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TURKEY EXPLAINS FIRING UPON FLAG AND U. S. SATISFIED

Porte Voluntarily Tells Why Tennessee Launch Made Target by Guns of Forts.

WASHINGTON IS RELIEVED

Commander of Cruiser Tennessee Makes Partial Explanation of Shots Fired at Launch.

FIRST REPORT IS NOT CLEAR

Captain Made Statement that the Act, While Not Hostile, Was Unfriendly.

PROBABLY MEANT AS WARNING

Part of First Cablegram Withheld Because it Seemed Contradictory.

STATEMENT BY THE PRESIDENT

Full Investigation of Matter is Being Made by Ambassador Morgenthau—Report Expected Within Few Days.

BULLETIN.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—The Turkish government voluntarily explained the firing on the Tennessee launch, and officials regard the explanation as satisfactory, according to an announcement made tonight after a conference with President Wilson, Acting Secretary Lansing and Secretary Daniels.

A dispatch from Ambassador Morgenthau said the Ottoman minister of the interior informed him that the shots fired toward the launch were to warn Captain Decker against passing through the mine zone. Later the minister offered to take the commander overland to Smyrna in his automobile.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—After an announcement from the White House today that word had come from Captain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee that the firing on the Turkish forts at Smyrna upon the cruiser's launch on November 17 was not hostile Secretary Daniels announced that a portion of Captain Decker's first report had not been made public when received because it was considered contradictory. He announced that Captain Decker's dispatch reporting the firing contained the words "act not hostile, but unfriendly."

Correct as Sent.

The Navy department announcement omitted the contradictory phrase, according to Mr. Daniels, in order to verify it, and today came word that the message was correct as originally sent. Secretary Daniels was unable to explain its meaning and said it seemed to him an expression of opinion by the captain of the Tennessee without exact

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Insurance Suit Lost By Plymouth Church

Judgment for the Reliance Insurance company, which was sued by Plymouth Congregational church on a policy, which expired at noon Easter Sunday, 1913, the date of the Omaha tornado, was rendered by District Judge Estelle. The storm destroyed the old church. The jury had been dismissed and decision in the case left to the judge by agreement. The church alleged that since it was customary for the insurance agents to prepare new policies to take effect as soon as the old one expired continuous protection, was in effect part of the contract. It was a new point in insurance law.

The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.	Hours.	Temp.		
Normal temperature.	4 a. m.	42		
	6 a. m.	44		
	8 a. m.	44		
	10 a. m.	44		
	12 m.	44		
	2 p. m.	44		
	4 p. m.	44		
	6 p. m.	44		
	8 p. m.	44		
	10 p. m.	44		
	12 m.	44		
Comparative Local Record.	1914.	1913.	1912.	1911.
Highest yesterday.	52	63	57	57
Lowest yesterday.	43	42	36	31
Mean temperature.	46	54	44	41
Precipitation.	.00	.00	.00	.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal.				
Excess for the day.	14	11	10	10
Total excess since March 1.	111	111	111	111
Normal precipitation.	48	48	48	48
Deficiency for the day.	48	48	48	48
Total deficiency since March 1.	24.46	24.46	24.46	24.46
Deficiency since March 1.	24.46	24.46	24.46	24.46
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913.	7.53	7.53	7.53	7.53
Deficiency for cor. period, 1912.	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53
Deficiency for cor. period, 1911.	3.53	3.53	3.53	3.53

GERMAN SUPPLY CONVOY in an East Prussian town near the Russian frontier, where most of the hardest fighting of the past week was taken place.



NEBRASKANS RAISE BIG RELIEF FUNDS

Total of Over Seventeen Thousand Dollars for Refugees of European War.

GERMANS LEAD IN AMOUNT Alliance Has Already Collected Twelve Thousand Dollars—Others Also Contribute Generously.

Belgian Relief Fund.....\$ 133.00
Hungarian Relief Fund..... 300.00
German Relief Fund..... 12,000.00
Jewish Relief Fund..... 1,500.00
British Relief Fund..... 3,460.00

A total of \$7,935 has been raised by Nebraskans for relief work among the victims of the European war. The sum will be at least duplicated before subscriptions cease.

The German-American Alliance has undertaken to raise \$25,000. Of this, \$12,000 has already been received.

There is a notable tendency among Belgian sympathizers to send in small sums, all members of many families down to the little children contributing their mites.

Jewish relief fund subscribers have paid in \$1,500. Of this amount, \$926 has been forwarded in one sum, and \$574 raised by the young people followed it to the war zone.

The British relief fund has been swelled to \$2,500 cash. Nothing but cash is received for this fund.

The Hungarian relief fund is now \$400, \$400 of which was raised at an entertainment a week ago. When the fund reaches \$1,000 subscriptions will stop.

In addition to this money that has been donated to the sufferers in Europe, a large quantity of warm clothing has been shipped east to be sent to the several warring countries for distribution.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA TO HAVE BUFFALO HERD

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—South Dakota will establish a buffalo herd on its state game reserve. The state game department today signed a contract with the Phyllis estate for thirty-six head of these animals from the big herd owned by that estate near Fort Pierre.

OLD LINEN CAMPAIGN

French or Russian, they matter not, German or English, they can't be forgot; They have wounds that should be healed. Received on many a glory field; Born of different race and clime, I'll bind all wounds and scars, for I'm— Old Linen!

I'm known by you all, been worn by you all. By peasant and kings, by great and by small; Been used in the torrid and frigid zones, Have covered the stout ones, and those "skin and bones;" And now, soft and "comfy" through very old age, There's nothing can match for a good bandage— Old Linen!

Come, take me out of the dusty drawer, Too long I've laid; while the cannon roar, Spilling the life blood of young men and strong, With bandages short, and wounded

BAR ON WEBBERT'S TESTIMONY FINAL

Judge Page Morris Permanently Rules Out Allegations Made Against Sammons.

MORE EVIDENCE IS GIVEN Others Are Cross-Examined for Information They May Have About Theft at the Kearney Postoffice.

A blow to the government's case against Walter Sammons, charged with robbing the Kearney postoffice of \$5,000 last Christmas, is thought to have been dealt by Judge Page Morris, who has permanently ruled that the testimony of Arnold Webbert, including the most sensational and damaging allegations yet made against Sammons, shall not be admitted in evidence. Judge Morris so informed United States District Attorney F. S. Howell before the Saturday morning session of court began.

Webbert on the stand Thursday swore that Sammons had told him he "would have a friend on the jury," and intimated that he and Judge W. D. Oldham, one of his attorneys, would "fix" Prosecuting Attorney Howell. The testimony had the effect of a bomb explosion in the trial, which prior to that time had been quiet. Opposing counsel argued and

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State Takes Charge Of Treasury Books In aBnner County

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 21.—(Special Telegram.)—E. J. Robinson, examiner in the office of State Auditor Howard, has gone to Harrisburg, where he will examine the books of the county treasurer of Banner county, J. W. Hill. The treasurer has disappeared and while it is not believed anything is wrong with the books, it was thought best that the examiner should take charge of the office. It is thought that Mr. Hill has become temporarily deranged, as he has acted queerly recently. He has been gone several days.

DRY FORCES TO ASK FOR NO NEW LAWS

Anti-Saloon League Will Make No Demands on the Coming Nebraska Legislature.

WILL, HOWEVER, BE ON WATCH If the Liquor Interests Start Anything They Say They Will Start Something Too, but Not Otherwise.

"No demands will be made on the coming legislature on behalf of the Anti-Saloon league," says District Superintendent High, answering a question as to prospective activities. "What I mean is that we will have no bills to present to the law-makers this winter, but will stand on the proposition that the liquor laws now on the statute books be left exactly as they are. If the liquor interests start anything in the legislature, we will start something too, but not otherwise."

"Our plan is to concentrate our efforts in preparation for a campaign for a prohibition amendment to the state constitution to be submitted by initiative, and voted on in 1916. This campaign will not be confined to Nebraska, for steps have already been taken in South Dakota along the same lines."

"A meeting is to be held at Sioux City within a week or so of the Anti-Saloon league superintendents for Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa to perfect their plans for co-operation. We are not sure that Minnesota will come into the 1916 campaign for prohibition, and in Iowa, which I believe is without the initiative, the proceeding may have to be different, and it may be more difficult to get before the people. You may say this, however, that our efforts will be centered on Nebraska and South Dakota. Look at the map and you will see why. By winning these two states, we will then have a broad strip of dry territory running north and south without a gap from Canada to the Texas border."

RUSSIANS DRIVE INVADERS BACK

Reports from Petrograd Indicate the Teutons Have Met with Repulses in March to Warsaw.

EAST PRUSSIA FORTIFIED Ninety Miles of Strongholds Make it Hard for the Czar's Forces to Invade the Kaiser's Territory.

PETROGRAD, Nov. 21.—The Army Messenger, the official organ of the general staff of the Russian army, summing up recent operations in the eastern arena of hostilities says:

"The Germans are making fresh efforts to penetrate our front between Lovicz and Skierkowiec with the object of marching on Warsaw. It seems that the enemy threw important forces in this direction. The effort of the Germans to march on Warsaw by penetrating our front between Kielce and Radom resulted in total failure and our troops forced the enemy to retire all along this front. The Germans lost enormous numbers in dead, wounded and prisoners, as well as provision trains, artillery and war material."

"On November 18 important Austro-German forces, supporting themselves on the fortified country between Czenstochowa and Cracow, undertook an energetic offensive movement against our troops. Reported on all this front with heavy losses the enemy endeavored fresh offensive movement, but again our forces, by a counter attack, drove them back with heavy losses. We took a large number of prisoners."

"It is announced that there is furious fighting in the region of Cracow, the Germans realizing that this position, with (Continued on Page Two, Column Five.)

The Day's War News

The situation brought about by the act of the Turkish forces at Smyrna in firing on a launch of the American cruiser Tennessee apparently will be cleared up without complications. Captain Decker of the Tennessee reported to the Navy department at Washington that no hostile act was intended.

Germany's effort to crush the great armies of Russia has met with a check, according to statements emanating from Russian sources. Earlier last week both Berlin and Petrograd reported that the Russian center was falling back before the German advance over the snow-covered fields of Poland, but it is now asserted at the Russian capital that this movement has been halted. It is estimated in the same quarters that the latest turn in the campaign is likely to "have decisive consequences for the enemy."

The official Russian report of the capture of a battery at Lodz is interpreted as significant, suggesting Russian flanking movement. Large reinforcements, it is said, have been thrown in by the Russians. From Berlin, however, came no suggestion of a reverse. The Germans, it is said there, are making steady progress, not only in the center, but in the north, driving back the Russians from the frontier of east Prussia. Unofficial advices from the west are to the effect that German reinforcements still are being rushed to the eastern battlefields.

In Belgium the fighting still drags on in a desultory manner. Along the Yser attempts at military activities have been virtually abandoned, largely on account of the weather. At Brussels the temperature is below freezing and an unusually severe winter is feared.

The kedive of Egypt, Abbas Hilm, who was reported several days ago to have cast his lot with the sultan of Turkey, his spiritual leader, is said in Paris to have joined the Turkish forces in Palestine preparatory to leading an invasion of Egypt.

TEUTON RUSH ON RUSSIAN POLAND SUFFERS CHECK

London Report Intimates that Muscovites Have Made Successful Flanking Move Near Lodz.

GREAT TENSION AT BERLIN

Kaiser's Experts Estimate Number of Russians Engaged in East at Nine Hundred Thousand.

DECISIVE BATTLE PROBABLY ON

Russians Announce Gains, but Berlin and Vienna Say the Situation is Unchanged.

MORE STORIES FROM THE WEST

Germans Reported Moving 200,000 Men to the East.

ARTILLERY DUELS CONTINUE

Light Firing Along Line in Flanders and France Gives Impression that Temporary Truce Has Been Declared.

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—"The German attempts to break through the Russian army in Poland have sustained a severe check, which, according to present indications, is likely to have decisive consequences for the enemy," says a dispatch from the Petrograd correspondent of the Times. The message continues:

"The report of the capture of a battery northwest of Lodz is extremely significant, suggesting the probability of a successful Russian flanking movement in the direction of Piotrkow. News was received last night of the arrival of Russian reinforcements, which probably account for the severest result sustained."

BULLETIN.

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The correspondent in Berlin of the Central News has sent the following dispatch by way of Copenhagen:

"All of Germany is in a condition of extreme tension, awaiting the result of the great battle on the eastern front. The Russian forces are estimated at 900,000 men. The German control all the roads to Novo Georgiewsk and Warsaw. The battle centers at Lodz, where the Germans and Austrians are in an excellent position, while new Austrian forces are advancing from the south. The Russians are being attacked from three sides."

LONDON, Nov. 21.—The warring armies on both battlefronts seem today to have come to a pause, as if an interval were necessary for them to solve the new difficulties of their positions, raised by the unexpected severity of the first onslaught of winter.

In West Flanders reports from many sources indicate that all the military operations have been completely suspended, while along the rest of the western line only desultory artillery duels prevent the fronts from giving the impression that a truce exists.

A new crop of stories has arisen that the Germans are sending heavy guns and submarines by rail to Belgium, destined for the coast, while other reports declare that long trains, capable of moving 200,000 men, are being prepared to take German reinforcements to the eastern front.

Situation in Russian Poland.

Vienna and Berlin agree that nothing decisive has occurred in Poland, while Petrograd claims that the German offensive has been repulsed.

Jews of America Organize for Work For War Relief

At the eighth annual meeting of the American Jewish committee, recently held in New York City, Victor Rosewater, editor of The Bee, was re-elected as one of the members for this district. The committee is also organizing an American Jewish Relief committee to take in hand relief work for Jewish victims of the war in all the different countries of Europe, on which Mr. Rosewater has been asked to serve as one of the members from Nebraska. This committee, which is made up of 100 representatives of all parts of the United States, is meeting in New York today to organize, and choose an executive committee of twenty-five through which its activities are to be prosecuted.

Frank James Near Death in Missouri

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Nov. 21.—Frank James, famous as a member of the band known as "the James gang" terrorizing the southwest during a period immediately following the civil war, was stricken with heart disease and is in a critical condition today at the James homestead, nine miles from this city, James is 72 years old.

New School Board Members Figuring Over Next Steps

Although the newly elected members of the school board do not take on their official responsibilities until January, the problems before them are already engaging their attention. The first step will be the organization of the board, which is assumed to be perfected by the incoming eight without consulting the four holdovers.

For the position of president of the board, the name of Robert Cowell is most frequently mentioned along with that of C. J. Ernst and Dr. D. E. Jenkins.

The new board will also be confronted at the outset with the question of teachers demoted or dismissed without trial. It is said Prof. Nathan Bernstein will be reinstated as member of the high school faculty in order to straighten the record, although his business engagements will prevent him taking up teaching again. Similarly the friends of Miss Stegner expect a reopening of her case and reinstatement with assignment to a suitable position.

Little Human Interest Stories of the Big World War Now Raging

Cholera Turkish Bulwark. BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Nov. 21.—The menace of cholera constitutes a defense of Turkey against the Russians fully as formidable as the Turkish armies, according to Rev. George C. Reynolds of Van, Turkey, before the Medical Missionary conference.

No Pro-German Sheets Let In. OTTAWA, Ontario, Nov. 21.—Action has been taken by the government to stop the importation into Canada of pro-German newspapers published in New York. Three papers are so far on the prohibited list. By order in council it has been made a criminal offense to circulate these papers in Canada or to have them in one's possession.

British Lot in Vienna Hard. VENICE (via Paris), Nov. 21.—The police of Vienna are adopting much more severe measures against English people remaining in that city. During the last few days many Britishers have been arrested and interned, and the rest, irrespective of sex or age, are now forbidden to leave their homes between 8 o'clock in the evening and 6 o'clock in the morning. An official announcement states that these steps have been taken "in view of the wretched situation of Austrians and Hungarians interned in Belgium, especially England."

Canal Must Be Neutral. PANAMA, Nov. 20.—Strict orders have been issued to preserve neutrality throughout the Panama canal zone. Hereafter no information will be given to anyone relative to the cargoes carried by the ships using the waterway and entering the terminal ports. These orders have resulted partly from the efforts of local British diplomatic and consular agents to learn what ships carried coal and other probable contraband through the canal for possible transfer at sea to German warships.

Three Feet of Snow on Battlefield. PANAMA, Nov. 20.—Strict orders have following official communication, was issued tonight: "In the southern theater there have been partial battles on our entire front. Our attacks are progressing favorably. Yesterday we captured seven officers and 600 men. The weather is unfavorable. There is one meter (about three feet) of snow on the heights; the flat country is inundated."