

RUSSIANS WILL TRY TO CHECK AUSTRIAN ADVANCE AT HALITZ

Have Strongly Fortified the City in the Eastern Carpathians

TURKEY FEARS INVASION

Ottoman Government Records Prepared for Removal From Constantinople If Allied Fleets or the Russians Take the City.

(By the United Press) Petrograd, Feb. 25.—A great battle is in progress east and south of Stanislaw, in the Eastern Carpathian mountains. The Austrians are attempting to press north to the river Dnieper in force, and have affected a crossing at Halitz. The Russians have strongly fortified the city of Halitz and expect to halt the Austrian forward movement at this point.

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.

Turks Taking Precautions Against Invasion.

Athens, Feb. 25.—According to dispatches, Turkey is making preparations against an attack upon Constantinople. All government records have been removed to the interior in expectation of a combined attack by the Anglo-French fleet trying to force the Dardanelles.

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 interference 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.

BIG SHIPMENT FROM BOSTON FOR BRITISH ARMY.

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

TRYING TO PERSUADE INDIANS TO GIVE UP

Whites While Waiting for Ammunition Parley With Plute 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 whites attack again.

PARIS ON GUARD AGAINST ZEPPELINS

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS Paris, Feb. 3 (By mail to New York).—There is no city on earth which loves a thrill better than Paris does one, and tonight she got a dandy, a thrill much as only a Zeppelin can produce. Not that one even started a rumor that a Zeppelin was coming, but that Paris took her first real precaution against one.

As the night stole on, with the clouds hanging low and drizzle filling the air, a policeman called on all Parisians. They ordered curtains drawn over all windows, blinds drawn or the lights put out. And Paris obeyed, thrilled through and through.

CONSTABLE WELLS GOT MAN, BUT LET HIM ESCAPE

Constable Josiah Wells of Moseley Hall township drove in a buggy from LaGrange to a point where he located Ransom Alphin in the country Wednesday and arrested Alphin for perjury, to-wit, falsely swearing to the age of Mary Croom, whom the sheriff here says is less than sixteen years of age.

TO BRUSH SLEEP AWAY FROM PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia, Feb. 25.—This city is to have a greater Chamber of Commerce. The plans which were recently decided upon by the Board of Directors call for the appropriation of \$100,000 a year for commercial and industrial welfare, and will unite all the trade bodies of the city into one central organization.

WILSON APPROVING PURCHASE OF THOS. JEFFERSON'S HOME

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 museum.

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

FIRST CHAUTAUQUA ENTERTAINMENTS ON TODAY AND TONIGHT

Strollers' Quartet and Ellsworth Plumstead, Noted Impersonator, Chief Attractions of Both Programs Today

The festival of the Booster Club started in the Grand Theater this afternoon at 3:15 o'clock with a concert by the Strollers' Quartet. The Strollers are stronger right now than ever before, the Radcliffe management says.

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 national importance.

ENGLISH PEOPLE WANT RETALIATORY BLOCKADE

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

(By the United Press.) London, Feb. 25.—The British public 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.

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's 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. 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.

COUNCIL'S COURT BILL TO RALEIGH FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Legislature Will Be Asked to Create a Municipal Court for Kinston, With Salary of \$1,200 for the 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 Kinston.

JUDGE'S OPPONENTS THREATEN TO BRING HIS IMPEACHMENT

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 rate 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.

Disappointed 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.

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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.

PRESIDENT'S GRANDSON GOES TO NEW ENGLAND.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sayre, with baby son, have gone to their home at Wilmamstown, Mass. The President expects to go there soon to act as god-father at the baby's baptism.

THE STATE DEPARTMENT PROTESTS TO OREGON

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

(By the United Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Officials admit that if Oregon'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 power, whose bankers and business men are involved. The State Department has sent a protest.

LIVE STOCK INCREASING IN UNITED STATES

(By the United Press.) Washington, Feb. 25.—Meat 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.

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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.

HOPELESSLY BEATEN IS GERMAN EMPIRE, SAYS RENE VIVIANI

French Premier Declares Financial-Economic Rout Complete

HIS INITIAL INTERVIEW

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

(By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, United Press Correspondent, 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 foreign.

RUINS OF AN ANCIENT RACE IN NEBRASKA

(By the United Press.) Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—Ruins, left by some prehistoric race in the vicinity of Howe, Neb., have recently been inspected and studied by Prof. Gerard Fowke, the St. Louis geologist, who is curator of the St. Louis museum.

Fowke has been gathering scientific data on the primitive inhabitants of the Missouri valley, and he investigated the remains of their civilization. He hogan with the ancient ruins north of Kansas City and followed the west bank of the river 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 opinion that the ancient remains recently discovered near White Cloud, Kans., were of works made by the same race. Considerable work has been done at Howe under the direction of C. L. Meek, and a large number of the bone and horn graving instruments have been unearthed.

Scientists are now of the belief that a number of the remains found along the Missouri river and the neighboring country were of a civilization which preceded that of the Indians.

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

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25.—Park Commissioner William T. Dast is facing the most serious problem of his long career as a public official here. The problem was presented by receipt of the following postal card note: "Dear Stork, "Belle Isle."