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GAUNTLET THROWN TO SIX BIG POWERS

MONTENEGRO DECLINES THE ORDER THAT SHE CEASE ATTEMPT TO TAKE SCUTARI.

LITTLE KINGDOM IS DEFIAINT

Austrian Army Also Maneuvering Near Montenegrin Frontier. Crisis in Balkans.

Cetinje.—The little kingdom of Montenegro has thrown down the gauntlet to the six great powers. She declines to yield to the demand of the powers to abandon her attempts to gain possession of Scutari and has officially announced that "there will be no departure from an attitude which conforms to the necessities of the state of war existing between the allies and Turkey."

An international fleet, comprising warships of Austria-Hungary, France, Germany and Great Britain, is now blockading the Montenegrin port of Antivari. These include four Austrian warships, the British cruisers Yarmouth, Inflexible and Gloucester; the German cruiser Breslau, Italian cruiser Pisa and the French cruiser Edgar Quinet. Russia is not represented by a warship, but has acquiesced in the naval demonstration.

The British admiral sent the following message to the Montenegrin premier, Dr. L. Tomanovic.

"I have the honor to inform you that the international fleet is assembled in Montenegrin waters as a protest against the non-fulfillment of the wishes of the great powers. I desire to call your excellency's attention to the presence of the fleet as a proof that the great powers are acting in concert and request that their wishes be fulfilled without further delay. Please inform me immediately that your government is ready to carry out the wishes of the great powers." To this the Montenegrin premier replied in a note expressing regret at the presence of the fleet, which he considered a violation of the neutrality proclaimed by the powers at the beginning of the war and to the detriment of Montenegro. The premier continued:

"Despite the pressure which the presence of the fleet implies, there will be no departure from an attitude which conforms to the necessities of the state of war existing between the allies and Turkey."

A brigade of Austrian troops from Cattaro has been maneuvering near the Montenegrin boundary. The customary notice has not been given the Montenegrin government and Austria's action is considered unfriendly and menacing.

CUBAN KILLS AN AMERICAN

Rudolph Warren, Son of Rich Planter, Shot to Death at Havana.

Havana, Cuba.—Rudolph Warren, son of Jere Warren, prominent American sugar planter, died in a hospital here from a pistol wound in the abdomen, which he received in a duel with Hannibal Mesa, a member of a wealthy Cuban family.

The two young men recently had several physical encounters and were reputed to be rivals for a woman's affections.

The duel was at thirty-five paces. Warren fell at the first fire. Mesa was not harmed.

Warren made a statement to the police that he had accidentally shot himself. Immediately after the duel Mesa sailed for New York on the steamer Havana. The utmost reticence is being maintained on all sides regarding the affair.

Boys Shot to Death.

Greenville, S. C.—Upon breaking into the basement of a fashionable dry goods store, Leonard Smith, 17 years old, son of a prominent and wealthy family, and his 20-year-old companion, Rowly Martin, engaged in a pistol battle with three policemen, who had concealed themselves in the store in anticipation of a burglary, with the result that the young men were shot to death, and one of the policemen severely wounded.

Two Men Are Killed by Auto.

Jacksonville, Fla.—In an automobile accident on the Atlantic boulevard, Harry Stahl, 21 years of age, was instantly killed and Joseph B. Sloan of this city was so badly injured that he died a few hours later at a hospital. Sloan, with Stahl as a companion, went to the beach to witness a life-saving exhibition and on returning at a fast rate of speed, turned out in order to pass a car. In turning out the wheels struck soft earth, the car swerved, the right front wheel striking the big car.

SCENE IN FLOODED SHAWNEETOWN



This is a scene in Shawneetown, Ill., taken when the water had spread over the entire town.

TURKEY ACCEPTS TERMS 22 MEN LOSE LIVES ON SHIP

PORTO AGREES TO ABIDE UNRESERVEDLY BY DECISION OF THE POWERS.

Terms of the Mediation Offered by European Powers to the Balkan Allies.

Constantinople.—The Turkish government declared that it unreservedly accepted the terms of peace proposed by the European powers.

The foreign office handed the Ottoman's acceptance to the dean of the diplomatic corps accompanied by an expression of thanks to the powers for their mediation.

The terms of mediation offered by the European powers to Turkey and the Balkan allies were:

"1. The frontier of the Ottoman empire in Europe shall start at Enos and following the course of the Matriza river and then that of the Ergene shall end at Midie. All territories situated west of this line shall be ceded by Turkey to the allied states with the exception of Albania, the delimitation of which shall be fixed by the powers.

"2. The question of the Aegean islands shall be settled by the powers.

"3. Turkey shall abandon all claim to Crete.

"4. The powers cannot favorably entertain the demand for indemnity, but will admit the allies to participate in the discussions of the international commission in Paris for an equitable settlement of their participation in the Ottoman debt and in the financial charges of the district to be handed over to them. Turkey is to be asked to take part in the labors of the commission.

"The great powers declare at the same time that as soon as these bases are completed hostilities shall cease."

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GERMAN SHIP TURNS TURTLE WHILE WRECKING CREW IS ON BOARD.

Ship Had Been on Rocks for Two Month and Was Not Seriously Injured.

Bay City, Ore.—Twenty-two men, including the ship's captain, the president of a wrecking company of Portland and the representative of the Marine Underwriters, were trapped in the hold of the German ship Mimi, which capsized off the beach here after having been hauled off a reef on which she had been fast two months.

A heavy sea was pounding the wreck and life-savers refused to attempt a rescue. They said no boat could be launched and refused to let volunteers take their boat.

The Mimi, in ballast for Valparaiso from Astoria, piled up on the reef February 12 last. She was not seriously injured and the underwriters contracted with Charles S. Fisher of a Portland construction company to float her. Fisher, his secretary and seven riggers, Capt. W. E. Crowe, representative of the underwriters; Captain Westfall of the Mimi and eleven of his men were aboard the ship when she capsized. All were below deck when she turned over.

The Mimi was hauled off the rocks at high tide. It was determined to take her to deep water at once, and she was at anchor off the beach when the rising wind and sea whirled her over.

Life-savers fought all day to reach her without success. After they had given it up and as dark was falling the men on the wreck's bottom appeared.

Seas are sweeping the wreck. The wreckage was seen and it was feared she was breaking up. Whether the men aboard can hold on until the sea abates and the savers reach them is a problem. The hull is low in the water and may sink from sight when the tide rises.

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FAREWELL IS GIVEN MORGAN

Eternal City Starts Body of Great Financier on Journey Home.

Rome, Italy.—The Eternal City gave its last farewell to J. Pierpont Morgan, whose body was conveyed from the Grand hotel to the railway station and there placed aboard a train for Havre. It will be transported to the United States by a steamer, The France, sailing for New York.

The German emperor sent a message of condolence to Mrs. Morgan as follows:

"Accept the expression of my sincerest sympathy in your great bereavement. Your husband's death is a loss not only for you, your family and your country, but his many friends in all parts of the world shall never forget him."

The funeral procession to the depot was impressive in its simplicity. The hearse was followed by carriages which rode Mr. and Mrs. Herbert J. Satterlee, the American ambassador, Thomas J. O'Brien, the staff of the embassy, the attending physicians, Doctor Nelson of the American church, and a few friends. Platoons of municipal guards acted as an escort. The people in the streets raised their hats as the cortège passed.

Express Companies Hit Hard.

Washington.—Express companies of the country have been hit hard by the operation of the new parcel post system, according to a statement submitted to the Interstate commerce commission by counsel for the companies in their final arguments against the reduction in express rates proposed by the commission. It was declared that the companies have suffered a loss approximating 25 per cent in small package business—a loss which amounts to about 6 per cent of the gross revenues.

RAGING WATERS CAUSE DAMAGE

LEVEE GIVES WAY AT HICKMAN, KENTUCKY AND FLOODS THE TOWN.

ALL PERSONS WERE WARNED

Western Section of the City Is Covered With From Fifteen to Eighteen Feet of Water.

Hickman, Ky.—As a result of the terrible beating of the waves against the dikes protecting the lower portion of this city, the levee gave way, the Mississippi poured through the gap at a mad rate of speed. All persons employed in the district had been warned out earlier in the day, and no loss of life is reported.

The break will not relieve the river situation at other points, the water coming through being turned back to the main stream by the government, or Reelfoot levee, two miles below the town. The section flooded is occupied by several factories, and the homes of several hundred workers.

According to the report, the Reelfoot levee is notwithstanding the flood in good shape, no bad spots being reported.

The break came at a point near the Mongel Box company's saw mill, where a "blow-out" occurred under a concrete wall. Within a short time, the forces watching the levee had cut the dike at six other places to equalize the spread of the water over West Hickman.

A large barge carrying machinery was in the river just outside the point where the blow-out came, and when the levee broke, carrying away about fifty feet of the bank, the boat went through the crevasses, tearing down a building on the inside.

The western section of the city is covered with about fifteen feet of water. Because of the advance notice given the residents, the property loss will be less than last year.

Reports from Columbus, Ky., state that a government quarter boat had arrived there and that the flood refugees have plenty of food and shelter.

SUFFRAGETTES USE TORCH

Large Country House Burned in England by Women.

London.—The suffragettes, continuing their campaign of retaliation against the sentence of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, their leader, to a term of imprisonment, succeeded in destroying another large country house by fire.

As in several previous cases of the kind, the residence, which was situated at Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, was unoccupied, but was being prepared for the reception of a tenant. The owners of the building, a firm of contractors, estimate their loss at \$12,500.

Cards bearing the inscription, "votes for women," and other suffragette mottoes, were found on the grounds.

The police claim that some of the recent criminal acts attributed to the suffragettes, principally the attempts to destroy railway property, was the work of men engaged by the women. All the railway stations and tunnels are being patrolled to prevent miscreants from damaging them.

General Huerta to Resign.

El Paso, Texas.—To satisfy all factions in the Mexican melee, General Huerta has agreed to the naming of Pedro Lascurain as provisional president, said advice received here directly from the national capital. Lascurain would serve out the unexpired term of the late President Madero.

As minister of exterior relations in Madero's cabinet Lascurain is entitled to serve as next in line, in view of the deaths of Madero and Vice President Suarez. The Huerta cabinet would be retained by the compromise.

Battleship Crashes Into Steamer.

Philadelphia.—The United States battleship Ohio was in collision with the steamship Frederick of the Merchants and Miners' line, while proceeding up the Delaware river.

Ghouls Open Graves of Fever Victims.

Griffin, Ga.—Disastrous consequences to the health of the city are feared by the medical profession here from the desecration of graves of graves of two white children who died of scarlet fever in 1855. Protest has been made to the police against the ghouls continuing open a minute longer than is necessary and demand has been made that the bodies be reinterred at once, as the disease of which they died is contagious. There were enough germs in those coffins to kill a city," said a doctor.

FROM ALL OVER THE STATE

Short Paragraphs of State News That Has Been Condensed For People of State.

Raleigh.—The last day's report of the receipts of the North Carolina Red Cross showed \$133 for the flood sufferers of the West.

Lexington.—Policeman J. M. Garland was killed here several days ago by Lee Ford. The cause of the tragedy is shrouded in mystery and no one, not even the family of the man who did the killing, nor the family of the dead man, can throw any light on the subject.

Spencer.—Of the 10 aspirants for appointment as postmaster at Spencer, H. M. Cooke, a well-known druggist here, is the first candidate to drop out of the race. Mr. Cooke was a strong candidate, but states that the duties of the office would require too much of his time.

Asheville.—H. W. J. M. and W. B. Hunt have purchased a tract of land of 180 acres, two miles west of Hazelwood, the deal having been closed recently. The new owners of the property are residents of Greensboro and it is announced that they will conduct an apple orchard on their land.

Charlotte.—Mr. C. E. Clark, for the past two years county demonstrator of agriculture, will tender his resignation to the Board of county commissioners at their monthly meeting. He will go to Scotland county where he has accepted a position as general manager of the large Gates property consisting of 12,000 acres of timber and cotton lands.

Concord.—A meeting of the executive committee of the North Carolina Press Association will be held at the Empire Hotel in Salisbury in the near future to fix the date and make arrangements for the annual meeting of the association at Asheville. This announcement is made by Secretary J. B. Sherrill and President James H. Cain.

Newton.—The 22nd reunion of Company 1, 49th regiment, was held at Sherrill's Ford. This company was organized fifty-one years ago with an enrollment of 142. Only thirty-six are now living and only fifteen answered to the roll call. An address was delivered by Rev. Beverly Wilson. The next meeting will be at Catawba Station on April 1, 1914.

Raleigh.—To advance the cause of the Philathea Home for working girls in Raleigh, the Raleigh Baracca-Philathea Union begins the raising of funds for the construction of that home. This movement began a month ago when Mrs. A. V. Joyner presented impressively the need of a home for working girls in the city and urged the Baracca and Philathea to undertake its provision.

Statesville.—Statesville's contribution to the flood sufferers of Ohio totals \$262 to the present and there are many who say they will make contributions if further appeal for help is made. Of this amount the city of Statesville contributed \$50. Most of the money was left at the office of The Landmark voluntarily and the remainder was collected by Messrs. G. E. French and W. L. Gilbert. The money is being sent to the Red Cross Society.

Durham.—Joe Jackson, John McLean and Butler Spivey, three operatives of the West Durham mills, were tried on a charge of assaulting Roy Wilkerson, another West Durham man, with intent to kill. McLean was fined \$10. Spivey released and Jackson was sent to the roads for five months. The case grew out of the assault of Wilkerson about a week ago, when the three men passed by his home and raised a disturbance.

Kinston.—At a meeting of the directors of the local chamber of commerce a committee was appointed to confer with officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and the leading citizens of Pollocksville, Jones county, relative to the extending of the A. C. L. from the terminal of the Weldon-Kinston branch here to the Jones county town. The line which the members of the chamber desire to have built from this city to Pollocksville as contemplated would touch at Trenton and would put the richest section of that county in a closer touch with the outside world.

China Grove.—Mr. Posey C. Shuffler, aged 70, died here from grippe.

Budapest.—Several members of the lower house of the Hungarian parliament were sentenced to terms of imprisonment and fines for causing disturbances during the session. Deputy Zacharias was condemned to 30 days in jail and \$100 fine for bombing the premier and the minister of agriculture with ink stands during a riot in the house some months ago. Deputies Hoffman and Beck were sentenced to 14 days in jail and a fine of \$50 each for a similar offense. Four other deputies were acquitted.

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CONGRESS OPENS EXTRA SESSION

DEMOCRATS IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF THE GOVERNMENT MACHINERY.

MUCH WORK WILL BE DONE

Senate Debated For Nearly an Hour on Propriety of President Wilson's Visit to Capital to Deliver Message By Word of Mouth.

Washington.—Congress, opening in extraordinary session under Democratic domination, was enlivened by the activities of a healthy youth, the Progressive organization in the House, and the invasion of petition-bearing suffragettes. But even these novelties were overshadowed by preparations for the event when President Wilson will deliver his tariff message by word of mouth to the Nation's lawmakers.

Victor Murdock, leader of the new Progressive party in the lower branch, aided by his small band of followers, attracted unusual interest and at the very outset stirred up a fight over the seating