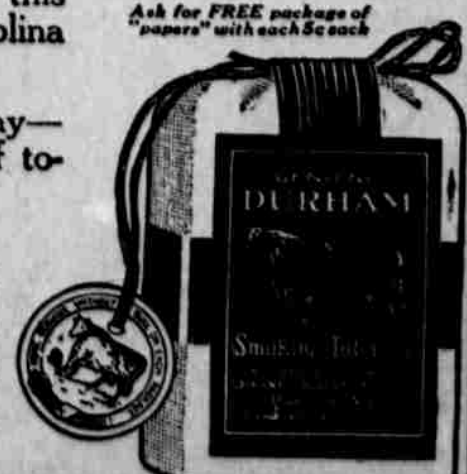
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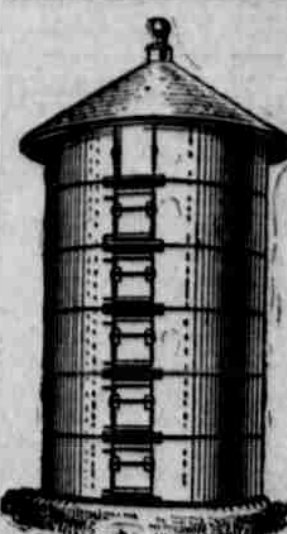


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