

Allied Warships Still in Smyrna Harbor Face Ottomans' Ultimatum

Situation Critical—British Tell Turkish Commander They Are Ready to Begin War at Overt Act—Harbor Mined, Allies Cannot Remove Craft in Safety Without Turkish Pilots, Boast of Commandant—Demand That He Remove Mines Ignored—French Drawing Steel Line Through Ruhr—Chase Out German Rail Workers as They Advance—Weygand Carries Out Threats of "Stronger Measures"

(By the United Press)

Constantinople, Feb. 9.—The Smyrna situation is critical. The Allied squadron is remaining in the harbor despite the Turkish order to depart at once.

Notice has been served on the Turkish commander that the British warships are ready to commence firing if attacked.

The Turks admittedly have mined the harbor, so that it would be exceedingly dangerous for vessels to attempt to move without knowing the location of the mines.

When a demand was made on the Smyrna commander that he sweep up these mines he flatly refused, adding that the Allied naval officers would have to hire Turkish pilots to guide them out of the harbor.

London, Feb. 9.—Turkey has informed the Allies that it is impossible to revoke the ultimatum ordering all Allied warships of more than 1,000 tons to leave Smyrna harbor, an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Constantinople today said.

Berlin, Feb. 9.—Extensive French troops maneuvers are in full swing in the Ruhr Valley, according to dispatches from Essen and other centers.

The French, having encircled the Ruhr, evidently are now engaged in dividing the district into two parts by a line running north and south, which would isolate Essen from its food supply.

In every case, as the French advanced, they drove German railroad employes from stations and switch houses. These were believed to be the new "stronger measures" which General Weygand had threatened to inflict.

War Dogs Bristle at Smyrna.

London, Feb. 9.—The Allied forces at Smyrna are believed to be able to care for themselves in the event the Turks start to carry out their threat to eject them from the harbor. In Smyrna harbor or the adjacent waters of the Aegean and Mediterranean seas are a number of French and British craft of heavy tonnage, including British battleships believed to be able to pound the Turkish batteries to pieces. Smyrna is a part of Asia Minor assigned to Greece following the World War. Greece lost her mandate over the area when Constantine declared war on the Ottoman government and his armies were routed by the Turks, who sacked and burned Smyrna and took complete control of the mandate territory last year.

The territory was under British rule before the great war. Smyrna is a seaport city of nominal size and importance as a gateway to the country between the Mediterranean and Black seas. The region is one of the most historic in the world. The town has one of the most mixed populations to be found anywhere. It is about 225 or 250 miles in aquiline from Constantinople and farther by sea. The British forces in the Near East number less than 40,000 men, exclusive of the complements of her naval ships, while Kemal Pasha has a seasoned army of 450,000 or more ready to assault the British in the Mosul region and elsewhere.

PAINTED JEWELRY IN NEW YORK WINDOWS.

New York, Feb. 9.—Painted jewelry is all that the envious shopper can gaze at in the shop windows of the prudent New York jeweler these days. So numerous have robberies been that the merchants have grown cautious. The painted exhibit for the street window is one result of that caution. On small pieces of transparent cloth such as architects and engineers use for master drawings to be blue printed, are skillfully painted faithful likenesses of handsome bits of jewelry. Platinum rings, set with gorgeous diamonds, brooches and pendants, and all replicas of articles in the stock within—they are all painted. The prospective purchaser can examine them at his leisure and then ask for the reality to match.

LEAGUE HEADS MEET TALK DISARMAMENT

(By the United Press.)

Geneva, Feb. 9.—The League of Nations' disarmament commission, under the presidency of former French Premier Briand, convened today to definitely draw up the League of Nations' final project for reduction of armaments. The project will be perfected in detail at subsequent meetings of the commission during the summer, and then submitted to the general assembly of the league in September for adoption.

BUSINESS LEADERS OF SECTION GATHER TO DISCUSS WEEVIL

Fifty Attend Chamber of Commerce Session Goldsboro That Diversification is Imperative Now

That the boll-weevil is here was generally admitted by bankers, farmers and businessmen of Eastern North Carolina at a meeting in Goldsboro Friday at noon, when the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce was called together in special session to give consideration to the matter and discuss the best methods of procedure in eliminating the pest that has been destroying the cotton crop and the basis of credit in the South. More than 50 men were present when the meeting was called to order. No single phase of cotton growing was left untouched in the serious and timely discussion which resulted. A strikingly salient feature of the meeting was the serious advice given by those familiar with conditions in weevil-infested territory—that no matter what method of poisoning or eradicating the cotton boll-weevil may be used, the farmer in the South who fails to reasonably diversify, breed livestock, especially hogs, raise poultry and other food crops, and at the same time provide for filling the corncribs with feed for livestock, will be waging a losing fight for existence. This was the keynote of the gathering—grow foodstuffs for man and beast.

Secretary N. G. Bartlett told of his trip into Georgia for the purpose of investigating conditions, as a result of an article in the Manufacturers' Record, saying that "A boll-weevil method that permits of the remunerative production of cotton under ordinary conditions has unquestionably been found."

"There is no money in the world," Mr. Bartlett declared, "that could buy the space occupied by this article in the reading columns of the Manufacturers' Record, and this led me to believe that it was my duty to the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce to investigate the matter and make a report. While in Georgia I made it a point to avoid representatives of the manufacturers of the 'Hill method,' and the information obtained was gathered from bankers, planters and farmers."

HUMANS INCREASE FASTER THAN ANIMALS.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A study of the figures from 1850 to 1922, says the Department of Agriculture, shows that human population has increased at a greater rate than livestock. The number of hogs in this country varies more from year to year than the number of other domestic animals. Sheep have declined the most. There is increasing difficulty in supplying our population with sufficient meat for its needs.

WOULD MAKE BUYER OF PISTOL SECURE PERMIT THIS STATE

Warren Gets Bill Through House—Federal Cooperation Asked—Hundreds Purchase Through Mails—Postmasters Know 'Em

(Special Capital Correspondence) Raleigh, Feb. 9.—University of North Carolina trustees receiving bids for the proposed state medical college so depleted the Legislature today that only local bills were considered on roll call.

The Senate debated the Giles farm loan bill of \$2,500,000, Moss of Nash unmercifully twisting Giles on the proposal to put the government into land-leasing and developing schemes while Giles opposed going into the state shipping business.

In the House Warren of Beaufort led through a statute forbidding sale of weapons without permits, and made it apply to postmasters, who will require permits of mail purchasers of pistols. He said he had consulted a member of the Supreme Court and Attorney-General. He thought the bill met constitutional objections. The postmaster, he declared, knows pistol packages, and the Washington, N. C., postmaster says that from 300 to 400 pistols are sold every year to negroes there through mail order houses. The House also passed a joint resolution asking Congress to exempt from interstate commerce the transportation of pistols, so as to make state and federal statutes conform.

BULLETINS

(By the United Press.)

BLAST ON MOUNTAIN.

Tulsa, Feb. 9.—A terrific explosion, believed to have occurred at Jenks, 12 miles distant, broke windows in residences and office buildings here shortly before noon. All telephone lines in the vicinity of Jenks were put out of commission by the blast. A nitroglycerine storage magazine is located on Turkey Mountain, near Jenks. This is believed to have exploded.

HOWAT FREED AGAIN.

Topeka, Kas., Feb. 9.—Alexander Howat, former head of the Kansas Coal Miners' Union, was freed from jail again today. Governor Jonathan M. Davis issued a commutation of sentence that releases Howat immediately from jail at Columbus, Kansas. After being paroled at Pittsburg, Kansas, by the District Court judge, Howat was re-arrested to serve an unexpired term at Columbus for violation of the industrial court law.

Officer Says Phillips Woman Being Held at Prison in Chihuahua

(By the United Press.) Houston, Feb. 9.—Clara Phillips, escaped "hunger" murderer, is in the State Penitentiary at Chihuahua, Mexico, according to Lee Manning, federal immigration officer who returned Phil Aquin, Pacific Coast criminal, to America from Mexico. "As soon as the Aquin case is off my hands I'll return to Chihuahua and arrange her deportation as well," Manning declared.

Would Make Insanity Ground for Divorce in North Carolina

(Special Capital Correspondence) Raleigh, Feb. 9.—Representative Nimocks of Cumberland County has introduced a bill in the assembly which would make incurable insanity a ground for divorce, provided that no child has been born and that the opposite party to the petitioner has been actually confined in an asylum. Only alienists named by the court would be allowed to testify.

Debt Legislation is Aground in Finance Committee of Senate

(By the United Press.) Washington, Feb. 9.—The debt funding legislation which would enable this government to consummate the agreement with England has struck a snag in the Senate Finance Committee. Plans of administration leaders to report the measure were upset today when Senators LaFollette of Wisconsin and Walsh of Massachusetts demanded full hearings on the bill.

SAYS SOLDIERS MAY BE USED TO PUT A STOP RUM-RUNNING

Federal Prohibition Agent in Georgia Declares Situation Out of Control. Trains of Booze Autos Pass Through

(By the United Press.) Atlanta, Feb. 9.—Federal troops may soon patrol the highways of this section of Georgia to help curb extensive operations of liquor runners, according to a statement by Fred B. Dismuke, federal prohibition director for Georgia.

Admitting that the situation had passed beyond control of his department, Dismuke declared that a request for intervention by federal troops was not altogether unlikely.

"Prohibition forces in Georgia are entirely inadequate," he said, "and I must admit we are no longer able to control the situation." "Used to come through in individual cars, we were able to handle them," he said. "Now they come through in convoys of eight or 10 cars in a train, heavily armed and desperate. My forces are helpless before them. Unless we can get more men and better forces working at once, we may find it necessary to call federal troops to act in the State. Something must be done at once."

LEGION MEN HERE FAVOR OCCUPATION

The American Legion post here went on record Thursday night as favoring French occupation of the Ruhr. It was stated that this sentiment was general among legionnaires in the country. Figures were presented indicating legion belief that Germany "had not paid" to a reasonable extent of her ability. The action of the post was unanimous. Dr. Vance Peery initiated the debate, it was said, with Robert H. Rouse and other ex-officer members joining in. It was said that the post would give the local public its reason in detail. One former officer declared he stood ready to back the French with his own services were there any possibility that they would be needed, it was said.

STATE NEWS

New Bern, Feb. 9.—Fire yesterday damaged the machine shop at the Rowland lumber plant here. The damage to the building and machinery was estimated at \$6,000 or more. The company suffered a \$250,000 fire in December.

Sell School Bonds.

Washington, N. C., Feb. 9.—The local school authorities have sold a \$300,000 bond issue to a Toledo brokerage concern. The bonds will bear five per cent. The issue brought a premium of \$3,180.

High School Boy Goes Into Banditry to Make Living For Family; Dead

(By the United Press.) Kansas City, Feb. 9.—Ray C. Bishop, a high school football star, turned bandit to get funds to support his parents and keep himself in school. After holding up two gasoline stations and securing \$22 last night, Bishop was shot and killed in his first night of crime. "We'll either have to get more money or I'll quit school," Bishop confided a few days ago to his invalid father.

CHINESE GET BAPTIST LESSONS IN OWN TONGUE.

Nashville, Feb. 9.—Southern Baptists are the first denomination to issue a complete line of Sunday school literature for all grades in the Chinese language, according to Dr. W. H. Tipton, secretary of the department of Sunday school literature of the China Baptist Publication Society at Canton. The plan of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, located in Nashville, is followed in the treatment of the lessons.

EIGHT HEROES DIE AFTER GAS BLAST

(By the United Press.) Toronto, Feb. 9.—A dramatic chapter in the history of heroism was written today when eight men plunged into the lower water house of the Consumers' Gas Company here to rescue two companions following an explosion. The eight perished, suffocated by carbon monoxide. The other two workmen died. Immediately following the explosion in the works workmen in other parts of the building rushed to the aid of the workers. About 40 were overcome and were rescued by firemen with gas masks.



SENATOR FURNIFOLD M. SIMMONS.

Senior senator from North Carolina who has quit the fight for Democratic leadership in the upper house of Congress and left the field to Robinson of Arkansas. The New Bern statesman's health is not good now.

Simmons Steps Down as Would-Be Leader of Senate Minority and Leaves Field to Robinson

(By the United Press.)

Washington, Feb. 9.—Senator Simmons has abandoned the fight for Democratic leadership in the Senate. The announcement was made late yesterday by Senator Overman, Simmons' colleague. The state of the Tarheel's health and the good of the party were given as the reasons for Simmons' withdrawal.

Senator Robinson will succeed to the minority leadership in the next Senate, Underwood of Alabama retiring.

Senator Overman made the following statement:

"My colleague, Senator Simmons, from his sick bed in New Bern, has asked me to make public the request that his name shall no longer be considered for the post of Democratic leader in the Senate. Notwithstanding the fact that more than half the members of the present Senate are supporting him, and he has other assurances that justify him in feeling most hopeful of success, Senator Simmons feels he must take this action in part upon consideration of his health and in part for reasons of party harmony. My colleague's physicians have advised him that he must take the best care of himself for several months to come, and they strongly warn him against undertaking any new burdens until he shall have fully recovered his strength. "It is well known here that Senator Simmons in the beginning con-

ceded to the use of his name for the Democratic leadership only upon what seemed to be satisfactory assurances that there would be no considerable opposition. He stated then that he would not under any circumstances enter into a scramble for the place. Since Senator Robinson, for whom Senator Simmons feels high esteem and friendship, was offered as a candidate, Senator Simmons has refrained from withdrawing his own name only because he has felt that loyalty to his own friends and supporters would not permit it. "Would Have Been Close. "My colleague now feels, however, in view of the condition of his health and of the fact that the contest between his friends and those of Senator Robinson has grown so close and promises to be so long drawn out, with the consequent neglect of that necessary concentration by Democratic senators of mind and effort on party and national affairs all through this year, that the highest national and party considerations demand that the contest shall proceed no further. Senator Simmons, therefore, has asked and obtained the consent of his friends to leave the field clear to Senator Robinson, whose leadership, my colleague believes, will be in every respect able and satisfactory. "Senator Simmons wishes me to express for him his deep and grateful appreciation of the loyal support given him and of the splendid zeal and generosity that his friends have exercised in his behalf."

NEGRO KILLED FIVE PERSONS, HE TELLS SHERIFF AT WACO GANG MASKED MEN

Police Guard About Jail Where Roy Mitchell is Confined—May Have Slain Three Others—Motive is Not Revealed

(By the United Press.) Waco, Feb. 9.—Roy Mitchell, a mulatto, has confessed to the murder of five persons in a reign of terror during the last two years, authorities today announced. Sheriff Lee Stegall in announcing the alleged confession said he expected in grilling Mitchell later to clean up three other brutal murders. Stegall refused to reveal Mitchell's motive for his murder campaign. A coroner of police was thrown about the county jail following the announcement. Mob violence was feared.

Prevented Epidemic.

Washington, Feb. 9.—A community dipping vat built in Jerauld County, S. Dak., through the efforts of agricultural extension workers in the county, successfully checked in its beginning what promised to be a serious outbreak of scabies, according to reports to the Department of Agriculture. Over 1,200 cattle were dipped during the two months following the completion of the community dipping vat.

CAPITOL STORIES; NOT EVERY EMPLOYEE KNOWS SENATOR LODGE

(By the United Press.) Washington, Feb. 9.—The record for usefulness is claimed by Senator McKinley, Illinois, for a negro who has been for years in the senator's employ. This man is McKinley's chauffeur. When he isn't chauffeuring, he is McKinley's golf caddy, and when he isn't doing either, he operates an elevator in the senate office building. Speaking of elevator operators, one of those on duty at the Capitol wears the leather metal these days, for what he did to Senator Lodge, Republican leader. Lodge got aboard this man's elevator the other day. At the next floor, a number of other senators got in. "Subway," they said, desiring to go to the underground corridor connecting the Capitol with the senate office building. It is a rule that when senators and common mortals are aboard, the elevator shall first take the senators to their floor.

Miss Eric Deserted Her Church, Assumed Motive. Taken to Country and Mutilated by Band, Declares to Police

(By the United Press.) Chicago, Feb. 9.—Ten crosses were carved on the body of Miss Mildred Eric by a band of masked men who kidnapped her and left her unconscious on a lonely country road, according to a statement to the police made today by the girl. Miss Eric declared the men seized her as she was leaving home and rushed her to the country, where she was mutilated. Two crosses were carved on her breast, two on her back and the others on her legs and arms, Miss Eric declared. She was recently threatened in a letter. The note said, "We're going to get you for leaving your own church."

LAYMAN LEADS 24 MEN TO DECIDE FOR CHRIST.

Nashville, Feb. 9.—Russ Hill, Baptist layman of Middleboro, Ky., 27 years old, manager of a wholesale produce house and teacher of a large men's Bible class at the First Baptist Church, induced 24 men to join the church in an evangelistic appeal to his class of 311 men.

MORE THAN HUNDRED MEN MAY BE FOUND DEAD BOTTOM MINE

Four Bodies Removed From Phelps-Dodge Pit in New Mexico

122 ENTOMBED BY BLAST

Many Killed by Explosion in British Columbia Mine. Twenty-Eight Bodies Recovered There—Brace of Catastrophes

(By the United Press.) Dawson, N. M., Feb. 9.—The bodies of the 122 miners entombed in the Phelps-Dodge Coal Mine No. 1 by an explosion were reached far back in the shaft by rescue workers today. Two additional bodies have been brought to the surface making a total recovered of six. The rescue squad said a large number of dead had been located. Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 9.—Twenty-eight bodies were today reported removed from the Cumberland Mine on Vancouver Island at 2 a. m., following an explosion last night. Seventeen other men were believed entombed and there was little hope that they would be rescued alive. The explosion occurred in No. 4 mine of the Canadian Collieries at Cumberland, B. C., just after the night shift had come on. Fire damp caused the explosion, mine officials believed.

Dawson, N. M., Feb. 9.—Four bodies had been recovered at 6 a. m. from the Phelps-Dodge Dawson Mine No. 1, where 122 men were entombed by an explosion yesterday. Mine officials feared all had perished.

One hundred and fifty rescue workers who toiled throughout the night at that time were still a mile from the spot where the other 118 miners were working when the blast wrecked the workings. The rescue workers hoped to be able to reach the spot today. One hope of finding the men alive lay in the possibility that they were able to wall up the room and protect themselves against deadly gases which accumulated following the blast. Physicians and nurses were rushed from surrounding towns. Wives and children of workers hung about the barricaded shaft throughout the night, eagerly awaiting a word of hope from their trapped loved ones. No explanation of the disaster would be given by company officers.

Forty Dead Vancouver.

Vancouver, Feb. 9.—Forty are known to have lost their lives in an explosion at the Cumberland coal mine on Vancouver Island, according to estimates reaching Vancouver. Rescue workers estimated that the death list probably would not exceed 40.

Big Addition Cotton Mill at Gastonia is Announced in North

Lincoln Votes Half a Million Dollars for Better Public Roads

(By the United Press.) Pawtucket, R. I., Feb. 9.—One hundred thousand feet of floor space will be added to the Jencks Spring Company's plant at Gastonia, N. C., it was announced last evening. The plant will be one of the largest in the South with this addition.

Lincoln Votes Half a Million Dollars for Better Public Roads

(By the United Press.) Lincolnton, Feb. 9.—The county commissioners of Lincoln County, in session here, voted for an issue of \$500,000 of bonds for road improvements in the county.

MAIN STREETS ARE GAY PLACES, SAYS

(By the United Press.) Harvard, Ill., Feb. 9.—Moral conditions of "Main Streets" are far worse than those of boulevards and drives, Vincent Rumley, state's attorney for McHenry County, declared today following a clean-up investigation. Seven youths were arrested and warrants issued for eight others. The probe, Rumley declared, disclosed the most "startling" vice conditions. Complaining witnesses were four girls, daughters of Harvard's poorer families. Nightly revels at distant residences, flowing bootleg liquor, and riotous joy riding in the early morning hours, were described in the girls' stories.