

RUSSIANS OPEN NEW WARFARE IN SOUTH

WILD ENTHUSIASM IN PETROGRAD OVER SUCCESS OF GRAND DUKE'S CAMPAIGN.

TURKS IN GRAVE DANGER

Forces That Hold British Back at Kut-el-Amara Are Threatened. Both Turks and Germans Cleverly Outwitted by Russian Maneuvres.

(By United Press) Petrograd, May 15.—Developing a swift offensive along the extreme southern frontier, the Russians today crossed the Persian line, southwest of Lake Urmiah and are now within eighty miles of the Turkish main line of communications south of Bagdad. Unless speedily checked in their drive towards Nineveh and Mosul, they threaten to cut off the Turkish forces that are holding the British back at Kut-el-Amara. The announcement caused the wildest enthusiasm and surprise here and the belief is general that the Grand Duke has completely outwitted the Turkish and German forces by first feinting in the direction of Erzingan and Diarbekr, three hundred miles northwest of where his main Russian armies were bound. The feint effectively drew the Turkish reinforcements toward the Russian right wing at Erzingan while the left wing drove the Turks back in the South.

BIG MASSACRE IS THREATENED

(By United Press) Washington, May 15.—The danger of Christian massacres in Syria has been privately reported to the State department. It is indicated that it might surprise in horror the many Armenian massacres of the past.

STRIKE OF TELEGRAPH OPERATORS IS AVERTED

(By United Press) Washington, May 15.—Superintendent Haig of New York today ordered the reinstatement of eleven telegraph operators who were discharged from the Western Union offices here. His action averted the threatened strike of a large number of operators.

WANT 200 PRETTY GIRLS TO TAKE PART IN PARADE

Elks Intend To Show Visitors That Washington Deserves Its Reputation For Pretty Girls.

WANTED: Two hundred of the prettiest girls in Washington, to ride in automobiles in the parade Wednesday evening.

THE ELKS. Washington has always borne the reputation of having more pretty girls than any other town of its size in the State. In order to convince the visiting Elks of the truth of this

Bellmo Tonight The Water Carrier of San Juan Drama in two parts "THE TURNING POINT" Western Drama in one reel "ALL ABOARD" One reel Comedy Wrestling Match Wednesday Max Smith vs. Joe Willis Prices 50c Matinee & Night

HE LOST HIS ZEPPELIN



This is Lieutenant Commander Breitaupt who was in command of the Zeppelin L-15 when it broke up in the mouth of the Thames during a recent raiding expedition.

STORES TO CLOSE AT 4:30

Merchants Agree to Let Clerks Off So That They Can View Elks Parade.

Practically every merchant in the city has agreed to close his store at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon in order that their employes may have an opportunity of witnessing the Elks' parade at six o'clock. The following have joined in the movement:

- Chas. M. Little, Powell & Ellsworth, A. J. Cox, Jas. Ellison & Co., E. K. Willis, Spencer Bros., Lewis & Calais, both stores, E. G. Weston, Washington Furniture Co., W. B. Morton, R. L. Stewart, J. F. Buckman & Son, E. L. Brooks, Davis & Robbins, Williams & Harrison Co., J. G. Paul & Brp., McLellan Stores Co., Jackson & Robinson, E. R. Mison Co., A. R. Styron Co., E. P. Martin, Adams Supply Co., E. Peterson & Co., S. M. Jenkins Co., S. R. Fowle & Son, Carolina Distributing Co., McKeel Richardson Hardware Co., E. W. Ayers, Pegram, Watson-Watson Hardware Co., H. T. Latham, J. S. Campbell, Walter Credle & Co., Bower's Bros. Co., W. M. Bell, W. C. Mallison & Son, Suskin & Berry, Southern Furniture Co., James E. Clark, Cherry Furniture Co., J. K. Hoyt.

TAFT ACTS AS WITNESS.

Washington, May 15.—Former President Taft appeared as a witness in Washington's gloomy court today to testify as a character witness against Charles Glover, president of the Riggs National Bank, who, with two other officials, is a defendant in a perjury charge.

TODAY'S "IDIOTICAL"

This is the official day for the Straw Hat, to come out of the Haberdashery and see its own shadow.

The Straw Hat is a glorified bunch of hay. It is supposed to be worn upon the head, but it frequently graces the ear, the eyebrow or the back of the neck.

Fat men do not wear Straw Hats; they just set them on their heads when they're not fanning.

The Straw Hat is temperamental. If it does not like a man, it will fly off and the owner must put it on a leash, which he fastens to his coat with a black, oval button that looks like a liver pill.

Next to a dog fight, an escaped straw hat in a wind storm is the most exciting thing in the world.

The Straw Hat eats five dollar bills. If you don't believe it, get one today and see.

CHARLES WALKER KILLED BY AUTO

Was Run Over By Clarence Fauceite's Machine on Hackney Avenue Saturday.

Charles Walker, aged 37, was run over and instantly killed by an automobile driven by Clarence Fauceite Saturday afternoon. The tragedy occurred on Hackney avenue.

It is claimed that two cars were coming along close together. Walker got out of the way of the first, and as he did so, ran directly in front of Fauceite's machine.

The deceased is survived by a wife and several small children.

FIRES IN ARMY CAMP

General Funston Believes Fires at Fort Bliss Were of Incendiary Origin.

(By United Press) San Antonio, May 15.—The two fires, which started in widely separated points at Fort Bliss reservation in El Paso Saturday night, doing considerable damage, were probably of incendiary origin, General Funston announced today.

EXCITING DUEL AT BISHOP'S CROSS

Officer and Negro Empty Pistols at Each Other. Neither Is Injured.

A pistol duel, in which Luther Allen, colored, and Deputy Sheriff M. M. Jones emptied their revolvers at each other at a distance of ten feet apart, occurred Saturday at Bishop's Cross. Neither man was wounded.

Allen arrived at Bishop's Cross with two suitcases containing liquor. Jones was waiting for him and as the negro started to walk off, he told him to stop. Allen replied that Jones would have to kill him to get him and refused to halt. Jones drew out his gun. Allen did likewise. They both blazed away until each had emptied his revolver. Then Allen ran off, leaving his coat and the suitcases behind him.

STUDENTS PUT ON PLAY

Dramatic Club of Washington Collegiate Institute to Present Play Tomorrow.

"The Mountain Girl," an intensely interesting drama in four acts, will be presented at the Bellmo theatre tomorrow night by students of the Washington Collegiate Institute.

The play has an excellent plot and contains several exciting situations. It has been well rehearsed by the students and is sure to make a favorable impression.

COME TO OORACOE.

Pamlico Inn now open. Prices to suit everybody. Good fishing and bathing. Rates \$1.00 to \$2.00 per day. Write for special rates per month. W. D. TARKILA, Proprietor. 5-14-16

TO FLY FROM LOS ANGELES TO NEW YORK

TWO AVIATORS TO MAKE DARING ATTEMPT TO CROSS CONTINENT IN SIX DAYS.

SELF-BALANCING PLANE

Left From Their Starting Point Today. Mechanism Will Balance Plane Automatically. Is New Invention.

(By United Press) Los Angeles, Cal., May 15.—Two thousand feet over Nigger Slough near here today, two men waved adieu to a neck craning throng and headed east toward the Sierra Madre mountains in an aeroplane. Their destination was New York.

Oscar Brindley, veteran air pilot, and A. J. Macy, inventor, settled back in their seats, to let the first self-balancing plane in America fly them from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

The two men plan to cover nearly 4,000 miles ending their ride at Mineola, L. I., next Sunday. Just six days.

Macy, a Chicago electrical engineer, by the cross continent flight plans to demonstrate to the government of France, England and the United States, a mechanism of his own invention which will balance an aeroplane perfectly.

The pilot has but to steer the plane in the desired direction—up or down, to left or right, then relax and let the automatic equilibrium device keep the plane on a flying keel.

Neither Macy or Brindley make any exaggerated claims for the device. "Nothing could be a fairer test than the flight from Los Angeles to New York in six days," they say.

The plane is a hundred horse power Martin tractor of the military type; especially equipped for the trip. The route taken will be via Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha, St. Louis, Chicago and New York.

\$25,000 FIRE OCCURRED AT ROCKY MT.

TAR RIVER LUMBER CO. ALMOST COMPLETELY DESTROYED EARLY TODAY.

FIRE STARTED AT 2:15

Lack of Sufficient Pressure Handicapped Fire Department. Plans Already Begun for Rebuilding the Plant.

(By Eastern Press) Rocky Mount, May 15.—A fire loss, amounting to over \$25,000, occurred at the saw mill plant of the Tar River Lumber Co., early this morning and gave to this city its heaviest single fire loss in four years. The mill has a capacity of 40,000 feet a day and is one of the largest in the State.

The fire broke out at 2:15 a. m. A general alarm was sent in and drew hundreds of spectators to the scene. The fire department successfully kept the flames from spreading but were handicapped by inadequate pressure from a private line. The steam engine worked effectively for a while but developed trouble and was forced to abandon its work. Fortunately there was no wind.

Even while the flames were raging at their height, W. L. Groom, president of the company, was busy at his desk, sending out telegrams and making arrangements for the rebuilding of the plant. There is a 60-day supply of lumber on hand for the planing and trimming departments, so the output of the mill will not be interfered with for some time.

LOST: ONE LIGHT TAN RAINCOAT mfd. by American Rubber Co., size 44, short sleeves. Return to J. HAYENS. 4-15-16

GOGGLES FOR THE ARMY MULES



To protect the eyes of the army pack mules from the dust and sand of the Mexican desert during the pursuit of Villa, the big goggles shown in the photograph have been devised and placed on the animals.

More Merchants Favor Closing Stores Fridays

The movement for closing the retail establishments of Washington half a day on Fridays, during the summer months, is rapidly gaining in popularity and it is now assured that a large number of the prominent merchants in the city favor the idea of closing their stores on that day and thus giving the clerks a short holiday preceding Saturday's heavy rush of trade.

C. A. Flynn, manager of the Harris Hardware Co., stated that he strongly favored the idea and was perfectly willing to co-operate in the movement with the other merchants.

Hugh Watson, manager of the Pegram-Watson Hardware Co., when seen this morning, said that he believed no merchant would regret the move once it was started. His store will close if the others do.

J. W. Oden, manager of the Southern Furniture Co., said today that he was willing to close for half a day on Fridays, providing that the other merchants did the same thing.

F. J. Berry, manager of 'The Hub,' when broached on the subject today, said that he believed none of the retail merchants in the city would lose anything by closing half a day on Fridays. He stated that he was willing to close his retail department on those days, providing the other merchants "lined up."

I. H. Morris, manager of James E. Clark & Co., expressed himself as favoring the idea.

Tom Robbins, one of the proprietors of the Blue Front Bargain

House, also expressed himself in favor of closing the stores Fridays.

"If all of the merchants close their stores, it is a sure thing that none of us are going to lose any business," is the way Mr. Robbins puts it.

"I am very much in favor of the idea," said Charles M. Little, when broached on the subject this morning. "Who else have you got?" The Daily News reporter mentioned the list of those he had already seen.

"That's good," continued Mr. Little. "Now I've been talking to some of the merchants myself and you can add these to your list: Spencer Bros. Powell & Ellsworth, E. K. Willis, Cox & Co. and Paul Bros. The last two did not definitely say they would close, but stated they would not hold back if all of the other merchants decided to close their place of business.

With those mentioned in previous issues, the complete list of those merchants who favor closing at one o'clock Fridays for the day, is as follows:

- P. P. Maxwell, William Bell, R. L. Stewart, Washington Furniture Co., Harris Hardware Co., Pegram-Watson Hardware Co., Southern Furniture Co., Suskin & Berry, James E. Clark, The Blue Front Bargain House, Chas. M. Little, Spencer Bros., Powell & Ellsworth, E. K. Willis, Cox & Co., Paul Bros.

Street Commissioner McDevitt has issued the request that the citizens kindly refrain from putting trash and rubbish out on the streets Wednesday and Thursday, the days of the Elks' convention here.

Every citizen is also urged to clean up around his property in order that the city will present as an attractive appearance as possible during the convention.

Will Render Program at the High School Auditorium Tonight.

The Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage will entertain the residents of Washington at the High School auditorium tonight. The children arrived in the city early today and a number of them are being cared for by local citizens in their homes.

CASEMENT IS ON TRIAL TODAY FOR HIS LIFE

ENTIRE WORLD IS INTERESTED IN FATE OF PRISONER CHARGED WITH TREASON.

DETAILS OF PLOT GIVEN

Claimed That German Auxiliary Cruiser, Which Was Sunk Off Ireland, Carried Large Quantity of Munitions for Rebels.

By WILBUR S. FOREST, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, May 15.—Clad in a seedy dark suit, with frayed sleeves, Sir Roger Casement, once a favorite in the British consular service, went to trial at the Bow street police court today, charged with high treason, punishable by hanging. He entered the court room, smiling and nodding to some who knew him before knighthood. The room was so packed that the prisoner could scarcely move. The United Press correspondents were assigned to seats within three feet of him.

Casement was accompanied by Daniel Bailey, the soldier who was arrested at Wadsworth Sunday on the same charge.

Attorney General Smith, in the opening statement, declared that the Crown would prove that Casement plotted, not only the Irish rebellion but planned land expeditions from Ireland to the British coast. Exchanged British prisoners will prove this, he said.

Smith reviewed the life and history of Casement, the latter became nervous. When Smith told how he was knighted for the service in behalf of the government, Casement hung his head. Smith also mentioned Casement's attempts to sway Irish prisoners to Germany from their home country.

The majority treated this suggestion contemptuously. As a result they were punished and the quantity of rations allowed them was diminished. A few, unfortunately, were seduced, among these being Daniel Bailey, who occupies the dock with Casement," said Smith.

Smith also said that the German auxiliary, which was sunk off Ireland when Casement landed, carried 20,000 rifles and a million rounds of ammunition, besides ten machine guns and many bombs.

DELIGHTFUL WASHINGTON PARK 5-15-16-1p

SAYS GERMANY IS BEATEN: END OF THE WAR IS NEAR

Samuel Hill Declares Teutons Cannot Struggle Much Longer Against The Strain.

(By United Press) New York, May 15.—Germany is beaten. The end of the war is near. Samuel Hill, associated with his father-in-law and railway enterprises, who arrived here today from Liverpool on the liner Philadelphia, says so.

"Germany can't struggle much longer against the financial strain an economic conditions," he said. "The German people are trying to hid their true condition and put up a brave front, but they are in a bad way. There will not be another winter campaign. Germany cannot possibly go through one. Peace will come as suddenly as war began."

Mr. Hill's statement was born out by a number of other passengers on board the liner, who stated that it

would be impossible for the war to last many months longer.

NEW THEATRE TO-NIGHT Janet Beecher in "FINE FEATHERS" In 5 parts LEWIS & ROOTS JUBILEE GIRLS ALL THE WEEK Matinee every day 3:30 Prices 10 and 15c Night 10 and 20c