

VICTORIOUS SLAVS THREATEN REVENGE AGAINST THE TURKS

For Persecution of Armenians—Expected Execute Guilty Officials

CONQUERORS ADVANCING

Make Very Rapid Marches Through Asiatic Turkey. Within 50 Miles of Seaport of Trebizond—Ancient Town Taken

(By the United Press) London, Feb. 18.—The Russians' right wing of Grand Duke Nicholas' Caucasus army is only 50 miles from the important Turkish Black Sea port of Trebizond, dispatches today said. The ancient city of Bairbut, between Erzerum and Trebizond, has been captured. The Slavs are rushing through the mountains to capture Trebizond, which is expected to fall within a fortnight. The Russians are planning to ameliorate the condition of the Armenians, and are expected to execute Turk civil officials responsible for the massacres. A definite statement of the number of prisoners and guns is daily expected.

Quiet in West Again. Paris, Feb. 18.—The violent activity on the western front has almost entirely ceased, says the war office. There was utter calm along the entire front last night.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The British lost heavily in an attempt to regain trenches in Ypres, it is said at the war office.

PRESIDENT WOULD NOT GIVE CONGRESS MEXICAN REPORTS

Washington, Feb. 17.—President Wilson sent to the Senate today his response to the Fall resolution, requesting him to report on facts leading up to recognition by the United States of the Carranza government of Mexico. It was in the form of a letter from Secretary Lansing summarizing the events which preceded recognition and transmitting a great volume of data. The President, through Mr. Lansing, declined to comply with that part of the Fall resolution asking for diplomatic and consular reports on political conditions and events in Mexico.

ANOTHER APPEAL FROM SWEDEN TO AMERICA

Washington, Feb. 17.—Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the State Department, asking co-operation with the Swedish government to maintain the preservation of rules of international law concerning the protection of neutral commerce and navigation. Action is proposed particularly against Great Britain.

NEW 'PARK' HAS ITS NAME BEFORE DECORATED

The space on the Norfolk Southern yards near the intersection of Queen and Blount streets, where the cotton weighers' platform stood until this week is to be parked, it is understood, and fenced in with iron pipes. The name "Central Park" has already been bestowed upon it by a business man in the neighborhood. City officials do not laugh at the name nor the parking idea, however, and say that trees, grass and flowers and seats will be had, the owner willing, if the city has to furnish the money and men for the work.

W-F. DEFEATS V. M. L. Lexington, Va., Feb. 17.—In a good game of basketball played here this afternoon, V. M. I. was defeated by Wake Forest College by the score of 40-16.

LETTERS FROM CRONES TO NEW YORK POLICE

Taunting Missives Spur Detectives On In Search for Soup Plotter—Believed He is Planning Further Mischiefs—Anarchistic Newspapers to Be Barred From the Mails. Expected.

(By the United Press) New York, Feb. 18.—Spurred on by letters taunting the police, detectives are today combing the city to find Jean Crones, the anarchist soup plotter. The police believe he is mingling with crowds and planning further attempts.

NATION-WIDE CAMPAIGN AGAINST ANARCHISM

Chicago, Feb. 18.—Several anarchistic newspapers are expected to be barred from the mails at the opening of a campaign to check the nation-wide anarchistic plot.

GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EASTERN CAROLINA

When Harrison Gray and Dock Stamps, colored men, appeared against Annie Bryant, a negro, as plaintiff and witness, respectively, in the City Court at New Bern, the tables were turned and the couple found themselves in jail at the end of the trial. The woman was found innocent of the charge against her and Gray was ordered to pay the costs. Failing to procure the money he went to prison, and Stamps, jacked up on the instant for vagrancy, went with him.

Helena Keller, the famous deaf and blind woman, is to lecture in New Bern early in May.

A Craven county jury in the case of Florence Simpkins by her next friend vs. John Miller, decided that Miller, with whom the girl, a minor, was living, had a right to chastise her. Miss Simpkins, a 16-year-old orphan, had been spanked or otherwise "corrected," and asked \$1,000 damages.

Rev. J. R. Matthews, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church, Greenville, is conducting a mission in Augusta, Ga.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

ATTEMPT TO BLOW UP COAL SHIPS

Madrid, Feb. 18.—Two dynamite cartridges, sufficient to blow the vessel to bits, were found on the British steamer Rosebank, from Baltimore to England, says a Valencia dispatch. The ship is carrying coal.

KAISER ASKS BIG SUMS FOR RAILROADS

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The Government has introduced a bill in the Prussian House of Commons calling for the expenditure of eighty millions in railroad construction. The Hungarian Minister of Finance has concluded a loan of thirty-five millions from a group of German banks.

U. S. STEEL BUYS BACK BONDS FROM BRITAIN

New York, Feb. 18.—The U. S. Steel Corporation is buying back \$22,800,000 of its bonds from Great Britain.

NO HOPE OF FINDING LAMBERT POISON VIAL

Bottle Disappeared—Authorities Had Depended Upon Finding It As Last Link in Chain of Evidence Against Collegian Orpet, Held for Girl's Murder—Youth to Attend Inquest

(By the United Press) Waukegan, Ill., Feb. 18.—Officials have lost hope of finding the bottle that contained the poison which killed Miriam Lambert, for whose murder William Orpet, of the University of Wisconsin, is held. The bottle was to have been the last link of evidence against Orpet, it is declared.

Orpet is expected to attend but not testify at the inquest.

BRITISH GUARDING AGAINST SURPRISE ON THE SEAS TODAY

Anniversary Inauguration of Plan Submarine Warfare by Tirpitz

REVIEW OF THE CAMPAIGN

Admiralty Chief's Order Resulted in Sinking of 800 Vessels, Loss of Many Non-Combatants, Quarrels With U. S.

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 18.—The Germans have built a hundred new submarines and are preparing to renew aggressive submarine warfare, according to the Geneva Journal.

BRITISH SHIPPING TAKES PRECAUTIONS

London, Feb. 18.—Extraordinary precautions to guard against submarines have been taken by commanders of British ships in the war zone. Today is the anniversary of Von Tirpitz's campaign which resulted in the sinking of 800 vessels with a tonnage of 1,400,000, and the killing of 2,000 non-combatants, including 118 Americans.

The sinking of eighteen to forty submarines by the Allies, most of them trapped in nets, declaration by England of the actual blockade in reprisal, and the involving of Germany in serious controversies with America all resulted from the campaign.

YOUNG FARMERS WILL BOOST WINTER COURSE AT A. & M. COLLEGE

(Special to The Free Press) West Raleigh, Feb. 18.—The four weeks course in Agriculture, which has just closed at the A. & M. College, will be of benefit to far more than the 27 men actually enrolled. These students have organized a "Progressive Association of Farmers" for the ensuing year, the purpose of which is to spread throughout the State a knowledge of improved farming methods taught in the Winter Course at the College. In that way it is hoped that the work of the Winter Course will reach hundreds of farmers whom it is impossible for the college to reach directly.

NEW AUTOMOBILE MARK ACROSS ALLEGHANIES

(Special to The Free Press) Pittsburgh, Feb. 18.—With the peaks of the Alleghenies covered by a glare of ice, and the hollows full of drifted snow, Ray McNamara, in a 25-horse power Maxwell has amazed all Pennsylvania motorists by driving from Philadelphia to Pittsburgh—294 miles—in eight hours, nineteen minutes.

The former record, set last June by J. G. Vincent in a high-powered 12-cylinder car was nine hours, twenty minutes.

McNamara's run was thoroughly checked by newspaper men at both ends and at New York, Bedford and Ligonier along the route.

THOSE CONTEMPLATING SUICIDE TAKE NOTICE

(By the United Press) Amsterdam, Feb. 18.—If it is necessary to commit suicide, please drown or hang yourself. Thus reads a placard by the burgomaster of Boitesford, a small village near Brussels. The German military authorities recently fined the village \$1,250 because a citizen so far forgot himself as to commit suicide by shooting. The Belgians are forbidden to have firearms. The burgomaster paid the fine but to save the town treasury he appealed to the villagers to die, if die they must, sans bullets.

DEMOCRATS ASSERT REPUBLICANS WANT TO GET U. S. IN WAR

No Other Interpretation Could Be Put On Root's Speech, Say Leaders, Planning Series to Answer the Address

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Democratic leaders are planning to answer the Republican campaign keynote, sounded in the speech of Elihu Root this week, plan a series of speeches in the Capital and country. The Democrats accuse the Republicans of favoring war with Germany and Mexico and insist that that can be the only interpretation put upon Root's speech.

BARNES PLANNING TRIP TO WEST

New York, Feb. 18.—With Roosevelt safely away in the West Indies for six weeks, William Barnes is planning for a presidential raid in the West to get delegates favoring a conservative candidate, it is reported.

REPORTS TO GERMANY SAY HINDUS IN EGYPT ROSE, SHOT OFFICERS

(By the United Press)

Berlin, Feb. 18.—A whole regiment of Hindus have mutinied and joined other dissatisfied soldiers, threatening a serious uprising, say Cairo reports to the Cologne Gazette. It is said a part of the mutineers were killed, and the rest fled to the desert. They killed 12 officers.

M'L'HORN'S SLAYER MAY BE HEADED FOR KINSTON, IS BELIEF

Pitt County Sheriff Says It's Likely That Crazy Evans Will Try to Get Train Here for New Bern—Denies Report Shooting

(Special to The Free Press)

Greenville, Feb. 18.—Sheriff Joe McLawhorn, a distant relative of the roads superintendent killed by David Evans, thinks it likely that Evans has gone towards New Bern by way of Kinston. Evans was arrested in Kinston some months ago for some misdemeanor or other and released.

McLawhorn pays no attention to a report that some of the convicts who escaped with Evans, passed through Granger last night. He believes all are headed toward the Pamlico river save Evans.

The Sheriff says the report that one man had been killed at Grimesland was without truth.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES ON ALERT

Following a report from Ayden that a part of the negroes who escaped from the Pitt county roads gang Wednesday, were believed to have come through that town in an automobile late Thursday, headed toward Kinston, the local authorities were on the watch all night for the men. The Ayden report said that the machine's curtains were drawn, that the rattle of chains was plainly heard, and that the driver did not slack up. No sight was had of the party, and the report is believed to have been groundless.

From Greenville this morning it was learned that no trace had been had of David Evans, leader of the mutiny and slayer of Joe McLawhorn, superintendent of the gang. Evans, as told in Thursday's Free Press, broke McLawhorn's skull with a snitch. He is a negro preacher

HANS SCHMIDT WENT TO THE CHAIR THIS MORNING DAYBREAK

Former Priest Paid Penalty for Murder of His Sweetheart

PROTESTED INNOCENCE

Said An Illegal Operation Caused Her Death—Last Thought Was of His Mother—Told Those He Left In Cells Good-Bye

(By the United Press)

Ossining, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Striding boldly ahead of attendants and stopping on the brink of death to express a last fondness for his mother, Hans Schmidt, the unfrocked New York priest, convicted of the murder of Anna Aumuller, was electrocuted today at dawn.

Schmidt died protesting his innocence. In a statement, he said the girl was killed by an illegal operation. He shouted good-byes to the inmates of death cells. He died in eight minutes after going in the chair. The chaplain, Father Fashlin, claimed the body, to bury it for Schmidt's mother.

SERBIAN ARMY WIPED OUT BEFORE A GIFT FROM N. C. ARRIVED

By William G. Shepherd

(United Press Staff Correspondent) Salonica, Greece, Jan. 20.—(By Mail) The battered package that ever arrived for wounded soldiers on any battlefield has at last reached Salonica. This will be of interest to the ladies of Flat Rock, North Carolina, who sent it.

Its wrappings are torn, its wax seals broken and smashed, but its contents, twelve pounds of cotton bandages, carefully prepared by the Southern ladies, are intact. The stamps and other markings tell the story of its travels. It was mailed at Flat Rock on noon, August 23. It reached New York two days later and was put on the Greek steamship "Athenai." At sea the steamship took fire. All the passengers were saved and so was the mail.

There is a typewritten paster on the package which says, "The Damage to this package occurred on board the S. S. Athenai, which vessel was on fire and abandoned at sea September 19. All the mail was saved. E. M. Morgan, postmaster, New York City."

Again the package was started from New York on another luckier boat and after a long, long journey it has reached the American consulate at Salonica. The Flat Rock ladies intended the bandages for Serbian soldiers, but with the exception of inaccessible Serbian troops in Montenegro, the Serbian army is dispersed.

Since the Flat Rock ladies put their package into the Flat Rock post office last August the Serbian army has practically been wiped out. The French Red Cross has taken the package and it will be used to staunch French instead of Serbian blood.

DR. SMALL AT GRIFTON HAD LARGE AUDIENCE

Dr. Sam Small, the Georgia prohibition lecturer who made an address in this city Wednesday night, was heard by a full house at Grifton Thursday night. The lecture was given in the Methodist church there. Dr. Small, who returned to Kinston to spend today, stated that his reception at Grifton was a very agreeable one to him. He was to leave at 4:10 for Ayden.

G. O. P. MEETINGS WERE NOT VERY ENTHUSIASTIC

The local leaders of the Republican party confessed today that the precinct meetings held throughout the county Thursday were scantily attended. The convention in the Courthouse Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock is expected to be attended by about a hundred of the old liners.

CHICAGO WILL SAVE MRS. WARREN IF 'NEW EVIDENCE' IS O. K.

(By the United Press) Chicago, Feb. 18.—The Anti-Capital Punishment Society expects new evidence to save Mrs. Ida Ball Warren of Winston-Salem, N. C., sentenced to die on March 1. Officers of the society say the woman's confession, obtained by the third degree, will be retraced.

MAYORS EXPECTED TO TALK PREPAREDNESS

National Security League Trying to Interest Municipal Officials in the Subject, and That May Be a Principal Topic at Spring Convention of Carolina Association Here, It Is Stated

National defense will be one of the big issues at the meeting of the Carolina Municipal Association here in May. According to R. S. Winters, a Durham newspaperman, "the National Security League will present the merits of preparedness" and "the powerful lever" of the mayors and other municipal officials of the two Carolinas "will be sought to wield a sure and effective stroke for the cause. The National Conference of Mayors, slated to meet in St. Louis on March 3 and 4, is a forerunner of the movement that will identify itself ultimately with the local and State municipal leaders."

Mayor John Purroy Mitchell, as well as Mayor Blankenburg of Philadelphia, will be invited to address the Carolina chief burgesses and other officials here. It is well known that Mayor Mitchell is a staunch preparedness advocate, and should he accept the invitation to speak here it is not unlikely that he will have that for his topic. The Tarheel mayors held out strong hopes that Mr. Mitchell will come.

THEY WANTED ALL THAT WAS COMING TO 'EM, ALL RIGHT

They live in squalor equal to any that can be found in the slums of New York, or even London, probably—right here in Kinston. They are a family, the man with tuberculosis, the woman a very uninteresting specimen and the children dirty. Church people early in the week found that there wasn't enough covering on the beds if heaped up to keep an infant comfortable in such weather, with the icy wind blowing through dozens of paneless windows and chinks and cracks. An automobile was pressed into service, and the people from the other half of the world in a few hours' time had set that family up for housekeeping. There were blankets a-plenty, all kinds of clothes and enough groceries for a week carted in. But poverty breeds the pauper spirit under certain conditions, and the pauper spirit is like dopeing—it's a hard habit to break. Next day a child of the family called upon one of the benefactors. One of her parents had sent her to say to the gentleman that they needed wood. "Very well," was the response. "And don't forget the shirt, waist for So-and-So." "All right." And, turning back still again as she was leaving, "An' we haven't got any sheets and pillow cases."

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NEGRO MURRELL DIED FROM EXPOSURE, AGREED

The Craven County authorities and a coroner's jury have accepted the theory that Walter Murrell, a colored man, whose body was found by Norfolk Southern trainmen in a ditch between Cove City and Dover several days ago, died from exposure to the severe cold. It is thought that Murrell, who had been drinking, fell into the ditch and was too near overcome by the cold to make any effort to get up again, laying there until he succumbed.

TODAY'S SALES ON THE COTTON EXCHANGE

About 20 bales of cotton were marketed here today by 2:30 o'clock, according to buyers' reports. Prices were from 9 to 11 cents. New York futures quotations were: Open 2:30 March 11.45 11.48 May 11.68 11.73 July 11.88 11.94 October 12.00 12.10 December 12.20 12.25

LODGE SAYS UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT AGREE TO 'PIRACY'

"Inconceivable" That Armed Merchantmen Order Should Be Accepted

WARNING FROM STERLING

Decree Means New Crisis for American Relations With Teutons, Declares—This Nation Has Approved the Right to Arm

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 18.—Germany and Austria propose piracy, declared Senator Lodge today, in the Senate. "It is inconceivable," he said, "that America will accept the plan to sink armed merchantmen without warning. Precedents allow arming, and America has approved the arming of merchant vessels recently, he stated. Abandonment of the right to arm is incredible, he said.

Senator Sterling warned that the decree constitutes America's gravest international crisis.

Senator Thomas replied that Sterling's and Lodge's speeches were not based on facts nor a desire to better international affairs. He said they were political. Senator Stone promised an answer to the Root attack on the administration next week.

FUNERAL OF MRS. W. C. KNOX THIS MORNING

The funeral of the late Mrs. W. C. Knox was held in Maplewood cemetery this morning at 10:30 o'clock. The service announced to be held in the Caswell Hotel was abandoned, and all the rites conducted at the grave. Rev. C. W. Blanchard of the First Baptist church, Mrs. Knox's pastor, and Rev. J. H. Griffith, rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church, conducted the service. The pallbearers were Messrs. W. M. Herbert, C. W. Pridgen, F. Clyde Dunn, J. H. Canady, Will Hood, E. B. Marston, James Powers, and R. C. Strong. The funeral was largely attended, and the floral tributes were unusually numerous and handsome.

NEW CROSSING SIGN AT PRINCIPAL CORNER

A new style of crossing sign has been placed at the intersection of Queen and Gordon streets. There are three arms, two of them calling upon chauffeurs and drivers to keep to the right and the other exclaiming "Safety first." The sign, a substantial affair painted in white with black lettering, replaces the old red and black "traffic cap" that stood in the center of that crossing formerly. The idea was Street Commissioner Webb's. More of the signs are to be put up, it is understood.