

TREBIZOND TO FALL TO SLAVS WITHIN A FEW DAYS, BELIEVED

Russians Continue to Pursue Remnants of Broken Ottoman Army

ARMENIANS LEAVE CITY

Fearing Massacre of Christians, They Take Refuge With Advancing Invaders—Austrian Attacks Repulsed by Czar's Troops

Petrograd, Feb. 23.—The Russian vanguard is within a few miles of Rizeh, thirty-five miles east of Trebizond. The capture of Trebizond is only a few days distant, say Tiflis dispatches.

Armenian refugees fleeing from the Christian quarter of Trebizond outside the walls have arrived inside the Russian lines, it is said officially. The Russians are pursuing the remnants of the Turkish army. The Austrians attacking the Slavs along the upper Strypa have been repulsed with heavy losses.

Czar Offers Nicholas a Command.

London, Feb. 23.—The Czar remains loyal to King Nicholas of Montenegro, despite the criticism because of the failure of Russia to assist him before, says a Rome dispatch. Nicholas has been offered a command of a Russian corps, with the rank of field marshal.

Heavy German Offensive.

Paris, Feb. 23.—The Germans have launched a heavy offensive in Verdun, it is officially said, and are attacking with infantry on a 15-mile front. Entire battalions have been annihilated in the struggle, prisoners said. The French have evacuated Haumont Forest, but reoccupied the Caures Wood. Violent fighting is in progress in the Givenchy woods near Souchez. The French there have reoccupied several trenches taken by the Germans.

German Gains Reported.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—The Germans have captured over six miles of the French trenches north of Verdun, it is officially said. This was the biggest victory since Ypres. Three thousand prisoners were taken.

BOUQUETS FOR WOMAN WHO KILLED ANOTHER TO PROTECT HER HOME

Huntington, W. Va., Feb. 23.—Mrs. Linderff Defoe, who shot and killed Mrs. Rosa McMasters, was today showered with bouquets. Mrs. Defoe expects freedom on the ground of temporary insanity. She said she lost her reason on seeing her husband in the arms of the victim.

LIKELY TO BLAME DEAD ENGINEER FOR WRECK

Three Separate Investigations of Collision Near Milford, Conn. Under Way Today—Nine Fatalities—Believed Driver of Locomotive Failed to Heed Signals

New Haven, Feb. 23.—Investigations of the wreck near Milford yesterday, which resulted in the killing of nine persons were started today by the coroner, the utilities commission and the I. C. C.

W. R. Curtis, dead engineer of the train which crashed into the rear of the Connecticut special, is likely to be blamed. He is said to have failed to heed block signals. Damage suits are expected to follow to cost half a million dollars.

Disregard of Signal Alleged.

Milford, Conn., Feb. 23.—Disregard of a cautionary signal probably was responsible for the rear-end collision on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad near here today in which eight persons lost their lives and fully fifteen were injured, according to Charles C. Elwell of the Connecticut Public Utilities Commission. The State's investigation already is under way, but inasmuch as four railroad employes, the most important witnesses, were killed, it will be difficult to fix responsibility. Mr. Elwell said.

JAPANESE VESSELS OF WAR SAID TO BE IN MEDITERRANEAN

German Reports Say Fleet Has Arrived There to Cooperate With Allies—Aircraft Rumored to Be With Men-of-War

London, Feb. 23.—The admiralty today refused to comment on German reports that a Japanese fleet, accompanied by aircraft, has arrived in the Mediterranean to co-operate with the Allies. The Times in publishing the report recalled the recent rumor that warships were leaving Japan to protect Japanese shipping in the Mediterranean.

ATTORNEY GENERALS ARGUE FOR VALIDITY OF W. VA. LIQUOR LAW

Washington, Feb. 22.—Attorney generals of fifteen States today filed with the Supreme Court a joint argument in support of the constitutionality of the West Virginia liquor law prohibiting the receipt and possession of intoxicating liquors for personal use and of the Federal Webb Kenyon liquor law prohibiting the shipping of intoxicating liquors into States for use in violation of State laws.

The States represented were Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Carolina, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington and Alabama.

The decision of the court in the West Virginia cases now before the court for oral argument, is expected to be the most important adjudication in the temperance fight in a decade.

PARTIAL DISARMAMENT POSSIBLE, HE THINKS

London, Feb. 23.—An international agreement to at least a partial disarmament will perhaps be possible if Prussian militarism is crushed by the war. Russian Foreign Minister Sazonoff declared in an interview with the Petrograd correspondent of the Chronicle.

RUSSIA LENIENT TO FEMALE POLITICAL PRISONER IN EXILE

Boston, Feb. 24.—The Russian government's recent order banishing to the unbearably cold extreme north of Siberia the famous political prisoner, Mrs. Katherine Breshkovsky, now in her 72nd year, has been retracted through the efforts of members of the Douma. Mrs. Breshkovsky, who many years ago visited America and is well known to American suffrage and political leaders, has been granted permission by the Minister of the Interior to reside in the city of Irkutsk, according to information received here today by Miss Alice Stone Blackwell.

THE ODDEST STORY IN THE DAY'S NEWS

St. Paul, Minn., Feb. 23.—Although only twelve miles apart, St. Paul and Minneapolis have separate weather Bureaus. The original single station, which Uncle Sam said could efficiently handle weather conditions in both cities, was in St. Paul. People in Minneapolis constantly taunted the St. Paul station with sending weather reports destructive to their bazaars, fetes and civic turnouts. Minneapolis people just wouldn't accept weather sent them from St. Paul, so Uncle Sam gave in and established another station in Minneapolis.

SULZER WOULD HAVE TAX \$1,000 GALLON WHISKY

Pittsburgh, Pa., Feb. 22.—A tax of \$1,000 a gallon on all alcoholic liquor was advocated by former Governor William Sulzer, of New York, in an address here today before the Pennsylvania State Prohibition Convention.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BULGARS WEARY OF CRONES APPLIED TO ALLIANCE WITH THE TEUTONS, REPORTED FOR WORK, REPORT

Clash Between Germans and Natives Over Mis-treatment of Girl COUNTRY BEING DRAINED

Animals and Grain Going to Armies—People Would Welcome Invasion by the Russians, Say Saloniki Dispatches to London Today

(By the United Press) London, Feb. 23.—Saloniki dispatches to London today reported chaotic conditions in Bulgaria, caused by alleged animosity of the Bulgarians to the Germans.

The information is said to have been confidential. A correspondent cabled a report of a free-for-all fight between Germans and Bulgarians over mistreatment of a peasant girl.

It was said there were several deaths. The country is being drained of cattle and grain in exchange for German paper. It is said the Bulgarians would welcome a Russian invasion.

SPALDING WILLING TO GIVE LOVING CUP TO E. CARO. LEAGUE

(By the Eastern Press) Washington, N. C., Feb. 23.—A. G. Spalding & Bros. have offered a loving cup of handsome design and of large size to the pennant winner of the East Carolina League, in the event that association is reorganized.

W. H. Russ, a local fan, has a letter from the Spaldings, stating: "Referring to our conversation regarding the possibility of a baseball league in your section, will say, we will be very pleased to offer a trophy in the form of a silver cup, photograph of which we are sending you under separate cover. The cup would be donated to the winning team of the league, provided, of course, the league went through the season on regular schedule."

MAKE THREE CHARGES OF DOUBLE DEALING AGAINST BRANDEIS

(By the United Press) Washington, Feb. 23.—Attorneys opposing Louis Brandeis' appointment to the Supreme Court today made three charges of double dealing to the Senate investigating committee.

GERARD ABLE TO BE OUT.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—Ambassador Gerard's collarbone, broken while skiing yesterday, has been set and he was today able to visit the embassy. He will be absent from his desk several weeks, however.

ESTIMATE OF GERMAN AFRICAN TERRITORY TAKEN.

London, Feb. 23.—The Allies have conquered 730,000 miles of German territory in Africa during the war, it was announced today in the House of Commons.

DUTCH VESSEL SUNK.

Rotterdam, Feb. 23.—The Dutch liner Lafrance, of 2,000 tons, has been mined. Two survivors are reported, and the rest of the company are believed lost.

FOR CHILDREN'S COUGH

You cannot use anything better for your child's cough and cold than Dr. King's New Discovery. It is prepared from Pine Tar mixed with healing and soothing balsams. It does not contain anything harmful and is slightly laxative, just enough to expel the poisons from the system. Dr. King's New Discovery is antiseptic—kills the cold germs—raises the phlegm—loosens the cough and soothes the irritation. Don't put off treatment. Coughs and Colds often lead to serious lung troubles. It is also good for adults and the aged. Get a bottle today. All druggists.

CRONES APPLIED TO A RICHMOND AGENCY FOR WORK, REPORT

Threatening Letter Received by Police There—Attempt to Bomb Capitol of Nebraska—Partial Explosion Caused Fire

(By the United Press) Richmond, Feb. 24.—Following receipt of a letter purporting to be from Jean Crones, saying that he is in Richmond, the police were tipped by George E. Anderson, manager of an employment agency, that Crones had applied to him for work.

Attempt to Blow Up Capitol At Lincoln.

Lincoln, Feb. 24.—Discovery of what is believed to have been an attempt to wreck the State Capitol building here was today announced. Guards found a bomb in trash burning in the furnace. It partly exploded, and started a fire, which was extinguished with small damage. Chemists are examining the contents.

Richmond Police Get Letter.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 23.—Police Chief Werner today received the following letter (literal copy):

"Richmond, Va., Feb. 20.

"Dear Chief of Police, Richmond, Va.:

"I am here and I am going to make hell for you and your police. I left New York midnight Sat. I was talking with a police today. He no me not.

"Well so long. "Jean Crones, "North St., City."

Bishop D. J. O'Connell of Richmond, who was among the guests at the banquet of Archbishop Mundelein when Crones is believed to have poisoned the soup, was notified but refused guards.

MAN WHO INTRODUCED STICKY FLY PAPER

Portland, Ore., Feb. 23.—The man who introduced sticky fly paper into the United States runs a restaurant in Portland and uses screen doors and electric fans to keep the flies away.

His name is Henry Scheuffler. He learned to make sticky fly paper in Stuttgart, Germany, then came to America and started a bakery at Grand Rapids, Mich. He made a little of the fly paper to use in his windows. One day another German named Thum gave Scheuffler a dollar to learn how to make the sticky stuff. Thum patented it and started a factory. The big corporation of Thum Bros. is the result. Scheuffler spent his dollar and came West.

NEWS OF A DAY FROM NEIGHBORING PLACES

(Daily Free Press February 23)

Workmen on the auxiliary schooner Vanecta, belonging to a fish scrap and oil company, through a mistake bored a hole in the vessel's gasoline tank. The leak was temporarily stopped after 50 gallons had been lost and the schooner hurried to New Bern for repairs.

Many whales are being seen off the North Carolina coast. It is reported that ten have been washed ashore on Hatteras beach.

Bath, the State's oldest town, is stirred up over a local ordinance to keep cows off the streets.

MEMPHIS DETERMINES UPON MAYOR AT LAST

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 22.—Reorganization of the Memphis municipal commission today gave the city four mayors within as many hours, and resulted finally in the election of Thomas C. Ashcroft, capitalist and former newspaper man, as the head of the city government to serve the unexpired term of Edward H. Crump, which will end in 1920.

A CRONES POSTCARD FROM OREGON CITY

Chicago, Feb. 23.—A postal card bearing the signature of Jean Crones was today received by the police from Portland, Ore. The writer threatened a Portland bishop.

MICHIGAN SALOONS WORTH ONE HUNDRED MILLIONS AT STAKE

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 23.—Three thousand, three hundred and twenty-six saloons in Michigan will be forced out of business if the State-wide prohibition amendment is carried at the general election November 7. Of these, about 40 per cent. are located in Detroit. The value of the saloon interests in the State has been roughly estimated at \$100,000,000.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SAYS DRINK LEMONADE FOR RHEUMATISM.

Relief from rheumatism and sciatica can be obtained by drinking lemonade and avoiding alcoholic drinks.

To get rid of this stubborn disease, however; to stop the twinges, pain and swelling, and drive the poisonous accumulations from the joints and muscles, all generously-inclined druggists will tell you to take half a teaspoonful of Rheuma daily until all misery ceases.

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Besides that, there are two Kitty-Kats, which come with Betty Bright. They are each six inches tall—one kitten is yellow and white, and the other kitten is black and white. Each have red ribbons and a bell about their necks. They are made of very serviceable cloth, so that they will wear for a great length of time. All you have to do is to follow the simple directions, cut them out, and stuff them, and you have a great big life-sized doll, also two cute Kitty-Kats. Children invariably love a cloth doll in preference to a breakable doll.

There is also considerable pleasure and amusement to be derived when cutting them out, and making them at home. Every little girl will love Betty Bright and the two Kitty-Kats.

OUR OFFER—In another part of this paper will be found a COUPON. Six of these coupons, of consecutive dates, together with Fifteen Cents in cash, will be received at The Free Press office in payment for this set of dollies. Subscribers wishing to get BETTY by mail, must remit two cents extra for postage and packing.

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