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## TURKISH ATTACKS IN MESOPOTAMIA REPORTED FAILED

British Official Statement Announces Success Against Assaults of the Sultan's Troops.

### SHELLING ON THREE DAYS

Attitude of Arabs in Territory is Declared to Be Satisfactory.

### REINFORCEMENTS ARE RUSHED

LONDON, Dec. 13.—Turkish attacks on the British Mesopotamian army at Kut-el-Amara have been repulsed, it was announced in an official statement tonight. British reinforcements are being pushed forward.

British Statement.  
The statement is as follows:  
"General Townshend reports that the enemy shelled his position all day on December 8. The bombardment continued during the 9th, when the enemy made desultory assaults from all sides. On the 10th the enemy again heavily bombarded Kut-el-Amara and developed an attack against the north front position, which, however, was not pressed.

Shelling is Renewed.  
"On December 11 the bombardment was renewed and two attacks were made on the north front, which were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Since then there has been less activity.  
"The attitude of the Arabs is reported satisfactory.  
"The reinforcements are being pushed forward."

Arab Band Beaten.  
The defeat of an Arab band in an engagement with a British reconnoitering party on the Sinai peninsula is announced in an official statement issued at Cairo, Egypt, today, which transmits the statements as follows:  
"A band of 300 hostile Arabs was routed on Saturday by a British reconnoitering force in the vicinity of Matruh, on the Sinai peninsula. The Arabs, thirty-five of whom were killed and seven captured, were driven eastward. The British casualties were sixteen killed and three officers and fifteen men wounded."

### Scientist Says She Suffered Pain by Fall from Car

Mrs. Lenna P. Ellsworth, a Christian Science practitioner, testified in Judge English's court yesterday in her \$10,000 personal injury damage suit against the street railway company, that she "suffered severe pain in the ankle and face," after being thrown from a street car at Park avenue and Leavenworth streets, March 27.

Mrs. Ellsworth will be cross-examined today by counsel for the street railway company.  
The case is of wide interest to believers in the Christian Science faith owing to the fact that the question whether Christian Scientists may recover damages for alleged pain and suffering is at issue.  
Mrs. Ellsworth set forth in her petition that she has been earning \$300 a month as a Christian Science practitioner.

### Germans Making Artificial Rubber

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—Automobile tires of artificial rubber are now being made in Germany, the Overseas News agency says. In his address to the Reichstag last week Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg said German inventors had discovered a method of producing synthetic rubber.  
"The Frankfurter Zeitung now announces that at almost the same hour that the chancellor's statement was made," the news agency says, "a factory succeeded in working this rubber into tires which will wear for a year."

### The Weather

Forecast till 7 p. m. Tuesday:  
For Omaha, Council Bluffs and Vicinity—Fair; rising temperature.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday:  
5 a. m. 23  
8 a. m. 23  
11 a. m. 23  
2 p. m. 23  
5 p. m. 23  
8 p. m. 23  
9 p. m. 23

### Rest of the Pacific Mail Fleet Bought

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The American International Corporation, controlled by interests connected with the National City bank and other prominent financiers, today announced the purchase of the entire remaining fleet of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, consisting of seven steamships.

### Harvard Students Earn Ninety Thousand

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13.—Through the efforts of the Harvard Students' Employment bureau, 589 undergraduates were able to add a total of \$90,000 to their incomes last year by various vocations which did not interfere with their studies. The total earnings, announced today, however, showed a decrease of \$7,000 over the previous year, due, it was claimed, to the action of the faculty in abolishing tutoring during the college term.

### Free Dolls For the Kiddies

The Bee is again making a lot of little ones happy by giving away each week one of those big handsome dolls—the kind the girl yearns for and dreams of some day owning.

### Cut Out the Pictures That's All.

## BARON ERICH ZWEIDINEK VON SOUDENHORST, Austrian charge d'affaires, who represents his government at Washington in the present crisis.



## COUNTY REFUSES LIQUOR LICENSE

Request for Permit for West Center Turned Down After Hearing of Testimony.

### PLACE IS GIVEN A BLACK EYE

The county board Monday refused a liquor license for 5617 Center street requested by P. W. Robbins, alleged employee of Ford and Graham, after testimony had been presented that the place had been run as a "road house," where drunken men and women gathered nights and Sundays.

Attorney John O. Yelver, representing residents of the neighborhood who protested against the granting of a license for 1916, declared he had evidence that Margaret Tanney, 29 years old, who was found dead in the Savoy hotel Sunday morning, had been taken from the Center street roadhouse Saturday night. This evidence he was willing to submit to the authorities, he said.

Ford and Graham, who now hold the license for 5617 Center street, were convicted by a jury in police court of operating their saloon in Omaha after hours during the last Ak-Sar-Ben festival.

Mrs. Ida Jensen, 1919 South Fifty-third street, testified that she and members of her family had written on slips of paper numbers of automobiles she had seen standing in front of the roadhouse. The numbers were not made public. She told of seeing a young woman come from the roadhouse, intoxicated, and get into an automobile with the assistance of two men and a chauffeur.

J. J. Grabow, a grocer, declared he had seen an intoxicated woman thrown into an automobile by the proprietor of the place.

Former county Commissioner O. J. Pickard testified that the place had been run as an illegal "roadhouse."  
The protesters charged in their petition that women have been carried from the roadhouse to automobiles, intoxicated, with their hair disheveled and half clad.

Robbins, who applied for the license, failed to appear.

## ENGLAND WILL BUY AMERICAN STOCKS, SAYS CHANCELLOR

McKenna Tells Commons British Government to Purchase at Middle Price Without Commission.

### NO INTENTION TO HARASS

Will Be Paid for in Five-Year Five Per Cent Exchequer Bonds.

### ASSERTS MATTER IS URGENT

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British government has decided to purchase American securities, paying for them in five-year five per cent exchequer bonds. The chancellor of the exchequer, Reginald McKenna, made this announcement in the House of Commons today. He said the government was willing to buy such American dollar securities as were suitable at the middle American price of the day, without brokerage or commission.

Wan't Harass U. S. Market.  
Mr. McKenna assured the House of Commons nothing would be done to harass the American market in connection with mobilization of American securities or to injure American financial interests here. He believed there was available a sufficient amount of securities to maintain exchange with New York.

Estimates of the amount of American and Canadian securities held in this country, varied, he continued, from \$200,000,000 to \$400,000,000 to as high as \$700,000,000 to \$800,000,000.

This was the chancellor's reply to a request that he take steps to put an end to rumors that a compulsory loan might be necessary.

Mr. McKenna said that a large gathering of leading institutions directly concerned had unhesitatingly approved the proposal, apparently making its success certain.

Matter of Urgency.  
In closing he declared impressively, "I look upon the acceptance of my proposals as a matter of urgency."  
Replying to criticisms and suggestions, Mr. McKenna said he desired to make it absolutely clear that there was no intention to swamp the American market with vast masses of securities. The government intended to hold the securities in order to deal in them as added and primarily they would be used as collateral securities.

## French and British Entirely Expelled from Macedonia

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(By Wireless to Sayville.)—The French and British have been entirely expelled from Macedonia territory, it is officially announced today by German army headquarters, the advancing army under General Todoff occupying Doiran and Givogel. It is declared that two British divisions were nearly wiped out during the advance.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The actual withdrawal of the Greek army from the path of the allied forces which are retreating on Saloniki is said to have been effected. A Reuter's telegram filed in Athens yesterday says:  
"As a result of the agreement between the Greek general staff and the allied generals the division of the Greek army which has been stationed at Langaza has been withdrawn to Erres, about fifty miles northeast of Saloniki. The same has been done for movements of the allied troops."

"The allied military authorities today took over a portion of the customs house at Saloniki."

## Lake Shipments of Grain Are Far Above the Record

FORT WILLIAM, Ont., Dec. 13.—Shipments of grain by steamer from the heads of the lakes eastward since September 1 reached 12,000,000 bushels, of which 17,000,000 bushels was wheat, it was said today. The greatest total shipments of grain through these ports from any previous season was in 1913, when 12,000,000 bushels of grain were shipped between September 1 and the close of navigation.

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 13.—Despite the speed with which grain was moved east to lake ports and forwarded on boats this year, it was estimated today that there still remains 12,000,000 bushels of wheat to move over the all-rail route.

## Trial of Mrs. Mohr Set for January 11

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 13.—The trial of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Mohr, under indictment as an accessory before the fact in connection with the murder of her husband, Dr. C. Franklin Mohr of Barrington, R. I., on August 31 last and three negroes indicted for the murder of Dr. Mohr, was set today to begin January 11. The court denied Mrs. Mohr's petition for a separate trial.

## The National Capital

Monday, December 13, 1915.  
The Senate.  
Met at noon.  
Republican committee assignments were approved.  
Senator Kenyon proposed to tax manufacturers of munitions and to prohibit passengers on munition ships.  
Senator Chamberlain introduced a bill for military training of citizens.  
Adjourned at 2 p. m. until noon Thursday.

The House.  
Not in session; meets Tuesday.  
Democrats caucus today on extending the emergency war tax law.

## Mr. Tillman Contrasts Positions Taken by Bryan and Roosevelt

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—Declaring William J. Bryan as "simply obsessed" and Theodore Roosevelt as "the giant in 'Mother Goose,'" Chairman Tillman of the naval committee addressed the senate today on national defense and assailed what he characterized as the greed of private manufacturers of war material.  
Senator Tillman upheld Secretary Daniels' administration of the Navy department and characterized as "simply outrageous" critics of the department, numbering among them former Secretary Meyer.  
"The question of preparedness requires grave consideration and prompt action," said Senator Tillman. "There are all sorts of opinions and advice from all quarters—good, bad and not only unwise, but unthinkable of adoption, except by wild men from borneo."  
"Mr. Bryan, the evangel of peace at any price, is bitterly opposed to any and all increase. He seems to be simply obsessed on this subject and has lost his usual poise. Ex-President Roosevelt, on the other hand, who snorts and roars like a veritable bull of Bashan, poses as the god of war and clamors for a very large standing army and great reserves. He reminds me of the giant in 'Mother Goose':  
"Pe, B, fo, fum,  
I smell the blood of a German man,  
Be he alive, or be he dead,  
I'll grind his bones to make my bread."  
The senator said he realized the necessity for a greater army, but that the navy, "our first line of defense," should come first.  
"The country ought to regard as a public enemy any senator or member of congress who tries to delay or thwart this purpose," Senator Tillman declared.

## TRI-COUNTY DITCH IS GIVEN A BOOST

Nebraska State Irrigation Association Gives Endorsement to Flood Water Project.

### ASKS HELP OF GOVERNMENT

The tri-county irrigation project of Nebraska, which contemplates a big ditch to lead the flood waters of the Platte upon the soil of Gosper, Phelps and Kearney counties to supplement the rainfall in these semi-arid regions, was heartily endorsed by the Nebraska State Irrigation association at its sixth annual convention at Bridgeport, Neb. It is pointed out that this scheme could in no way infringe upon the rights of any other irrigation project, since it contemplates using only the flood waters that otherwise go to waste and simply help to swell the destructive floods of the lower Mississippi. They favored a federal appropriation for this purpose.

Fred Beckman, member of the Board of Public Lands, came in for a little scoring in that he is quoted as being opposed to the investing of a portion of the perpetual school funds in irrigation bonds of irrigation districts. His reported opposition to such investment was denounced as unreasonable, unfair and unjust discrimination against that portion of the state where such bonds are issued.

Put It Up to Uncle Sam.  
The resolutions further recommended that the federal government at once take advantage of a good prospective reservoir site near Garysburg, Wyo., to build a reservoir, where waters could be stored and liberated at will in such a way as to save time, while at the same time an electrical power plant could be built there to furnish electrical power to western Nebraska and central Nebraska at a nominal cost.

The convention urged upon the federal government the early completion of the irrigation project for which certain lands were set aside in the state more than ten years ago.

## Live Stock Rates East of Mississippi River Advanced

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 13.—General readjustment of live stock rates north of the Ohio and Potomac rivers and east of the Mississippi was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce commission. Many increases were authorized.

The commission's decision says it is estimated the additional revenues to the roads will be several hundred thousand dollars a year.

Proposals to make certain changes in rates on packing house products were disapproved, the commission pointing out that its investigation of rates on live stock, fresh meats and packing house products west of the Mississippi river, now under way, may have a relationship on the rates involved in the eastern case and that they may hereafter require another adjustment.

## Portland Chinese Magnate Predicts Murder of Yuan

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13.—Announcement was made today that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of Portland had called its vigorous protest to the Chinese assembly against the proposed change from a republican to a monarchical form of government in China. At a meeting of the chamber last night a number of addresses was made, and sentiment was unanimous for continuance of the republic.

"It is our opinion," said Leo Hong, president of the chamber, "that the Chinese people will never permit the reactionary program to be carried out. We fully expect to see Yuan Shi Kai assassinated."

## The Day's War News

BULGARIAN TROOPS are now within five miles of the Greek border in Serbia, a Saloniki dispatch says.

ATHENS NEWSPAPER declares that Greek troops are moving toward the Serbian border at a point where Bulgarian troops are preparing to cross the boundary line and that the Greeks apparently intend to dispute the crossing.

ITALIAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES has voted confidence in the Salandra ministry, 391 to 49.

SHIMAZU OF TIENTSIN powers to date have sunk 508 ships, a news dispatch from Berlin declares.

## GREEK POSITION DAILY BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT

King Constantine Begins Withdrawing His Troops from the Zone Where Entente and Teutons Will Meet.

### BRITONS LANDING AT KAVALA

### Rumor that Detachments of Serbians Have Been Brought from Albania to Saloniki.

### RUSSIANS DEFEAT THE PERSIANS

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The difficult effort of Greece to maintain neutrality in the face of the allied retreat on Saloniki and the pursuit of Bulgarians and Germans continues to be the chief matter of interest at the entente capitals. The latest decision of Greece, according to Athens dispatches, is to withdraw all considerable bodies of its troops impartially from danger of contact with entente troops in Saloniki and the Germanic allies on the northern front, leaving only small groups of soldiers for police purposes.

Whatever the future holds for Greece its effort to clear its position toward the belligerents seemingly disposes of any idea that the allied forces on Greek territory are to occupy a privileged position with anything in the nature of open Greek support.

The Greek army at Saloniki is to be reduced immediately in numbers to assure liberty of action to the entente troops there. At the same time Greek soldiers along the railway will be withdrawn to avoid complications whenever Germans, Austrians or Bulgarians enter Greek territory.

No Germans in Macedonia.  
So far as is known the hard-fought attacks on the British in Macedonia thus far have been delivered entirely by Bulgarians without German assistance. A dispatch to the Times says the Bulgarians left more than 8,000 dead or wounded on the field after two assaults on the British line.

"On the second attack," the dispatch continues, "our combined fire of artillery, rifles and rapid-firers was opened on the advancing masses at a range of about 500 yards. The Bulgarians faced the murderous hail at a run for 500 yards, then broke into flight, which quickly became a helter-skelter rout."

"The possibility of various flanking movements through Greek territory opened by the Greek decision to permit the country to become a field for the belligerents. It is rumored, for example, that British troops already are landing at Kavala and that the first detachments of Serbians have been brought around from Durazzo, Albania, to Saloniki.

### Allies Patrol Greek Coasts.

Allied squadrons continue to pay close attention to the Greek coasts and restrictions on Greek commerce are unrelaxed.

In other fields of activity there are few developments of large importance. Russian troops have defeated Persian rebels at Aveh and are now nearing Hamadan. Allied troops are still carrying on successful operations against Turkish troops in the Sea of Marmora.

On the western front minor successes are reported for British artillery and air squadrons.

## LANSING'S APPOINTMENT CONFIRMED BY SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Secretary Lansing's appointment was confirmed today by the senate. The secretary has been serving under a recess appointment given while congress was in adjournment.

## THE WANT AD WAY

"I SHOULD HAVE USED A WANT AD"  
"I'VE BEEN HUNGRY AROUND"

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