

TURKS MAY ACKNOWLEDGE SINKING LINER PERSIA

Unofficial Dispatches Indicate United States Might Have to Revise Correspondence Over That Disaster--Still Waiting For Austria to Deny It

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 24.—Unofficial dispatches from abroad indicating that Turkey might acknowledge that one of her submarines sank the British liner Persia promises to revive the diplomatic features of that disaster. State department officials had had dispatches on the subject from Constantinople, neither had they received word from Ambassador Pennington conveying Austria's disavowal of the disaster.
Until the unofficial announcement that Austria has disavowed the sinking of the Persia is received, Washington officials will take no action.
There is as yet no indication of what turn the case will take. None of the Teutonic allies except Austria and Germany have been included in the American government's correspondence on the sinking of unarmed ships.
It was indicated today that any communication to Turkey would be sent on the receipt of official information on the subject.

WILSON STARTS THURSDAY ON FIRST TOUR

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 24.—President Wilson today began the task of clearing up all routine business preparatory to starting Thursday on a speaking tour in the interest of his preparedness program. He will visit New York first.
The preparedness issue, which for some time has been overshadowed in congress by the Mexican problem and the international situation, has again come to the front in consequence of the president's determination to acquaint the country with his position.
Many members apparently are awaiting to hear from "back home" on the subject of preparedness before taking action and it is believed the president will not only bring out sentiment, but hasten action on the program.

SOCIAL SERVICE

Large Crowd Attends Opening Session in Charlotte.

Charlotte, Jan. 24.—Upwards of 3,000 people attended the opening session of the fourth annual convention of the North Carolina conference for social service at the auditorium last night. The speakers were Rev. Dr. W. L. Lingle of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., and President William Louis Poteat of Wake Forest College. Nearly all the congregations of the untown churches united in the service, which lasted from 7:45 until 10 o'clock. Rev. Dr. William M. Vines, presided. Rev. E. L. Bain made the invocation and Rev. Robert A. Tuft pronounced the benediction.
Both the addresses of the evening centered upon the relationship between the teachings of Jesus and the social and industrial and moral problems of today. Both speakers, treating the different phases of the subject in a widely extended manner, maintained that this relationship is close and vital and that the resources of Christianity, if they are rightly availed and if the teachings of the Nazarene are given practical application, will be found sufficient to revolutionize the world. Mr. Poteat's remarks to deliver a diatribe against war, took ground strongly as opposed to a policy of military and naval expansion, and with sarcasm he expounded the military and naval experts who advise this policy.
The session was preliminary to a series that will not conclude until Wednesday evening at 5:45 o'clock. There will be an afternoon and night service today, morning, afternoon and night services tomorrow, and morning and afternoon services Wednesday—all at the First Baptist church.

HARMONY IS WHAT REPUBLICANS WANT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 24.—Republican leaders, members of the national committee and subcommittee, met here today and discussed plans for the party convention set for June 7 in Chicago. Although empowered by the national committee to select a temporary chairman, the committee members here declared that no such step would be taken. There appeared to be efforts to secure harmony among Republicans.

RURAL CREDITS BANK ORGANIZED AT CARY

Durham, Jan. 24.—John Sprunt Hill has returned from Cary, where he had been to aid in the organization of a rural credits bank. The bank, according to Mr. Hill, was organized and 11 shares were subscribed for at Saturday's meeting. Another meeting of the members of the rural credits bank will be held next Tuesday at which time the organization will be perfected.

HOUSE OF COUNTESS IN IRELAND RAIDED

London, Jan. 24.—A dispatch to the Central News from Dublin says: "The police have raided the house of Countess Markievicz and seized a printing press and type with which she was printing literature with alleged pro-German literature. The countess is the sister of an Irish baronet and is married to a Polish nobleman.
"The police also have raided other suspected houses, seizing arms and ammunition. In no case was resistance offered the raiders."

SOUTHERN DESK COMPANY'S BEST YEAR

West Hickory, Jan. 24.—The Southern Desk Company has just completed the most successful year in its history; last year having sold more than 29,000 desks. A number of improvements are contemplated for the coming year, including a large warehouse, a modern office building, and an elevated tank for fire protection. At a recent meeting of the stockholders, Mr. J. B. Ivey of Charlotte was re-elected president and Mr. G. F. Ivey of Hickory, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Robert Icard of Rhodiss has just completed a dwelling on Ninth avenue and will engage in the mercantile business.
Mr. J. D. Green, the popular bookkeeper of the Ivey Manufacturing Company, has received a commission as notary public, and while he is not yet prepared to marry anyone, he can attend to other important matters.
Miss Blair Keever, who for the past year has been stenographer for the Southern Desk Company, has resigned to accept a position with the J. L. Blodgett Company, and has been succeeded by Miss Anna Haver. Nearly everybody in West Hickory has been vaccinated and so far there have been no cases of smallpox.

A well known cotton mill man of Lincoln county has secured options on several sites on Jacobs Fork river, south of here, with the view of erecting a cotton mill. Four different places are being considered and the final selection will depend on the prices the owners ask for the land.

MUCH INTEREST IN LIVESTOCK MEETING

All eyes of those interested in livestock and its allied subjects will be turned towards Salisbury this week, when the fourth annual meeting of the North Carolina Live Stock Associations will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. The meeting has been anticipated with interest for some time, and it looks as though there is going to be a record meeting. A number of the station staff will attend the meetings this week, among whom are Mr. J. D. McVein, in charge of pig clubs; Prof. Dan T. Gray, of the A. and M. College; Mr. A. G. Oliver, in charge of poultry clubs; Dr. B. F. Flowe, state veterinarian, and Mr. J. T. Bland of Raleigh will also attend the meeting.
The meeting will officially open on Tuesday morning with an address of welcome extended by the mayor of Salisbury, and W. B. Crompton, demonstration agent of Rowan county; G. A. Holderness, of Tarboro, will respond. Tuesday being swine day, the following subject closely related to the industry of hogs, will be taken up: "The Work of the Swine Breeders' Association and What It Can Do," Edgar B. Moore, of Charlotte; "Swine Production in the South," J. M. Jones, of Montgomery, Ala.; "My Method of Advertising and Selling Pure Bred Hogs," W. W. Shay of Cruso; "My Experience in Raising Feeding and Marketing Hogs," L. W. Shook, of Tarboro; "My Experience in Marketing Home Cured Meat," D. J. Lybrook, of Winston-Salem; Demonstration in administering anti-hog cholera serum by Dr. B. F. Flowe, of Raleigh. Masters Sam P. J. Yow, of Kernersville, and W. B. Echols, of Greensboro, will tell how they raised prize winning hogs as members of the North Carolina Pig Club.
Tuesday night is designated as the time for poultry discussions. The matters of care of birds, raising a pure bred stock, feeds for poultry, and other poultry subjects will be discussed by E. S. West of Asheville, W. Byford of Elmwood, J. P. Keer of Haw River, D. L. Christian of Rocky Mount, J. T. Bland of Raleigh, A. G. Oliver of West Raleigh, Dr. B. F. Kapp of West Raleigh.
Wednesday and Thursday are set apart as beef cattle and dairy cattle days, and a number of prominent speakers have been invited to address the meetings.
Quite a number of cash prizes and trophies have been offered by individuals and business houses for the best exhibits shown at the show.

TWO MEXICAN BANDITS EXECUTED FOR MURDER

El Paso, Texas, Jan. 24.—Bernardo and Federico Duran, the Mexican cattle thieves, condemned to die by the Carranza authorities for the killing of Bert Akers at San Lorenzo a few miles below the international boundary Friday, were executed at daylight in the cemetery at Juarez yesterday. The body of Akers was interred here late yesterday.
The Duran brothers died cursing Americans. Bernardo appealed for mercy on behalf of his brother, Federico.
"It is unjust to kill two of us for one American," he said. "It is giving two eyes for one tooth. I am willing to die, because I killed the Gringo but my brother ought to be allowed to live."

Hares, horses and giraffes are better than to see things behind them without turning their heads than any other quadrupeds.

TARIFF BOARD IS PROPOSED NOW

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 24.—President Wilson soon will recommend the enactment of legislation providing for a permanent tariff commission. An administration bill for the creation of such a commission bill is ready now. The object of such a commission would be to gather data on the tariff and to coordinate similar powers now believed to be held by government agents.

The legislation is designed to meet conditions expected to arise when the war ends.

FRANCIS JOSEPH IS REPORTED VERY SICK

(By Associated Press.)
Paris, Jan. 24.—Press dispatches from Rome say that considerable anxiety is felt in Vienna as a result of the illness of the emperor, whose chronic bronchitis has assumed an acute form.
It is said that he is confined to his bed, that all court receptions and audiences have been suspended and that he is not even permitted to hold audiences with military leaders.

MARKETS

NEW YORK STOCKS

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 24.—Dullness and irregular price changes attended the resumption of trading today, representative issues moving within extremely narrow limits, while some specialties recorded substantial advances. United States steel issues promises to occupy a place of unusual importance pending tomorrow's meeting of the directors, opened at a slight advance, but soon fell back. Union Pacific opened weak, and other rails declined noticeably on agitation of the eight-hour movement among the railroad employes of the country.

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Associated Press.)
New York, Jan. 24.—Cotton opened at a decline of two to eight points to day under moderate selling, which seemed to attract some hedging from southern sources as well as scattering or Wall street offerings. The census report showing cotton grinned prior to January 16 was considered as pointing to a total yield within the government estimate.

COTTON GINNED

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 24.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 was 10,166,202 bales including 106,906 round bales and 90,736 bales of sea island, the census bureau announced today.
Ginnings by states: North Carolina, 709,754; South Carolina, 1,409,562.

CHICAGO WHEAT

(By Associated Press.)
Chicago, Jan. 24.—The Anglo-French governments' assistance in the cutting down of vessel rates from Argentina had a bearish effect today on wheat. Besides prediction of seed being sold in the domestic winter crop belt had not been fulfilled. On the other hand declines in prices here appeared to cause a renewal of export buying. The opening which ranged with May at 1.31 1/2 to 1.32 1/2 and July at a material further sag and then a decided upturn.

COTTON FUTURES

New York, Jan. 24.—Cotton futures opened steady and closed steady.
Active months Open Close
January 12.25 12.06
March 12.27 12.22
May 12.53 12.46
July 12.63 12.58
October 12.67 12.59

HICKORY MARKETS

Cotton ----- 12c
Wheat ----- \$1.50

The king of Siam has resolved never to wed.

THE WEATHER

Forecast for North Carolina: Fair and warmer tonight and Tuesday; moderate northeast to east winds.

COMPARATIVE WEATHER

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| January 23-- | 1916 | 1915 |
| Maximum | 60 | 46 |
| Minimum | 60 | 46 |
| Mean | 47 1/2 | 39 |

DOVER ATTACKED BY GERMAN SEAPLANE

(By Associated Press.)
Berlin, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Jan. 24.—The German admiralty this afternoon made the following announcement:
"A German naval aeroplane during the night of January 22 and 23 dropped bombs on the station, barracks and docks of Dover."

The official British account of the German aeroplane attack as given out yesterday said that the east coast of Kent was visited Sunday morning by an aeroplane which dropped nine bombs killing one person. The announcement did not say that the aeroplane attacked Dover.
The German report does not mention the second raid said to have been made on the east coast of Kent, by two seaplanes.
Dover, which is opposite Calais, is one of the chief ports in the communication between England and the continent. It has a magnificent harbor and since it was improved in 1909, it has been an important naval station. Since the beginning of the war it has figured prominently in both naval and military activities.

ALLIES TO LEND GREED SOME MONEY

(By Associated Press.)
Military operations in the Balkans are at present confined to Albania, Austrian occupation of Montenegro virtually having been completed. In the interior the disarming of Montenegrin soldiers is proceeding, according to advices from Teutonic sources. What the policy of the entente powers will be towards Montenegro has not been learned.
The Austro-Bulgarian invasion of Albania which is declared to be menacing the Italian expeditionary force is being renewed, according to Saloniki dispatches.
On the Greek border the only recent operations reported was a raid by a squadron of 45 French aeroplanes on Monastir, southwestern Serbia, where damage was inflicted on the quarters of the Teutonic army.
Diplomatic relations with Greece seem to have been smoothed over. Recent dispatches say that the terms of a loan to Greece from the entente powers has been completed.

"CHIEF" SAM IN TROUBLE

Reported British Authorities Holding Him on Several Charges.
New York, Jan. 24.—"Chief" Albert T. Sam, who with a party of about 60 negro followers, sailed from Galveston, Texas, two years ago on the steamship Liberia for the Gold Coast of Africa, where he proposed to set up a negro colony, is being held by the British authorities in Africa, on several charges, chief of which is manslaughter according to the wife of William H. Lewis of Galveston, a member of the party, who arrived here on the Cymric from Liverpool.
On the voyage from Galveston to the gold coast, which was reached about the middle of November, 1914, several of the passengers and crew, including Lewis, died from scurvy. Upon these deaths is based the charge of manslaughter against "Chief" Sam according to the Lewis woman, who added that the promised reception in Africa had not been arranged and that the natives were apparently hostile.
The woman on her arrival in England was deported to this country.

TWO ARE INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE COLLISION

Winston-Salem, Jan. 24.—Mrs. F. H. Vogler and Mrs. Eugene Vogler were badly cut up and bruised in an automobile accident which occurred in Hanes Development yesterday afternoon. The car in which they were riding collided with one driven by Miss Kathleen Simpson. The latter escaped unhurt, as did Mr. Eugene Vogler, who was at the wheel of the other car. Both machines are badly damaged.

CABARRUS COUNTY MAN TRIES TO KILL HIMSELF

Concord, Jan. 24.—Zeb Hunnicutt, a young white man of the Hartsell mill section, is in a critical condition this afternoon as the result of two self-inflicted pistol shot wounds early this morning. One of the shots struck him in the back of the head and the other in the neck. He is married, and it is said that domestic troubles were responsible for Hunnicutt's attempt on his life.

FEDERAL INCOME TAX HELD CONSTITUTIONAL

Chief Justice White Writes Opinion in Which He Points Out Erroneous Assumption of Assaults--Government Always Has Had Power, He Says.

WILSON TO TELL CONGRESS TO HURRY

(By Associated Press.)
Washington, Jan. 24.—President Wilson has decided to take active steps to hurry congress toward action on the appropriation bills so that the way might be cleared for the army and navy bills. Late today the president will confer with the chairmen of several committees in order to discuss the questions. Some representatives have told the president that to finish the work congress would have to remain in session all summer and the president wants to avoid this.

HARNETT COUNTY NEGRO CARRIED TO RALEIGH

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—Sheriff J. M. Byrd of Harnett county yesterday transferred James McCall, the negro youth charged with criminal assault, on a seven-year-old child, to the state's prison where he will be held until arrangements are made for the trial at Lillington. The negro was rushed here late last night because the sheriff was apprehensive that there might be an attempt to lynch him.
The sheriff and party arrived here about 11 o'clock and applied to Jailor Jordan of the Wake jail but that officer declined to receive the negro for the reason that he was all alone in the jail and if a Harnett mob should attempt to get into the Wake jail he might not be able to cope with them. However, it is a fact that the Wake jail, being on the top floor of the four story Wake court house building and being of most modern construction, is practically impregnable so far as mob attack is concerned.
Sheriff Byrd induced the police authorities to receive McCall in the city prison and he was held there until he could be taken in at the state's prison.

"UNDER ARIZONA SKIES"

Ferguson Brothers Stock Company Returns to Hickory For Another Period.
The Ferguson Brothers Stock Company, which in the latter part of December played in large audiences at the Hub, has returned to Hickory and will put on "Under Arizona Skies," at the Hub tonight. The company will be here the whole week.
Hickory theatre-goers liked the company on its last appearance here. The acting was clean, spirited and enjoyable, and every performance drew a large crowd. The company will doubtless take well this week.

NO SUNDAY MOVIES

Durham, Jan. 24.—In a statement given out to newspaper men City Attorney J. L. Morehead announces that while he greatly favors Sunday moving pictures, that owing to the "fight" which is sure to come and which is the very thing he didn't want, that he will withdraw his suggestion, made recently to aldermen.

SENATOR GARDNER IS IMPROVING NICELY

Messrs. Roy Abernethy and Orin Sigmund yesterday visited Mr. Max Gardner in a Salisbury hospital and reported today that he was steadily improving. Mr. Gardner now being able to use crutches. He expects to return home by the first of March, but will be compelled to remain quiet for some time.
Senator Gardner appreciates deeply the interest shown in him by friends throughout the state. He is a candidate for lieutenant governor, and since his injury in the Thanksgiving day wreck in the Salisbury yards, has received many tenders of support. Dr. Stokes has told him that he must not make an active campaign, and Mr. Gardner will depend on his friends for most of the work.
The condition of Mr. Tally, another victim of the wreck, also was reported as improved.

LIVE STOCK MEN MEET IN SALISBURY

Salisbury, Jan. 24.—Preparations were being completed today for the meeting here tomorrow of the North Carolina Live Stock Associations. A large attendance is expected and much interest is being shown in all the divisions of the work.

\$466 IS RAISED ON CHURCH BUDGET

That the Bible institute being held at the Highland Baptist church is producing the desired results was evidenced yesterday afternoon at the close of an every-member canvass, when it was found that \$466 had been raised during the afternoon on the church budget of \$475.
The budget includes a building and repair fund of \$250, pastor's salary \$125, missions \$75 and other objects \$25.
The returns from the canvass showed that only nine dollars of the amount was lacking with several members yet to be seen.
The orphanage is to be taken care of by the Sunday school which is to give the contributions of one Sunday in each month to that institution. This commendable result is largely due to three addresses delivered there by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw.
The institute will continue this week until Friday night. Rev. J. D. Harte will speak tomorrow night on the subject of foreign missions.

WINSTON-SALEM OFFICER IN SERIOUS CONDITION

Winston-Salem, Jan. 24.—Patrolman H. C. Whiteheart is in the City Hospital in a critical condition as the result of being shot yesterday afternoon by a negro, whose identity has as yet not been definitely determined. Reports from the hospital indicate that the officer has a fair chance of recovery. He was shot through the leg and kidney, the latter being cut and hit twice. An operation was performed and the right kidney removed.

FIFTY BOYS MADE OVER 117 BUSHELS

Raleigh, Jan. 24.—As a result of the work of the Boys' Corn Clubs during the year 1915, reports sent in by the boys show that 70,040.4 bushels of corn have been produced by the 1,308 boys reporting. Fifty boys made 100 bushels and above. The average was 111.7 bushels per acre. As an indication of the interest of the boys this past year, 37.3-10 per cent of the boys enrolled reported, against 21.3-10 per cent for the year 1914, an increase of 16 per cent for the year.
Ninety-five out of the 100 counties of the state had boys enrolled in the club, and 88 counties out of the 95 sent in reports. The 12 remaining counties of the state from which no reports were received had only a combined total membership of 17.
The following facts show some results of the work:
Total number of boys enrolled in the corn clubs. 3,505
Total number of boys reporting. 1,308
Total number of bushels reported in the state. 70,040.4
Total cost of production. \$30,458.74
Average cost per bushel. 43.4
Average number of bushels per acre. 53.6