

# THE O'NEIL FRONTIER.

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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

Always the alert housekeeper is discovering something new. In these days she prints it for the benefit of her sisters. A contributor to "To-Day's" says that a milk or cream pitcher can be prevented from dripping at its "lip" after pouring, thus avoiding the soiling of a tablecloth, by the simple device of rubbing a bit of butter across the inside of the pitcher's lip. Another says that roses and orange blossoms will retain their fragrance and freshness a long time if the flower's stem is inserted in a hole bored in a very small potato. A third declares that the smell of medicine can be easily removed from a glass or spoon by wiping the article with dry paper before thoroughly washing it with hot water.

Oliver Moroso, a successful young western producer of plays, says in the "Dramatic Mirror" concerning one of his most successful productions, "Peg o' My Heart," that "any actress with mentality and you can play 'Peg o' My Heart.' That has been proved with six 'Pegs.'" Mr. Moroso, it is stated, has six authors in the west who are now at work on dramatic material that he has given them. It is gratifying to learn that he doesn't like the "coarser things like rough and tumble farce. The production of real comedies is what I like best."

Two snake infested countries, Indian and Brazil, maintain "snake farms" at which a scientific study of serpents is being pursued. The venom from the poisonous ones is extracted and made into a serum for curing persons who have been bitten. The Brazilian institution, situated near Sao Paulo, is maintained at an expense of \$40,000 a year. Besides preparing serum, the "snake farm" tries to spread knowledge about snakes and induce farmers not to kill them indiscriminately.

Francis Grierson, the English musician and author of the French composer Aubert in the "Century" for October that "if I were asked to name the most typical Frenchman I ever met, I should not hesitate to name Aubert." The composer at the time spoken of was 85, and among his idiosyncrasies was his preference for servants of equally advanced years. He had five domestics, "the youngest, who in he called the baby being the coachman, who was 75."

The change from the old fashioned "chemist's shop," with its suggestion of alchemy and the middle ages, to the modern "drug store," with its suggestion of the department store where everything is sold, is neatly hit off by "First Metropolis," the "Life." "Drug Store Proprietor: 'I see there is going to be a great scarcity of drugs.' Second Ditto: 'Fortunately that doesn't affect us, as we stopped carrying them long ago.'"

The extraordinary popularity of the Diesel engine is evidenced by the fact that according to "Shipping Illustrated," there are now at least eight entirely different types of these engines used in various parts of the world. The result, according to the same authority, will probably be the elimination of several of these and the production of a marine oil engine that will be in every way satisfactory.

What is described as one of the finest high schools in America has just been opened in New York city for Roman Catholic students. It has cost \$500,000 and will care for 1,500 pupils who will come to it from the parochial schools of the city. The school has been built through the activities of the Jesuit Fathers.

New York city's subway carried a daily average of 2,091,215 passengers during the last fiscal year—an increase of more than 38,000 over the average of the previous year. The busiest station was Atlantic Avenue, Brooklyn, where 22,557,773 passengers boarded the trains during the year.

Within the last two months, "Rider and Driver" estimates, the apparent wealth of the country has been increased about \$1,000,000,000 through the advance in the value of horses and mules. Horses increased in value about \$40 a head, and mules rose relatively to even a higher level.

One of the Chicago municipal court judges has established a library for foreign boys in the boys' court. Arrangements have been made by him with the public library to furnish books written in native tongues of the nationalities frequently represented in the court.

Not having been in the army, the young son of a Paris lawyer bought an automobile and then offered it to the government in hopes of getting to the front. He put a price of 1 franc on the machine, on condition that he be engaged as chauffeur—and was accepted.

Only 28,114 immigrants arrived in New York during this year, as compared with 104,727 for the same month last year. The first five days of September established a low record in the number of immigrants that passed through Ellis Island.

N. F. Miller, of South Carver, Mass., exhibits a family of yellow hornets which constructed their home on the outside of a window pane, giving a safe opportunity to see the work going on inside of the nest.

Marine insurance was practiced in Rome, 45 B. C. It was very general in Europe before the discovery of America, and it is altogether probable that the ships of Columbus were insured for their full value.

People of Caracas, Venezuela, are to be educated in the use of electrical equipment in the household tasks, cooking, ironing, etc.

In a tank car built in Saxony to transport living fish long distances an electric motor is used to keep the water aerated.

Co-operative rural credit associations are planned for the Philippine Islands. The object is to help the small farmer.

Only about one in every hundred cablegrams is a personal message, the others being official, business or news.

Chicago has one homicide a month for every 110,000 inhabitants.

The crater of an ancient volcano, in which there are numerous hot springs, is utilized as a sanatorium in Japan.

It is expected that the dredging of the Suez canal to a depth of 39 feet will be completed early next year.

In the order named, Ohio, New Jersey and West Virginia lead the states in pottery production.

The Chinese pupil reciting his lessons turns his back on the tutor.

New Jersey has 95,000 widows and nearly as many bachelors.

## COUNTY WINS SUIT ON \$10,000 CLAIM THAT DATES BACK 21 YEARS

### Relates to Money in Hands of State Treasurer When Hank Quit Business.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—The 21-year-old claim of Lancaster county against the state of Nebraska for \$10,000 has finally been allowed by the supreme court. When the Capital National bank of Lincoln failed in January, 1893, the county had on deposit with it a large sum of money, of which \$10,000 was cash the county treasurer had collected for the state, but had not yet remitted. The county made good this amount, but later made up its mind that it was not liable. Suit was begun, but lost in the district court. The supreme court reversed this action, but the county attorney forgot about the case and it was dismissed after lingering long on the docket. Later the mistake was discovered and the legislature gave the county the right to sue again. The supreme court holds that the county was not an insurer of the money collected for the state until it was delivered to the treasurer.

## SUPREME COURT DEFINES STREET RAILWAY CONTROL

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—The exact degree of control the state railway commission can exert over street railway companies is outlined in a supreme court decision in which the Lincoln Traction company is ordered to restore certain service on lines that it discontinued or changed to other lines. The court says that the law does not mean that the commission can interfere in the ordinary routing of cars or other minor details of the operation of the business. But where these changes are so important that they involve the convenience of a large number of citizens and have an effect upon property values, it is proper and advisable that the commission pass upon such changes. The court says that the administration of the law has been wisely confined to the decision in such cases to the commission instead of the company, whose officers might have interests not entirely in harmony with those of the general public. In this case it was charged that the change in routing had been made to benefit the business houses of directors of the company.

## THIRD DEGREE CONFESSION IS BASIS FOR NEW TRIAL

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—The application of the third degree methods to extract a confession from him when under arrest on a charge of murder has saved John Jones temporarily, at least, from the electric chair. Jones is a negro. He killed Sam Boone, an Omaha pool hall keeper, in a quarrel over a bill. Jones claims self-defense. The Omaha police forced a confession out of Jones. He repudiated this on the witness stand, and the supreme court says it should not have been admitted in evidence. The court says that the matter of admission of such a confession is to be determined on the basis of whether it was voluntarily made or not. If involuntarily it cannot be made the basis of impeachment on cross examination.

## FORMER HARTINGTON YOUTH GETTING FANCY SALARY

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—A Cedar county, Nebraska, youth a graduate of the state university, is the highest paid botanist in America, today—this probably means in the world. The young man is Patrick J. O'Gara of Hartington. A few weeks ago he was appointed chief in charge of the agricultural investigation bureau of the American Smelting & Refining company. His salary is \$12,000 a year. O'Gara worked his way through the state university and graduated with honors in the class of 1902. His headquarters are at Salt Lake City. Thirteen men are under his direction, and the business of these men is to adjust damages that farmers claim to have suffered through the fumes from the company's smelters. The company has paid out many thousands for damage that it believes were caused by other things, but the proof was lacking.

## FIVE WOMEN INJURED IN OMAHA AUTO ACCIDENT

Omaha, Neb., Nov. 2.—Five women were injured when the car driven by Mrs. Henry Rix struck a rut and turned turtle on the West Center street road, near Millard. The women injured were: Mrs. Henry Rix, 1148 South Twenty-ninth street, arm broken and bruised. Mrs. Phil Windheim, 1310 South Twenty-ninth, both arms broken. Mrs. Rolla Bishop, Kansas City, bruised about body. Miss Alvina Rix and Miss Grace Baude, 2508 Poppleton avenue, slightly bruised. Mrs. Bishop is visiting Mrs. Windheim and Mrs. Rix took the five out in her automobile for a ride. When the car struck a rut she could not control it and the machine turned over. All the women are at their homes. Mrs. Bishop is being treated at the hospital. Mrs. Rix is the wife of the manager of the Nebraska Seed company.

## MRS. CLAFLIN SAYS WOMEN WILL NOT SHIRK JURY DUTY

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 2.—Mrs. Mamie L. Claflin, one of the state leaders of the suffragists, announces in a signed statement to the newspapers that the women of the state, if given the vote, will not shirk jury duty. A relative of Mrs. Claflin, a resident of Seattle, recently served for 21 days on the jury there, and declared it to be an interesting and not at all embarrassing experience. The anti-suffragists cannot scare us," says Mrs. Claflin, "by holding up the supposed horrors of jury duty. The women of Nebraska, if given the ballot, will take up their patriotic duties with cheerfulness, whether it be rocking babies or doing jury work. The chivalry and humanity of the judges may be safely depended upon to excuse and protect women as men who are physically disabled or who are unfitted by reason of care for little children."

## MARSHAL SORENSON, Foe OF SPEEDERS, HAS RESIGNED

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 31.—With the resignation of Marshal Sorenson, the foe of speeders in University Place, the town has resumed its former peaceful condition. Sorenson is still laid up from blows received in the riot with mischievous boys who started making trouble for him. The county attorney, at the request of the father of one boy who was beaten up by the marshal, but who happened to be an outsider to the affair, has dismissed the complaint against Sorenson. All other complaints will be dropped.

## AUTO DRIVER KILLED IN COLLISION WITH BUGGY NEAR MILFORD

### In Going Around Buggy at High Speed Wheels Lock and Car Turns Turtle.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 31.—Charles H. Bates, manager of a lithograph company at Milford, Neb., is dead as the result of a collision between his automobile and a buggy, in which Jacob Strohecker and his two children were riding. Bates was on his way from Lincoln to Milford. Just west of the city is a stretch of paved road, put in by the county, and Bates left his machine loose. He was going 35 miles an hour when he tried to go around the buggy. Instead, a front wheel locked with a hind wheel of the buggy, and caused the auto to turn turtle. Bates and a companion, named L. E. Daniels, were caught under the machine. Daniels was only slightly injured, but Bates had his chest caved in. Bates came here from Marshalltown, Ia., several years ago. His body will be taken there for burial. The three Stroheckers were badly shaken up, but not seriously injured. Their horse was killed and the buggy wrecked.

## LINCOLN ASYLUM GUARDS ARE CHASING DOPE FIENDS

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 31.—Guards from the Lincoln asylum are chasing a dope fiend named Nelson, who escaped from that institution Tuesday night. Nelson had been in the asylum for some time, his way out is declared, by Superintendent Williams, to be one that few crooks could perform. Nelson was known as an ingenious fellow, and was carefully watched. The night of his escape he was searched and no key was found on him. To get to freedom he had to unlock three padlocks. This he did with a piece of wire he is supposed to have had concealed at a nearby spot.

## VOTERS REJECT EXPENSIVE DRAINAGE DISTRICT PLANS

Tekamah, Neb., Oct. 31.—A drainage district election was held Tuesday to vote on a mammoth project of opening for the flood waters of the various streams which flow on to the bottom lands of the Missouri valley and fill up the drainage canals so that the land is made useless for some months each year. The proposition was defeated by 15,000 votes, there being 22,000 votes for and 38,000 against the proposition, which would cause the expenditure of over \$250,000 and would be one of the greatest drainage schemes ever attempted.

The district comprised parts of Burt and Washington counties and was about 28 miles in length. Several huge ditches would convey the various streams jointly to the Missouri river in different sections of the counties and would pass over the drainage canals in large cement tubes. The project had the endorsement of the government engineers from Washington and state officials who were called to plan the system.

## TRIES TO KILL BROTHER; THEN COMMITTS SUICIDE

Clarkson, Neb., Oct. 31.—Henry Kubik, aged 26, single, residing with his brother, Fred, also single, on a farm which they sold a short time ago, three and one-half miles south of here, became demented and tried to kill his brother, Fred, with a sledge hammer. After the attack, thinking he had killed Fred, he committed suicide by jumping into a well. Fred Kubik is badly injured, but will recover.

## TEN PERSONS ENROLL FOR NEXT LAW EXAMINATIONS

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 31.—Then applicants for the state bar examinations will appear before the examining board for admission to practice before the supreme court at the next meeting, which will be November 17. Those who will appear are Oren A. Belzer, Lincoln; F. Kemp Hrad, Cody; Thomas F. Nolan, Omaha; G. Nelson Lyon, Nelson; Clarence E. Miles, Bethany; Arthur Palmer, Omaha; Otto H. Zwick, West Point; Emma S. Hays, Omaha, and John P. Byrne, Omaha.

## HESSIAN FLY DISCOVERED IN FIELDS NEAR SUPERIOR

Superior, Neb., Oct. 31.—James Swade, of the United States department of entomology, discovered the Hessian fly in several fields of wheat near this city today, and found near Holdrege, west of here, one field entirely destroyed and most of the territory east of McCook is infested more or less. The department is making an effort to find the insect that will destroy the fly, as it now has the army worm.

## MURDER CHARGE FILED AGAINST REINOSO, MISSING

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 31.—A complaint, charging Policarpo Reinoso with the murder of M. Martins, has been filed in court here, but it is not worrying Policarpo. Immediately after Martins was killed in a bunk car fight, in which Policarpo was also a participant, the latter evaporated. Trace of him was found 12 miles south of the city, but before the officers reached there, his trail had grown cold. Chief Malone declares he will have the man within a week.

## CALL ISSUED FOR FUNDS TO EQUIP RESERVE BANKS

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 31.—Lincoln banks, following a call from the Kansas City federal reserve bank, will send their quota of \$13,500 to that city within a few days. Bankers here say that the total call will be for about \$1,000,000, and that as the money will be out of circulation for a month, a tightening of the money market in this section is likely to result for that length of time.

## DOCTORS SAY OSCAR'S RECOVERY IS DOUBTFUL

Copenhagen, Oct. 29.—Medical authorities state the recovery of Prince Oscar, the Kaiser's son, is doubtful. He is suffering from partial paralysis of the vagus nerve, the most widely distributed nerve of the brain.

## GERMAN DANCES NOT TO MASTER'S LIKING

Paris, Oct. 29.—The Dancing Masters' academy met recently and a letter was read from President Le Fort of the academy, now a soldier at the front, proposing that all Austrian and German dances be suppressed. The academy postponed the consideration of the new dances. It is suggested that the ostendaise and lanciers be revived after the war.

## WOMAN KILLED, CHILD BLINDED; CAUSED BY KEROSENE EXPLOSION

### Woman Poured Oil on Smouldering Coals in Kitchen Stove—Clothing Ignited.

Blair, Neb., Oct. 20.—Mrs. Dine Carter, Jr. was so terribly burned by a kerosene explosion at her home in North Blair yesterday as to cause her death a few hours later, and her 6-months-old baby was so badly burned that it cannot recover. A. Carter, the woman's husband, was in Burt county at work, and Mrs. Carter and child stayed all night with his sister. Because of the heat, Mrs. Carter emptied coal oil from a can into the cook stove to start a fire. It is supposed that a grate of hot coals had remained from the evening before causing the explosion.

Mrs. Carter was unable to give any clear explanation of the accident. The baby was in a carriage near the stove, just as the mother had left it while she started to build the fire. The child's eyes were so badly burned that the sight is gone. Those who first reached the woman found her in the yard, a mass of flames, screaming for someone to save her baby.

## UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ARE PUT ON PROBATION

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 30.—Three University of Nebraska students who celebrated the victory over the Michigan Aggies at football last Saturday have been put upon probation. Not once during the next six months must they allow the ruby to entice them. Three did not make up the entire number of the student body that celebrated with wine and song. Three represents the number that were arrested by the police. They gave fictitious names. Chancellor Avery is rather puzzled over enforcement of the college rule which declares that a student doing anything inconsistent with good morals shall be expelled. The visiting of saloons is one thing that is prohibited. The saloons in Lincoln are separate and as long as student is of age it is doubtful whether he can be punished for going into them. The authorities are not anxious to have some pugnacious father test the right to expel for violation of the rule. Hence the probation plan.

## SERIOUS CHOLERA EPIDEMIC RAGES IN PARTS OF NEBRASKA

Hastings, Neb., Oct. 30.—Probably the worst epidemic of hog cholera that has ever visited this section of Nebraska is still unchecked, though the state veterinarian has been appealed to. Steve Swiglow, southeast of town, is reported to have lost all but three out of 36. The dead animals represent about \$1,000 in value. North of town, Clarence Gregg, who lives not far from Doniphan, is said to have saved but one animal out of 10. San North's hogs, three miles north of town, are sick. Those on the John Furry place, three miles south of town, became sick Sunday. Others north of town, that have been visited by the plague, are George North, Homer Loucks, Jess and Orley W. White, and Jake Denby near Trumbull, Elmer Haggard and Gus Albright have been visited as well as dozens of others. Haggard and others had vaccinated their animals, but, apparently, the treatment had no effect.

## HUSBAND DECEIVED AWAY; THEN WIFE LEAVES HOME

Falls City, Neb., Oct. 30.—Albert Lunsford hastened to the home of his brother in Missouri when Mrs. Lunsford informed him that she had received word of the brother's injury while on a milk run. Mr. Lunsford was relieved to find on his arrival at his brother's home that there had been no accident and when he returned to his home found himself relieved of most of his household goods. Mrs. Lunsford, who had been on investigation, showed that she had checked her trunk to Kansas City. Mr. Lunsford's two small children accompanied their father on the journey to Missouri, while Mrs. Lunsford stayed in Falls City to guard the house.

## SPIES HUSBAND'S SWIT FOR ALIENATED AFFECTIONS

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 30.—Mrs. Ethel Louise Wheelon sank her lance into the \$25,000 damage suit that her husband, Charles R., has filed against Gertrude A. Love and her son John. Charles Wheelon, in his petition against Mrs. Love, so greatly desired his wife, Ethel Louise, as the wife of her son John that she did many and varied acts, all for the purpose of alienating her affections from the said Charles and attaching them to the said John. He also alleged that she had succeeded. Comes now Ethel Louise, the wife, and declares in an affidavit filed in the case that the Loves had nothing to do with her leaving her husband, and that "the course I pursue in regard to Charles R. Wheelon is due to his conduct, namely, his drunkenness, relations with other women, non-support, infamous treatment, jealousy, striking and abusing affiant." To which she adds this statement: "I further aver that the woman of whom I have severed marital relationship in mind, I would not let others enter the sacred domain of love and affection that I once entertained for the individual who now seeks to give his wife notoriety through the columns of the daily newspapers and to bring a great city. Affiant further says that in order to keep the household together that she took in washing, and on one particular occasion when affiant asked her husband for money he told her to make her own money or let other men give it to her."

## BURGLARS GET \$800 IN GOLD AT DENTAL OFFICES

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 30.—Seven dentists' offices in Lincoln were visited the last two nights and \$800 worth of gold taken. The thief disturbed nothing else. W. N. Fitzgibbons, who claims that he is the woman of honor, said he was under arrest on suspicion of being the guilty person. A lot of gold was found on his person, along with 25 keys and a quantity of fountain pens. Fitzgibbons had been shadowed for several days, and when an attempt was made to arrest him he led the police a chase for half a mile.

## FARMER BADLY INJURED WHILE OPERATING SHREDDER

Blair, Neb., Oct. 28.—Henry H. Warwick, while working with Len Hitchcock, who was running his corn shredder on the George McBride farm near Herman, was badly injured when his right arm was drawn into the cylinder nearly to the shoulder. The arm was broken at the wrist and near the elbow. The hand and fingers were so badly mangled that he will probably lose his hand and will lose three fingers if the hand is saved. Warwick has a large family and lives in Blair.

# TURKEY DECLARES GERMAN OFFICERS STARTED FIGHT WITHOUT ASKING CONSENT

### Teutonic Crews of Goeben and Breslau Blamed For Startling Trouble By Attacking Russians.

## ALLIES PREPARE FOR WAR

### Diplomatic Agents Are Ordered to Leave Constantinople Morgenthau Informs United States.

Washington, Oct. 31.—The Turkish minister of finance informed the French ambassador at Constantinople yesterday that the raid of Turkish warships on Russian seaports took place without the knowledge of the Ottoman government and presumably under the influence of German officers and crew. This information was conveyed in a dispatch today from Ambassador Morgenthau to the American government.

Mr. Morgenthau added that the Russian ambassador received instructions at 3 a. m. yesterday to demand his passports and made an effort to see the grand vizier, who pleaded illness and did not receive him.

The Russian, French and British ambassadors, according to the same dispatch, are preparing to leave Constantinople together tonight.

On receiving instructions to leave Constantinople the Russian ambassador placed the interests of Russia in the hands of the Italian ambassador. Ambassador Morgenthau's dispatch made no mention of any declaration of war, nor of internal conditions in Turkey. He probably will take over the French and British embassies.

Ambassador Morgenthau's dispatch was filed at noon yesterday in cipher. The fact that no mention was made concerning missionaries led officials to believe that Morgenthau felt confident that Americans throughout the Ottoman empire would be safe.

On the authority of a prominent diplomat, it was said today that A. Rustem Bey, the Turkish ambassador here, when leaving Washington three weeks ago, told a friend that Turkey would enter the war on the side of Germany within a month.

The German point of view of the Russo-Turkish war is presented for the first time in a dispatch from Berlin. Earlier advices telling of Turkey's attack on Russian ports and vessels apparently placed the responsibility for hostilities on the Porte, but in Berlin it is stated that it was in reality Russia which started the war. Turkey's action is said in the German capital to have been a natural sequence to the Russian attack on Turkish integrity.

The Berlin newspaper, Zeitung am Mittag, publishes today what purports to be an official communication from Constantinople. It states: "Russian torpedo boats attempted to prevent the Turkish fleet leaving the Bosphorus and steaming into the Black sea. The Turkish ships opened fire and sank two of the Russian vessels. More than 30 Russian sailors saved by the Turks were made prisoners. The Turkish fleet sustained no losses."

Italy is being urged by the new national party to plunge into the conflict, in view of Turkey's action touching so closely upon the disposition of territory along the Mediterranean, in which Italy is vitally interested.

A Stefani agency dispatch from Rome says: "A semi-official note has been issued stating that the island of Saseno was occupied yesterday by Admiral Patris of the Italian navy, who disembarked one battery and a company of infantry. The ownership of this island, which commands the entrance to the harbor of Avlona, Albania, long has been a matter of dispute between Greece and Albania."

## ITALY READY TO FIGHT; BULGARIA HOLDING OUT

London, Oct. 31.—Speculation as to the effects of the position taken by Turkey varies widely. In some quarters it is argued even that the acts of the former German cruisers, Goeben and Breslau, will be disavowed by the Porte, but the well authenticated news of the departure of the Russian ambassador from Constantinople seems to commit Turkey beyond recall. Delayed telegrams from Constantinople indicated that as late Wednesday that the British ambassador had received assurances that Turkey was determined to preserve neutrality. The action of the Balkan states is awaited with keen interest. Greece is expected immediately to throw in her lot with the entente powers, and it is felt that Rumania probably will follow the same course.

Bulgaria, which recently gained much of the prestige lost in the second Balkan war, preserves a stubborn independence and would impel her to an alliance with the Turks, but Sofia seems determined to maintain neutrality unless the borders of Bulgaria are crossed.

Rome newspapers aver that with Turkey in the arena the conflict of no longer European, but Mediterranean in character. It therefore threatens Italy's interests in North Africa and raises the century old question of the control of the Mediterranean, which must compel the Italian government to intervene on the side of the entente powers. Italy, as a first step in her evident determination to be a factor in the control of the Adriatic, has landed an expedition on the island of Saseno, which commands the harbor of Avlona, in Albania.

## DIPLOMATIC AGENTS OF ALLIES TO QUIT TURKEY

Washington, Oct. 31.—Word reached the state department today that diplomatic representatives of the allies were making preparations to leave Constantinople. Officials declined to reveal the source of their information, but it was understood that already the United States has been asked to take over the affairs of at least one of the legations at the Turkish capital. Acting Secretary Lansing declined to

state which of the powers had asked the United States to care for diplomatic interests at Constantinople. Inasmuch as Great Britain, several weeks ago when the Turkish situation apparently had reached a crisis, asked the United States to care for her interests in case of emergency, it was believed today that nation referred to by officials was France.

Although there still was a view in some quarters that German officers and Turkish commanders of the war party might have forced the situation on the grand vizier and his councilors, nothing was contained in official dispatches which could be construed as supporting that theory.

Officials asked further dispatches with keen interest, as they are desirous of rendering prompt assistance to any missionaries or other American citizens affected by war conditions.

## MUCH DAMAGE DONE BY THE TURKS AT ODESSA.

London, Oct. 31.—The Russian gunboats, Donets, was sunk, a part of the crew was killed or wounded and the others were killed or drowned by the Turkish torpedo boats which raided the port of Odessa, according to a message of Lloyds Agency.

The Russian steamers, Lazareff, Vitiaz and Whampoa and the French steamer, Portugal, were damaged by shell fire and a number of sailors were killed or wounded.

Shells also were fired on the suburbs of Odessa, near a number of oil tanks, but the tanks were undamaged. A sugar factory, however, was hit. Some civilians also were killed or injured by the shells.

## DOUBT STORY SULTAN WAS COERCED BY GERMAN GUNS

London, Oct. 31.—The correspondent of the Morning Post in Petrograd sends his paper the following:

"The statement published here that the guns of the cruiser Goeben were turned on the sultan's palace in order to make him yield to the German demand probably is untrue."

A dispatch to the Central News from Petrograd says that up to a late hour Friday no declaration of war had been received from Turkey. Neither the Russian ambassador nor the Turkish ambassador have left their posts, the dispatch says, and continues:

"Consternation prevails in Constantinople and the Turkish ministry is sitting continuously. The secretary of the Turkish embassy in Petrograd says that he 'hopes the misunderstanding will soon be cleared up.'"

The head of the Moslems in Russia condemns the folly of Turkey and declares that his followers are loyal to the Russian emperor."

## BERLIN SAYS ARMY HOLDS BEST POSITION

Germany Now Ready to Direct Attention to "Campaign's Object."

Berlin, Nov. 2. (by wireless to Sayville).—Information given out for the press in official quarters today is as follows:

Military experts of the Berlin newspapers consider that yesterday's developments around Verdun were of the greatest importance, and say there is promise of their resumption with renewed strength. The fighting south of Verdun the French are straining every effort to crush and drive out the army which the end of September penetrated as far as St. Mihiel and which for a month past has been fighting hard to hold the ground gained. The Germans now have captured the main position and their forces are operating from the direction of Toul. The French attack from Ponta-Mousson also was without results. Attention now can again be directed to the original object of this campaign.

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## FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO RETURN TO PARIS

Parliament to Meet Soon, Capital Is Resuming Normal Conditions Once More.

Paris, Nov. 2.—Unofficial announcement was made today that the government would return to Paris from Bordeaux on November 20 and that parliament would meet on December 15 to pass emergency laws.

Little by little Paris appears to be returning to more or normal condition. The shops in the Avenue de l'Opera, which had their doors locked and the windows white washed, have been reopened. Each day another restaurant or bar on the boulevards or elsewhere resumes business and the newspapers which ceased to publish at the time of the mobilization have begun to appear again. The question of reopening the bourse also is discussed.

## FAMOUS OLD TAPESTRY OF RHEIMS IS SAVED

Paris, Oct. 31.—Forty-two pieces of tapestry of great value were saved from the Rheims cathedral, including 17 pieces representing the history of Christ by Daniel Peppersock, a gift from Henri de Lorraine, archbishop of Rheims from 1629 to 1641, and 17 pieces representing the life of the Holy Virgin, given in 1530 by Robert de Lenoncourt, archbishop of Rheims. There were among them also two pieces, considered the best produced by the Gobelins manufactory, representing the Acts of the Apostles.

## ONLY BRAZIL AT FAULT.

San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Complete exoneration of the British and American governments from any blame or criticism in connection with the failure of the British steamer, Robert Dollar, to obtain a transfer to the American flag in the harbor of Rio De Janeiro last month was embodied in a statement given to the Associated Press today by Capt. Robert Dollar, owner of the vessel. According to his version of the affair, the Brazilian government was at fault.