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RUSSIANS WILL TRY TRYING TO PERSUADE TO CHECK AUSTRIAN Whites While Waiting for Ammuni-ADVANCE AT HALITZ

Have Strongly Fortified the City in the Eastern Carpathians

TURKEY FEARS INVASION

Ottoman Government Rec- whites attack again. ords Prepared for Removal From Constantinople If Allied Fleets or the Russians Take the City.

(By the United Press)

tle is in progress east and south of loves one, and tonight she got a Stanislau, in the Eastern Carpathian dandy, a thrill much as only a Zepmountains. The Austrians are at- pelin can produce. Not that one even tempting to press north to the river started a rumor that a Zeppelin was Lanes. Dneister in force, and have affected coming, but that Paris took her first a crossing at Halitz. The Russians real precaution against one. have strongly fortified the city of As the night stole on, with the Halitz and expect to halt the Austri- clouds hanging low and drizzle filling an forward movement at this point. the air, a policeman called on all The Russian offensives in the Carpa- Parisians. They ordered curtains thians and Poland continue. The Ger- drawn over all windows, blinds drawn mans have been outmaneuvered in or the lights put out. And Paris their attempts to concentrate around obeyed, thrilled through and through. Przasnysz for a new advance on Back of closed shutters the popula-

German Reserves Take Przasnysz.

Berlin, Feb. 25 .- It is officially announced that East Prussian reserves stormed the Russian fortress of Przasnysz yesterday and captured more than ten thousand prisoners.

The fortress was strongly fortified. The Germans captured twenty large guns and many machine guns. The German movement along the right man Tauben quit coming. A Zeppebank of the Vistula toward the Rusmade further progress, and 5,000 prisoners have been taken. It is admitted that the Russians have cap- that would be genuinely thrilling and tured the town of Mogily, southeast quite remindful of what the boys at of Bolimow.

Turks Taking Precautions Against Invasion.

patches, Turkey is making prepare tions against an attack upon Constan- MAN, BUT LET HIM ESCAPE tinople. All government records have been removed to the interior in expectation of a combined attack by the Angle-French fleet trying to force Dardanelles. Leading families of Constantinople have made arrangements to flee to the interior on quick notice. A report that Russian transports are about to embark with troops for the invasion of Turkey and to attack Constantinople was caused great alarm. Turkish submarines are displaying the greatest activity in the Bosphorus, and are preparing to meet the transports.

NEW YORK BOOKMAKERS ARE PUZZLED JUST NOW

By HAL SHERIDAN.

(Written for the United Press.) New York, Feb. 25 .- Just how far they can go without police interfer- in the van for some time without der the auspices of a club of local ence is worrying the bookmakers, who already are laying their plans carefully for a bit of under-cover betting when the New York racing season starts on May 20. Last year there were a few raids, and this year, according to word which has gone out in the shape of a tip to the racing fraternity, strictness will be the rule,

The arrest over in Maryland a few weeks ago of a hundred Washington betting fans mong them a congressman or two, hat made the pony-followers here a bit chary. There has been a bit of betting on the Q. T. throughout the winter, but the old poolroom days are far in the discard Directors call for the appropriation -at least the police say so.

BIG SHIPMENT FROM BOSTON FOR BRITISH ARMY.

(By the United Press) ston, Feb. 25 .- The Leyland liner Bohemian sailed today for Liverpool with an immense cargo of supplies and eight hundred horses for the British army.

INDIANS TO GIVE UP

tion Parley With Piute Outlaws to Surrender and Avoid Further Bloodshed.

(By the United Press.) Dolores, Colo., Feb. 25 .- Additional ammunition is expected to arrive at Bluff today. Preparations for another attack upon the Indians are being made, awaiting the outcome of negotiations in an attempt to persuade

the Indians to surrender before the

PARIS ON GUARD AGAINST ZEPPELINS

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS

Paris, Feb. 3 (By mail to New York).-There is no city on earth Petrograd, Feb. 25 .- A great bat- which loves a thrill better than Paris

tion sat and had delighted feelings steal over them, for at least maybe a Zeppelin would come and they would see what the war was like. True, Parisians said to each other,

they had seen German aeroplanes and heard the little bombs explode which fell from them. This was quite thrilling for a time, but the novelty soon wore off and the Gerlin is a far different thing; it is sian fortress, Novo Georgievsk, has much bigger and its bombs are correspondingly larger. A Zeppelin could really bombard the city, and the front hear and see and daily undergo.

Athens. Feb. 25.—According to dis- CONSTABLE WELLS GOT

Constable Josiah Wells of Moselev Hall township drove in a buggy from LaGrange to a point where he located Ransom Alphin in the country Wednesday and arrested Alphin to the age of Mary Croom, whom the sheriff here says is less than sixteen years of age. Alphin procured the license for the marriage of Miss Croom to Frank Mitchell, a wellknown young farmer of that section said, objected.

Alphin was driving on a cotton wagon, according to the story that reached here today, and the constable permitted him to remain on the wagon or join Mitchell, riding in another buggy, but which is not clear. humorist of the first class. At any rate, the constable, who is also Chief of Police in LaGrange, drove paying attention to his prisoner. Just how long is not known, but it s a certainty that when Wells turned to of the school children of the city, take in that part of the landscape of possibly for playgrounds purposes which Alphin was supposed to constitute a part, the skyline was most conspicuous by reason of that gentleman's absence.

TO BRUSH SLEEP AWAY FROM PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 25 .- This city is to have a greater Chamber of Com- Company, comprised of ladies, will merce. The plans which were recently decided upon by the Board of of \$100,000 a year for commercial and industrial welfare, and will unite who has filled more return engageall the trade bodies of the city into ments in the South than any other one central organization.

Bureaus to be conducted include the present traffic bureau, trade expansion, a publicity and convention, industrial, legislative and statistical bureaus, and a bureau to supervise charities. It is planned to place ex- the rate of 50 cents for adults at perts in charge of each.

APPROVING

Would Make Museum of Monticello—Official Order for Navy Courts-Martial. Safe Shipping Lanes Outlined by the Germans

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 25 .- President Wilson approves the plan to purchase Monticello, Thomas Jefferson's home, to make of it a national mu-

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today signed an order for the courtmartial of the five men alleged to be involved in the recent explosition on the U. S. cruiser San Diego, due to low water in the boilers, and costing several lives.

German Embassy Outlines Safety

Safety lanes through which American ships can reach German ports were defined by German embassy officials today.

Administration officials view gravely the German passport case which tends to involve German Naval Attache Boyed. If Boyed is found guilty of helping a German spy to reach England the State Department will be forced to take a hand.

Mexicans Know Nothing of Special

The Carranza Agency here disclaims knowledge of Carranza's act M. C. A." of levying a special tax amounting to (Continued on Page 3)

FIRST CHAUTAUQUA TODAY AND TONIGH

Strollers' Quartet and Ells-Impersonator, Chief At tractions of Both Programs Today

The festival of the Booster Club started in the Grand Theater this affor perjury, to-wit, falsely swearing ternoon at 3:15 o'clock with a concert by the Strollers' Quartet. The Strollers are stronger right now than ever before, the Radeliffe management says. They gave a superb program of popular and classical selections. Tonight the Strollers will give of the county. Her relatives, it is a grand concert at 9 o'clock, following a feature performance by Ellsworth Plumstead, the noted impersonator. Mr. Plumstead this afternoon followed the male singers, giving a program of character studies probably never excelled. He is

> The festival, more popularly called the midwinter chautauqua, is unbusiness men who will donate their percentage to the to the betterment Several hundred dollars are expected to be realized for the Booster Club's share of the profits. The Radcliffe Company, furnishing the amusements for the three days of the festival, is among the best-known of the chautaqua organizations.

> Tomorrow Dr. J. W. Frizzell, noted lecturer, and the LaDell Concert hold the boards for the two performances. On Saturday Hal Merton, the famous magician, and Dr. H. W. Sears, America's foremost humorist, man on the platform, will be the at-

Dr. J. W. Frizzell is the platform nanager of the festival.

Single admissions to any of the at tractions are being charged for at night and 35 for afternoon, and 25 cents for afternoon.

ENGLISH PEOPLE WANT RETALIATORY BLOCKADE

Angry Over Increasing Activity of Kaiser's Submarine Fleet in British Waters, Demand That Navy Blockade German Coast

(By United Press.) London, Feb. 25 .- The British publie is daily becoming more exasperated over the repeated attacks of German submarines in England's coast waters, and is demanding an immediate blockade of the German coast.

It is announced that the British steamer Deptford has been mined or torpedoed off Scarborough and sunk. One of the crew was drowned and the others landed at Scarborough.

A British steamer off the western coast was mined or torpedeed near Beachyhead yesterday. The crew and passengers were landed at Plymouth

RELIGIOUS EXPANSION AT STATE UNIVERSITY

John R. Mott Meetings Redoubled Force for Good of Students' Y. M. C. A. at Chapel Hill-400 to Be Useful.

(Special to The Free Press.) Chapel Hill, Feb. 25 .- Secretary Frank Graham of the Young Men'c Christian Association of the University, aptly epitomized the far-reaching consequence of the visit of John R. Mott and his five associates in the International Student Movement when he said: "The Mott meetings redoubled the force, the activities and energies of all departments of the Y.

Other than his sane and straightforward appeals to grip his immediate hearers, John R. Mott has the capacity to call students to social and religious srevice. He left his impress on University students. Responsive to the meetings, 400 students affixed their signature to this pledge: It is my purpose, pay what it cost, to be a sincere follower of Jesus Christ." Many students were seized with a passion for service, and boys have appealed to the Y. M. C. A. for jobs in community work, leaders of Bible groups, and work in other fields worth Plumstead, Noted of service in the village and vicinity. President Edward K. Graham's address, "A New Start," was an added impetus to the movement for social and religious expansion. His address has been supplemented by talks in chapel by the various student leaders in the departmental work of the Y. M. C. A.

The stimulating effects of the Mott meetings rivet attention on the betterment campaign in the rural community around Chapel Hill, inaugurated by the Y. M. C. A. a year ago. The work of the Association is divided into twenty distinct departments each under the supervision of a chairman and a committee. The Bible Study Department enlisted the services of 390 students, divided into wenty-five groups. These groups conduct Bible classes on Sundays in the dormitories, and three courses have been outlined: "Men of the Old Testament," "Manhood of the Master" and "New Studies in the Acts."

The student teachers in the rural schools, in outlying districts around Chapel Hill, present the lessons of the International Sunday School quarterly. A movement is to be aunched to encourage various communities to raise funds for organs in the rural Sunday schools. Neighborhood social gatherings, union picnics, and discussions of rural problems are promoted by the student leaders in charge of the country-side

SAFETY FIRST CONVENTION OPENS IN NEW YORK TODAY

New York, Feb. 25 .- To make "safety first" a national slogan the Safety First Society of New York today opened its first convention of ciations into a strong national body. Moving pictures showing what safety means in factories and elsewhere will

IMPEACHMEN

Dissatisfied With Committee's Attitude - Resolutions In Case Up Again This Afternoon-Matters of Interest In Legislature

(By W. J. Martin.)

Raleigh, Feb. 25 .- The eight per cent. interest bill, allowing that race LIVE STOCK INCREASING under special written contracts, came from the committee on banking into the House today with a favorable report Tuesday afternoon in a joint meeting of the finance and banking committees, The House adopted unanimously the joint resolution for no more new bills after next Monday.

The Senate resumed consideration of the revenue bill, practically no changes being made. The House is on the machinery bill after the morning hour.

Dissatisfied with the attitude of the judiciary committee No. 1, having the matter in hand for a favorable or unfavorable report as to resolutions for an investigation of the Carter-Abernethy contempt proceedings and the charges against Carter's personal character, advocates of the resolutions are threatening to launch impeachment proceedings against the judge. Calls were made on the Department of State today for reports of the proceedings in the famous Douglass and Furches impeachments. The judiciary committee will meet this afternoon to settle the question as to a recommendation on the resolutions.

COUNCIL'S COURT BILL TO RALFIGH

Legislature Will Be Asked demand by the warring countries," Court for Kinsten, With Judge-Amend Charter

City Council, in a special meeting Wednesday evening, decided without a dissenting vote to ask the Legislature to pass the bill providing a recorder's court, with criminal jurisdiction only, for the City of Kin-

The Mayor and several members of the Council will appear in Raleigh before the committee which will have the reporting of the bill in charge, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It is probable that the committee will at the same time consider the bill to establish a court with both criminal and civil jurisdiction for the county, and the one providing for a court. similarly constituted, for LaGrange and Moseley Hall Township. The Kinston bill, completed by City

Attorney John G. Dawson, late Wednesday, provides that the proposed court shall be called "The Recorder's Court of the City of Kinston." It shall have jurisdiction in the city, and within a mile and a half on every side. It shall be presided over by a person elected by the people, at the same time and under the same regulations as the mayor. The recorder shall take the same oath as is required of judges of the Superior Court. The salary is named at \$1,200. Fees will be paid into the city treasury, except "such service fees as may be paid for the service of any writs issuing from said court which may be served by any officer of Lenoir county." In the latter event the fees national importance. It is proposed for service shall be the property of to organize various independent asso- the county. "The recorder shall open court every morning, Sundays and holidays excepted, at 10 o'clock," A

THE STATE DEPARTMENT PROTESTS TO OBREGON

Action in Levying New Tax May B Objected to By Representatives of Foreign Powers in Mexico-Landlords Threatened.

(By the United Press) Washington. Feb. 25,-Officials admit that if Obregon's threat to confiscate property and imprison owners failing to pay a tax by tomorrow night, it will lead to objection on the part of the diplomats of foreign powerr, whose bankers and business men are involved. The State Department has sent a protest.

IN UNITED STATES

(By the United Press.) Washington, Feb. 25 .- Ment at 50 cents a pound and shoes at \$10 a pair are further away than ever, the Department of Agriculture announces, for the reason that for the first time in many years all classes of live stock in the United States are increasing in numbers.

Despite the ravages of foot-andmouth disease, the number of beef cattle increased by nearly a million and a quarter, or 3.4 per cent, last year, after declining steadily ever since 1910. There were half a million more milch cows on January 1 than a year ago. Swine increased nearly 6,000,000, or more than nine per cent. In the face of the expertation of horses to the Allies, these animals increased 233,000 head, and there is no reason to fear a shortage of horses, says the department. The increasing use of autos took the average price of horses down \$6 and mules down \$11.50 during the year.

Importation of hides showed a falling off. "There is, however," says the department, "little reason to suppose this decrease will be permanent or of sufficient importance to create any real scarcity. Since the great bulk of the imported hides come from countries now at war, shipments are not interfered with any way, and the only new factor to be considered is the possibility of an increasing

"It is believed," the department in better condition to face such a ruins north of Kansas City and face such a to Create A Municipal continues, "that the United States is situation than for years past. The Salary of \$1,200 for the tide, it seems, has turned. Instead of live stock steadily decreasing year after year, this year, for the first time, all classes show an appreciable increase, including horses, mules, milch cows, beef cattle, sheep, and swine, there were on January 1, 1915, 7,712,000 more farm animals in the hnited States than on January 1, 1914. The increase in the total value was \$78,024,000, or 1.3 per cent. It is quite true that this increase is not yet proportional to the increase in population, which is approximately 2 per cent; but the fact that there is an increase, that the tides seem definitely to have turned, is regarded as a sufficient answer to alarming exaggerations and misleading fig-

PREDICTS BOOM IN GREAT LAKE TRAFFIC

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 25.-Harvey D. Goulder of Cleveland, Ohio, the dean of marine attorneys, predicted that the recent business depression will result in the 1915 navigation season being one of the best in the history of the Great Lakes.

"The wheels of industry will have to revolve doubly fast to make up for lost time," he explains. "As more machinery is manufactured, more material mined, more goods in general demanded and produced, so also will it be necessary for the increased amount of tonnage to be shipped from port to port."

Goulder made this prediction while trying a case in the local United States District Court.

PRESIDENT'S GRANDSON GOES TO NEW ENGLAND.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24,-Mr. substitute recorder, to be paid out of and Mrs. Francis Sayre. with baby the salary of the recorder when that son, have gone to their home at Wilofficial shall be absent from his offi- liamatown, Mass. The President ex cial duties, will be paid out of the pects to go there soon to act as god-(Continued on Page 3) father at the baby's baptism.

French Premier Declares Financial-Economic Rout Complete

INITIAL INTERVIEW

Famous Statesman's First Talk With Newspaperman Is With United Press Representative - "Germany Militarily Stricken'

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, United Press Correspo (Copyrighted in the United States and Great Britain.)

Paris, France, Feb. 25 .- Premier Rene Viviani today pictured Germany to me as a hopelessly beaten nation in the first interview the French prime minister has ever granted to any newspaper man, French or Toreign.

"The German torrent is checked," he said, decisively. "Germany is militarily stricken. An implacable blo ade is drawing tighter and tigh about her. Despite all the precauti Germany has taken to con truth, I can assure you that her fincial and economic rout is complete."

RUINS OF AN ANCIENT RACE IN NEBRASKA

(By the United Press.)

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.-Ruins. by some prehistoric race in the vi ity of Howe, Neb., have recently been inspected and studied by Prof. Gerard Fowke, the St. Louis geologist, who is curator of the St. Louis muse

Fowke has been gathering a tific data on the primitive inha of the Missouri valley, and he investi gated the remains of their civ tion. He bogan with the ancient le northward, tracing the northern retreat of these ancient farmers and gardeners.

After an exhaustive examination of the ruins found at Howe, Neb., at Peru, the professor is of the or that the ancient remains re discovered near White Cloud, Kons. were of works made by the same Considerable work has been slone Howe under the direction of C. L. Meek, and a large number of the bone and horn gardening instruments h been unearthed. The tolls, for the most part, were found cached beneath what had once been the floors of the dwellings, where they were buried in beds of ashes.

Scentists are now of the bellef that a number of the remains found along the Missouri river and the neighboring country were of a civilization which preceded that of the

Skeletons discovered by Robert P. Gilder, of Omaha, and now in University museum, are declared by scientists to greatly antedate Indian. The skulls show much le brain capacity than those of the Indian, and have the very rece forehead characteristic of members of the race and but higher than the ape or gorilla type.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY Detreit, Mich. Feb. 25 mer Williaf T. De facing the most serious pr his long career as a public officis here. The problem was present by receipt of the following po

"Dear Stork

aby sister. Don't forget, for I we

or explain why it can't a done.