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TURKISH FORTS AGAIN SHELLED

Allied Fleet Renews the Bombardment in Dardanelles—Ships Accompanied by Mine Sweepers.

RUSSIANS PUTTING PRZEMYSL IN ORDER

Another Big German Offensive Impending in West According to Late Unofficial Reports.

Paris, March 24.—Bombardment of the Turkish forts in the Dardanelles was resumed at 10 o'clock today by the allied fleets according to an Athens dispatch to the Havas agency. The warships were accompanied into the strait by a number of mine sweepers.

Busy at Przemysl.

London, March 24.—The real significance of the surrender of the Austrian fortress of Przemysl to the Russians and the stipulation as to how quickly the Russians will be able to press the resulting advantages by an advance into Hungary and Silesia continues to be the chief topic of military discussion. The Russians are putting the fortress in order, sending the prisoners to the rear, feeding the starving people and attending to the sick and wounded. This task is an enormous one and it is presumed that the Russians for some time will not be able to divert elsewhere the strength which for so long had invested the city. This strength is estimated at six army corps.

Officials' reports disclose no movements of importance in the west, but unofficial reports from Rotterdam and Amsterdam indicate that another German offensive in the west is impending.

Stubborn fighting continues in the Carpathians. In the north the Russians admit that they have been thrown back from the East Prussian fort of Memel, and they characterize their advance to this point as merely a reconnaissance.

Further to the south the Russians claim that the German attempt to take Ossowitz is weakening, the majority of their big guns having been withdrawn.

The strength of the last Turkish advance on the Suez canal is so negligible, according to dispatches reaching London, that British observers find it hard to believe that a forced passage over the waterway is seriously considered. Their theory is that the Turkish troops, under German officers, have been led into the expedition to keep the British forces on the alert, to prevent the withdrawal of British forces, to harass the British contingents in their positions; and that they have never really contemplated an invasion of Egypt.

Forces Landed.

London, March 24.—Forces of allied troops landed on the Gallipoli peninsula yesterday from transport in the Gulf of Suez, according to a dispatch from Athens to the Daily Express. A general attack on the Dardanelles forts is to be undertaken in the arrival of further British and French warships which are now on the way to the Dardanelles.

REMAINS OF INDIAN VILLAGE DISCOVERED

Found on Slope of Blue Ridge Mountains Near the City of Tryon.

Milwaukee, Wis., March 24.—The remains of an ancient Indian village on the slope of Blue Ridge mountains, near Tryon, N. C., were discovered by George A. West, president of the Wisconsin Archaeological society, while on a recent visit to that state. The discovery was made near the Mimosa hotel, a well-known plantation home which has been in existence for more than 100 years on land belonging to Mrs. Charles Erskine, a Racine writer, who has published many interesting books.

SPAIN PREPARES TO CONTROL GRAIN STOCKS

Madrid, March 24.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—The Spanish government is taking steps to secure an adequate supply of grain until the next harvest. Its procedure will be similar to that which other countries have been obliged to adopt. It will take over a number of Spanish owned vessels, and use them to convey cargoes of wheat and oats from the United States to Spanish ports, principally Barcelona.

SEIZURE OF FOOD BY GERMANY IS DEFENDED

Amsterdam, March 24.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an article in defense of the seizure by a German submarine of the Dutch steamers Batavier and Zannstroom in North sea and the confiscation of their cargoes.

ZAPATA REGRETS THE DEATH OF M'MANUS

Washington, March 24.—Secretary Bryan has announced that regret for the killing of John B. McManus, an American in Mexico City by Zapata troops had been expressed in behalf of General Zapata by General Palafox, in charge at Mexico City. Negotiations for the payment of indemnity to the family of McManus are progressing satisfactorily, it was stated.

CONTRABAND AMMUNITION ABOARD STEAMERS FINLAND

Naples, March 24.—Contraband ammunition was found aboard the steamer Finland by customs officials, according to a report printed in the Naples newspapers. It was said that six customs guards accompanied the steamer to Genoa for a more thorough search.

The Finland is a vessel of 7927 tons. She left New York February 27 and arrived at Gibraltar March 9, and then cleared for Naples and Genoa.

PREPARING FOR WAR ON ITALY

Austrian Government Considerers War With Italy More Than Probable, Says News Report.

TROOPS DISPATCHED TO TYROL AND TRIESTE

Austrian Engineers Dynamiting Buildings on Italian Frontier That Would Be in Line of Fire.

Geneva, March 24.—The Austrian government considers war with Italy is more than probable, according to a dispatch from Vienna. Large numbers of troops have been sent to the Tyrol and Trieste, and defensive works are being constructed.

The Geneva Tribune professes to have advice from Austria that the dual monarchy is considering the signing of a separate peace treaty with Russia without consulting Germany, offering as concession to cede to Russia a part of Galicia.

Tear Away Buildings. Geneva, March 24.—An uncensored dispatch to the Tribune from the Austrian border says that Austrian military engineers are dynamiting all buildings between Fudana pass and Trent to Lake Guardo in the Italian frontier which would be in the line of artillery fire. The eastern portion of the town of Rovereto has been abandoned and all the buildings torn away.

PURE NEGRO JOINS ENGLISH REGIMENT

London, March 24.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—James Slim, a pure negro and a native of Jamaica, has enlisted as a private in the Coldstream guards. Before the war, it would have been impossible for a negro to join a white regiment in England, let alone one of the proudest and most famous of the crack regiments. The fact of Slim's acceptance is a strong indication of the democratic effects of the war.

Slim was in France when the war broke, and joined the French foreign legion. Wounded in battle, he was sent to a hospital where he expressed the wish to join Kitchener's new army. Word was sent to Kitchener with the result that he was allowed to enroll in the Coldstreams. Slim is now training with the reserve battalion at Windsor.

AUTOGRAPH COPY OF GOETHE PLAY FOUND

Berlin, March 24.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—An autograph copy of Goethe's comedy, "The Accomplish," written in his youth, has been found among the effects of an aged woman who recently died in Dresden. The manuscript was in a packet that had not been opened for forty years. It had long been known that there were in existence two copies of this early comedy—which was written in 1759—but Goethe's researches had hunted vainly for it. The owner left a will giving the manuscript at 20,000 marks (\$5,000), and the city has required the payment of inheritance taxes thereon at that valuation.

KILLED SMUGGLING PAPERS TO BRUSSELS

Rotterdam, March 24.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Brussels' supply of English newspapers, which have to be smuggled across the border on account of the German prohibition against their importation, has been curtailed by the violent death of a daring Belgian who had for many weeks brought in 200 had for many weeks brought in 200 copies a day. He had made friends with a Bavarian sentry who, it is said, for a consideration, closed his eyes to the arrival of papers which the Belgian carried. A few days ago, however, the sentries were changed, and the Belgian was unable to persuade the Wurttemberg guard to let him pass. Waiting until nightfall, the newspaper man crawled under the barb wire defense, and in so doing exploded a mine, which literally blew him to pieces.

MRS. JACKSON'S DEATH OCCURS

Widow of General 'Stonewall' Jackson Died Early Today at Old Jackson Home in Charlotte.

SHE HAD BEEN ILL FOR MANY MONTHS

Mrs. Jackson Was Close Student of Military Affairs and Aggressive in Efforts for Confederacy.

Charlotte, March 24.—After many months of illness and after three days of suffering from an attack of pneumonia, Mrs. Thomas J. Jackson, widow of the southern general, died at her old home here at 4 o'clock this morning. Mrs. Jackson had been unconscious since yesterday. At her bedside were Randolph Preston and his wife, Julia, a granddaughter of Mrs. Jackson, Dr. Graham, a cousin and other relatives.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church. The body will be taken to Lexington, Va., accompanied by a military escort and will rest beside those of her husband and daughter.

Mrs. Jackson had been ill since last August. Her last appearance was in Richmond in May.

Mrs. Jackson was born near this city July 21, 1831. She was the daughter of Rev. Robert Hall Morrison, a Presbyterian minister and founder of Davidson college.

Mrs. Jackson attended the Salem academy and college and left school in 1849. She was married to General Jackson, the major, in July, 1857. He was then serving as military instructor in the Virginia Military institute at Lexington, Va. Mrs. Jackson was a close student of military tactics and was aggressive in her efforts in behalf of the confederacy.

After her husband had died of wounds, Mrs. Jackson wrote a volume of memoirs, dealing with his career. General and Mrs. Jackson had two children, both daughters. One died in infancy. The other was married to William B. Christian. At the daughter's death in 1889 she left a daughter who is the wife of T. R. Preston, a Charlotte attorney, and a son, Thomas Jackson Christian, now a lieutenant in the United States cavalry stationed in the Philippines.

JAILED FOR TRYING TO INFLUENCE WITNESSES

Three Defendants in Election Fraud Cases in Custody of Marshall.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 24.—Sheriff Dennis Shea, City Judge Thomas Smith and Street Inspector Alexander in the Terre Haute election case, were ordered into the custody of the United States marshal here late yesterday by Judge Anderson for alleged tampering with government witnesses.

Judge Anderson also asserted that he would put all of the twenty-eight defendants in jail if he heard of further attempts to influence or bribe government witnesses.

"I shall try to teach you gentlemen there is some law in this country," declared the court after the jury had retired.

During the afternoon seven government witnesses, six of whom have pleaded guilty in the election case, testified that they had been taken from the Vigo county jail on a writ of habeas corpus and brought to Indianapolis. They had been arrested on various minor charges. The arrest of these men appeared to arouse the indignation of the judge and he questioned United States District Attorney Frank C. Dalley as to who was responsible for their imprisonment.

TRADE CONDITIONS IN FRANCE GOOD, IS SAID

Paris, March 25.—Presidents of 75 chambers of commerce met here yesterday to discuss the general commercial situation. Trade is increasing and there is the usual prosperity in certain parts of France, it was asserted.

MRS. WILLIAMS DEFENDS JUDGE

Aged Clinton Woman Appears in Behalf of Judge Carter and to Defend Her Family Name.

TRAVELS TO RALEIGH ALTHOUGH VERY ILL

Testimony Impresses Spectators—Solicitor Norris Details Incidents Trying to Embarrass Judge.

(By W. T. Bost.)

Raleigh, March 24.—Mrs. J. M. Williams, landlady of the Montague hotel in Clinton, the stage setting of the Carter comedy now being enacted in Raleigh, walked slowly with her nurse to the center aisle in the hall of the lower house yesterday and took her turn at the witness chair in defense of her family's name.

The gray-haired woman of 60, whose name has been impeached by townsmen of Clinton made the best defense of herself, her daughter, Mrs. Beulah Towler, and of Judge Carter whom she declared to be a perfect gentleman. As much of tragic circumstance as comic comment was dispensed by her and the impression that she created went far to remove the evil spoken of her yesterday. The defense has introduced no evidence to prove the good name of the women but has relied on cross-examination.

This method has gone far to relieve embarrassment to the defense and it has shown little of its purpose.

Mrs. Williams is a little woman of unpretentious type, intelligent, good at repartee, somewhat picturesque in speech, motherly and kind. She broke for a second, caught herself and with resentful speech assailed those who attacked her. "I came here at the risk of my life to vindicate my honor, the honor of my daughter and of Judge Carter," she said with more power than her weakened frame warranted. "These are the most cruel and dastardly charges ever put upon an innocent woman," she declared as her pretty nurse picked her up and walked her out.

It bore no look of counterfeit anger, spurious debility or artificial affect. She lets the years hang heavily upon her and won't object to being described as older looking than she is. She defended her daughter who is much in the hospital and wretched in health. "She could not have climbed the steps to Judge Carter's room to save her life," she said. "You know how men talk about grass widows," she said again. "I knew this and my daughter during her separation and before the death of her husband, was as careful as a woman could be."

To repel the charges of incontinency, she appealed her age and to the unfeeling condition of her health. She had violated the orders of her doctor and come here at the risk of her life. The certificate of Dr. Sterling Ruffin showed her in no condition to travel or to bear excitement. But she is a Presbyterian and believes that what is to be will be.

And in that church she showed good standing. The member sister with her and hold, whose husband testified sorrowfully, he declared, against Mrs. Williams, was pictured a lovely woman and both had been frequent exchange visitors.

Other Judges Quoted. Mrs. Williams had sat in that "famous swing" with Judge Will Allen once and had played cards with other judges often in her room at the hotel. Solicitor Shaw had dined at her private table and no judge had walked around her house for another. Judge Long alone had failed to eat there unless it was Judge Whedbee. But Judge Long, she said, "is a dyspeptic, does not like to associate with people, besides you can't feed him anyway." That caused "judicial notice" and barristerial pathos.

Aside from the evidence of Mrs. Williams, Solicitor Norris made the news figure of yesterday. He was the hardest of them all, knew the most and had the dates written down. Of moral dereliction he said little, though he admitted a suspicion when Judge Carter had Mr. Norris to cash a big check to go to Norfolk and perhaps Washington. Mr. Norris thought it strange that the judge did not go home. He admitted, however, not knowing whether the judge did so home or not.

Mr. Norris was one of the attorneys whom Judge Carter has handled with occasional severity, as he thought, a noticeable thing being that the attorneys who suffered at his hands testify much more directly to the judge's action than those who look on from the outside. This furnishes the interesting psychological side. Laymen who laugh at what lawyers get from men on cross-examination, get considerable satisfaction from what is going on. Solicitor Norris is some cross-questioner and has burnt a

STABLE AND 44 HORSES BURNED

U. S. WILL ATTEMPT TO CONFISCATE ODENWALD

Because Steamer Attempted to Leave San Juan Without Clearance Papers.

Washington, March 24.—Attorney General Gregory late yesterday instructed the United States district attorney of Porto Rico to institute libel proceedings against the German steamship Odenwald, which attempted Sunday to leave San Juan harbor, without clearance papers.

Under these proceedings the vessel may be held in the custody of a marshal pending settlement of the question whether she shall be forfeited to the United States under the recent joint resolution of congress prescribing penalties in such cases.

While the department of justice was considering the legal phases of the Odenwald case, treasury officials had before them a report from San Juan that fear was felt that both the Odenwald and another Hamburg-American liner, the president, might, under cover of darkness, slip past the guns of Morro Castle and dash for sea. Secretary Daniels was informed of the situation and, after a conference with the president, he instructed Admiral Fletcher at Guantanamo, to dispatch two destroyers to San Juan, while the coast guard service directed the cutter Algonquin, cruising in the West Indies to steam at once for that port.

Attorney General Gregory's action, indicating the purposes of the government to undertake confiscation of the Odenwald by due process of law in the district court of Porto Rico, attracted much attention in official and diplomatic circles. It is the first definite action begun by the administration under the new law recently enacted by congress. It was explained that the owners of the ship might give bond and secure her release from custody pending disposition of the case in the court, although it was not likely that this would be done.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATES WILL BE HELD FRIDAY

Asheville and Hendersonville Teams Will Debate—Winner to Chapel Hill.

The debates to be held between the high school teams of Hendersonville and Asheville are scheduled for Friday night when the Asheville negative team goes to Hendersonville to meet the affirmative team of that town and the negative team of Hendersonville comes to Asheville to meet the affirmative team of the local high school. The debate here will be held in the auditorium of the high school building and will start at 8 o'clock. The affirmative team which represents Asheville high school is composed of Kester Walton and Wesley Bouterse with Miss Margaret Fields as alternate and the negative team which goes to Hendersonville is composed of Owen Roberts and C. J. Hardee with Randall Harris as alternate. The subject for discussion is, "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its Merchant Marine Engaged in Foreign Trade." For either high school to send its representatives to the state wide debate at Chapel Hill on April 9, it will be necessary for one school to gain the victory in both sides of the question tomorrow night.

A list of ten names was sent to Hendersonville several days ago which contained the names of people in this city who would acceptably fill the judges position in the debate to be held here. From this list, the Hendersonville team was to select the names of three persons whom they wished to act as judges and they notified the local team that they wished the following to act: Rev. E. M. Hoyle of the Haywood Street Methodist church, Arch D. Monteath, a local attorney and Judge James R. Webb who is now presiding over the session of Superior court. These men have been communicated with but so far have given no notification of their acceptances.

SEIZURE OF DACIA LEGAL, SAYS FRENCH COMMISSION

Paris, March 24.—A commission named to enquire into the capture of the American steamer Davis by a French cruiser has declared the seizure valid. The case has been in a French prize court for some time for decision.

Large Livery Stable of Chambers and Weaver Destroyed by Fire at 4 O'clock This Morning.

HORSES DEAD BEFORE FIRE WAS DISCOVERED

Loss Will Reach Thousands—Many People Lose Horses in Fire—Company Will Continue Business.

With losses reaching into the thousands, although the exact losses could not be figured out by the owners today, 44 horses burned to death and a large number of carriages, buggies and other equipment consumed by the flames, the large livery stable of Chambers and Weaver on Willow street was gutted by fire at 4:30 o'clock this morning.

A total of 44 horses were burned to death in the fire; 24 of which were owned by Chambers and Weaver, valued, according to Mr. Chambers at an average of \$175 each, and 20 which were owned by various people, some of the values running as high as \$500 and \$600.

Hill's Market lost a delivery horse, which was valued at about \$400. This horse was purchased about two years ago from the Asheville Fire department and was named "Jack". He was the winner of many races for the local laddies at the Wilmington meet two years ago. Insurance to the value of \$250 was carried on him. Wagon and harness were also lost by Hill's. The Southern Express company lost three head of horses and of the two horses that escaped from the burning building, one was owned by this company. Kibler and Weber lost one horse; Shorer Sewing Machine company two; Zindel's bakery two; William Hill, colored, a hackman two; George Alexander, colored, a farmer on Reaverdam one; G. R. Alexander of the National Cash Register company lost a valuable show horse on which he carried insurance to the value of \$250. He had won many ribbons with the horse and was planning to exhibit him again this year.

M. K. Kelly lost a valuable mare; Mrs. Carrie Carr Mitchell one horse; A. M. Knott one horse; Tom Mitchell a trader, one. Mr. Mitchell had one other horse in the stable, but with the Chambers and Weaver horse he escaped.

The Red Cross Undertaking establishment was another heavy loser by the fire, having two hearsees, one black and one grey, with an ambulance and casket wagon in the stable at the time of the fire. A member of the firm stated today that while he could not give the loss in dollars and cents, he was certain all the vehicles were practically lost.

The first person to discover the fire was a negro boy who was passing the stable shortly before 4 o'clock this morning. He saw smoke coming from the roof and immediately raised the alarm, arousing Rufus Halbert, colored, who sleeps in the office of the stable. Halbert started at once cutting the halters holding the horses, but failed to open the doors, stating this morning that in the excitement he could not find his keys and besides he had only one idea, that of cutting the horses' halters.

About 4:30 someone telephoned to the central fire station about the fire and while a fireman was taking the message an alarm was turned in from Pack square. In a few moments the firemen were on the scene of the fire, but before they arrived it is believed that the great majority of the horses had already died.

As soon as the firemen arrived they began to lay lines or hose and break in the doors to the stable. But it was soon found that all of the horses with the exception of two had died and those two rushed out when the doors were opened.

While most of the horses were cut loose from their stalls, they were evidently overcome by the dense smoke, for the aisles of the stables, leading by the stalls, were filled with dead bodies of the animals, many of which were only a few feet from the stalls they had occupied.

Five streams of water were played on the fire by the laddies, who continued to fight the flames until about 7 o'clock this morning, although the fire was under control within 10 or 15 minutes after the firemen arrived and began work. One line of hose was connected on Church street; two on South Lexington avenue and two on Biltmore avenue. Every member of the fire department and every piece of equipment, with the exception of the big red truck, which has been disabled for several days, were called out by the fire. But for the fast and heroic work of the firemen it is believed that the flames would have spread to nearby buildings, but they were able to confine the fire to the Chambers and Weaver stable.

The fire originated in the rear of the stable where a great amount of straw, used by the liverymen for bedding, was piled up. (Continued on page 3)