

TURKISH FORCES IN ARMENIA BREAK UP BEFORE THE ENEMY

Three Army Corps Separated by Advance of the Victorious Slavs

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Rome, Feb. 21.—The Turks are evacuating the Armenian city of Bitlis, with a population of thirty thousand and capital of an Armenian village, southwest of Lake Van, say Petrograd advices. The Russians are following up the conquest of Mush and Achlat by occupying all the Lake Van region. It is stated.

Germans Attack In Africa.

London, Feb. 21.—German troops have attacked unsuccessfully the British position at Kachumbe, Uganda, say dispatches from General Smuts, commanding the British.

German Air Raid Sunday.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—Two British vessels were bombarded by German aeroplanes Sunday, it is said officially. The railway station and docks at Lowestoft were hit by bombs. Three persons were killed, say English reports of Sunday's air raid.

Sunday Raid Fatal to Three.

London, Feb. 20.—Four German aeroplanes today made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to official announcement made this evening. The total casualties are given as two men and one boy killed and one marine injured. Considerable material damage was done.

OPERATORS AND MINERS IN CONFERENCE TODAY

(By the United Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—The most important conference of coal operators and miners, since Roosevelt's award began today, concerning demands for higher wages and an eight-hour day.

Miners Want 20 Per Cent. More.

New York, Feb. 21.—To see whether they can agree on wages and on working conditions to replace those expiring April 1, representatives of hard coal mine owners and hard coal miners met here today. The miners want 20 per cent. more wages, the mine run system and better working conditions. The mine owners say their profits are not enough to warrant granting the miners' demands; and that if the demands are granted the price of coal will go up 60 cents a ton to the consumer, which will about \$23,000,000 a year more to the consumer's pocket.

The miners reply that the war has made so much business for the coal men that they are making more money than they ever did before.

Representatives of the Allies and of manufacturers in America are watching the situation closely and will do everything in their power to prevent a big coal strike and the paralyzing of business thereby.

The miners include in their demands an 8-hour day with time and a half for overtime and double time on Sundays and holidays.

CORONER'S INQUEST INTO LAMBERT CASE

State Expected to Withhold Most Important Evidence If Possible.—The Prosecutor Plans to Convince Jury That Girl Came to Her Death Through Poisoning—Friends to Testify

(By the United Press)

Lake Forest, Ill., Feb. 21.—State's Attorney Dady today planned for the government of the coroner's jury most of the evidence against William Orpet, charged with the murder of Marian Lambert. Friends and school mates of the girl planned to testify. It is believed Dady won't reveal the important links of the evidence unless he deems it necessary.

M'NEILL WOULD BE THE FAYETTEVILLE MAYOR

Fayetteville, Feb. 20.—Capt. James D. McNeill has formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for mayor of Fayetteville.

MANY PEOPLE MADE ILL AT PITTSBURGH DINNER, IS REPORT

Arsenic Employed, As In Chicago Banquet Soup, for Which Cronos Is Still Being Sought—Guarding N. Y. Churches

(By the United Press)

Pittsburgh, Feb. 21.—Thirty-five persons were taken ill at a Carnegie Methodist church dinner Thursday, it is learned. This was the second epidemic of mysterious sickness at church dinners recently. One woman is declared to be ill from arsenic poisoning. The police are investigating.

Many Cronos Claws Baffle Police.

New York, Feb. 21.—A maze of conflicting clues today baffled the police searching for Jean Cronos, the soup plotter. Two letters, one of them from Washington, were received by Mr. Tunney of the Bomb squad. Precautions were continued to guard churches against bombs.

SUGGESTS A PROGRAM BABY WEEK IN STATE

North Carolina Board of Health's Outline—"What the Community Owes the Baby." Diseases of Infants, How to Bathe, Clothe and Feed Newcomers, Etc. Lecture Subjects

(Special to The Free Press)

Raleigh, Feb. 21.—The following program has been suggested by the State Board of Health as suitable and practicable for the observance of Baby Week, beginning in North Carolina March 4th:

Saturday: "What the Community Owes the Baby—Clean Milk. Pure Water, Fresh Air and Screened Homes," by the Mayor, or another citizen of the town.

Sunday: "The Church's Responsibility to Citizens of Tomorrow." Pastor or Superintendent of Sunday School.

Monday: "Baby Diseases—Causes and Prevention." Local Physician.

Tuesday: "How to Bathe, Clothe and Feed the Baby," Nurse or Baby Specialist.

Wednesday: "Artificial Foods and the Bottle-Fed Baby." Local Physician.

Thursday: "Care of Baby Before Birth." Physician or Nurse.

Friday: "Food for the Growing Child." Physician or Baby Specialist.

INVESTIGATE TAKING OF ALLEGED GERMANS FROM AMERICAN SHIP

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—The State Department today cabled the consuls at Peking and Shanghai to investigate the stopping of the American steamer China by British men-of-war and the taking off of thirty-eight alleged Germans.

EUROPE SO FAR HAS SPENT ABOUT FORTY BILLIONS FOR WAR

Asquith Asks British Commons for New Credit of More Than \$2,000,000,000—Group 1 Derby Recruits Called Out

(By the United Press)

London, Feb. 21.—Premier Asquith this afternoon asked the Commons for a war credit of 420,000,000 English pounds, making a total of expenditures of \$8,440,000,000. It is unofficially estimated that all the belligerents have spent forty billion dollars.

Derby Men Called.

London, Feb. 21.—The cabinet will ask the House of Commons this afternoon to vote a new war credit of 420,000,000 pounds, or over two billion dollars, it is said officially.

The proclamation calling for group one under the Derby scheme for service before April has been posted.

MARRIED MAN ELOPES WITH SCHOOL GIRL

Asheville, Feb. 20.—Berry Hensley, married, under suspended sentence for alleged implication in blind tiger operations here, eloped today, it is said, with Pauline Flynn, seventeen, pretty, a student in Pease school, and daughter of well-to-do parents of the Bat Cave section.

FEDERAL CONTROL FOR TUBERCULOSIS

(By the United Press)

New York, Feb. 21.—Participation of the Federal Government through the United States Public Health Service in the study and control of tuberculosis is urged by a resolution adopted by The National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis made public today.

The National Association proposes that by act of Congress a special division of tuberculosis be established in the United States Public Health Service with an adequate appropriation. This division should be manned by experts and should study the tuberculosis problem from every point of view and should, so far as possible, set up standards for the treatment and prevention of the disease throughout the country. One of the problems which it is proposed to study first would be that of the indigent migratory consumptive, particularly in the health resorts of various parts of the United States, such as California, New Mexico, Colorado and Texas.

Another problem which it is proposed should be studied is that relating to the causes of tuberculosis. A bill introduced by Congressman Kent of California in the House and by Senator Norris of Nebraska in the Senate provides for some of the things which the National Association asks for, and also for a Federal subsidy to hospitals caring for non-resident consumptives.

Commenting on the resolution, Dr. Charles J. Hatfield, Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, says: "In spite of the fact that tuberculosis is costing the United States from \$500,000,000 to \$1,000,000,000 every year in lives lost, the amount of money being spent annually by all private and public agencies is not much more than \$20,000,000; and while a nation-wide crusade to stamp out tuberculosis has been organized, we are still ignorant of many of the factors that produce it. A few thousand dollars wisely spent in scientific research under Federal supervision will secure results of incalculable benefit to this country."

KEATING SAYS MILL MEN PLOT TO KILL CHILD LABOR BILL

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—Charging that Southern cotton mill interests are conspiring to kill the child labor bill, Representative Keating of Colorado, its author, today issued a warning to the public and an appeal to "write your congressman."

"The plan of the selfish interests is to stave off action on the bill in the Senate until it will be sidetracked by the preparedness program and put over at least until next term," said Keating. "The cotton mill interests hope to delay any action by the Senate Interstate Commerce committee, which is friendly to the legislation and reported it last session. They propose to this end that the legislative committee visit the mill districts.

GOLDSBORO'S POPULATION IS 10,719, NOW ALLEGED

Goldsboro, Feb. 20.—An expert has just completed a private census of Goldsboro and has given out the following report: Whites, adults, 3,524; children, 2,315. Colored, adults, 2,907; children, 1,973. Total population 10,719. The government census in 1910 gave Goldsboro a population of only 6,107.

FEBRUARY TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT IS CONVENED BY BOND

Edenton Judge's Appearance Here Surprise—Civil Causes Only to be Tried—Not Great Many Cases Are Docketed

Superior Court for a two-weeks civil term was convened this morning at 10 o'clock by Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton. There were 183 cases, including nine on the summons docket, for trial.

Judge Bond's appearance was something of a surprise to some of the Court officers. It was generally understood that the Edenton jurist has exchanged with Judge O. H. Allen of this city for the entire Spring term, or six months, but if such was the case they had exchanged back. The term in the Edenton district is Judge Allen's.

The docket is considered not a heavy one, and many causes should be cleared off in the fortnight of the term.

Judge Bond, in an address at the opening of court made the interesting remark that he had never yet been compelled to call upon the sheriff in a courtroom to recure order. In his conducting of courts, he said, he had made a point to treat with respect the people who have business in the court-room, as many have, and they had invariably reciprocated. By the court applying the golden rule to the public, the courtesy is generally returned, he declared. His Honor's speech was a little out of the ordinary, and his expression of his idea of dealing with the public caused no little favorable comment.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press)

BRITISH FEAR GERMAN "FRIGHTFULNESS."

London, Feb. 21.—The newspaper today called upon the government to forearm against the German armed merchantmen campaign. The press does not believe Germany plans any delay and asks for means to combat German "frightfulness."

DOUBLE ELECTROCUTION IN PENNSYLVANIA.

State College, Pa., Feb. 31.—George Marsh and Roland Pennington were today electrocuted for the murder of S. Lewis Pinkerton two and a half years ago.

COMMUNICATION TO LONDON.

Washington, Feb. 21.—Secretary Lansing has sent a second communication to England asking for replies to the notes of protest of mail seizures and inquiry into the application of the trading-with-the-enemy act to American firms.

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THIS REGION COULD BECOME BIG FRUIT COUNTRY, DECLARES

Farm Demonstrator Thinks That Planters Should Use More Care In Orchards—Pecans Coming Into Own—Pink Hill Ideal, Says

Farm Demonstrator O. F. McCrary is satisfied that there isn't any better fruit section in the country, so far as possibilities are concerned, than Eastern North Carolina. The trouble that the section is not producing more fruit is that the planters are not really trying to develop their advantages in that line, says McCrary. The soil generally is fine for peaches and apples, he says. More peaches are being grown, and he thinks that the section is in the coming years to be one of the leading producers of that fruit. The Eastern Carolina peacan, with a little trouble in growing it, is the finest in the world.

McCrary does not harshly criticize the planters. It is their business to grow what they please, and of course there are enough things to keep them occupied, but they cannot set out inferior plants and expect them to bear luxuriantly of their own will, he says. The fruit settings should be of the very best, and the farmer should know enough about what he is buying to insure success in his orchard. If he does not already know there are plenty of agencies through which he can learn, in this day of agricultural advancement.

"Some planters put out their orchards and then pay no attention to them," says the Demonstrator. In a few years along comes a nursery salesman and declares that those trees need no spraying. Probably they do not—the chances are they are beyond redemption. Then, shortly afterwards there is disillusionment. That orchard is done for, and new trees have to be purchased. The fruit grower has to pay attention to his trees. The diseases have got to be kept from them, just as the Texas tick has to be kept off the cattle in the timber sections. And spraying is a great help," McCrary says there are not half a dozen modern sprayers in Lenoir county, one of the most progressive farming countries in the East. He has induced two or three planters to purchase them.

The Demonstrator pays a compliment to the Pink Hill section. "It is the best fruit country around here, if the people knew it," he says. "But they are doing nothing with it in that line—absolutely nothing." Pink Hill is in the highest locality between Kinston and Wilmington—in fact, it is on much higher ground than either this city or the Cape Fear city—and the fruit trees there are retarded in the Spring by the elevation, which makes them so much less liable to be hindered by late frosts.

TROUBLE ON A N. S. PASSENGER TRAIN

Conductor Struck By Man He Had Ordered to Stop Smoking—Brothers Assaulted Trainman and Passengers Took His Part—Revolver Exhibited by U. S. Officer on Train

When Conductor Will Hinnant, in charge of a Norfolk Southern train, late Saturday commanded Barney Garris and Tobe Garris to stop smoking in a compartment in which were women passengers, the former, a one-armed man, struck Hinnant a severe blow on the side of his head. Tobe Garris joined in the affray. Passengers went to Hinnant's assistance, and Isaac M. Tull, United States deputy collector of this city, drew his revolver and threatened to use it in Hinnant's behalf. It is said the Garris held an old grudge against the Conductor. Hinnant had spoken to them twice on the trip about smoking in the women's compartment. It is stated.

The two men were handed over to the police at LaGrange. It is reported that Barney Garris drew back his fist to threaten an officer, and that the two passed on through the town to their farm home unmolested. They are expected to be tried in Goldsboro on Wednesday, the offense having occurred in Wayne county.

Hinnant is one of the best-known men on the Beaufort division of the Norfolk Southern, and is a popular conductor, his good nature having made him many friends. The Garris are said to have been drinking before the affray.

N. Y. C. DIRECTORS TO APPEAR IN OHIO RAILROAD INQUIRY

Columbus, O., Feb. 21.—Ohio State Utilities Commissioners today considered the application of the New York Central Railroad for permission to buy more than \$12,000,000 worth of equipment for use in Ohio. At the request of Clarence Verner and Jas. Pollitz, New York capitalists opposing the application, and who fought the New York Central-Lake Shore Railroad merger, are to be witnesses. Among those who are to be asked to come to Columbus, it is said, are A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central; William Rockefeller, Chauncey Depew and the Vanderbilts, who are directors in the New York Central.

S. C. DISPENSARY LAW IS CONSTITUTIONAL

Supreme Court Decided Against the Glass Company Appealing From Conviction for Conspiracy—Furnished Board With Bottles and Attacked Law When Accused of Overcharging

(By the United Press)

Washington, Feb. 21.—A decision of the Supreme Court today in effect declared the South Carolina dispensary liquor law constitutional. The decision was in deciding an appeal by the Carolina Glass Co., charged with conspiracy.

Answering the allegation that it had conspired with members of the State dispensary board to overcharge the board for bottles, the company attacked the constitutionality of the law under which the State took the money owed the company by county dispensaries.

HONOR PUPILS CITY SCHOOLS REPORTED BY GRADE TEACHERS

Merit Pupils for the Last Month—Children Who Were Nearest Perfect In Their Department and Efficiency in Studies

Following is the honor roll by grades of the City Schools for the last month of the scholastic year, made public by Superintendent Caldwell today:

Grade 1A—Miss Belle Walters, teacher. S. Campen, J. Rhodes, C. Trippe, F. Heath.
Grade 1B—Miss Kathleen Wooten, teacher—Claude Ballard, Sam Dunn, Loyd Tripp, Lucile Kilpatrick, Mary Bello Lee, Lenore Rouse.
Grade 1C—Miss Roberta Coble, teacher—Thomas Brown, Trumbo Harper, James Hayes, Dwight Daniels, William Rayner, Isaac Stroud, Isabel Dunn, Esther Mitchell. (Continued on Page Three)

GOING ON IN OTHER TOWNS AND COUNTIES OF EASTN CAROLINA

Judge H. W. Whedbee, who conducted Superior Court in New Bern the past two weeks, returned to his home in Greenville without informing New Bern newspaper men, who interrogated him frequently, if he would make the run against Representative John Small for Congress.

The Craven county executive committee of the Republican will this week choose delegates to the State and other conventions.

Fire in New Bern Saturday destroyed four dwelling houses and two churches in Jarvis street. Sperling Thomas, the youth arrested at New Bern after he had said that he would go to Europe to consult with the Kaiser about peace in Europe, has been released. Thomas was found to have been under the influence of a Jamaica ginger jag.

Farmville sold 7,202,410 pounds of tobacco during the 1915-16 season.

NOTHING MORE HEARD OF SLAYER OF PITT ROADS SUPERINTENDT

(Special to The Free Press)

Greenville, Feb. 21.—Nothing more has been heard here of David Evans, the negro who killed Superintendent McLawhorn of the Pitt county roads force and escaped last week. Evans was on Saturday reported to have been seen near Winterville and in Kinston, but the local authorities are skeptical, although admitting that the negro may have gone towards Kinston.

McLawhorn was employed as a convict guard in Lenoir county in 1913 or 1914. Evans also has spent some time in that county during the past few years.

ANOTHER CRISIS IS APT TO COME IN U. S.-BERLIN RELAT'NS

This Government May Take German Ambassador to Task

'ANNOYING PROPAGANDA'

London Believes Wilson Has Directed Secretary of State to Jack Up Von Bernstorff—German Capital Surprised

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 21.—The situation of the Lusitania controversy was made as grave as it was before the recent German concessions, as one result of Germany's issuance of the armed merchantmen decree. This was today affirmed at the State Department. Another crisis may arrive, it was admitted, if Americans are killed in the submarining of merchantmen. Any plans to call Von Bernstorff to account for disseminating annoying propaganda would not be given the press in advance if contemplated, Secretary Lansing said.

Berlin, Feb. 21.—Reports that America is opposing the armed merchantmen decree caused surprise here, as well as indignation. Berliners thought Lansing had approved the policy.

London Thinks Wilson Angry at Von Bernstorff.

London, Feb. 21.—Newspapers here agreed that President Wilson is responsible for the reported estrangement of Secretary Lansing and Ambassador Von Bernstorff. The papers indicate that Lansing's attitude was dictated by Wilson because he feels embarrassed at stories emanating from the German embassy. The papers express regret over the premature criticism of the President's view on the armed merchantmen decree.