

## GERMAN CRUISER RUNS THE GAUNTLET

Warship Makes Long Run  
and Lands Sailors at  
American Port  
DROPPED ANCHOR  
AT NEWPORT NEWS

Came in Early This Morning  
and Is Reported to Have  
Aboard Many Prisoners of  
War—Maintaining Silence.  
May be Interned.

Newport News, March 10.—The Ger-  
man auxiliary cruiser, Prinz Eitel  
Friedrich, arrived here today. No  
one claimed to know the object of her  
visit further than she needs coal and  
supplies. She also is said to be in  
need of repairs and may intern here  
for the war. She is said to have 326  
French and Russian prisoners of war  
on board. She was last reported at  
Valparaiso, Chile.

Last night, after dark, the German  
ship appeared off Cape Henry, but  
did not enter until after daylight,  
when she passed quarantine and  
dropped her anchor at this port. All  
of her officers preserve the strictest sil-  
ence and her captain at once dis-  
patched a message telling of his ar-  
rival and the condition of his ship  
to the German embassy at Washing-  
ton.

No sooner did the auxiliary anchor  
than the United States Coast Guard  
ship, Onondaga, went alongside and  
took her watch, to preserve the neu-  
trality of the United States until the  
officials of the State Department at  
Washington decide what shall be  
done with the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.  
Caused by the red rust and salt of  
her months at sea the German auxil-  
iary was painted white on one side  
and black on the other.

It was reported in maritime circles  
that she had been chased to the  
three-mile limit by a British cruiser,  
but as the German captain had seised  
the lips of the officers that could  
not be confirmed.

The Ship's Status.—According to  
the doctrine laid down by the  
American government in other cases,  
similar to the Prinz Eitel Friedrich  
case, the collector of customs at Nor-  
folk, must give the commander 48  
hours from the time of her arrival  
to take coal and provisions. If the  
ship needs repairs she is given a long-  
respite. In that case the navy con-  
struction department will make an ex-  
amination and report what would be  
a reasonable time to make the neces-  
sary repairs and the German ship  
given 24 hours in addition to that  
time. Meanwhile the American gov-  
ernment would keep the time of de-  
parture a secret, so no unfair advan-  
tage might accrue to hostile ships  
that might gather and wait for the  
auxiliary.

### SETTLE UP WEEK IDEAS SPREADING

Chicago, Ill., March 10.—The sub-  
urb of Oak Park is today voting  
through the Oak Park Commercial  
Association, on the proposition to hold  
a "settle up week" in the near future,  
during which time old debts will be  
settled by business men, store keep-  
ers and their patrons. The idea is  
to eliminate debt from Oak Park,  
following the success of a similar  
venture at Waukon, Iowa. It is ex-  
pected that today's vote will be favor-  
able and that the "settle up week"  
will be placed in April. The merchants  
at Waukon reported that more than  
2,000 old bills were paid during the  
"settle up week" there.

### WALKED OVER ICE TO SAFETY

St. Johns, N. F., March 10.—Eleven  
men of the sealing steamer, Eric,  
caught in the ice off Bay Bull, five  
teen miles south of here, came ashore  
over the ice today. They left their  
ship last night, which has 120 men  
aboard.

Olympia, Wash., March 10.—To re-  
place a good cow Brookuna, who  
swallowed a nail and died, the North-  
west Jersey Breeders' Association  
will present one of the best of their  
herd to Governor Lister. The unfor-  
tunate Brookuna swallowed a ten-  
penny nail a month ago, and the Gov-  
ernor, her owner, was not to be com-  
forted. But the Jersey breeders who  
met recently in Spokane, decided to  
furnish a cow that will meet with  
the excellent qualities of the late de-  
parted Brookuna.

## FOOD SOUGHT FOR STARVING POPULACE

### TURKS AND KURDS ARE DRIVING THEM OUT

Thousands of Christians Are  
Suffering in Northwestern  
Persia

### TALES OF HORROR

Defenseless Women and Children Had  
to Flee For Their Lives in the Bleak  
Of Winter.

New York, March 10.—The horrors  
of the great war have now brought  
suffering and exile to more than 50,  
000 defenseless Christian people in  
Northwestern Persia, according to a  
statement given out by a newly or-  
ganized Persian War Relief Com-  
mittee. The invasion of Persia and the  
capture by Turks and Kurds of the  
cities of Urumia, Tabriz and other cit-  
ies which had been held by Russian  
troops, drove the Assyrian and Ar-  
menian people, in fear of massacre,  
either out of the country into Russia  
or into the American missionary com-  
pounds in Urumia and Tabriz. The  
flight from Urumia began at midnight  
on January 2nd, the people having  
only a few moments' notice of the  
approach of the Kurds and the need  
of flight. Rev. J. D. Barnard, a mis-  
sionary of the American Board of Chris-  
tianity and Foreign Missions, who left  
Urumia with the refugees in view of the approach of the  
Turkish troops, writes: "Practically  
the entire Christian population of the  
Urumia Plain and neighboring dis-  
tricts were in flight as we left. As  
far as the eye could reach in both  
directions was a constant stream of  
refugees, sometimes so dense that  
the road was blocked. It was a dread-  
ful sight, and one I never want to  
see again. Many old people and chil-  
dren died on the way."

Most of the refugees who fled to  
Russia made their way to the city of  
Tiflis. The long journey of the thou-  
sands of fleeing people was made  
from Urumia in the depth of winter  
with no provision for the journey,  
afoot through snow and rain and cold.  
One of the refugees, John Mooshie,  
a naturalized American citizen and  
superintendent of the Day Schools in  
the Urumia Plain, writes from Tiflis:  
"During the ten days' journey we  
have witnessed a long chain of men,  
women and children from Urumia to  
Djoulfa, most of them walking in  
cold and mud, without food or shield-  
ing. We have seen many women and  
children dead on the way, as they  
could not endure cold and fatigue.  
The Christian inhabitants of Tabriz  
and Salmas have left, except those  
in Tabriz who are protected by the  
American Consul."

From Tabriz Rev. Frederick N. Jes-  
sup writes: "Everyone is seeking  
shelter with us, French, Belgian,  
Swede, Austrian, German, Turkish,  
Armenian and even Moslems. The  
Armenians are in great terror and ev-  
eryone dreads the Kurds and their  
coming. We have been advised by  
our consuls to withdraw from our other  
properties and to concentrate  
here in the school compound. We  
have permission to receive Europeans  
and our own people among the na-  
tives. For two days refugees have  
been coming in. All our school build-  
ings are given over to them. All the  
benches have been taken out and peo-  
ple are coming all day long bringing  
rugs, provisions and bedding. Some  
refugees from Maragha have abso-  
lutely nothing. Some have walked  
the 50 or 60 miles in the winter cold  
and blizzard leaving everything, lead-  
ing or carrying children."

The American Consul in Tabriz,  
Gordon Paddock, cables:  
"Appeal Red Cross and friends tele-  
graph money aid many thousand de-  
stitute refugees."

The American Consul at Tiflis cables:  
"Fifteen thousand Persian Chris-  
tian refugees Caucasus. Local author-  
ities doing best, but funds needed re-  
turn them home. Fourteen thousand  
refugees mission premises Urumia  
destitute. Fifty thousand dollars ur-  
gently needed. Telegraph funds Tab-  
riz."

For over 75 years American Chris-  
tians have carried on missionary work

Mexican Red Cross Sends Ap-  
peal to the American  
Order

### THE FAMINE IS GROWING WORSE

Secretary Bryan Gets Appeals  
and Declares State Depart-  
ment Will Co-operate In  
Work of Relief.

Washington, March 10.—The Mexi-  
can Red Cross today appealed to the  
American Red Cross, through Sec-  
retary of State Bryan, for food for the  
starving populace in Mexico City.  
The appeal said the famine in the  
Mexican Capital was rapidly growing  
worse.

Secretary Bryan said the State De-  
partment would co-operate with the  
Red Cross as far as possible.

### BIG COLLEGE CONFERENCE ON

Madison, Wis., March 10.—A con-  
ference of leaders in university ex-  
tension education from all parts of  
the United States opened here today  
at the University of Wisconsin. The  
colleges which are using the ex-  
tension method of enlarging their fields  
of usefulness to the general public  
have decided to discuss the various  
phases of the work. Reports of the  
work in the eastern, western and  
middle western states are being sub-  
mitted, and the various degrees of  
success are being studied. The or-  
ganization of the work is the leading  
subject under discussion, for the ex-  
tension idea is spreading ground rap-  
idly, and many colleges now taking up  
the work are anxious to gain the ex-  
perience of the pioneers.

### Iowa Day At Frisco Fair.

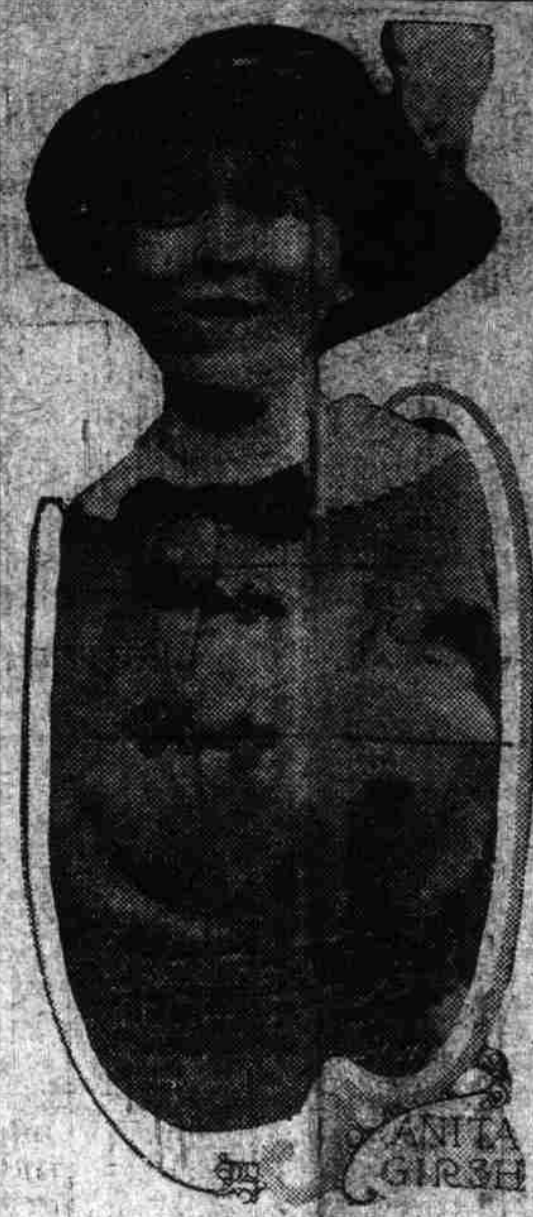
San Francisco, March 10.—The  
Iowa Building at the Panama Pacific  
International Exposition was dedicat-  
ed today, in the presence of thousands  
of Iowans and former residents of  
the Hawkeye State. Mayor James  
Rolph, Jr., and President C. C. Moore,  
of the exposition, and several Iowa  
officials were the speakers. The  
Iowa building will be the headquar-  
ters of all visitors who hail from  
Iowa.

among these people in Northwestern  
Persia and for the last generation  
France has worked among them. The  
disaster which has now fallen upon  
the people falls upon them all indis-  
criminately and includes many Mos-  
lems that have been subjected to the  
same hardships and loss as their  
Christian neighbors. Relief funds will  
be distributed wherever there is  
greatest need without regard to sect  
or nationality.

The American missionaries of the  
Northwestern Persia are all at their  
posts and have filled their compounds  
and buildings with refugees. A relief  
committee has been organized in Tab-  
riz under the American Consul and  
W. S. Vanneman, M. D.; Rev. Robert  
M. Labaree of Tabriz, has gone to Tif-  
lis to work with a local committee of  
leading native Christians. Relief in  
Tiflis will be supervised by this com-  
mittee, Mr. Labaree and the Ameri-  
can Consul.

Of all those throughout the world  
who are suffering on account of the  
war, none have suffered more or in  
greater innocence than these thou-  
sands of poor people who have been  
driven from their homes in the depth  
of winter and left homeless and des-  
titute. They must be cared for in the  
cities to which they have fled, and  
now that the Turks and Kurds ap-  
pear to be withdrawing from Persia  
must be returned to their destroyed  
homes and enabled to re-establish  
themselves. The need is urgent and  
appealing but the amount needed is  
not unlimited; a hundred thousand  
dollars will meet the pressing im-  
mediate need.

An American committee with Rob-  
ert E. Speer, chairman, will be re-  
sponsible for the prompt forwarding  
and distribution of the funds. Six  
thousand dollars have already been  
forwarded from the Red Cross and  
from the missionary societies and  
Dr. Vanneman has cabled acknowl-  
edging the receipt of this amount  
and stating that \$10,000 had already  
been expended and that relief would  
be required for several months. Any  
Foreign Mission Board will forward to  
the committee and funds designated  
for "Persian War Relief."



Jersey City, N. J., March 10.—Anita  
Girsch, superintendent of the Jersey  
City Poor Fund, will probably be the  
first woman to apply for appointment  
as a member of the police force under  
the new law signed by Governor  
Fielder. She has police work to do  
in investigating desertions of wives,  
drunkenness and brutality to wives  
and children.

## TELL OF THE FLIGHT OF THAW FROM ASYLUM

Gatemian Details How He  
Broke Out and Jumped  
In Auto.

### MILK WAGON DRIVER

Also Tells of the Escape—Witness  
Never Saw Thaw Exhibit Ill  
Temper.

New York, March 10.—More wit-  
nesses to Harry K. Thaw's sensation-  
al flight from Matteawan testified  
today at his trial on a conspiracy charge  
in connection with his escape from  
the State asylum there. Norwood  
Barnum, gatekeeper at Matteawan,  
told of opening the gate to admit a  
milkman. He described how, when  
the wagon entered, Thaw dashed  
through and jumped into an auto-  
mobile, which sped away in a cloud  
of dust. On cross-examination the  
witness said he knew Thaw well and  
had talked with him hundreds of  
times. Never saw Thaw exhibit a bad  
temper.

James Hickey, driver of the milk  
wagon, gave testimony corroborating  
that of Barnum. Before entering the  
gate, Hickey said he saw a taxicab  
moving slowly along in front of the  
hospital grounds.

### PROTESTS AGAINST SEIZURE OF DACIA

Paris, March 10.—E. N. Breitung,  
of New York, owner of the Dacia, has  
entered a formal protest against seiz-  
ure of the vessel by the French Mar-  
itime. He has engaged the president  
of the French Association of  
Maritime Law, to defend his interests.

The Dacia belonged formerly to the  
Hamburg-American Line. She changed  
her register and became an Ameri-  
can ship after the outbreak of hos-  
tilities.

### WHITE ANTS EAT WALLS AND FLOORS OF BUILDING

Manhattan, Kan., March 10.—The  
wooden partitions and floor of the  
administration Building of the State  
Agricultural College here are to be  
torn out and cement floors and walls  
substituted. The measure has become  
necessary on account of the termites,  
or white ants, which have damaged  
the woodwork.

The termites, which live on dry  
vegetable and fibre substances, have  
proved a pest at the college, and in  
other places over the State, according  
to the entomology department of the  
college. They have damaged other  
buildings at the college in the past.  
Anderson Hall, the Administration  
Building of the college, was damaged  
last spring. The termites work secre-  
tly, having a strong aversion to light,  
and it is not easy to detect their work  
until too late. They are normally  
most at home in tropical climates, but  
are found distributed over the United  
States as far north as Nebraska.

## ALLIES CLAIM TO BE GAINING EVERYWHERE

### STILL AWAIT REPLY FROM CARRANZA

Upon Such Depend Develop-  
ments in the Mexican  
Situation

### WARSHIPS ARE SPEEDING ON

Conflicting Reports as to Evac-  
uation of Mexico City—  
Zapata Said to Have Taken  
Control.

Washington, March 10.—The de-  
velopment in the Mexican situation  
today awaited on Carranza's answer  
to the American note demanding im-  
provement in Mexico's conditions.

There were indications that the re-  
ply would be favorable. Conflicting  
dispatches as to the evacuation of  
Mexico City during the last twenty-  
four hours caused much doubt. A dis-  
patch from Vera Cruz, dated at 10 a.  
m. yesterday, indicated that General  
Obregon was still in control. The  
Villa agency had a dispatch from  
Juarez saying Obregon troops evacu-  
ated yesterday and their places was  
taken by Zapata troops.

No change, however, has been made  
in the Naval orders, which are send-  
ing the battleship Georgia and the  
armored cruiser, Washington, to Vera  
Cruz to reinforce the fleet of small  
craft there.

Carranza's reply to the American  
note, demanding more protection for  
foreigners, was being waited on to-  
day by President Wilson and his ad-  
visers. They had been advised un-  
officially that the reply probably would  
be favorable.

Meanwhile precautionary steps have  
been taken to safeguard American  
interests in Mexico. United States  
warships are hovering close to the  
Mexican shores to enforce, if neces-  
sary, compliance with the American  
demands and Americans had been  
warned to leave because of the critical  
situation there.

A feeling of confidence pervades of-  
ficial and diplomatic circles here that  
use of force would not be necessary.  
It was the opinion among officials  
that with the evacuation of Mexico  
City by Obregon and its occupation by  
Zapata troops, which are counted on  
to afford the proper protection, the  
crisis soon will be passed.

### Fifty-Five Were Recorded.

Washington, D. C., March 10.—  
There were fifty-five sailing, steam  
and unrigged vessels, of 8,629 gross  
tons, filed in the United States and of-  
ficially numbered during Feb., ac-  
cording to the Department of Com-  
merce.

### Blind Since Birth, Sees.

Marblehead, Mass., March 10.—Miss  
Maud Lincoln, who has passed her  
whole life in blindness, has been re-  
stored to sight. Her vision, coming  
at the age of twenty-one, is attributed  
by her and her relatives to the pray-  
ers her mother has offered since her  
birth.

She is the daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. William P. Lincoln of Market  
Square. She was a pupil at the Per-  
kins Institute for the Blind in Boston  
for nine years, and there physicians  
told her case was a rare one, pre-  
dicting that sight might come to her  
at any time. A membrane covered  
her pupils, but the doctors and an op-  
eration would bring no help.

A few days ago she awoke and ex-  
perienced a strange feeling in her  
right eye. She blinked two or three  
times and was astonished to see the  
sunlight pouring in her room window.  
Then she turned her gaze about the  
room and realized that she had sight  
in one eye for the first time.

Two days later she experienced the  
same sensation in the left eye on  
awakening in the morning, and it was  
the signal for a clear vision in both  
eyes. A happier girl could not be  
found in the town today.

### WALL PAPER

6-8-10 Cents a Roll. J. E. & J. O.  
Sharp, Phone 1799-J.—Advertisement,  
mch 5 mon wed fri

### AMERICAN SHIP SUNK.

Newport News, Va., March 10.—  
The German auxiliary cruiser,  
Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which ar-  
rived in Hampton Roads today,  
brought the news that the Ameri-  
can ship, William F. Frye, miss-  
ing since last November, when she  
left Seattle for Queenstown,  
with grain, had been sunk be-  
cause she was suspected of car-  
rying contraband.

### REPORTS PACT WITH ITALY

Newspaper Declares Germany  
Would Allow Austria to  
Be Assailed.

Rome, March 10.—Although declar-  
ing it considers an agreement impos-  
sible the Idea Nazionale discusses a  
report that Germany has agreed with  
Italy that if Austria refuses terri-  
torial rights desired by Italy no ob-  
jection would be offered by Germany to  
an attack upon her present ally,  
provided Italy did not enter into an  
alliance with the Triple Entente powers.  
The newspaper calls such a plan  
"folly" and says it would mean a be-  
trayal of Italy.

### WOODMEN ELECT OFFICERS

Wilmington Man Among  
Number—New Bern Next  
Convention Place.

Durham, N. C., March 10.—The  
State convention of the Woodmen of  
the world today elected the following  
officers:  
Head Councillor—C. E. Wise,  
Greensboro.  
Head Adviser—Z. E. Grant, Hender-  
sonville.  
Banker—J. W. Fleet, Wilmington.  
Clerk—J. H. Gordon, Concord.  
Escort—Dr. Bonnier, Morehead  
City.

Watchman—J. E. Gilmer, Lamber-  
ton.  
Sentry—L. B. Cunningham, Tar-  
boro.  
New Bern was selected as the con-  
vention city for 1916.

### STATE COURT RENDERS VITAL DECISIONS

Raleigh, March 10.—The Supreme  
Court today reversed a verdict of a  
jury in Northampton county granting  
\$1,000 damages to L. A. Harrison, ad-  
ministrator of the estate of B. H. Har-  
rison, who was killed by a train on  
the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.  
The reversal was based on failure  
of the lower court to lay proper stress  
upon contributory negligence.  
Because the presiding judge of  
Wayne county court overruled a ver-  
dict of \$8,000 damages for J. N. Wil-  
liams, a brakeman, for personal in-  
juries sustained while working on  
the Atlantic Coast Line, the Supreme  
Court today granted a new trial.

### Lincoln Statue at G. O. P. Birthplace

Jackson, Mich., March 10.—Accord-  
ing to Senator Charles E. Townsend,  
whose home is in Jackson, a statue of  
Abraham Lincoln will be erected here  
to make the birthplace of the Repub-  
lican party. The event will be an  
interesting culmination of the celebra-  
tion of the 50th anniversary, held here  
last year, says the Senator. The me-  
morial will be a replica of St. Gau-  
den's famous statue of Lincoln. The  
Grand Old Party was organized at  
an open air mass meeting in Jack-  
son in 1854, and it is on that spot that  
the Lincoln statue will be erected.

### GERMAN SUBMARINE TO BOTTOM

London, March 10.—The German submarine, U-20, has  
been sent to the bottom, according to a statement issued to-  
day by the British Admiralty.  
The submarine, according to the official announcement,  
was rammed today by the British torpedo boat destroyer,  
Erial, and it went to the bottom. The members of the sub-  
marine's crew surrendered and were saved.

Fleet Slowly Making Towards  
Constantinople to Open  
New Way to Berlin

### DECLARE GERMAN RETREAT IS IMMINENT

London Claims the Situation  
Is More Favorable Today  
For Allies Than at Any Other  
Time During War—Un-  
rest in Other Countries.

London, March 10.—As England  
sees it, not since the war began has  
the situation, both on land and sea,  
been more favorable to the Allies  
than today. Confidence in this  
nature is shown in abundance in Lon-  
don.

Slowly but surely, it is argued, the  
allied fleet is sweeping on to Constan-  
tinople, thus opening another road to  
Berlin. The retirement of Field Mar-  
shal von Hindenburg's army from  
North Poland is said to be imminent  
by many British observers of affairs.

In the west, the Allies claim the  
offensive all along the line, although  
no decisive battle is being fought,  
while in the Balkans and in Italy, ac-  
cording to British interpretation of  
the political view, the majority of the  
people are clamoring for interven-  
tion on the part of the Allies.

Paris officially confirmed today that  
the super-dreadnaught, Queen Elizabeth,  
slept into the Dardanelles  
proper Monday and bombarded the  
Turkish forts, another one of which  
on the European side has been partly  
demolished.

Petrograd dispatches say the Ger-  
mans failed to reduce the Ossowetz  
fortress, which together with the re-  
peated defeat of the Germans at  
Grodno and Przasnysz mean definite  
abandonment of the German offensive  
in North Poland.

In Central Poland both the Rus-  
sians and Germans are attacking al-  
ternately, with no apparent change  
in the situation. The same is true  
in the Carpathians and generally  
along the western front.

Bombardment Resumed.  
Paris, March 10.—Operations of the  
allied fleet in the Dardanelles, stopped  
yesterday morning by unfavorable  
weather, were resumed vigorously in  
the afternoon, according to an Athens  
dispatch to The Matin.

The warships are reported to have  
made progress in the Narrows, silenc-  
ing thirty batteries on the heights  
of Renkul, the fire from which proved  
troublesome.

Italian Warships For Dardanelles.  
Geneva, March 10.—A newspaper  
here says it has learned from Vienna  
that four Italian warships have  
put to sea, probably bound for the  
Dardanelles.

### RUSSIANS DRIVE THEM BACK

Turkish Forces and Kurds Be-  
ing Whipped in North-  
western Persia.

Tiflis, Trans-Caucasus, March 10.—  
The Turkish forces and Kurds con-  
centrated in Khor, Northwestern Per-  
sia, are slowly being forced back. Rus-  
sian forces already have come in pos-  
session of several villages, in which  
Turkish troops were quartered. In-  
formation reaching here from the  
South is that a large number of Ar-  
menians, who remained in Urumia,  
sixty miles from Tabriz, were placed  
under the protection of the American  
consul. There is a consulate at Ta-  
briz.

Armenians were locked in a church  
at Urumia for safe keeping. They  
were ill supplied with food and many  
died from starvation and disease.

### BREAD RIOTS BREAK OUT IN LISBON

Lisbon, March 10.—The increase  
in the price of bread was responsible  
for violent clashes yesterday between  
the police and workmen in the Naval  
arsenal. The police used their weap-  
ons freely, and many persons were in-  
jured.

### Big Bowling Tourney.

Peoria, Ill., March 10.—With nearly  
600 teams entered, the annual  
tournament of the American Bowling  
Congress opened here today with the  
promise of breaking records for  
scores and entries. It is the fif-  
teenth annual tourney, and teams are  
entered from all over the middle west.  
The cash prize run up to \$30,000. Bow-  
ling is the one sport that has not had  
a setback this winter, and many of  
the crack bowlers are in great form for  
Association, on the proposition to hold  
Subscribe to the Evening Dispatch