

ALL CHRISTIANS IN ERZERUM SLAIN

Armenians Slaughtered by Thousands Before Forces of Turk Sultan Evacuate City.

GARRISON MAKES ITS ESCAPE

LONDON, Feb. 19.—While full details of the capture of Erzerum, Turkish Armenia, are still lacking, semi-official advices from Petrograd are to the effect that most of the Turkish garrison made their escape.

There has been considerable artillery activity around the positions taken by the Germans recently from the British in the vicinity of Ypres and several attempts by the British to recapture their lost ground by infantry attacks.

Attacks Repulsed. Berlin says the attacks were repulsed with heavy casualties. With the exception of a French assault against the Germans south of the Somme, which Berlin also declares was put down, the artillery of both sides has been the sole instrument of warfare along the French front.

The Austrians and Italians at various points are still engaged in artillery duels and occasional infantry maneuvers, but no notable victories have been won on either side. Vienna reports less activity than usual on the part of the Italian guns.

In Albania the Austro-Hungarians, reinforced by Albanians, presumably irregulars, have occupied Avaya, which lies eight miles southwest of Durazzo and three miles from the Adriatic.

Have It Nearly Surrounded. By the capture of this town it would seem that the Teutons nearly have Durazzo surrounded. The gendarmes of Essad Pasha, provisional president of Albania, who defended Kavaya, made their escape from the town and fled on a ship into the Adriatic.

Essad Pasha has been deprived of his rank and removed from the Turkish army list for having assumed the leadership of the provisional government of Albania and joined the ranks of the entente allies.

PRESBYTERY TO DECIDE WHERE CHURCH LOCATES

A special meeting of the Omaha presbytery was held yesterday to consider the location of the proposed Parkvale Presbyterian church, movement for which has been under way for several months by the Parkvale church.

The church seeks a location at Thirty-second avenue and Francis streets and it is understood that a protest is being considered coming from the members of Westminster church which is located at Twenty-ninth and Mason streets. The Parkvale congregation has already started its building fund, the question at issue being, it is understood, whether it shall be accorded a site that the older organization regards as encroaching on its territory.

The matter has not been definitely determined.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT FOR BENEFIT OF ATHLETICS

The high school will give an entertainment in the high school auditorium the latter part of March for the benefit of athletics.

A one-act comedy, "Rooms to Let," written by M. N. Beebe, will be the principal number on the program.

Ruth McCoy will appear as Mrs. Smythe, Stewart McDonald as Dick Rusk, Frank Campbell as Tom Warren, Margaret Hoffman as Betty Bressie, Dorothy Myers as Madge Wales, Phyllis Hunter as Matilda Judd and Alex Crawford as Jerry, the postman.

Six other numbers will be on the program.

WOMEN PRISONERS GO FROM LEAVENWORTH PEN

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Feb. 19.—Fourteen of the twenty-six federal women prisoners held in the Kansas state prison at Lansing will be removed to the Missouri penitentiary at Jefferson City tomorrow. All were sentenced from states in the middle west. Three of the women convicts will go to the Colorado prison and the others to the Virginia state prison.

For years the state of Kansas had a contract with the government for the care of women federal prisoners at the Lansing institution. Recently, the Board of Corrections notified government officials the contract would not be renewed.

RAILROAD MAN PROTESTS AGAINST FILIPINO BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Charles M. Swift, president of the Philippine Railway company, today filed with Chairman Jones of the house insular committee a protest against the Philippine bill passed by the senate. The Clarke amendment to grant the islands independence within four years would, Mr. Swift wrote, "expatriate American citizens, American capital and American enterprise."

MEXICAN PAUPERS ARE DISTRIBUTED WIDELY

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico, Feb. 19.—Fifteen hundred indigent Mexicans were sent to the interior today by Carranza authorities here, to be scattered through various cities. It was explained that the support of these people had become too great for the resources of Nuevo Laredo. The number included many women and children, poorly clad.

MISSOURI PACIFIC NAMES GUINN AS LINCOLN AGENT

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 19.—The Missouri Pacific-Iron Mountain railroad system tonight announced the appointment of H. T. Guinn, as general freight and passenger agent at Lincoln, Neb., and C. M. Davis, to a similar position at Hutchinson, Kan.

SOUTHERN GIRL IS GOVERNMENT FARM DEMONSTRATOR—Miss Hoyle Skinner of Georgia has been appointed by the Department of Agriculture to demonstrate farming industries to the young men and young women of the southern district. Her specialties will be poultry raising and canning.



MISS HOYLE SKINNER.

KAISER'S THREAT SCORED IN SENATE

Lodge and Sterling Denounce Germany's Announced Intention to Sink Armed Vessels.

DAKOTAN HITS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—Germany's announced intention of destroying without warning armed merchant ships of its enemies was scathingly denounced in the senate today by republican senators, who declared that the for United States to acquiesce in such a practice would be humiliating and a step toward war.

Senator Lodge, ranking minority member of the foreign relations committee, started the discussion by delivering a long prepared address, reviewing international law, relating to the arming of merchantmen for defense, and declaring it was inconceivable that the United States at this time would abandon a principle for which it had always stood. Such a step, he insisted, would be an unneutral act and virtually would make the United States an ally of the nation whose commerce had been swept from the seas.

Central Union Hears Of Compensation Law

L. V. Guye and Frank Coffey, chief deputy commissioner of labor of Nebraska, spent the greater part of Friday evening's session of the Central Labor union in enlightening the delegates on the Nebraska workman's compensation law.

HEAVY FIRE LOSS RESULTS TO "WESTDAKOTA" FARM

BELLE FOURCHE, S. D., Feb. 19.—(Special.)—Twenty thousand dollar fire loss resulted at the Westdakota farm five miles east of here, owned by M. J. Smiley, last night and this morning. The \$6,000 alfalfa mill and elevator was destroyed as was the \$5,000 sheep shed, which stood close to the destroyed mill. "Westdakota Farm" is the best dairy farm and stock feed ranch in South Dakota and is one of the show places of the middle west.

EIGHT PARISHES FLOODED IN EASTERN LOUISIANA

NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 19.—Eight parishes in Eastern Louisiana are flooded by overflows, backwater, or breaks in levees in the Mississippi, Arkansas,

HAPPENINGS IN THE MAGIC CITY

Greater Omaha Ordinance Makes Business Men Pay Taxes on More Floor Space.

MRS. BERTHA GARSON IS DEAD

That's what your annexation brings you, a local business man is quoted as remarking, as an assessor commissioned by the city commission of Omaha had just left his place of business, after measuring the number of square feet of space taken up by the basement.

For under the city ordinance of Greater Omaha it is required that all business men, who have floor space either in extended basements under the sidewalks and public streets or in front show windows that extend out onto the sidewalk, shall pay rent for such space. Agents were on the go all day yesterday canvassing south side business places measuring such floor space in anticipation of later rental taxation in behalf of the city.

Under the South Omaha charter there is no such ordinance.

Mrs. Bertha Garson Dies. Mrs. Bertha Garson, aged 82 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. B. Wolfe, 3223 South Twenty-fourth street, yesterday after an illness of one month. Her son, Paul Weisenberg, died a month ago at the same home. Mrs. Garson is survived by three daughters and one son, Mrs. John Swoboda, Mrs. Robert McCarthy, Mrs. L. B. Wolfe and M. Weisenberg. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Wolfe residence. Burial will be in the Laurel Hill cemetery.

Table with bowling scores for Clay Robinson Commission Co. and Sheep Barns. Columns include names, scores, and totals.

Church Notes. The literary department of the South Side Woman's club will meet at the home of Mrs. Bruce McCulloch, 423 South Twenty-second street, Monday afternoon, February 21. Plans for the year's work will be roughly outlined.

Jack Morton, recently injured in the Brecken printing press of Omaha, is up and about after a couple weeks of confinement at his home. He is able to walk only with the help of a cane.

Grace Methodist, Twenty-fifth and E, Rev. Dr. J. W. Morris, Pastor—The pastor will speak Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on the subject, "Blood-Money." Dean Ringer will exhort. This will be

Atchafalaya, Red and Black rivers. But three lives have been lost, so far as is known, and there has been but little suffering except near Newellton, where more than 2,000 negroes have been marooned.

the opening shot of the campaign. The Sunday evening talk will be on "Popular Amusements." Don't forget it. You won't if you come. Other services as usual.

Hillsdale Baptist, Forty-third and I—Bible study hour at 8:30. Evening worship at 7:30. Service led by gospel team. Christian Life Study class at 7:30, Thursday evening. All welcome.

West Side United Presbyterian, Corner Twenty-third and H, Rev. Albert N. Porter, Pastor—Bible study at 8:15. Morning service hour will be in charge of a gospel team from Omaha. Juniors at Young People's Christian union at 1:30. Preaching by pastor at 7:30. Every-one welcome.

Wheeler Memorial Presbyterian, Twenty-third and J, Rev. Robert L. Wheeler, Pastor—Bible school at 9:45. Morning and evening worship hours at 11 to 1:30. Young People's meeting at 8:30 in church basement. All are welcome.

West Side Interdenominational, Thirty-eighth and Q, Rev. Shalross, Pastor—Bible school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11. Guy Kiddoo superintendent of the C. M. S. at 10:30. Sunday school, will speak on "Temperance." Christian Conference at 6:45. Preaching at 7:45. Topic, "One With One." Wednesday evening teachers' study. Thursday, Ladies Aid society at church at 1:30 sharp, and Friday evening at 8 on "old time music concert" will be given by members of the ladies' aid. Everyone welcome.

Will Be 212th Battalion. WINNIPEG, Feb. 19.—The military authorities have given authorization for the raising of an American battalion in this city to be known as the 212th. It was announced here today. Major Pittman, now with the American legation in Toronto, will be in command according to advices received at local headquarters.

Sworn in as Council Member. OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Premier William M. Hughes of Australia, who is in Ottawa on his way to London, was sworn in today by the duke of Connaught, governor general, as a member of the Canadian privy council. After the ceremony he sat with the Canadian cabinet and discussed imperial defense.

Geneva Defeats Hebron. GENEVA, Feb. 19.—(Special.)—A special train from Hebron brought over 30 people to the basket ball game last night. The score at the end of the first half was 27 to 10 in favor of Geneva and ended so in favor of Geneva. Vincent Janda is the Hebron coach.

Sends Appeal to Banks. LONDON, Feb. 19.—It is officially announced that Reginald McKenna, chancellor of the exchequer, has sent an appeal to banks throughout Great Britain asking that they urge customers to offer all available American securities to the treasury.

Cost of Grand Opera. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—Grand opera in Chicago this season cost the guarantors of the Chicago Grand Opera association \$38,000 according to Charles G. Dawes, president of the Central Trust company and one of the directors of the association.

Money Spent on Rock Island. CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—New work and repairs on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad cost \$40,000 in November and December, 1915 according to a report filed by Joseph M. Dixon, receiver of the road, in the United States district court today.

Swiss Delegates Named. BERNE, Switzerland (Via Paris), Feb. 19.—Five Swiss delegates to the Ford peace conference at Stockholm were named today.

TEUTON NAVY TWICE AS GREAT AS OURS

And Combined German and Austrian Sea Forces But Half as Strong as England's.

HOUSE COMMITTEE HEARS THIS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—The British navy today is approximately twice as strong as the combined fleets of Germany and Austria, while the Teutonic combination has just about double the sea-fighting force of the United States, according to information in the possession of the Navy department. The facts were disclosed to the house naval committee today by Captain Josiah McKeen of the staff of the chief of operations.

Captain McKeen also said the French navy was from 15 to 25 per cent stronger than the American, according to the latest information. He explained that these were rough estimates and that charts showing the specific relations of the various navies would be submitted later by Rear Admiral Benson, chief of operations.

So far as is definitely known, the captain told the committee, the Japanese building program adopted several years ago and which will not be completed for several years to come, provides for a modern fleet of eight dreadnaughts and eight battle-cruisers. It was possible, he added, that additional building was in progress, as all nations but the United States had secret building policies. On the strength of the known program, however, Captain McKeen said, Japan would have but sixteen capital ships when the seventeen American dreadnaughts building or authorized were commissioned.

SWEDISH ENVOY AND COLONEL HOUSE TALK

LONDON, Feb. 19.—For some time Count Wrangel, the Swedish minister to England, has been holding a series of conferences with Colonel Edward M. House, President Wilson's personal representative, on the subject of the detention of neutral mails by belligerents. Incidentally the whole question of possible joint action by neutrals to protect their rights have been discussed.

JAPANESE AVIATOR IS KILLED BY COAL CARS

OAKLEY, Wyo., Feb. 19.—R. Moriyo, Japanese aviator, who is said to have given a number of exhibition flights in California, was killed here late today when struck by seven coal cars running wild down a mine incline. Shortly before 300 miners had passed down the track.

UNIDENTIFIED MAN KILLED BY FAST TRAIN AT GREINA

GREINA, Neb., Feb. 19.—(Special Telegram.)—Westbound Burlington train No. 3 this evening at 5 o'clock struck and killed an unidentified man here. The body was thrown 300 feet. He had been notified in the town for a day, but had told no one his name.

Refugee Motion Beaten. RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 19.—A resolution proposing a referendum of woman suffrage was rejected by the Virginia house of delegates, 21 to 49.

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