

Turks And Arabs Make Terific Attack On Italian Column

Detailed Reports of The Losses Have Not Yet Been Received —Italian Destroyers Seize French Steamer—Complica- tion May Arise.

Thought to Have Been Carry- ing Contraband — Report From Constantinople Tells of Horrible Dynamite Out- rages.

By Associated Press.
Nanking, China, Jan. 19.—The republican government today sent an appeal to the powers for recognition. This took the form of a circular which was sent to Washington, Tokio, London, Paris, Berlin, and St. Petersburg and was signed by Wang Chung Wei, the foreign minister of the republican cabinet.

After the Italian army which included three battalions of infantry, a battalion of Grenadiers, two batteries of artillery, two squadrons of cavalry and other details had taken up position after the first onslaught by the Turks in the vicinity of Ghirgarish, a falling fire was poured in on them. The Turks and Arabs who were in considerable number, were under cover in the brush of the oasis.

Artillery fire from the Italian batteries caused the enemy to withdraw for a time but they returned later with heavy reinforcements and succeeded in turning the Italians right.

The Italian commander succeeded in rallying his forces and after several hours fighting the Turks finally retreated to the desert.

Tripoli, Jan. 19.—A terrific attack was made yesterday by a large body of Turks and Arabs on the Italian column which was on the march about 25 miles from the town of Tripoli.

The Italian commanders have been strengthening positions held by their troops and preparing for an advance on the interior. Material for the construction of a railroad into the desert is arriving in large quantities.

The Arabs do not understand the reason for the Italian delay and they are impressed with the idea that the Italian army is unable to encounter effectively the insignificant number of Moslems opposing it. Under the circumstances even should the Turkish troops be withdrawn the Arabs are determined to continue the fight against the Italians.

The Italian troops, which consisted of detachments of all arms, left Tripoli early in the morning on the way to Ghirgarish, an Oasis about ten or eleven miles along the coast to the west of the town, and surrounded by a number of mud forts which had hitherto given shelter to Arab irregulars. As the soldiers were marching along the coast which runs parallel to the coast they were attacked by a large force of Turks and Arabs.

The enemy continued its attack throughout the day but finally retired. Details of the losses have not yet been reported.

Seize French Steamer.
Tunis, Jan. 19.—Italian destroyers today seized the French steamer *Manoucha*, bound to Tunis from Marseilles. The *Manoucha* carried ninety-nine passengers, including 29 Turkish nurses belonging to the company of the Red Crescent, which has the same object as the Red Cross society.

The steamship company declared that the *Manoucha* was not carrying contraband of any kind. In spite of this the vessel was arrested and taken to Cagliari.

The Italian officers professed to believe that Turkish officers were on board disguised as nurses.

government to investigate the conditions in Macedonia shortly after the recent dynamite outrages in that region have reported that the greatest dejection is manifest by the people. They have, according to the report of the commission, prepared a secret petition to the foreign powers asking for intervention.

Assassinations are multiplying day by day and dynamite outrages everywhere are on the increase. Even officers of the Turkish army are unable to hide their gloom.

Everywhere the people speak of a general uprising which if it does not occur immediately, will take place in the spring. The conditions are due to the presence of officers who are utterly unworthy of the confidence the Turkish government has placed in them. They disarm the Christian populations and supply arms to the Muslemeans. Innocent people are condemned by the mob on the merest suspicion and cast into prison.

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LEE-JACKSON DAY OBSERVED- THE EXERCISES

Confed te Colors Planted by Mecklenburg Camp in Trin- ity Methodist Church—Gen- eral Harrison Watts Leads the Gray Coats.

Oration of The Day Delivered by Rev. Plato Durham of Winston—Crosses of Honor And Those Receiving Them.

Lee-Jackson Day was appropriately and memorably celebrated in Charlotte today. The celebration was in the capable hands of Stonewall Jackson Camp U. C. C., and Mecklenburg Camp, U. C. V.

At 10:30 Mecklenburg Camp fell in line to march to Trinity Methodist church to commemorate the birthdays of the South's great leaders, Lee and Jackson.

An inspiring sight were the veterans as they marched through the streets. There was no music but the Stars and Bars were borne aloft.

General Harrison Watts and Capt. William M. Smith, commander of the camp, and Chaplain S. F. Conrad, lead the thinning ranks of gray coats. As they passed, people on the sidewalks stepped aside. The head was bared in respect to the men, and the cause they represent.

General Watts, of the staff of General Walker, commander-in-chief of the U. C. V., with his handsome suit of gray with the stars on the collar, was a proud leader of the boys.

The Confederate colors were planted in Trinity Methodist church, the pastor, Rev. Dr. Marr having kindly tendered the use of the church. The building was hung with Confederate colors, the flag being conspicuous.

General Watts presided over the exercises which he opened with a few words of welcome.

These were followed by a prayer from Rev. S. S. Conrad, chaplain of Mecklenburg Camp.

Mr. Joseph Craighill rendered an organ solo, the grand march from "Aida," with fine effect.

Mrs. Jeremiah Goff sang most beautifully, "The Dawn," accompanied by the piano by Mrs. W. B. Ryder.

Commander W. M. Smith then introduced Rev. Plato Durham, orator of the day.

Mr. Durham's address, which was a masterpiece of diction, patriotism and eloquence, is given in full elsewhere.

THE DAY IN CONGRES.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 19.
Senate:
Not in session. Meets at 2 p. m. Monday.
House:
Met at noon.
Andrew Carnegie's expense voucher of \$23.70 for testifying before steel committee held up because notary's seal was omitted.
Foreign affairs committee deferred action on international protection of seals because of differences of opinion.
War department expenditures committee favorably reported Cox bill calling for a report on the cost of Philippine occupation.

Terrific Dynamite Explosion Reported

By Associated Press.
Pueblo, Col., Jan. 19.—A terrific dynamite explosion early today partly wrecked the Colorado laundry, in the heart of the business district of this city and damaged the office of the Globe Express Company. City detectives who immediately began an investigation found a dynamite fuse in the alley outside of the express office.

National Strike May Be Averted

By Associated Press.
Birmingham, Jan. 19.—The conference of delegates of the miners federation has decided to give notice forthwith of a national stoppage of work at the coal mines in Great Britain. The end of February, however, is the first date at which the notices can become effective.

The notice is accompanied by an intimation that the men are ready to continue negotiations for a settlement. The conference has adjourned until February 1.

As both sides appear to be heartily desirous of finding a way out of the deadlock there is a general feeling that a national strike, which would affect about nine hundred thousand men, will be averted.

BIG APPROPRIATION FOR AEROPLANES.

By Associated Press.
Paris, Jan. 19.—The French government has decided to ask the chamber of deputies for an appropriation of \$4,400,000 for the construction of aeroplanes for military purposes.

HEADLESS BODY FOUND.

By Associated Press.
St. Louis, Jan. 19.—The headless body of a man was found in an alley ash can in "the Black Hand district" by a policeman today. The body was tried between a blanket and a mattress by a clothes line. The knees were drawn up and the hands were under them.

Life Savers Search in Fog For Crew Of Ill Fated Schooner On Diamond Shoals

By Associated Press.
Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 19.—Six or seven men for the crew of an unidentified schooner which early today was wrecked on Diamond Shoals, are clinging to masts and rigging of their sunken vessel while life savers and revenue cutters are making frantic efforts to rescue them.

Morse's Sentence Commuted- He Is Now A Guest Of The Government

By Associated Press.
Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 19.—Arrangements for moving Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, whose 15-year sentence was commuted last evening by the president, to a sanitarium were held up today pending the arrival of Mrs. Morse from Washington. She is due to reach Atlanta at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

Morse is occupying his room at the army hospital now as a "guest" of the government, his freedom having been given him yesterday by Warder Moyer of the federal penitentiary upon telegraphic advices from Washington.

MYERS PARK SITE OFFERED PRES. COLLEGE

Board of Trustees of Presby- terian College Received and Discussed a Proposition to Move College to Myers Park.

A Beautiful Site of 40 Acres in The Park Holdings Offer- ed—Present Site Historic And Valuable.

The city is agog with interest today over the proposition to move the Presbyterian college to Myers Park.

This proposition, submitted at a meeting of the board of trustees of the college last night, is the greatest proposition which has ever come before the board.

The News understands that a site of 40 acres has been offered the trustees at Myers Park, for the location of the college.

According to the rate the Myers Park land has been selling—anywhere from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per acre—the site would represent to the Presbyterian college trustee about \$80,000 to \$100,000.

The Presbyterian college occupies one of the most valuable sites in the city—on North College street. Bounding it on the south is Ninth street, on the west College street, and the beautiful avenue, Philier avenue, named for the man who gave it, as well as half of the land the college is located on to the city—the late William F. Philier—leads to the main entrance.

The land was procured for a college before the war. Mr. Philier gave half of the property and the rest was raised by subscription. The old college building, which the present one supplanted, or incorporates, was built by the town. The old building faced Philier avenue, as does the new. It was a very pretty building. The late Dr. Robt. Burwell, father of Judge Burwell and Mr. W. R. Burwell, was the first principal.

Mrs. Lydia Craig who lives with her daughter, Mrs. Maud Craig Matthews, on East Morehead street, and the late Mrs. James Moore, of Augusta, Ga., who was Miss Ann Wilson, a half sister of Mr. Geo. E. Wilson, were the first pupils.

The college property is exceedingly valuable. By selling it and taking the site at Myers Park, the trustees, like the Masons, would have, not only a beautiful site, but a surplus from the sale of the city property.

The proposition of change of location for the college, will be read with the keenest of interest by every citizen of Charlotte, and especially the Presbyterians.

Judge Ewing Tells Of Harvey-Wilson- Watterson Meeting

IRISH PLAYERS ACCUSED OF IMMORAL PLAY

By Associated Press.
Philadelphia, Jan. 19.—Eleven Irish players in "The Play Boy of the Western World" arrived Wednesday accused of presenting an immoral play, were held in \$500 bail for trial today. Immediately counsel instituted habeas corpus proceedings for their discharge.

Presentation of the play resulted in rioting in a local theatre.

Chicago, Jan. 19.—The question of when a boat line becomes a common carrier so as to enable it to receive part of joint or through rates with railroads and not be liable for rebating under the act to regulate commerce, was scheduled for argument before interstate commerce commissioner Harlan in the Federal building today.

The case is that of the Colonial Salt Company and others against the Michigan, Indiana and Illinois line and the Ludington Transportation Company. Ten salt companies in Michigan and Ohio allege that the two lake lines are not common carriers and serve only certain salt companies.

On this ground it is contended that they are not entitled to receive part of joint rates to which they would be entitled if they served the public generally.

England's Cotton Mill Strike Settled

By Associated Press.
Manchester, Eng., Jan. 19.—Dispute in the cotton trade, which culminated in a lockout affecting about three hundred thousand men on December 27, has been settled. The question at issue between employers and workers was the employment of non-unionist labor.

All the mills will be reopened on Monday.

How to Remove High Cost of Lwmy

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Jan. 19.—The old fashioned market basket was held to be one of the greatest weapons to combat the high cost of living, at the annual dinner of the American Specialty Manufacturers Association last night.

What is known as "The Trinity" in the grocery world, the manufacturers of foodstuffs, wholesale grocers and retail grocers were present. On the part of householders, Solomon Westfeld gave seven causes for high living costs. They were expensive flats, automobiles, swell clothes, domestics, telephones and poodle dogs.

"When the good matron of the household quits dropping a nickel in the telephone every time she wants a loaf of bread," he said, "and puts her market basket on her arm and goes to the grocery, a great step will be taken in removing the high cost of living."

ASKED GOVERNMENT FOR ELK IN VAIN.

By Associated Press.
Washington, Jan. 19.—Having learned that there were some thirty thousand Elk in and around Yellowstone Park and Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and that reports had it many of them starved to death every year because the snows kept them from procuring food, W. W. Wood, deputy game, fish and oyster commissioner of Texas, wrote to Secretary of Agriculture Wilson asking for a carload of the Elk to place on St. Joseph Island, Texas. The secretary has replied saying that on account of the number of applications and other federal reservations, the department could not consider Mr. Wood's request.

In regard to the rumor that hundreds of the Elk starve to death every winter, it is declared that very few die in this way.

FIGHTING TO BE RESUMED IN CHINA

By Associated Press.
Nanking, Jan. 19.—It now appears to be absolutely certain that fighting between the revolutionists and the imperialist will be resumed on the morning of January 23 unless Premier Yuan Shi Kai concedes the demands of the republican government.

These demands, which were telegraphed today to Premier Yuan Shi Kai at Peking are drastic and substantially as follows:

Abdication of the throne and surrender of the sovereign powers.

No Manchu may participate in the provisional government; the capital of the provisional government cannot be established at Peking; Premier Yuan Shi Kai cannot participate in the provisional government until the republic has been recognized by the foreign powers and the country has been restored to peace.

In the meantime Premier Yuan Shi Kai desires the court to retire, temporarily transferring its powers to him. The court, however, objected to leaving Peking until the national convention had reached a decision.

REV. DR. M'FAR- LAND IS EXTREME- LY INDIFFERENT

By Associated Press.
Knoxville, Tenn., Jan. 19.—In the custody of an officer from Pittsburg, Rev. W. D. McFarland came from Greenville this morning and soon after left for Pittsburg. He is wanted there in connection with the death of Elsie Coe, his former secretary, who expired last Friday after making a dying declaration involving Dr. McFarland as to a criminal operation.

Before leaving Dr. McFarland made his friends good-bye in the same indifferent manner he has conducted himself since he was placed in the Greenville jail by Constable Biddle Tuesday.

Mrs. McFarland, who spent some time with her husband at the jail Thursday, returned to her home at Cedar Creek late yesterday, professing full confidence in her husband and declaring she believed him innocent of the accusation said to have been made by Miss Coe.

It is not known when Mrs. McFarland will go to Pittsburg, but the doctor stated Thursday he supposed she would go at the "proper time."

THREE MEN KILLED BY BOILER EXPLOSION.

By Associated Press.
Portland, Ore., Jan. 19.—Three men were killed when the boiler of the river steamer *Sarah Dixon* exploded early today four miles south of Kalama. The pilot house was ripped from the superstructure. The dead were Capt. Fred Stinson, mate Arthur Monical and a deckhand. Nine persons were rescued from the sinking steamer.

High Price of Butter.

By Associated Press.
Chicago, Jan. 19.—The present high price of butter lent additional impetus to proceedings against the Chicago butter and eggs board, which were scheduled to be resumed today.

L. D. Judson, former secretary of the Elgin butter board, had been successor, Colvin Brown, had been subpoenaed to appear today. The purpose of his testimony, it was said, is to try to show that the Elgin and Chicago boards unite to fix butter prices.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina:
Rain on the coast, cloudy in interior tonight; colder to night; Saturday, fair, colder in east and central portions; brisk north winds.

FEW NEW CASES OF MENINGITIS

By Associated Press.
Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—Reports to the state health board today from the North Texas points indicate that a meningitis outbreak is practically at a standstill. Few new cases have been reported.