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RUSSIANS IN ARMENIA SPLIT TURKISH ARMY

Rapid Drive Separates Three Corps From Main Turkish Army—Floundering In the Snow and Lack of Food and Munitions Retreat Becomes Disorderly—Russia Asks New War Credit of \$2,000,000,000—Total Debt \$8,640,000,000

Petrograd, Feb. 21.—The Turkish front has been cut in two places and three corps have been separated by the rapid Russian drive westward following the Erzerum victory.

One corps, forming the left wing, is retiring on Trebizond. The eleventh corps, trying to reach Erzingan, is harassed and floundering in the snows west of Erzerum.

The third corps, forming the right wing, has been isolated from the army to the north, and may be completely cut off. It lacks food and munitions and is in disorderly retreat.

The Russia left wing has captured Pasur Akchesin, southwest of Mush. The vanguard of the Russian forces advancing on Trebizond is now less than 65 miles east of that port, while another Slav force is coming up from the southeast.

London, Feb. 21.—With Germany's proclamation of her intention to attack armed merchantmen without warning operative only nine days hence, the newspapers today demanded prompt steps be taken to combat this new campaign of "frigatfulness."

Simultaneously they issued a warning that another air raid may follow that of yesterday against the east and south-east coasts when three persons were killed and one wounded.

Paris reports of an attempted attack by a raider against the French liner Chicago, increased the belief here that the Germans are planning spectacular demonstrations on the sea and in the air.

England is inclined to doubt American reports that Germany may postpone operations of her decree, for German newspaper comments have convinced the authorities that the Teutons are about to embark on a new campaign designed to strike terror to enemies and neutrals alike.

In this connection, the recent statements credited to Die Nuekniff, Maximilian Harden's paper, are regarded as especially significant. He was credited with suggesting that Germany will soon pay no attention to neutrals.

The German raider that captured the African liner Appam is expected to co-operate with submarines in attacking armed ships, until such time as the allied warships end her career. The raider involved in the Chicago incident may have been the same that captured the Appam. The Chicago, only a 16 knot vessel, escaped her near the Bay of Biscay, indicating that the raider is a comparatively slow ship which would be an easy prey for British cruisers.

Shortly before the stranger ordered the Chicago to heave to on Thursday night, the French ship was warned by wireless that a raider was in the vicinity.

German Aircraft Busy.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 21.—German aeroplanes in yesterday's raid against England bombarded two British tank steamers, the admiral announced today.

The main railway station and docks at Lowestoft were hit repeatedly.

Asks For Two Billions.
London, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith today introduced in the house of commons a resolution for a new war credit for \$20,000,000,000—slightly more than \$2,000,000,000. This is the largest sum thus far sought.

Food Troubles in Sayville.
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Feb. 21.—Peace and food demonstrations have occurred in Berlin and other German cities, Dr. Lewald, an official of the interior department admitted today, though he termed them as of minor importance. He denied that police had killed anyone, however, or that it had been necessary to call soldiers.

In Chemnitz there were riots because of the high price of butter, but the participants were dispersed by a stream from a fire hose.

Three peace demonstrations have occurred in Berlin, Lewald said. Police dispersed the first one and arrested six persons. In breaking up the second one, attended by 1,000 persons, two of the crowd were slightly injured. Small groups paraded on Friedrichstrasse in the third.

These facts were given out by the semi-official news bureau today as the substance of an interview with Lewald.

GOVERNOR JOHNSON CALLS IT "SHADOW FIGHTING"
Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 21.—Characterizing the proceedings of the republican state central committee Saturday as "shadow fighting," Governor Johnson today issued a statement denying that Meyer Lissner, progressive state chairman, had made any compromise proposition to the republicans. The governor announced that he would "go direct to the people" if he should ever be a candidate for office.

CHURCH IS BURNED
Quebec, Feb. 21.—The church at Beauport across the St. Charles three miles from here, took fire today and is believed to be doomed.

First reports reaching here said the famous cathedral at St. Anne de Beauport, 13 miles further away, was afire. Thousands of pilgrims traverse Beauport annually en route to the shrine of St. Anne de Beauport.

THE O. C. LAND GRANT

Washington, Feb. 21.—Settlement of the Oregon-California land grant question along the lines of the Chahberlain bill was endorsed before the house public land committee today by Constantin K. Smith, the government's special counsel in forfeiture suits against the railroads. He said there is no limitation on the power of congress to take back the land, paying the railroad \$2.50 an acre, and then disposing of it as may be desired.

FOG RESPONSIBLE FOR RAILROAD ACCIDENT

Engineer Unable To See Flagman—Five Dead, Three Hurt Seriously

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 21.—Officials today had practically determined that a dense fog was responsible for the collision at South Cheney early Sunday morning, when five men were killed and three sailors injured.

The bodies of the dead were claimed by relatives and taken away today. They are:

Professor Elton Fulmer, state chemist; Fullman, Wash.; L. J. Minnick, deputy oil inspector, Spokane; Lee N. Conry, Northern Pacific traveling passenger agent, Spokane; B. L. Berkey, Portland, and J. J. White, Spokane. The injured who are still in Spokane hospitals are R. J. Spier, Pomeroy, Wash.; Dr. John Matthews, Everett, Wash., and J. A. Payant, of Los Angeles.

Superintendent DeFore, of the Northern Pacific division, learned on investigation that the engineer of the eastbound North Coast Limited, was unable to see the flagman sent out by the eastbound Burlington train when it stopped at South Cheney. In the dense fog the train dashed past him. A torpedo was exploded just before the limited crashed into the standing train, but not in sufficient time for the engineer to stop.

In the pocket of Professor Fulmer was found a traveling insurance card worth \$25,000 in case of death on the trip. He had purchased it only a few hours before he met death.

INNES AND WIFE MUST FACE NEW CHARGES

Cleared of Responsibility for Death of Girls But Are Rearrested

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—Cleared of responsibility for the mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Eloise Nelms Dennis, and her sister, Beatrice Nelms, Victor E. Innes and his wife must go to Atlanta, Ga., and face a federal charge of using the mails to defraud.

A year ago Innes was arrested on a ranch near Eugene, Oregon. Taken to San Antonio, Texas, he denied responsibility for the disappearance of the Nelms sisters. After hearing a maze of contradictory evidence a grand jury returned a not true bill on the murder charge.

Innes was once United States district attorney at Reno, Nevada. There he met Mrs. Dennis and was her attorney in a divorce suit. Later he invested money for her, and was said to have had much of her money in his possession at times.

In May, 1914, Innes and his wife rented a cottage in San Antonio for a short time. Mrs. Dennis arrived in the city shortly afterward. She was accompanied by her sister, Beatrice, who had openly expressed her suspicions of Innes' efforts to induce her to invest in Mexican securities.

The sisters arrived in San Antonio and then disappeared. Not a trace was ever found of them. An empty perfume bottle of the kind Mrs. Dennis used, and bearing an Atlanta label, was found in the back yard of the cottage Innes had occupied. Innes was shown to have bought a large quantity of acid at a nearby drug store. But there was no "corpus delicti"—nothing to show that the sisters had been killed.

Through the efforts of Marshall Nelms, brother of the missing women, Innes was rearrested on a federal charge of using the mails to defraud immediately after the grand jury cleared him of the murder charge. Letters which he wrote to Mrs. Dennis were used, it is said, to show that he plotted to secure her money.

SEPARATE PEACE SAID TO BE AIM OF RUSSIA AND JAPAN

Eastern Diplomats Think Both Will Make Terms With Germany

San Francisco, Feb. 21.—That Russia and Japan apparently want separate peace and intend to join with Germany after the war to divide a generous slice of Chinese territory was the report Newell Martin, an international lawyer, of New York, and T. G. McDonnell, Manila journalist, brought here on the Japanese liner Chiyo Maru today.

They said Far Eastern diplomats think Russia and Japan are preparing to arrange a separate peace with Germany, while England and Japan are reported to be in acute disagreement over Japan's movements in China. Japanese and European agents are thought to be fostering the present Chinese revolution in order to give Russia, Germany and Japan an excuse for interference after the war, the travelers said.

Reports of England's anger over the gradual loss of control in the Chinese situation are reflected, they say, in bitter Japanese press comments against the English attitude.

Martin's father, W. A. T. Martin, has been many years in China and is in close touch with government officials.

JAP PRESS COMMENTS BITTER AGAINST BRITISH

England Sore Over Loss of Influence in China—Feared Chinese Revolt

AFTER GASOLINE TRUST

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 21.—Uscle Sam is going to find out why gasoline keeps jumping up in price, according to Albert Schoonover, United States district attorney here. He declares that the country-wide federal probe will soon be started.

It will center in the oil producing regions of California and important hearings will probably be scheduled in Los Angeles. A commission of experts from the department of justice, will in the opinion of Schoonover, probably do the investigating.

WILL IMPROVE ARMY AVIATION SERVICE

Cavalry Branch Superseded by Aircraft In Doing Scouting Work

Washington, Feb. 21.—Enlargement and improvement of the army aviation service, to bring it up to European standards, will be recommended to congress soon. Individual members of that body are convinced that the country has done too little with aeronautics, and the improvement will be sought regardless of the outcome of Senator Robinson's charges against the San Diego aviation school.

"We once led in aeronautics and we might have been ahead of all other nations in military flying," said one congressman today. "But we let our advantages slip until we—well, we have become as efficient a crop as Serbia had."

The army aero service has never been given more than \$250,000 or \$300,000 yearly, while army men claim that four to 10 times that amount is needed.

As a result of the determination to build up the aviation service, it is probable that cavalry will receive less attention because experts believe that aircraft have largely superseded cavalry as scouts.

PORTLAND GUNMEN KILL AGED CHINAMAN

Tong Men Shoot Member of Another Tong in Portland This Afternoon

Portland, Ore., Feb. 21.—Chased through the crowded streets of Chinatown by four highlanders, an aged member of the Bow Leong tong was probably fatally shot at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

The four Chinese, believed to be members of the Hop Sing tong, suddenly assailed the aged Chinese near Sixth and Everett streets. The Bow Leong drew his own weapon, but when he saw how many were after him, he fled.

The four pursued him madly, two of them firing at close range. Nearly a block they ran before the aged Chinaman dropped with a bullet in his abdomen. One of the highlanders, described as a tall, lean Chinese, leaped over the prostrate Bow Leong, and deliberately emptied his revolver into his writhing body.

Two of the gunmen then dashed up a stairway leading into the Hop Sing headquarters. Police were hot upon their heels, for the firing had continued long enough to attract a sergeant and two officers.

The swinging doors of the Hop Sing club rooms had scarcely closed behind the gunmen when the police burst through. Inside all was serene. There were no highlanders. They had disappeared as completely as though they had gone up in smoke.

W. F. Matthews, a witness to the shooting, declared the tall, lean gunman leaped over his prostrate victim, thrust the revolver in his eye and deliberately pulled the trigger. The firing pin snapped on an exploded cartridge.

The two highlanders who did the shooting dropped their revolvers in the street. Hereafter the possession of a revolver which smelled of burnt powder was one of the few means of identification when the police arrested a gunman after a shooting.

This is the second clash between tongmen in Portland within a week. Two other Chinese are in the hospital with bullet wounds as a result of the first shooting.

Expect War In San Jose

San Jose, Cal., Feb. 21.—Local Chinese were thrown into high excitement today when the report was circulated that ten gunmen of the tonga now at war on the Pacific coast had entered San Jose secretly and were preparing to begin operations. Police detectives today searched outlying berry camps and stood guard over the headquarters of the Hop Sing tong.

It is believed here that the Bing Kong, Sney Ong and Hop Sing tong have formed an alliance against the Hop Sing as the result of the recent

DIPLOMATIC TANGLE MAKES CRISIS POSSIBLE

United States Insists Germany Comply With International Law Which Permits Merchantmen to Arm For Defense—Death of Americans Caused by Germany Sinking Armed Merchantmen Would Strain Situation Possibly Beyond the Breaking Point

Washington, Feb. 21.—The German-American diplomatic controversy is as grave now as it was before Germany made concessions in the Lusitania case, the state department affirmed today. This gravity is due to the Teuton proclamation of war on armed merchantmen. The department admitted the possibility of a crisis developing.

Such a crisis might arise from the death of Americans in the sinking of an armed merchantman, or through an indefinite postponement of the Lusitania settlement.

Though officials decline to discuss the personal antagonism between Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Von Bernstorff, arising from German "propaganda," it was said any plans Lansing may have about dealing with the envoy and his alleged publicity work would not be made public until the two men had discussed the situation.

The next United States move in the general diplomatic situation depends upon Berlin's reply to Von Bernstorff's last communication explaining that America insists that Germany comply with international law which gives merchantmen the right to arm for defensive purposes.

When Lansing was asked directly today if he contemplated calling Von Bernstorff to account for propaganda work, he evaded a direct answer. His face was grave, and then after two minutes he remarked:

"If I did contemplate such action, I would not make it known beforehand through the press."

It is understood the American proposal to the allies seeking disarmament still stands unaffected by the Austro-German action. The state department course toward Germany will depend upon the allies' replies to this proposal, but this is being delayed while the matter is threshed out in the various capitals.

Garrison's Successor Causes Speculation

Washington, Feb. 21.—Speculation as to Secretary Garrison's successor switched today to former Governor David R. Francis, of Missouri. He had been mentioned, too, as successor to Ambassador Mayne at Petrograd, but he refused that post before it was offered to Mayne.

The only official word about the appointment was that the president has not made up his mind. Secretary of Agriculture Houston is still regarded as a likely choice.

Many democrats are not in favor of Assistant Secretary Vrooman succeeding Houston, as Vrooman supported a progressive rather than a democrat for Illinois senator.

Government Can Recall Grants of Land to State

Washington, Feb. 21.—Holding that the government can withdraw land previously granted to a state, the supreme court today said that W. G. Merriam and others were not entitled to Oregon lands bought from the state. The land they bought had been given to the state for school purposes, and then it was withdrawn as forest reserve in 1907. Two lower court held that the withdrawal did not take precedence over the original grant. The supreme court ruled that the withdrawal order can affect lands already apportioned under preceding federal acts.

PLENTY OF DELEGATES

Everett, Wash., Feb. 21.—Completing the compilation of the number of delegates to the democratic state convention, the state committee today made provision for the seating of 1,036 delegates. The committees met Saturday night and decided to hold the convention in North Yakima, May 2, four days ahead of the republican state convention, in the same city.

THE WEATHER

THANK GOODNESS EGGS ARE GETTING CHEAPER

Oregon: Tonight and Tuesday probably fair; easterly winds.



Abe Martin
When a feller falls in love 't bar his gits his. Truth is stranger than fiction, but not near so plentiful.