THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS

Unofficial Reports Indicate Greater Part of Turkish Garrison of 100,000 Have Been Forced to Surrender-1,000 Guns, Many of Them Krupps, Captured-British and ENGL Slav Forces May Now Unite and Drive Everything Before Them--Storms Put End to Fighting In West

London, Feb. 17.—Between 30,000 and 100,000 Turks, Insists War Can End Only together with many guns, fell into Russian hands when Grand Duke Nicholas' forces captured the important Turkish Armenian city of Erzerum, said unofficial Petrograd messages today.

The garrison that withstood the onslaughts of Nicholas' men for several days, is estimated to have been 100,000, while the modern forts flanking the city mounted more than 1,000 guns. There is nothing, however, to indicate how many escaped.

The fact that the city fell within five days after storming operations started makes it possible that the captures were large. Moreover, the ordinary exits from the city were few. Then, too, the city was surrounded and heavy snows made the highways impassable, so that it is believed that thousands failed to escape.

Inasmuch as many of the captured guns were modern Krupps, they may prove to be of great value in further Slav operations.

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The city is believed to have been aflame when the Russians entered, but whether any of the Mosques or as to time. They ranged all the way government buildings were saved, is unknown.

German Exchange Drops, London, Feo, 17.—The Russian cap-

**VOC FEROUS KISSING** 

LED TO DISCOVERY

Wife Heard Hubby at Oscula-

tory Practices and Broke

In On Him

Peterson was a witness for Mrs. Ma- &

kins when she received her divorce. #
All parties to the proceedings had #
little comment today. Peterson refused #
to talk; his wife claimed her charges #

were true, but refused to elaborate up-on them; while Mrs. Makins was pros-

Petrograd, Feb. 17.—Petrograd gave the western battle line last night not itself over to repoteing today and the crowds in the streets made made holiday over the fall of Erzerum before tirand Duke Nicholas' forces. Plags decorated houses and public buildings. Hymns of thanksgiving grose from thousands of throats.

In the dimin lighted Karan cathedral

In the dimly lighted Kazan cathedral throngs chanted the te deum, waile others massed outside in the snow, prayed for the grand duke and hailed him as

the national hero.

The capture of Erzerum, the first inv Amsterdam dispatch today.

rive days' attack of the duke's

are only 110 miles from Hagdad, while the Slavs are heading westward through Armenia. With these two forces thus near to forming a formidable alliance, it is thought the Turks will scarcely risk a drive against the Suez canal.

Amsterdam, Feb. 17.—Pive thousand Bussians were killed, and several thous-

and wounded, in the last three days of menia, said Constantinople dispatches

The Constantinople official state ment did not mention the Russian cap ture of the city, though it tald of Rus sian frontal attacks which took no ac count of loss of life.

Storms End Fighting. Paris, Feb. 17 .- Violent storms along

Abe Martin



Germany's takin' 3,000,000 is purty much like bavin' 3,000,00 relatives on your hands, 'cept you don't have t' take 'em t' the ater," said Lafe Bud t'day. No man greater than his wife. He's only bester advertised.

ASTORIA WANTS NAVAL BASE

Astoria, Or., Feb. 17.—The campaign for the establishment of a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river fas at

fever heat today, after a mon-ster mass meeting in the Astoria theatre last night.

Able speakers harangued the crowd and urged that every pos-sible means be used to induce the government to make the cothe government to make the en-trance of the Columbia as im-pro a c as Gibraltar.

THERS ALL QUIT

When Germany Agrees to Allies Terms

a trip he had, judging from the writer's personal experience and observations in the last few hours. this is the last few hours. the last few hours, this is the first serious question fired at every American returning from Europe by every

and in order to guide him in forming from six weeks to six years.
But in their real essence all were

alike: "Until Germany gives upt"

London about the way premier Asquith letters or explosives had been left in at a recent social contaction. and a recent social gathering. British the cabinet members have become so used to parrying uncomfortable or puzzling queries on the floor of the House of Commons since the war began that they often, unconsciously carry their parti ture of Erzerum cansed a record slump in the rates on German marks, said an amentary armament into the drawing-

The capture of Erzerum, the first important Museovite victory since the retreat from the Carpathians a year ago, stirred the city to new patriotism, while the newspapers declared it the preclude to Russian clearing of Poland and Gallicia before summer.

Details of the capture are lacking, though it is reported that the Turks are moving westward, abandoning part of their artillery. This may mean that most of the garrison escaped from the beleaguered city during or after the five days' attack of the duke's men.

"How long do you think the war will last, Mr. Asquith?" inquired a fellow great relative to England's lack of airships, experts to England's lack of airships, experts to England's lack of airships, experts to England supplies the relative to England Shy Of Airships.

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administration can't be persuaded to Experts now believe that the Turks new believe that the Turks new believe that the Turks against Egypt, leasunced as the British forces, soon to be heavily reinforced, are only 110 miles from Bagdad, while the Slavs are heading westward through Armenia. With these two forces thus Parliament was told yesterday that London, Feb. 17.—The Germans lost two Zeppelins in their last raid on manifestly sincere and bonest belief that the war will go on until Germany agrees to peace on the terms of the England, Earl Kitchener declared to

Make no mistake about it, the Allies are out to win. They were never so determined or so united as they are today. That the recent "made in Ger-many" stories of likihood of an early eparate peace with Russia, or Franc or England, are absolutely without foundation I am firmly convinced. Even n the event of the remote possibilit that one or more of the allies might be persuaded to enter into separate peace negotiations with the Central Powers, England would go right on

fighting. English Have Learned. It would be most difficult for any one who has lived in the British at mosphere since before the war started and has watched the gradual alteration Oakland, Cal., Feb. 17.—Charges of a clandestine courtship, to say nothing of public kissing are on file today acre in the divorce action of Miss Florence V. Peterson against Detective Captain Peterson formerly chief of police. Mrs. Making divorce is named as control of Making divorce is named as control of the English national spirit from airy cocksureness through successive stages of bewilderment, humiliation, and lesson-learning, into one of relentings of the control of the English national approximation of the English national spirit from airy cocksureness through successive stages of bewilderment, humiliation, and lesson-learning into one of relenting the control of the English national spirit from airy cocksureness through successive stages of bewilderment, humiliation, and lesson-learning into one of relenting the control of the English national spirit from airy cocksureness through successive stages of bewilderment, humiliation, and lesson-learning into one of relenting the control of the English national spirit from airy cocksureness through successive stages of bewilderment, humiliation, and lesson-learning into one of relenting the control of the English national spirit from airy cocksureness through successive stages of bewilderment, humiliation, and lesson-learning into one of relenting the control of the c

K. Makins, divorcee, is named as corespondent.

Among other things, Mrs. Peterson's lalleges Mrs. Makins sat in Peterson's lap publicly at a New Years celebration in a local hotel and that they kissed and the control of the control in a local hotel and that they kissed each other; that once while passing the Makins' apartment, Mrs. Peterson had any real doubt as to the outcome heard the couple kissing, and upon investigation found Mrs. Makins in a bathrobe, while Peterson, she alleged was fleeing through a side door.

Peterson gained considerable prominence last year through an address on the failures in Gallipoli, and the trough has a scenario bles in Mesopetamia be has recorded.

IS GRANDPA AGAIN

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 17.-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt is again a grandfather, for a son was born today to Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt.

trated and said she was "terribly surprised" at the accusations.

Says He Placed Arsenic and Barium Chloride Both In the Soup

FIRST EXPERIMENTED TO ELIMINATE ANY TASTE

Writes: 'I Am a Worker, and As I Love Science, I Hate Religion"

bleached his hair white, has obtained a position and is living near here. It pictured him as a dabbler in astronomy and chemistry, thus tallying with Anticipating some such inquisition, the description the police have of him. ment as a worker and as a true com-rade to my fellow workers," said the letter. "Meanwhile I have studied

for New York. It received almost as science, astronomy and religion. As I great a variety of replies as the numblove science, I hate religion." Then it went on to relate that Crones selieving it "sanitary" to make a believing it "sanitary" to make a cleanup at the "poison banquet" had placed arsenic null barium chloride in

the sonp. Previously he had experimented to eliminate any bitter taste.

Saw Crones In Boston. Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—A Cambridge can, fellow member of Jean Crones, alleged poison plotter, in the Chicago waiters union, claimed today he saw Crones at the South Station last night. The man, who insisted on having his

name kept secret for fear of violence "How long do you think the war will ast, Mr. Asquith?" inquired a fellow gave me an nelv lock soid Ni. gave me an ugly look, said 'Mind your own business' and hurried away.'

Assistant Chef Arrested.

previous notice of this question," replied the prime minister in his most unctious on-the-carpet tone, "but since he insists upon an immediate and explicit reply, I will say that the answer is in the negative."

Assistant One Arcested.
Chicago, Feb. 17.—In a raid on a house on the south side today, police treated Fritz Schoenfeld assistant chef of the university club, where last weeks "poison banquet" was held. Schoenfeld said ac had information waich Although the head of the British would help the authorities to locate the

## GIVES RISE TO NEW RUMORS OF RAILROAD

Line Extends In Southeasterly Direction From O. E. Depot

The sight of strange surveyors plant-ng stakes inside the city limits of Sam yesterday and today has given rise o numerous rumors of a new railroad. Local railroad officials deny any def- former Los Angeles man, charged with inite knowledge of the proposed rail-conducting a vast brokerage swindle road but the indications point to the here. Authorities here had a tip that fact that it may be an extension of the Lyman engaged in bookmaking at Ha-Oregon Electric lines. The two sur- vana after fleeing from this city. yers start from the Oregon Electric According to evidence given by his depot at the corner of High and State former partner, Lyman cleaned up atreets according to the station num- \$700,000 in the brokerage business. bers on the stakes.

Peterson gained considerable prominence last year through an address on the failures in Gallipoli, and the troubles in Mesopotamia he has regarded as mere episodes, unpleasant it is true, but without any effect except possibly tries prisons, lastes, contempt and banishment, in our efforts to control, mitigate and suppress this great social problem."

Interation of Serbia and Montenegro, the failures in Gallipoli, and the troubles in Mesopotamia he has regarded as mere episodes, unpleasant it is true, but without any effect except possibly to retard the final triumph of the allies.

Mr. Mount was not backed by either of the two larger roads in this city and it is believed that the Mount have believed that the Mount have here. s believed that the Mount boom has \*

In towns where proposed railroads \* are frequent it is well known that it is a far ery from the preliminary survey to the tooting of the whistle of the first train but Salem has not been collected by a real railroad rumor for some time which probably accounts for the unthe strange surveyors,

We see by the papers that almost tion's handling of the Mexican situation rebuke to the administration.—Columbia State.

During the postoffice controversy. Portland should remember what held up the auditorium.

BILL PASSES SENATE

Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate today passed the New-lands bill, as amended by Senator Borah, proposing in investigation into the advisability of government. tigation into the advisability of government ownership of rail-roads. Most of the progressives voted for the measure, although Senators Norris and Kenyon denonneed it as inadequate. Sor-ris charged that it was a part of a democratic plan to substitute a prolonged investigation for the campaign promise to regulate railroad securities.

### LUSITANIA DISPUTE IN HOPELESS TANGLE

Germany's Position on Armed Merchantmen Prevents Settlement

on think the war will last."

After the usual polite and more or say perfunctory inquiries as to the tate of his health and what sort of trip he had, judging from the writer's perfunctory in the biding here.

A letter to the Times, purporting to Germany will instruct has the first part of the first commanders not to attack armed mer-chantmen without warning.

This is Germany's counter proposal in answer to America's objection to the Tenton decree proposing such unwarned attacks, it became known after a 20 minute informal conference today be-tween Ambassador Bernstorff and Secretary of State Lansing. Germany and America, it was learned

are agreed upon the Lusitania setted ment except that the United States onsiders further submarine questions as well as those of the past, must be cared for. Lansing is understood to have insisted upon adherence to the previously proclaimed American stand for the right of merchantmen to arm for defensive purposes.

Bernstorff indicated that he must ask his home government for instruc-tions before meeting American terms, and he does not expect to see the sec-retury before next week.

The Austrian decree for attacks, giv-en out by the department today, are strains to Germany's orders.

similar to Germany's orders.

End Is Far Away.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Further and apparently interminable negotiations over submarine warfare confronted the United States government today with the Lusitania settlement blocked, temporarily at least, the diplomatic situation generally tangled.

The administration will not accept the Lusitania settlement, new in its

wanted that the decree will not apply to passenger liners armed for defen-sive purposes and that the government does not dare to proceed with the Lus-itania settlement until Germany's ourse toward merchantmen is unequiv cally defined.

German embassy officials professed surprise at the postponement of the Lusitania case, and thought that this might have a bad effect on German public opinion. They were confident, however, that Germany will willingly however, that Germany will willingly HUNDREDS MAROONED on passenger liners.
Meanwhile, the idministration plans

to exert pressure upon the allies to in-duce them to comply with the American general note seeking disarmament of

Officers Looking for Swindling Broker

New York, Feb. 17 .- Secret service officers are expected to arrive at Ha vana today, seeking J. Grant Lyman

TO EXCLUDE ORIENTALS

Washington, Feb. 17 .- The house immigration committee began consideration today of bills by Representatives Raker and Hayes of California, to ex-clude all Asiatic laborers from this country, and to require registration of all Chinese and Japanese now here. Chairman Burnett said the state depart-ment had advised him it would not object to the measures, provided they did not interfere with existing treaties.

War Department Notifies General Funston of Scheme-Munitions To Aid Uprising Already Smuggled Across Border Into Mexico-Private Letters Tell Department Conspiracy Has Reached Definite Stage-Information Not Positive But Uprising Is Thought to Be Probable

Washington, Feb. 17.-With cumulative evidence for several days indicating that all is not well south of the Rio Grande, the war department today sent to General Funston, border commander, unofficial information about plans for a new Mexican uprising, alleged to be maturing in the United States.

According to the information, munitions to further the uprising have already been smuggled across the border into Mexico, while the conspirators expect to slip across in small parties from a number of points.

Los Angeles, El Paso, San Antonio and New Orleans are said to be the principal points of rendezvous of the plotters, who include many cientificos and a few Villistas.

The department information, contained in private letters, declared that the conspiracy had reached a defi-

This word, forwarded for what it might be worth, was not regarded as entirely improbable. Taken with reports to the state department that the new Carranza regime is tottering, the information, it is thought, may mean that

plotters within this country are planning a coup.

Well informed persons recalled reports this week of a plot to blow up the battleship Kentucky at Vera Cruz, and thus to embroil the United States in war. Whether there is any connection between the two alleged plots is

not known. While the death of General Huerta removed the backbone of an alleged uprising conspiracy, justice department agents have not failed to keep their eyes on other men, who with the ex-dictator, might be interested in overthrowing the present Mexican regime.

About Mexican Situation.

Washington, Feb. 17—Replying to the Fall resolution asking facts surrounding the recognition of General Carranza's defacto Mexican government. President explained he had recognized announcing its intention to attack armed merchantmen is determined. Germany may postpone operations of this decree pending negotiations over it.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff was expected today at the state department, to be told that written assurances are wanted that the decree will not apply to passagers.

ment of a constitutional government will supplant the present conditions.

Between 1913 and 1915 inclusive, 76

admitted that there are many bandits Americans were killed in Mexico, the who cannot be suppressed immediate-report said, as compared with 47 in the

Twenty American civilians and 16 sage.

The president declined to make pub-

# BY MISSISSIPPI FLOODS

**Telephone Calls For Aid Come** From Many Places In Flood District

Nutchez, Miss., Feb. 17.-With the them." by, rescuers in small boats sought today to take to safety several hundred per-

called the situation there, increasingly dangerous for the past three days, became so aerious last night that telephone calls were sent here for aid. The report was that around 1,000 persons were marcooned and that there had been three deaths, while the city has virtually no facilities for taking off the standerd.

Thousands of aeres of farm land are under wafer, while a new town, Ostrica, La., has been added to the list of submerged places.

House here there are the construction of the standard probabilities of acquittal, "said Lorimer, "Let the very decide that,"

Friends of Lorimer say that as seeks only vindication in the trial.

nerged places. Houses have been swept away at many places, livestock has perished, and there are fears that there may be a number of casualties unless the situs. tion is relieved at an early moment. Many workers are strengthening the main levee at Milliken's Bend which is n imminent danger of collapsing.

LEAVES TO JOIN ARMY Independence, Ore., Feb. 17.—Percy Gobble, who for several years has been the head bookkeeper at the Wigan-Bichardson ranch, south of this city, left Tuesday for England, where he will enlist in the British army, being assigned to take charge of an amuni-tion auto truck. Mr. Gobble is a na-tive of England and has several broth-ers now serving in the army.

report said, as compared with 47 in the previous three years during which time there was 'less domestic strife' in heing afforded, however,' said the mes-

lie papers bearing on international po-litical conditions in Mexico, as he held this would be incompatible with the public interest.

public interest.

The senate ordered the report printed as a public decument. In form it is simply the president's letter transmitting the report of Secretary of State-Lansing, answering Senator Fall's questions and also giving various documents and reports already made public. The president said he approved Lansing's findings.

president said no approved Language findings.

"Felix Diax, at least estensibly is heading the new plan," said Chief Bielaski of the justice department bureau of investigation. "Two days ago he was at New Orleans conferring with other leaders. Our agents are watching

LORIMER SEERS VINDICATION

Chicago, Feb. 17 .- Former United

THE WEATHER



Oregon: Fair to-night; Friday fair east, increasing east, increasing cloudiness follow-ed by rain weat portion; winds. enaturiy