

JOY IN ATHENS OVER VICTORY

Greeks Capture Eski-Shehr, Prisoners and War Material, Making the Advance to Angora Easy

London, March 29.—The Greeks have occupied Eski-Shehr, capturing many prisoners and large quantities of war material, according to an Athens dispatch.

The Greek advance to Angora is now declared easy.

News of the Greek victory was received with joy at Athens.

JAIL POPULATION HAS DECREASED

Fewer Petit Crimes But More Serious Ones and Many Offenders Are Not Apprehended

Chicago, March 21.—Decrease in the total population of state prisons in the middle and southwestern states is attributed in part to prohibition by a number of state prison authorities.

Other reasons noted included high wages and shortage of labor, the indeterminate sentence of and the merit system. The falling off for 16 states, as noted in reports collected here by the Associated Press, amounted on December 1, 1920, to nearly an eighth of the total on December 1, 1914.

In commenting on the decrease in states where it occurred, more prison officials named prohibition than any other single reason. Several citing industrial conditions, gave this cause greater weight than prohibition.

From one of the states that reported an increase, the warden of the state penitentiary reported that he did not believe that prohibition had decreased crime.

The decrease in prisoners was not uniform, but took place in nine states, where the total decrease wiped out an increase in six states and showed a net decrease for the entire sixteen, one remaining stationary.

New features in the character of crime and criminals were noted by several state officials.

"I believe that there has been a general decrease in the prison population of the country," said Henry Town, warden of the Wisconsin state prison at Waupun. "This can be attributed in part to the restricted sale of intoxicating liquor and also to the fact that labor has been scarce and high wages have been paid.

"We do not get as many petit offenders as formerly but the crimes committed are of a much more serious nature. I believe that it is also true that a great many of these serious crimes are being committed and the offenders are not being caught. I think you can sum up the situation that petit crime has decreased and a more serious form of crime has taken its place and greatly increased, and that the percentage of arrests for the more serious crimes is much less than the arrests formerly for petit crimes."

"It is true that we receive diseased potatoes in various quantities every year, but this trouble seems to hinge on the theory that we have become invested with a fly that deposits its egg on the seed while they are in storage, in transit, or after they have been cut and prepared for planting, which hatches from the egg that is deposited by the fly and develops after the seed is planted; therefore, there is nothing that can be done after the seed has been planted. However, those replanting or planting now may guard against this trouble in the future by treating their seed with mercuric chloride, one ounce to eight gallons of water, by letting the seed remain in solution for ten minutes. This will do no good, however, unless the potatoes are kept away from the storage house and places where they may become reinfested by the decaying potatoes and with that is found around the storage and cutting houses where this insect harbors."

Prohibition was said by Downer Mullen, secretary of the Minnesota state board of control, to be one of the principal reasons for the decrease in the number of inmates in the Minnesota state prison at Stillwater. Jno. T. Burkett, secretary of the Arkansas Penitentiary Commission, gave the passage and enforcement of prohibition laws credit for the decrease there in the number of state convicts.

Officials of the Kentucky prisons where the greatest drop in 16 states was noted, said that the decline there was due in large part to the unre-

Clean Up Week April 4th to 9th

The State Health, Education and Insurance Departments have set aside next week, April 4-9, as Clean Up Week.

Posters and literature are being sent out urging united effort to rid every community of trash, litter and rubbish accumulated during the winter.

Fire prevention and good health are sought, and the cooperation of every man, woman, boy and girl is expected.

Community Service Is Going Ahead

A general committee (tentative) representing the different organizations and churches of Elizabeth City met in the Chamber of Commerce rooms last night to lay plans for the beginning of a song leader's class among those people of the town who will in the future carry the message of "Music for Everybody. Everybody for Music" slogan into every nook and corner of Elizabeth City.

The group was very enthusiastic and planned to begin the course just as quickly as possible. Each person present was delegated a committee of one to bring two to the next meeting to be held on Wednesday afternoon at 5:30, others who desire to take this course of training.

To create leaders for community singing, to have people sing because music is a part of them, to bring the message of music to every soul because music is part of God's handiwork, is the purpose of Community Service in Elizabeth City.

People taking the course need not have any particular musical training because this particular kind of leadership does not require technical training as much as it requires sincerity and a desire to know how to render a real service in a great cause. If you have not been approached by one of the committee and you desire to render a service worth while in Community Service of Elizabeth City, please register with Community Service in the Chamber of Commerce rooms.

Fifteen Rioters Killed In Clash

Essen, Germany, March 29.—Fifteen rioters were killed and forty wounded in a clash with security police here. The attempted general strike has failed thus far.

CHORAL SOCIETY TONIGHT HAS FULL CAST REHEARSAL

The Elizabeth City Choral Society will meet at 7:30 tonight on the top floor of the Y. M. C. A. for a full cast rehearsal.

Rehearsals have been going on in fine way recently and the choral society is almost ready to give its next concert, which is to be an entire opera, its first undertaking of this kind.

FOR SALE

Setting eggs from heavy laying White Wyandottes that won sweep-stake silver trophy. Special over all at Portsmouth, twelve hundred entries in show. Phone 280-J. C. M. Cooper.

cedented period of employment and high wages probably more than to prohibition. They said that they did not expect their present population to stay at its low population for long.

In Ohio, Warden Thomas said that the main reason why the state penitentiary population had not decreased in the last few years was the indeterminate sentence. It holds prisoners longer, he said. Another reason given by Warden Thomas was that Ohio police were more active than those in some other states and were bringing in more criminals.

"The reformer claims it is prohibition that reduces our prison population," wrote J. R. Jordan, chief clerk, criminal record department, Texas State Penitentiary. They also claim that since prohibition has been in effect crime has decreased 68 per cent. Of course they do not expect any one who is informed to believe them, but it serves their purpose to fool the people a part of the time."

COMPTROLLER IS OHIO DEMOCRAT

D. R. Crissinger, of Marion, Life Long Friend of President Harding, and Gets An Appointment

Marion, Ohio, March 29.—The new comptroller of currency in the Harding administration, D. R. Crissinger, of this city is a life long friend of President Harding and a well known Democrat, lawyer and banker.

Mr. Crissinger, long prominent in the business, financial and legal life of Marion, was born on a farm in Tully Township, Marion County, December 10, 1860. He was educated in the public schools of Caledonia, Marion County.

He was graduated from Buchtel College at Akron, where he took the honors of his class. Subsequently, he was graduated from the Cincinnati Law School and then entered into a law partnership here with Judge William Z. Davis, under the firm name of Davis & Crissinger.

Early in life Mr. Crissinger entered politics and was elected prosecuting attorney on the Democratic ticket in 1888 and was re-elected in 1891. In 1893 he was elected city solicitor and was re-elected in 1895 and 1897. He was the Democratic nominee for Congress in 1904 and 1906.

Mr. Crissinger has been identified with a number of successful business enterprises in Marion. He assisted in organizing the Marion County Telephone Company and the City National Bank. In the reorganization of the bank recently, when the name was changed to the City National Bank and Trust Company, Mr. Crissinger became president of the institution. He is also a heavy stockholder in many of Marion's largest businesses and a large land owner.

President Harding and Mr. Crissinger have been close friends since boyhood and Mr. Crissinger took an active interest in the campaign of Mr. Harding for the presidency, both before and after his nomination last June. He is president of the Marion Civic Association, which was organized shortly after the nomination for the entertainment of visitors to Marion during the campaign and delivered the address of welcome at the home-coming exercises when Mr. Harding returned to Marion from Washington after the nomination.

Mr. Crissinger accompanied President Harding to Washington when the latter left for his inauguration and was a guest at the White House for some time after the inauguration.

ELKS MINSTRELS SOON

A carload of mirth, together with a carload of scenery and costumes will be in evidence at the Alkrama Theatre on Monday and Tuesday nights, April 4th and 5th when the Elks will present their mammoth minstrel and musical comedy, "The Jollies of 1921."

The Elks' Minstrel this year will be absolutely different from any seen in Elizabeth City before and will be a combination of minstrel musical comedy and vaudeville. The cast of fifty will include some of the city's best voices, both male and female.

The scenery used in this production will come direct from Chicago, where it was constructed for the Bren Company especially for this show and one to follow in Winston-Salem.

Seats are selling rapidly and reserved seats will be put on sale Thursday, March 31st at Sell's.

WINDER HEARING IS POSTPONED

April the Eleventh Is the Date Set and An Additional \$2,000 Is Added to the \$1,000 Bond—Cast Attracts Interest

The preliminary hearing in the case against L. L. Winder, charging gross immoral conduct with young girls under fifteen years of age, was continued to April 11th by Trial Justice Spence Tuesday morning and the defendant required to give additional bond of \$2,000, or a total of three thousand dollars, for appearance at that time to answer to the charges against him.

Mr. Winder did not appear in court Tuesday morning in person, but was amply represented by counsel, I. M. Meekins, of the firm of Meekins and McMullan; C. E. Thompson, of the firm of Thompson and Wilson, and P. G. Sawyer appearing in his behalf.

Beside Prosecuting Attorney E. L. Sawyer to assist in the prosecution of one of the cases sat W. L. Small.

The State asked for immediate trial, but finally agreed to the postponement asked for by counsel for the defendant in view of the fact that the prosecuting officer had stated in conference with opposing counsel Monday that April 11th would be satisfactory to him.

The prosecution asked that the bond be increased to \$5,000 while counsel for the defense maintained that \$1,000 bond was sufficient and insisted that not more than \$2,500 be required, not that their client would not be able to pay an excessive bond, but lest the case against their client be prejudiced at the bar of public opinion.

A considerable crowd was present for the first brush between opposing counsel in the case, though it was generally understood that the hearing would be continued to April 11th. Three warrants were issued Monday for L. L. Winder, prominent real estate man of family of this city, all three charging serious immoral conduct.

One warrant charges carnal knowledge of a girl under fifteen years of age; the second, assault with intent to commit rape; the third, prostitution.

The alleged victim of the attempted assault is said to be only fifteen years of age.

Mr. Winder is fifty years old, according to the tax books. He has a wife and grown children, all of whom are held in high esteem. He occupies offices on the third floor of the Hinton building, Main street, the largest office building in the city.

The warrants were served Monday shortly after noon and Winder was placed under \$1,000 bond for appearance before the recorder Tuesday morning at nine o'clock.

Says Broken Heart Physical Possibility

But Specialist Believes Rupture of Heart Fibers More Likely Result of Joy Than Grief

London, March 29.—An actual broken heart is a physiological possibility, according to Dr. J. Strickland Goodall, eminent heart specialist, in a lecture here today. Rupture of the heart fibers might result from emotion, more often from joy than from grief.

GAS OFF TODAY

The gas went off at about noon today and not a line of type can be set in The Advance shop after the metal in the linotype pot gets below casting temperature.

The Advance was, therefore, compelled to go to press unusually early, omitting all news received after twelve o'clock.

There will be no more gas, this newspaper is informed, until about noon Wednesday and Wednesday's paper will be below the standard also. The Advance will make every effort to meet the situation with as little inconvenience and loss to subscribers as possible.

REVOLUTIONISTS CAPTURE MINSK

London, March 29.—Revolutionists have captured Minsk, in Western Russia, according to Helsingfors advices.

The eighth Bolshevik army, it is reported, has joined the Revolutionists, who have formed a Democratic White Russian Republic.

VENIZELOS TO VISIT THE JAPS

Athens, March 29.—Former Premier Venizelos is going to Japan as guest of the Mikado, who will ask him to arbitrate difficulties pending between Japan and the United States, according to a London dispatch to the newspaper Patris.

ATTENDING CONVENTION

Delegates from Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church attending the Woman's Missionary Convention at Rocky Mount this week are: Mrs. A. F. Toxey, Mrs. C. L. Whitehurst, Mrs. Mary McCoy and Miss Marian Baughin.

From the First Baptist Church the following delegates have gone: Mrs. G. A. Twiddy, Mrs. A. J. Scott, Miss Bernice Twiddy, Mrs. S. G. Gregory.

FIND TRACKS 130 YEARS OLD

Footprints Made In Volcanic Ash as Hawaii Army Fled From Wrath of Goddess, the Story Goes

Hilo, Island of Hawaii, T. H., March 8 (Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Footprints, 130 years old, of a Hawaiian army that fled from the wrath of Pele, goddess of the active volcano of Kilauea, near here, are believed to have been discovered in the Kua desert, south of the great crater, by Professor T. A. Jagger, Jr., in charge of the volcano observatory.

Dr. Jagger and his party was exploring a region far removed from any of the known, modern trails when they came upon an area thickly covered with the imprint of naked feet, all pointing in the one direction, all deep at the toes and light at the heels, indicating that the makers of the tracks had been running at top speed.

The tracks originally had been made in volcanic ash, which is strongly impregnated with sulphurous acid and gypsum and which when wet by rain, settles into a hard concrete, thus explaining the preservation of the imprints for a period believed to have stretched over more than a century and a quarter.

Hawaiian legend and history provide the other side of the story, the connection between the Kau desert tracks and the flight of the army of Keoua, King of Kau, from Pele's wrath.

Keoua led an army of three divisions against King Kamehameha, who later united all the Hawaiian Islands under his sway, in the year 1790. This year also recorded the last explosive eruption of Kilauea volcano. Hawaiian legend records the fact that some of Keoua's warriors rolled stones into Kilauea crater to mark their disrespect for the goddess of the molten lake. What over the reason for the outbreak, Pele rose in her wrath, and with a terrific explosive eruption, totally wiped out the second division of Keoua's army.

The footprints found in the Kau desert are believed to be those of men of the first division, who, seeing the destruction of their comrades in the rear, fled from the locality. The third division coming up, saw the bodies of the annihilated second and halted.

The area where the footprints

URGES PANAMA TO ACCEPT DECISION

President Porras Says Refusal to Acknowledge Boundary Set By Chief Justice Would Involve Grave Consequences

Panama, March 29.—That refusal to accept the decision of Chief Justice White fixing the boundary for Panama might lead to serious consequences declared the message of President Porras to the extraordinary session of the Panama Congress today.

Non acceptance, he said, would result in the withdrawal by the United States of the friendly offices which recently ended hostilities in Costa Rica.

Pastors Would Oust All Rent Profiteers

Pittsburgh Baptist Ministers Characterize Unwarranted Rent Advances Unchristian

Pittsburgh, March 29.—A resolution ousting rent profiteers from the churches was adopted by the Pittsburgh Baptist Ministers' Association. Unwarranted rent advances constitute unchristian phariseism, according to the resolution.

Irish Grateful To President Harding

Dublin, March 29.—Gratitude for President Harding's support of the movement in America to raise funds for the suffering in Ireland has been cabled to the White House by the Lord Mayor of Dublin.

TO GUARD AGAINST FIRE IN BUILDING HOMES

The majority of small houses will be built of either wood-frame construction or of wood-and-masonry construction for many years to come, in spite of the propaganda favoring fireproof dwellings, for the cost of materials and labor are so adjusted that houses of this better type cannot be built by the average citizen. In fact, 90 per cent of the houses erected today use wooden studs and floor beams.

This method of building cost the fire insurance companies about \$60,000,000 in 1918. The actual loss must be even greater than this, for not all houses are insured.

We might as well face these facts frankly and accept the next best means of preventing this enormous annual loss of dwellings by establishing safeguards against this fire dragon at the most vulnerable parts of the building. We must place the armor of protection where it is needed most, and set up the safeguards against fire where the dangerous enemy attacks.

On examination of the insurance reports upon this question, we find that 96 per cent of all the fires originate inside of the houses. The most important cause of these fires is defective chimney construction. Bad fireplace design, careless flue construction, and poor masonry work in the chimney are responsible for many a tragic fire and a total loss of furniture, clothes and household goods of well-meaning citizens.—March Number of Architecture.

NOTICE TO CONSUMERS

In order for us to make certain repairs to our generator, it will be necessary for the gas to be turned off the city Tuesday at noon for a period of twenty-four hours. We shall make every effort to get the gas back on in less time. Turn off all pilots to water heaters. See that all cocks to heaters and ranges are closed.

Care should be taken in lighting ovens when the gas is turned on. Southern Gas Improvement Company

were discovered is part of the new Kilauea national park, which will be dedicated this year, and steps already have been taken to enclose the tracks and preserve them.

Just Four More Days After Today Of \$100.00 Diamond Ring Offer

Members who take advantage of the Extra Prize and Extra Vote Offer this week will no doubt have the advantage at the close of the Campaign. Just a little over two weeks and some members of the Club will be owners of the Paige and Ford. Will it be you riding in one of these beautiful cars all your own? Or will you be one that at the end will be saying: "I wish I had worked just a little bit harder"? Just a few more dollars in subscription payments may mean the difference to you of one of the automobiles and one of the much smaller prizes. As yet it is anybody's race. This week is the time to make headway. A word to the wise is sufficient.