

NATIONS OF EUROPE SEEM TO BE LINING UP FOR GENERAL WAR

Stream of Rumors Indicate that Conflict that May Involve Continent is Near at Hand.

AUSTRIA CENSORS ALL NEWS Rumor that it is Mobilizing Army Cannot Be Confirmed.

SIMILAR REPORT FROM RUSSIA Czar's Army is Also Being Placed on War Footing.

KAISER IS ON THE LOOKOUT Hundred and Thirty Thousand Reservists Are Ordered to Be Ready to Rejoin Regiments if Trouble Spreads.

VIENNA, Nov. 23.—The independence of Albania has been proclaimed at Durazzo by Ismail Kemal Bey, the leader of the Albanians, according to a report published in the Allegemeine Zeitung today.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Europe's nerves were racked today as war clouds lowered over the continent. A stream of rumors, pointing to the apparent fact that both Russia and Austria are girding for a conflict which may involve more than half the civilized world, flowed from various sources and, as the Austrian government ordered a strict censorship on telegraphic communication, truth of the rumor could not be denied, though their confirmation was also unobtainable.

The rumors accord badly with Premier Asquith's statement last night as to the prevailing harmony among the European powers. Official statements fail to dissipate the general anxiety as to the situation.

Allies Will Modify Terms. Nothing has developed within the last twelve hours to show whether the Turks will find the proposed modifications in the terms offered by the allied Balkan nations sufficient to induce them to agree to an armistice preparatory to a definite peace. The plenipotentiaries now on their way to Tchaatalja on behalf of the allies, are reported to be carrying with them fresh terms of peace in a form that may open the door which is still regarded as standing ajar for their reception.

The Ottoman government points out that it still has 600,000 soldiers to draw from while the Bulgarians have none. The allied Balkan nations, however, retort that they are now in a position to march 150,000 troops who have heretofore been engaged elsewhere to swell the besieging force in front of the Turkish lines at Tchaatalja.

Small Skirmishes Fought. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—The latest information received here from the Turkish army headquarters is that there was only slight skirmishing today and several unimportant outpost fights. No mention is made in the dispatches of the armistice purporters and it is understood they have not yet been resumed.

Last night gun reconnaissances advanced as far as the village of Ezeddin and drove back the enemy, inflicting a heavy loss and silencing artillery posted on the heights near the village. At intervals this morning the enemy's batteries in the environs of Ezeddin fired on our works at Mektebarhich, to which our batteries replied. In reconnaissances on the left wing we collected a quantity of army effects abandoned by the enemy. The Bulgarians also bombarded Blyuk Uhekmedye, on the sea of Marmora, firing eighty shells. The fleet replied and silenced the enemy's guns.

Another telegram sent by Nazim Pasha at 9 o'clock tonight says reconnaissances by his men within a radius of four or five miles from the center of the Tchaatalja lines showed the ground littered with the bodies of several thousand Bulgarians.

The Weather

Table with 2 columns: Time (Hour) and Temperature (Deg.). Rows include Highest yesterday, Lowest yesterday, Mean temperature, Precipitation, and Comparative Local Record.

Highest yesterday... 52.1. Lowest yesterday... 34.7. Mean temperature... 46.2. Precipitation... 0.0. Comparative Local Record... Normal precipitation... 34.4. Excess for the day... 34.4. Total excess since March 1... 42.1. Normal precipitation... 40.2 inch. Deficiency for the year... 12.1. Total rainfall since March 1... 24.9. Deficiency since March 1... 2.3. Deficiency for the period... 12.1. Deficiency for the year... 12.1. Deficiency for the year... 12.1.

FRANCE FACES NEW DANGER

Minister Klotz Shows Deaths in Republic Exceeded Births.

SEES DEPOPULATION OF COUNTRY Military, Economic Inferiority and Diminution of French Nation is Predicted as One of the Results Sure to Follow.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The birth rate of France was 100,000 less in 1911 than in 1901. Louis Klotz, minister of finance, announcing this fact to the commission on population at its first session today, said: "Military inferiority, economic inferiority and the diminution of the power of France in the world will sooner or later be the inevitable consequence of the sterility of our nation."

The number of births last year, according to Klotz, was only 742,114 in the whole of France, against 877,824 a decade ago. In 1907 and 1911, he said, the deaths actually exceeded the births. This was, he continued, a sad state of affairs and a danger to the country, placing France in a situation of inferiority in comparison with other great nations.

Capt. Watkins Once Sentenced to Be Shot Dies at Clinton, Mo.

CLINTON, Mo., Nov. 23.—Captain W. G. Watkins, who served under General Jo Shelby in the civil war, died here today, aged 79. While recruiting a company for the confederate army Captain Watkins, discovered within the union lines, was captured, court-martialed and ordered shot. President Lincoln approved the order, but Watkins escaped, rejoined his regiment and served throughout the remainder of the war.

Man Killed, Five Hurt by an Explosion at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., Nov. 23.—Charles Concoe was killed and five other men injured, three probably fatally, when 100 pounds of dynamite exploded in Frank Kittredge's store, at Walsh's Spur, early this morning. The building was wrecked and structures in Poplar Bluff, five miles distant, were shaken.

Nebraska Towns Fight Prairie Fires

NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 23.—Many points in southern South Dakota and northern Nebraska today were fighting the most disastrous prairie fires ever known there. One fire starting in the Pine Ridge Indian reservation swept through the Rosebud and south into Nebraska. The town of Crookston is in danger for a time. This fire ran over one hundred miles. Another fire went into Tripp county, South Dakota when Winner was in peril.

Town of White Owl Destroyed by Fire

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Over a hundred farmers met here today and formed a temporary organization of the Gage County Crop Improvement association by electing these officers: President, A. F. Kidd; vice president, John Huntington; secretary, S. P. Nichols; treasurer, W. W. Black. Resolutions were passed providing for the employment of a crop expert for Gage county for 1913. Another meeting will be held in two weeks when a permanent organization will be effected.

LARGEST GOLD OUTPUT FOR STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual report of the state mine inspector shows the gold production of this state for last year to have been \$5,055,596 of which the Homestake mine shows \$3,500,000, the rest being divided among many interests. The output was the largest ever recorded for the state.

HOCKIN TO PRISON AFTER REVELATIONS ARE MADE

Judge's Denunciation as Magazine Articles One of Sensations of Dynamite Trial.

ATTACK ON MILLER PRINTED Comment Upon Progress of Case is Read Into Record.

ACCUSED OF OPPRESSING LABOR Article Says Steel Trust is Masquerading as Government.

CIRCULAR LETTER BY RYAN In It He Says All Proof Yet Produced of Truth of Charges is the Mere Word of Mr. Miller.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 23.—Herbert S. Hockin, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was taken to jail tonight. His bond as a defendant in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial was ordered by the court increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Hockin's commitment to jail in default of the increased bonds followed a day of sensational incidents at the trial. Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson denounced as "a gross contempt of court" an article which had been published in the union's magazine concerning the trial and signed by President Ryan and other officials of the union.

The court announced it would take under consideration whether to increase the bonds of the other officials. In connection with the reading of the article, District Attorney Charles W. Miller announced that Mary Field, author of the article, was an "anarchist" and asked that she be excluded from the court room.

Landsey L. Jewel, now an engineer on the Panama canal, testified late this afternoon that soon after the Los Angeles Times explosion Hockin made a confession to him under bonds of secrecy. "Hockin told me," testified Jewel, "that before the Los Angeles explosion he had overheard a conversation between J. J. McNamara and President Lynch of the International Typographical union in which they talked about an explosion on the Pacific coast, and in which McNamara said to Lynch, 'I can get the man who has the nerve if you get the money.' Hockin also told me that the McNamaras caused the Los Angeles explosion for the money they were in it."

Attacks on District Attorney Charles W. Miller and on the government's prosecution of the "dynamite conspiracy," as published in the Iron Workers' union magazine since the trial began, were read by Mr. Miller before the jury today.

The magazine is the official organ of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, of which most of the forty-five defendants, accused of complicity in the McNamara dynamite plots, are officials.

In one article as read to the jury, the government's prosecution is referred to as follows: "On October 6, these forty-five defendants walked into court and pleaded 'not guilty' to the charges of the steel trust. Then began the farce of a trial, a trial in which money, prestige, power, was the prosecutor of want and obscurity, a trial in which the steel trust masquerades as the government."

"In the still court room, awesome with polished marble and rich mahogany, oppressive with stilted formality, breathing with hidden hatreds, the vast industrial district attorneys thundered the voice of indignation, the scorn of capital for labor. Listening to that icy voice sit the forty-five men, men just like you and me, but hideous monsters of crime to the district attorney, whose white angel life shines out in radiant virtue against the sinister background of these conspirators."

Explanation for McNamara Brothers. Reference to the McNamara brothers' pleas of guilt at Los Angeles as read in evidence from the magazine was: "The pleas of guilty quickly followed the arrest. In the hands of an all-powerful enemy, with courts and juries committed against them, with traitors as friends and friends as traitors, a trial was impossible. The two McNamaras stood bravely before the world and said: 'Yes, we are warriors. We fought as seemed to us best. We fought force with force, power with power. Maybe we used the wrong weapon. History will tell; but we heard the cry, the anguishing cry of men and women ground in the steel yards, above the voice of caution. We stand ready to take the consequences of our act without a whimper, without an appeal to sympathy.'"

"Silently they entered the grim penitentiary, misunderstood by their fellows; execrated by the public. "But two victims were not enough for the steel lords. The organization itself must be disrupted. Goaded on with a desire for vengeance, they stretched forth cruel hands for more distinguished victims. "Give us Gompers!" they cried. "Give us Darrow!" "Arrests of detectives in the pay of the Erector's association rushed up to the witness chair to testify against the workmen. The question of open and closed shop is often on the lips of the vaunting district attorney, whose drum-like tones seem to say, as it questions the accommodating witnesses: 'Lo, I am the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.'"

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Harvard First in Cross-Country Run

ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Captain John Paul Jones won first honors in the intercollegiate cross-country meet this afternoon; Tober of Brown was second and Copeland of Harvard third. Harvard won the meet with 22 points; Cornell second with 75; Dartmouth third with 99; Massachusetts' Institute of Technology fourth with 140 points.

Thanksgiving Day Knife and Fork Club



HARVESTER TRUST WOULD WIDEN POWER

Plans Creation of Monopoly to Control Harvesting Machinery of the World. GOVERNMENT OFFERS EVIDENCE In Court Letters Are Read, Showing that a Plan Had Been Matured to Get Rid of All Competition in Business.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Important evidence that \$5 per cent of the binders and headers bought in the United States in a single year were sold by the International Harvester company and contracts calculated to indicate efforts by company officials to create for it a monopoly were introduced by the government in the hearing of the dissolution suit here today.

From a letter to general agents of the company, headed "Exclusive Contracts," Attorney Grosvenor for the government read: "We believe that in the near future this company will do practically all the harvester business of the world, for the company is organized wisely and is managed on broad-gauged, unselfish lines."

"We want to inform you that it is the policy of the International Harvester company of America to have five good, live machine agents in every important city or machine center to act as agents, one for each of its divisions. They will not be satisfied until the time will have arrived that each of the divisions has a good, live, exclusive agent in each important center."

Four Bankers Given Five Years Each for Misuse of Mails

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 23.—Four officers of the All-Night and All-Day banks of several cities, convicted of using the mails in a conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of their banks, were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and fined \$2,000 by Judge McCall in federal court here today. A. C. Bonds of Kansas City, the fifth indicted man, whose reported illness delayed sentencing several times, was not present and was said to be suffering from appendicitis.

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MEDALS OF HONOR FOR FIVE Enlisted Men Are Called to White House for Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Five young men, enlisted and officers, in Uncle Sam's military force, came together at the White House today to receive the highest award that can be given an American soldier, the Medal of Honor. Four of them, from the Prestidio, San Francisco, brought memories of the hunt and capture of the Filipino pirate chief, D'Alri, in 1909; while the fifth, a cavalry officer who had helped protect the town of Douglas, Ariz., last year, heard modestly the re-telling of his riding into a rain of bullets to stop a fight that threatened the lives of Americans.

The soldiers decorated for "deeds of gallantry in action" were: First Lieutenant Archie Miller and Second Lieutenant Arthur H. Wilson and John T. Kennedy, all of the Sixth cavalry; Quartermaster Sergeant Joseph Henderson, an enlisted man, of Troop B, Sixth Cavalry, and Captain Julian Gausoff of the First Cavalry.

Summons to White House.

President Taft had summoned to the White House for the ceremony at 2:30 o'clock, all of the Medal of Honor men now stationed or living near Washington, invited to the White House to do honor to the younger members of the distinguished order were Major General William H. Carter, Brigadier General Ernest A. Carlington, Brigadier General Albert L. Mills, Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles (retired), Major General George L. Gillespie (retired), and nearly a score of others, whose "deeds of gallantry in action" ran back through the history of Cuban and Philippine campaigns, to the stirring days of Indian fighting and the civil war.

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FIGHT FOR NORRIS STARTED BY DEMOS

Democratic Legislative Candidates Serve Notice They Will Contest Election. CHARGE FRAUD CAUSED DEFEAT Democratic Candidates Personally Unwilling to Contest—One Says He Entered Contest Against His Will.

Notice of contest of the elections of the twelve state representatives and four state senators elected from Douglas county on the republican ticket at the recent general election was served upon them by deputy sheriffs.

The contest will be made before the state legislature. The contestants are the defeated democratic opponents of the sixteen successful republican candidates. They ask a recount and canvass of the vote.

The charges upon which the contest will be based are sweeping enough to indicate that the contestants are not yet sure whether or not any of them are true. They charge everything that possibly could change the election results, thus leaving themselves free to select what charges they will try to prove. If most of the charges prove to be without foundation, they still may hope to prove the truth of some other.

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NEGOTIATIONS FOR BIG MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL UNDER WAY

Modern Structure May Be Erected at Northwest Corner of Eighteenth and Douglas Streets.

BUSINESS MEN HOLD MEETING Brandeis and Kennedy Donate Site for Building in Heart of City.

ANNOUNCEMENT CREATES STIR Kennedy, Smith and Wattles a Committee to Look After Finances.

SCHEME HAS GOOD BACKING Confidence is Expressed that Omaha Capitalists Will Back Up the Project with Money and Push It Through.

A new \$1,000,000 hotel for Omaha now seems to be an assured fact, for negotiations have started among leading business men of this city, with every indication of a successful culmination. The hotel is to be built on the northeast corner of Eighteenth and Douglas streets on lots donated for the purpose by A. D. Brandeis and John L. Kennedy.

A. D. Brandeis called a number of business men together yesterday morning and announced that he and Mr. Kennedy would donate the property to a company of Omaha business men if they would organize to build a first-class hotel.

This announcement was received with great enthusiasm by those present, and all expressed the confidence that the substantial men of Omaha would back up the proposition with their money. While the hotel plans were discussed in a general way, the details were not gone into. Financial plans for the hotel will be formulated by a committee consisting of John L. Kennedy, A. C. Smith and G. W. Wattles.

At the Meeting. The business men who met with Messrs. Brandeis and Kennedy were: A. C. Smith, Victor McCall, J. H. Millard, C. C. Rosewater, G. W. Wattles, C. E. Voss, Joseph Hayden, G. M. Hitchcock, John L. Kennedy, Joseph Polcar.

While many hotel propositions have been discussed heretofore by Omaha business men, the principal difficulty confronting them has been to secure a suitable building site. This obstacle has been removed by the offer of Messrs. Brandeis and Kennedy.

Mr. Brandeis left for the east last evening and made this offer before starting on a ten days' trip. Part of the ground which Messrs. Brandeis and Kennedy will give for the hotel was bought some time ago by E. A. Cudahy through A. P. Tukey & Son, and later sold to Mr. Brandeis. The north half of the two east lots was bought by Mr. Brandeis from the Hamiltons.

The present purchase of both tracts was negotiated by Harry A. Tukey of A. P. Tukey & Son. He made a trip to Chicago last week to buy the Cudahy tract. Mr. Cudahy and the Hamiltons did not care to sell, but finally consented in view of the purpose for which the property was wanted.

Mrs. Lesh Will Plead Not Guilty Monday

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Pansy Ellen Lesh, charged with poisoning two Missouri women eight years ago, was arraigned in the criminal court here today and given until Monday to enter a plea to the charge of murder in the first degree. Judge Longan, appointed counsel for the defense, has announced definitely that a plea of not guilty will be entered despite the confession made by Mrs. Lesh to Los Angeles authorities November 2. A venire of fifty men was ordered against the resumption of the case Monday afternoon.

PROMINENT MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF GIRL

HARRISON, Ark., Nov. 23.—Charged with the murder of Miss Ella Barham, Otis Davidson, 28-years-old, member of a prominent family of Zinc, Ark., was arrested today on a warrant sworn out by the young woman's father. Miss Barham left her home at Zinc last Thursday for a horseback ride, and her mutilated body was found several miles from her home.

AGED MILLIONAIRE IS HERO OF FIRE WHICH THREATENS ART WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Although 74 years of age and too feeble to walk, Cortlandt Field, a millionaire commission merchant and art connoisseur, was the hero of an early morning fire which threatened to destroy his five-story residence on Twenty-sixth street early today. Just before 1 o'clock Mr. Field awoke to find his room filled with smoke. Although unable to get out of bed on account of his age and an injury to his ankle, he reached for a telephone at his bedside and notified police headquarters of the fire. Then he pounded on the frame of his bed. He aroused his wife in an adjoining room and the ten servants on the floor above.

Two of the servants carried him in an arm chair to the ground floor, where he coolly organized his employees into a fire fighting force, directing them in moving his \$50,000 art collection. The firemen arrived in time to confine the blaze to the floor, where it started.

The chief damage was to a private chapel which adjoined the Field's sleeping room and which contained a priceless collection of Bibles and prayer books in many languages.

RECEIVER FOR NORTH PLATTE VALLEY COMPANY

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 23.—Judge J. A. Riner last night appointed C. C. Carlisle of Cheyenne receiver for the North Platte Valley Irrigation company with authority to continue the company's operations. The North Platte company's project embraces 40,000 acres in the North Platte river valley in Converse county, near Douglas.

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