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Batum, With Wonderful Harbor, Great Oil Port

Washington, Dec. 23.—The National Geographic society today gave out descriptions of the great Russian oil port of Batum, which the Turks recently bombarded, and of the Vistula river region, which has been the scene of the great eastern campaign between Russian and Austro-German forces.

"Squatting on a marshy plain, with a smell of petroleum, a wonderful harbor, and a strong naval fortress, Batum, recently bombarded by Turkish warships, is the great naphtha port of Russia, a sea outlet for the oil fields of Baku, and the foremost city upon the eastern shore of the Black sea. It is a place of 40,000 inhabitants, alive with the snap of western business and filled with the color of eastern peoples. It has just three things to be proud of: Alexander park, on Lake Nurie, at its eastern boundary; a cathedral completed in 1904; and a straight palm-fringed boulevard along the sea.

"Batum is about eight miles from the Turkish frontier in Asia Minor. Russia conquered it from Turkey, and the congress of Berlin in 1878, confirmed the conquest. In awarding Batum to Russia, it was stipulated that the port should not be made into a naval base, but the city is now a strongly fortified station. In 1911, following the collapse of the ancient quay, extensive harbor works were undertaken, with the result that Batum has been made one of the safest, best-equipped harbors on the Black sea.

"The city is very ancient in location and very recent in importance. It is mentioned, under various names, from early antiquity. The Russians have been the first to endeavor to launch it upon a career. Though still highly unsuccessful from a sanitary standpoint, it has a model modern city's ground plan, the streets being the shortest ways between two points and most of the city squares having sharp right angles. Modern conveniences, however, have been lost sight of in the city's stride for business.

"A pipe line and a railway made Batum. The pipe line is laid down from Baku, and it brings to the port its principal export oil. The railway connects Batum with the main transcaucasian line, through Tiflis, and with Baku. Besides petroleum and its by-products, the city ships liquorice, manganese, silk cocoons and wool. It imports tin and machinery. Greeks, the shrewd dealers in money and goods in the near east, have control of much of the business.

"Sub-tropical vegetation sets off the city. A recognizable tea and considerable bamboo are grown in a nearby valley. Lemon and orange trees grow out of doors. While mild and warm, the weather is very erratic. The annual rainfall is high—90 inches—and falls mostly in August and September. Sometimes sixteen inches of rain bursts upon the city within forty-eight hours. Batum is in its second, or possibly, third childhood, with only an occasional well appointed house, but with a

commerce of around \$30,000,000 a year, and with the same alertness of air which business success has brought to favored western cities.

"The Vistula River, one of the mightiest streams flowing toward the north, sweeps in an irregular course, through three empires, Austria, Russia and Germany. It serves as a frontier line between Austria and Germany, between Austria and Russia, and for a shorter distance, between Russia and Germany. Upon its banks lie the cities of Cracow, Warsaw, Modlin, Plock, Thorn, Kulm, Graudenz, Marienburg and the Baltic port of Danzig.

"The Vistula rises in Austrian Silesia, and takes a circuitous course of 650 miles to the sea. Its source is on the northern slopes of the west Beskiden, a spur range of the Car-

pathians. The upper reaches of the river run through a narrow, wooded valley, narrowing in places to a picturesque gorge, with tree-hung sides, and throughout its highery as can be found within the United States.

"Just before reaching Cracow, the Vistula leaves the mountains, and from this Galician city seaward it is navigable for smaller boats. Its direction from Cracow is away from its mouth, and it penetrates deep into the plains of Russian Poland before it turns, not far from Warsaw, back to German lands. Its banks toward the high Polish plateau in the south and in the neighborhood of Warsaw are high bluffs, often sharp and faced with loosely held earth erosions, and altogether difficult of passage between bank and bank. From Warsaw on, it is navigable for larger river craft.

"The plain through which the river passes from Warsaw to the Prussian lowlands, the river course becomes tricky and wandering, while the sandy banks are forever sliding into the water. The Vistula, enters Prussia ten miles above Thorn, the strong Prussian frontier fortress. Beyond this point it cuts through the Prussian ridge, enters low country again, where its shifting banks give considerable trouble to navigation. The Prussian government has expended large sums of money in the endeavor to win a mastery of the river, and to keep it serviceable as a great trade artery. The Vistula has a heavy traffic of lumber, grains and other farm productions.

"Before reaching the North sea at Danzig, it divides into two arms, that on the west retaining the name, Vistula. Thick sheet ice binds the river at Warsaw, as a general thing, from about Christmas time to the first of March. It is visited by periodical floods of powerful headway in spring and in mid-summer. The Vistula forms one of the most important commercial avenues in Russian Prussia, in addition to its important Prussian traffic. It is connected by canal with the German river Netze, and through it with the Oder. It has a drainage basin of 74,000 square miles in area, and receives the rivers of recent war fame, the San, the Bug, the Pilla, Bzura and the Wieprz as tributaries."

URIC ACID IN MEAT BRINGS RHEUMATISM

Says a Little Salts in Water May Save You From Dread Attack.

Rheumatism is easier to avoid than to cure, states a well-known authority. We are advised to dress warmly; keep the feet dry; avoid exposure; eat less meat; but drink plenty of good water.

Rheumatism is a direct result of eating too much meat and other rich foods that produce uric acid which is absorbed into the blood. It is the function of the kidneys to filter this acid from the blood and cast it out in the urine; the pores of the skin are also a means of freeing the blood of this impurity. In damp and chilly cold weather the skin pores are closed thus forcing the kidneys to do double work, they become weak and sluggish and fail to eliminate the uric acid which keeps accumulating and circulating through the system, eventually settling in the joints and muscles causing stiffness, soreness and pain called rheumatism.

At the first twinge of rheumatism get from any pharmacy about four ounces of Jad Salts; put a tablespoonful in a glass of water and drink before breakfast each morning for a week. This is said to eliminate uric acid by stimulating the kidneys to normal action, thus ridding the blood of these impurities.

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THE WEATHER

	Lowest last night	Highest yesterday	Precipitation Last 24 Hours
Asheville	34	40	.00
Atlanta	30	36	.06
Atlantic City	22	34	.00
Boston	16	32	.00
Chicago	6	16	.00
New York	20	32	.00
Washington	18	38	.00

Normal for this date: Temperature 38; precipitation .14 inch. Forecasts until 8 p. m., Thursday for Asheville and vicinity: Partly cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably rain Thursday.

General Conditions Last 24 Hours.

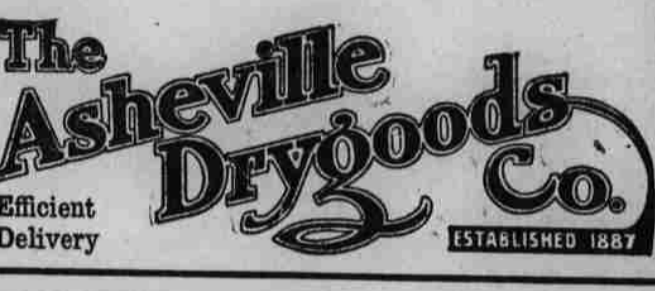
The eastern storm has again caused snow in the eastern lake region, the upper Ohio valley and St. Lawrence valleys. A disturbance over the southwest has been attended by rain in Arizona and storm is entering the northern Rocky Mountain region. Rains are reported in the west gulf states, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and eastern North Carolina. It is somewhat colder in the southeast and is warming up in the west.

T. R. TAYLOR, Observer.



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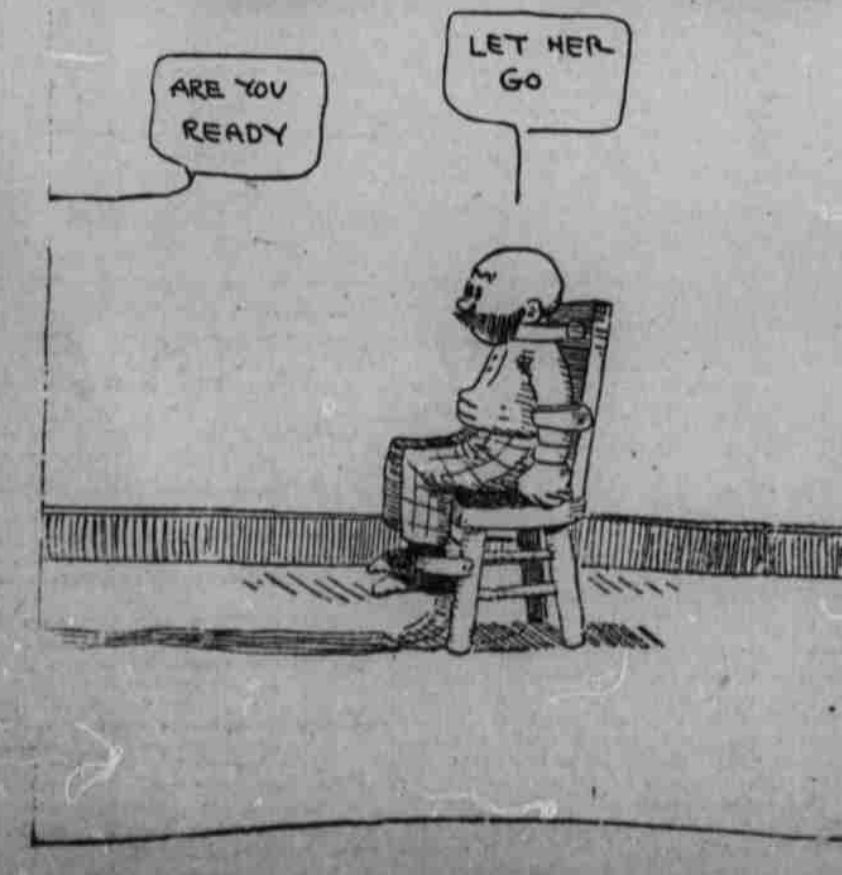
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TRUSTEE'S SALE.
By virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain deed of trust made by Harriet B. White and Caleb Mallory and wife, Anna Mallory, to the undersigned trustee, dated the 19th day of November, 1913, and duly registered in the office of the register of deeds for Buncombe county, N. C., in book of mortgages and deeds of trust No. 92 at page 498, to which reference is hereby made, and default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust whereby the power of sale therein contained has become operative, said undersigned trustee, will on Saturday, the 9th day of January, 1915, at 12 o'clock, noon, sell at public auction in the city of Asheville, county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina the following lands and premises, situated and being in the county of Buncombe and State of North Carolina and more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a stake at the southwest corner of lands of William Logan and running thence south 77 deg. east along the lands of said Logan sixteen and one-third poles to the northwest corner of land conveyed by Joel Bailey and wife, Hannah J. Bailey to Robert White; thence south 2 deg. west along the lands conveyed as aforesaid to Robert White fifty-four and one-third poles to the southwest corner of said last mentioned land; thence north eighty-eight degrees west fifteen poles to a stake; thence north three-fourth deg. east 5 1/4 poles to the beginning, containing five acres more or less and being the lands conveyed to Harbin Mallory by Joel N. Bailey and wife, Hannah Bailey, by deed dated August 28th, 1913, and duly registered in the office of the register of deeds for Buncombe county, N. C., in deed book No. 67 at page 584 of map, to which reference is hereby made for more information and description.
Reserving, saving and excepting from the operation of this paper two acres heretofore sold and conveyed by the said Harbin Mallory.
This December 23rd, 1914.
GWYN EDWARDS, Trustee.

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By "Bud" Fisher

