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1,500 ARMENIANS ARE MASSACRED BY TURKS

Men Were Shot While the Women and Children Were Drowned in the Euphrates—Embassy Gets Evidence of German Plot—A Revolution in Turkey—Cetinje Not Bombarded.

London, Jan. 14.—The massacre of fifteen hundred Armenians was reported in a telegram received today from Erebum. The telegram stated that fifteen hundred Armenians, men, women and children, forced by famine and cold to surrender, gave themselves up to the Turkish governor of Musa. The men were executed and the women and children were drowned in the Euphrates.

PAPEN'S CHECK BOOK

London, Jan. 14.—The American embassy is today in possession of papers and check stubs which were seized by British officials from Capt. Von Papen, German military attaché, when he reached Falmouth.

It is understood that the documents will be sent to the State Department at Washington. The documents are said to show that Von Papen made large and frequent payments to persons who are charged with blowing up munition plants. Payment of \$700 was made by him to Werner Horn, according to the cancelled checks. Horn was convicted of blowing up the Canadian Pacific bridge at St. Croix, Maine.

The check stubs show about five hundred items. The account was with the Rich National Bank of Washington.

REVOLUTION IN TURKEY.

Paris, Jan. 14.—A dispatch from Constantinople to the Temps says that a great revolution in Constantinople was foiled by German detectives. The object of the plot was to kill Enver Pasha, overthrow the government and expel the Germans. A number of Turkish officers were in the plot. In some quarters it is believed the story of the plot was invented by the Germans in an effort to increase police efficiency so as to prevent an uprising which the Germans fear.

ENTER THE CITY.

Vienna, Jan. 14.—The Austrians issued the following statement tonight: "Austro-Hungarian troops pursuing the defeated enemy entered Cetinje without opposition. The city was not bombarded. King Nicholas is in Scutari."

YOUNG WOMAN NEAR KINSTON IS SUICIDE

Kinston, Jan. 14.—Miss Daisy Wilson, a young woman about 25 years old, committed suicide yesterday afternoon at the home of Mr. Jess Williamson, three and a half miles from Pink Hill, in Duplin county. Mercury or quick silver was the drug used, and though Dr. Maxwell was summoned as soon as it was learned the young woman had taken the poison the efforts to save her life were in vain. Only meager reports could be gotten of the tragedy as all efforts to get a message through on the long-distance telephone last night were futile. Miss Wilson was of Mt. Olive section and was staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Williamson as a domestic. No reasons were ascribed for the act.

MAYER LACOB IS ILL AT HIS HOME

Mayer Lacob, who recently went north to visit his folks, has returned home, but it was reported yesterday evening that he was quite sick at his home.

NIGHT RIDERS GET FIVE YEAR SENTENCE

Lexington, Ky., Jan. 14.—A. O. Knight, his son, Edgar, and George Stirsman today were sentenced to five years in prison for taking part in night rider raids. According to a confession, the members of the band played havoc with this section for some time.

LITTLE ACTIVITY WITH FRENCH

German Patrol Was Attacked and Put to Flight

Paris, Jan. 14.—The French war office today issued the following: "There was but little activity of artillery during the night south of Somme. In the sector of Lihona one of our patrols attacked a patrol of the enemy and put it to flight. The enemy left two dead and one wounded. In Champagne we caught within our fire and dispersed German troops in the course of a movement in their earthworks and trenches at Mesnil."

STEVE LAMBERT PUTS IN CALL SYSTEM

Mr. S. A. Lambert, of the Dixie Theatre announces the perfection of a call system whereby any patron may be immediately called by means of a number flashed on the screen. Patrons expecting a call while attending the show should so state to the cashier, who will issue a number to them. In the event of their being wanted, this number will be flashed upon the screen. This system was put into operation for the public at large, in addition to the doctor's call system, but primarily for the benefit of railroad trainmen who can now feel perfectly safe in attending the shows at any time when expecting a call.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE AGAINST MRS. MOHR

Police Commissioner Gives His Account of Affair

Said Negroes Confessed the Murder of Dr. Mohr and Were Paid to Do It

Providence, R. I., Jan. 14.—The prosecution today succeeded in setting before the jury its most damaging evidence against Mrs. Mohr. The alleged confession of Cecil Brown and Henry Thelma, the negroes on trial with the white woman for the murder of the society physician were related in detail by Benj. Moulton, police commissioner of Providence. Moulton swore that he heard Brown and Thelma say they shot Dr. Mohr and Miss Burger at the instigation of Mrs. Mohr, who, "furnished them with the necessary means to do the job, promised them five thousand dollars. Arranged the details and gave them money to buy everything."

The defense scored a point today when the court refused to allow Police Chief O'Neill to exhibit to the jury an alleged copy of Brown's statement, but the State accomplished its purpose by having Moulton corroborate O'Neill.

STEAMER BRINGS BODIES OF FIRE VICTIMS

London, Jan. 14.—The Dutch steamship Prinzes Juliana arrived at Gravesend today, bringing the body of the captain and seven members of the crew of the Dutch steamer Maashaven which was abandoned, on fire, after striking a mine. A Lloyd's dispatch from Rotterdam says the other members of the crew were saved.

CAPE FEAR CANAL PROJECT IS GOOD

Coast Line Tracks Were Opened Up On Yesterday

Soil Drained is the Richest in North Carolina—Will Grow Plenty of Corn and Other Crops.

Promptly at 1 o'clock yesterday the Coast Line tracks were opened about one and one-half miles from Beard and the dredge which is doing the canalization work in this section started cutting the link. At 3 o'clock the dredge and the house-boat on which the crew lives passed through. With the cutting across the tracks at that point, about twelve miles of the canalization, which will drain some of the finest land in North Carolina, has been cut.

Its History.
About three years ago the farmers of the Cape Fear section awoke to the fact that they have some of the best land in North Carolina, but that it is not of much service unless drained. Agitation started with the result that the last Legislature authorized the section to sell seventy-five thousand dollars worth of bonds. The bonds have been sold and last August the contract for the draining was let to the Britt Engineering Company, of Wilson. Work was started immediately and a big dredge built.

Many Present.
A large gathering of people were present yesterday when the tracks were opened. Among them were W. Q. Jeffrey, general road master; W. A. Andrews, road master, and G. B. McClellan, passenger agent.

Grow Corn.
It is said that the section which this canal drains will grow from 60 to 100 bushels of corn without fertilizer.

The soil is rich, black mud. A News reporter went aboard the dredge yesterday. It is eighty feet long and sixteen feet wide. There is about a forty-horse power boiler and engine in it. The draft is shallow. The big mouth of the shovel, which takes up the earth, is a yard and a half wide.

The members of the dredging party are all white and have a house boat which is towed in the rear of the dredge. On this their meals are served and they spend their spare time.

Work is going on rapidly, and when finished, this section will be coming into its own.

OHIO RIVER STATIONARY AT FIFTY-THREE FEET

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 14.—The Ohio river registered 53.1 at four o'clock this morning and has been stationary since that time. According to the local weather bureau it will not go any higher.

MR. A. B. WALKER IS BROUGHT TO HOSPITAL

Mr. A. B. Walker, father of Clerk of the Court W. M. Walker, was brought to the Highsmith Hospital yesterday to undergo treatment. Mr. Walker has been in poor health since last fall, and a few days ago became worse.

COLD WAVE HITS HERE WITH VIGOR

The predicted cold wave struck here yesterday morning with a plenty of vigor. The cold was need for this section has been sweltering under heat and rain for the past few days.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE AT CAPE HENRY

Norfolk, Va., Jan. 14.—The British steamer Priestfield, from Kyne for Hampton Roads for orders, went ashore at Cape Henry about 3 o'clock this morning. The steamer is lying about 250 yards from shore and she seems to be resting easy and in no danger. A tug of the Merritt-Chapman Wrecking Company is lying by.

NEGRO CHURCH ON HAY STREET SOLD

A. B. McMillan Bought It Yesterday From the Trustees

It Will Be Torn Down and Removed Before July the First—Old Land-Mark.

Of paramount interest to Fayetteville people will be the news that the A. M. E. church, colored, on Hay street, near the Coast Line station, will be removed before July first.

The church was yesterday purchased by Mr. A. B. McMillan, who stated as a News reporter that the church will be removed at once and will all be cleared away before July first.

The contract with the trustees was signed early yesterday afternoon. This church is a familiar landmark here, and has stood on Hay street for more than fifty years. It has been an unsightly menace to the street for the past several years, especially since the surrounding district has built up. Numerous attempts have been made to purchase it, but they all failed until yesterday.

COLANGELO'S BAND NEXT LYCEUM ATTRACTION HERE

The next Lyceum attraction at the Graded School auditorium will be Colangelo's Band and Orchestra with two soloists. This number will be here next Tuesday evening, January 18, at 8:30. It is the biggest musical company sent out by the lyceum this season. The company has 12 people. The price of admission to those who do not hold season tickets is only 50c. It will easily be worth twice that amount.

MEXICAN GENERAL IS EXECUTED, SAID

Officials of Railroad Deny It, It is Reported

Quiet Has Been Restored in El Paso By Soldiers Aiding the Police

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 14.—General Eulindo Gutierrez, formerly provisional president of Mexico under Gen. Villa, is dead. Dispatches received today state that he was executed at Pachuca, one hundred and twenty miles north of Mexico City, January 6, after having been found guilty of treason to the Carranza party. A dispatch to the Mexican State Department says that Gen. Rodriguez was shot soon after his capture with General Almirante. Tonight's dispatches confirm reports of the latter's execution. Reports received by officers of the Mexican Northwestern Railway say Rodriguez is still alive. Carranza officials published the notice of the execution, but the railway dispatches say that a court-martial is in progress.

QUIET IN EL PASO.

Peace was restored in El Paso tonight after two days of disorder. United States soldiers co-operated with the police.

NO MASS MEETING.

A mass meeting, announced for tonight to discuss the massacre of Americans was forbidden by Mayor Lea. Reports continue to circulate that an expedition of Americans will be started from some point along the border. Carranza has made it known that any such journey will be looked upon with disfavor. A special train from Chihuahua City brought fifty-two refugees today.

GYPSY TROUBLE IS ABOUT CLEARED UP

They Have Had Several Trials Since Coming Here

News Reporter Visits the Camp and Hears Their Story—They Are Phrenologists

The Gypsy trouble which has enthralled Fayetteville's county deputies and the sheriff for the last two days has been settled. That is, Deputy Monaghan believes and hopes that it has.

The final culmination of the near tragedy which has already wrecked the little family circle of the Gypsies came yesterday evening when the owner of the land, just outside of town upon which the Gypsy ten is planted, protested to the county officers and said that the Gypsies must move off his land.

The Trouble Starts.

Monday morning the Gypsies landed in this section. There was some domestic trouble in the crowd, consisting of three women and two men. One of them charged that another had taken about three hundred dollars from her, Pedro, she said his name was. The sheriff arrested him and he was tried, but at the trial things kind of quieted down and the mother of Pedro became heart sick and wanted him turned loose.

Redemption.

Pedro got out somehow and went back. The family ring was again welded, but was destined to soon break. Thursday more trouble ensued and the sheriff took another hand at arresting. Yesterday morning the trial was held and the ring was again welded.

Late yesterday evening the protest of the land-owner came and Deputy Monaghan went out to tell the Gypsies to move. They agreed to and will move this morning about 10 o'clock.

The Scene at the Camp.

A News reporter called at the Gypsy camp yesterday evening just as supper was being had. The camp is situated just outside of town and is made up of two covered wagons, two tents and a number of very motley nickininnies. The Gypsies do not understand much English and conversation was difficult, however, the News reporter understood them to say that they were phrenologists.

"Have you secured a permit from the sheriff to practice here," they were asked.

One of them turned to Deputy Monaghan and said:

"All got permits but me."

The sheriff told him to come down this morning and get his.

Two very sickly looking babies are used by the Gypsies to draw their wagons about and were tied to nearby trees in the little patch of woods.

The women seem to dress in colored dresses to which they have many tassels tied and a foreign coin fastened to the end of the tassels. When they are walking, the coins keep up an incessant clinking.

The Gypsy family will remain in this section several days.

A number of women and children were in the party. There remains in the camp some more than one hundred and fifty Americans. It is hoped they will reach El Paso by Monday on a special train sent out last night.

DISCUS ACTION.

The establishment of a Federal military patrol in an American city aroused by the murder of Americans in a friendly country was discussed today. The death of Gutierrez was ordered by President Antonio Dergama. Gutierrez left Mexico City last year to escape Villa. He started a revolution which came to nothing. Since then he has been ill at a ranch out near Saltillo, but later he went to Pachuca where he was made prisoner. Three victims of the massacre, Evans, Romero and Wood were buried here today. There was no demonstration. Many Mexicans visited General Whittier during the day. Others walked the streets without molestation.

WAR MAKE MEN BE FULL OF MORALS

Justice Hughes Makes the Statement Before Bar Meeting

"There is a Great Need of Reform Justice in the World," He Declares

New York, Jan. 14.—Speaking before the New York State Bar Association here this evening, Justice Charles E. Hughes, of the United States Supreme Court, called attention to the moral vigor which the great war will give to those in the belligerent nations who survive the struggle. Americans should recognize this fact, he declared, and prepare to bring their own characters to a like stimulation.

Justice Hughes said, in part: "We shall never rise to our opportunities in this country and secure a proper discharge of the public business until we get over our dislike of experts; and the difficulties in the way of needed improvements in the administration of justice will not be overcome by tying the hands of those most competent to deal with them."

"And this leads me to speak briefly, in conclusion of the urgent needs of reform in judicial procedure. We have very unnecessary differences with respect to divergent courts. The essentials of procedure are simple, and they should conform to one simple type with only such modifications as are necessary to adapt it to differences in jurisdiction. We have become accustomed to a network of legislative rules of practice which in their complexity are a reproach to the State. The remedy, I believe, is to replace these rules with a few statutory provisions forming the basis of procedure, leaving all the details to be supplied by rules of court. The important equity practice of the Federal courts of the country is governed without difficulty by a few rules promulgated by the Supreme Court. There is no other way, it seems to me, to give the requisite simplicity and elasticity to procedure."

There may be a prejudice among lawyers to committing this power to the bench because of the fear that rules of practice will be removed from the range of the just influence of the bar. This, I think, is a misapprehension. It would be far easier to convince the Legislature, while on the other hand unnecessary tinkering would be made more difficult. "Justice in the minor courts—the only courts that millions of our people know—administered without favoritism by men conspicuous for wisdom and probity is the best assurance of respect for our institutions. The administration of commercial law by recognized experts is a direct fashion appropriate to the subject as needed quite as much as uniform state acts to commend the law to practical men of affairs. The stripping of criminal procedure of needless requirements, without impairing the security of innocence, and in general the fearless destruction of provisions which only embarrass the just disposition of controversies should not be long delayed."

"We are living at a time when men and women in a large part of the world are undergoing a large part of the discipline unrivaled in its severity and are exhibiting a heroism that has never been surpassed. Let it not be supposed that those who survive will lack the strength which sacrifice and such discipline must give. Let us not content ourselves with the comfortable thought of hardships we have escaped, but rather reflect upon the vigor, self-discipline, and patriotic ardor which alone can make us worthy of opportunity or able to use it."

"The sentiment of the bar is a fair index of public virtue. If its standards are corrupted, the vital force of society cannot fail to be enfeebled. With a sound, courageous and independent bar, a foe of demagoguery, a friend to rational improvement, vindicating its expert leadership, intelligent conception of the interest of the community, and by its zeal for the better administration of justice which is its special care, democracy will not essay its tasks in vain."