

### WARREN CASE TAKEN UP BY CUSTOMS OFFICIALS

#### Gross Undervaluation of Dutiable Wearing Apparel Is Charge Made.

Dudley Field Malone, customs collector of the port of New York; Henry Stewart, special deputy collector; Attorney Fox, counsel for the New York customhouse; Andrew J. Peters, assistant secretary of the Treasury in charge of the customs service, and Assistant Attorney General Warren held conference today in the office of Assistant Secretary Peters. The subject was "the Mrs. Whitney Warren undervaluation case."

The New York representatives of the customs service were reported to have presented the evidence in their possession to support the charges of attempt to defraud the government of customs duties and upon which a forfeiture suit is urged.

#### Grand Jury Investigating.

The January grand jury of the federal court at New York is now making inquiry into the case. It is understood that Collector Malone has placed United States Attorney Snowden Marshall

of the New York district in charge of the facts in his possession. Mrs. Warren returned from France on the steamship Espagne last November. Customs officials sent her trunks to the appraiser's store, charging gross undervaluation of dutiable articles. Mrs. Warren valued her dutiable wearing apparel at \$1,500. Government appraisers later fixed \$9,000 to \$10,000 as a fair valuation.

### PASSING OF REPUBLIC IS SUBJECT FOR HUMOR

#### Chinese Monarchists Are Using the Public Prints for Light Commentary.

Correspondence of the Associated Press. PEKING, December 25.—Chinese monarchists are treating the passing of the republic as a subject for humorous chaff. Editorials, poems and songs discussing the republic lightly are now the order of the day.

The following article from the Shun Tien Shih Pao of Peking is typical of the attitude of the monarchists toward what they regard as the defunct republic:

"We, the undutiful sons of Han, Man, Meng, Hui and Tsang, beg to announce to the public that, instead of ourselves being destroyed and annihilated for our own sins and wickedness, our father, Mr. Kuang Ho, alias Min Kuo (republic), has met with a tragic end. Our father was born on the first day of the first month of the Gregorian year 1912. He was known to be in excellent health but unfortunately in the summer of this year he was suddenly attacked by a bad cold, which led to the fatal illness. Renowned Chinese doctors, as well as medical experts of Japan, Great Britain, Russia, France and Italy, were instantly consulted. American experts refusing to cooperate—both neither injections nor prescriptions of these doctors did him any good. His illness continued to develop, and on the eleventh day of the twelfth month he showed signs of dissolution, and he suddenly succumbed. He passed away at 10 p.m. on the twelfth day. He closed his earthly career and went to sleep at the mature age of four.

#### Failed to Give Proper Treatment.

"We, undutiful sons, who failed to give proper treatment to our deceased father, have drawn upon our family a great calamity. We have stamped the ground with our feet and shouted our complaints to heaven in vain. Indeed, it is now impossible to bring back our father even though we are willing to sacrifice our lives a hundredfold for his real estate. We have taken place we bound him up properly and deposited his remains in a coffin, and then were holding a mourning. We hereby announce that on the 13th instant the 'tablet' of our late father was placed in a shrine, on the 15th instant a funeral service will be held, and on the 19th instant, at 8 a.m., the final interment will take place.

"We, the undutiful sons, beg to say that we shall be grateful if the remains of our late father will be honored by the presence of officials, gentry, scholars, merchants and military men. We make the above announcement with deep sorrow.

"People of Han, Man, Meng, Hui and Tsang.

"Undutiful sons of Mr. Kuang Ho, shed our tears of blood and knock our heads on the ground."

### RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

#### Mrs. Mary Parton Heads Wide-Awake Christian Union of McKinley Memorial Church.

Officers of the new organization to be known as the Wide-Awake Christian Union of McKinley Memorial Church, 4th and L streets northwest, Rev. S. Gerish Lamkins, pastor, were installed at the church last evening at 8:30 o'clock, the hour decided upon for meeting every Sunday.

Installation services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Underwood, the following officers being installed: President, Mrs. Mary Parton; vice president, Mrs. Josephine Corbett; secretary, Josephine Corbett; treasurer, Mrs. Marie Manning; chaplain, George Pankey; assistant chaplain, Isaac Johnson; pianist, Mrs. M. Aller Berkeley; assistant pianist, Miss Jones; chorister, Prof. Williams; librarian, Mrs. G. Pankey; assistant librarian, Mrs. A. Thompson; chairman advisory committee, Miss M. Berkeley; assistant, Miss Josephine Biekey; chairman program committee, Mrs. S. G. Lamkins; chairman lookout committee, Miss Grace Pierce; chairman sick committee, Miss Luia Ryne; chairman flower committee, Mrs. Aiken.

After the installation services Rev. Dr. S. L. Corrothers preached the opening sermon of the union revival service, which started at the McKinley church last night. The meetings will be conducted this week by Dr. Corrothers and local evangelists; the services will continue throughout the month of February.

### ACTIVITY IN NORTH SEA.

#### Belief Expressed That Naval Battle May Be Imminent.

CHRISTIANIA, January 30, via London, January 31.—Extraordinary British and German naval activity has been in evidence along the Norwegian coast the past few days, according to the Stavanger correspondent of the Morgenblatt, who adds that a clash is possible at any time. A number of British warships and German submarines have been observed just outside territorial waters.

A large British cruiser and a big submarine were sighted off Ustrie. Reports from various parts of the Leader coast say that a number of cruisers and destroyers have been seen going southward very close to land. A Norwegian destroyer has gone out on patrol duty.

The Swedish steamer Svea and another vessel have arrived at Christiania and report seeing four German cruisers in the Skagerrak Friday.

#### King of Spain Saves Belgian.

HAVRE, January 31.—Through mediation conducted by King Alfonso of Spain, the German government has released Leon Theodor, a senior member of the Brussels bar and a parliamentary deputy, on condition that he shall reside in Switzerland and not return to Brussels.

#### Execution of Spies Is Denied.

BERLIN, January 31, by wireless to Bayville, N. Y.—The Overseas News Agency has announced: "Reports from foreign sources that four men and two women were shot as spies in Cologne are inventions, according to competent authorities."

### FRENCH MINISTER OF FINANCE VISITS THE FIRST LINE TRENCHES IN THE CHAMPAGNE DISTRICT.



### WAR OFFICIALLY REPORTED TURKISH STATEMENT.

#### CONSTANTINOPLE, January 30, via London, January 31.

Irak front: There has been no important change. In the environs of Felahe we completely destroyed a hostile scouting party of sixteen men by firing from ambush. In this region the Mudjahids took 1,000 camels from the enemy.

#### Caucasian front: Outpost fighting continues in our favor. We recaptured yesterday fired gunshots against the environs of Seddul Bahr, and subsequently withdrew.

#### RUSSIAN STATEMENT.

#### PETROGRAD, January 30, via London, January 31.

From the Gulf of Riga to the Pripiet river calm prevails, except south of Lake Babit, in the Riga region, where a considerably large German detachment attacked our trenches, but was driven away by our fire.

Southwest of Koikla (in Volhynia) our scouts captured an entire enemy post, and reinforcements sent by the Austrians were dispersed by our fire.

On the front of the middle Strips, we bombarded two enemy batteries. Observations made from two balloons showed the success of the bombardment on the guns and caissons. In the Caucasus, in the battle north of Erzerum, our troops, advancing, took as prisoners a party of Askaris and captured their machine guns.

#### VIENNA, January 30, via Berlin and wireless to Bayville, January 31.

The Austro-Hungarians at San Giovanni de Medua (Albania) have captured two cannon and a large quantity of artillery ammunition and considerable supplies.

#### ITALIAN STATEMENT.

#### ROME, January 30, via London, January 31.

Along the entire front artillery activity has been favored by clear weather. On the middle Isonzo one of our batteries bombarded the railway station at Santa Lucia, in the Tolmino sector. Enemy artillery fired a few shells on

### GAINS BY CENTRAL POWERS IN LAND AND POPULATION

#### Figures Compiled by German Statistician Show Changes Effected by Great European War.

Correspondence of the Associated Press.

BERLIN, January 7.—One of the most interesting statistical tables of all that have appeared in German newspapers is a summary of territory won and lost, of population gained and forfeited, and of presumable or estimated values accruing to Germany and her ally, Austria, as presented by W. Kasting in the Berliner Tageblatt.

He presents his facts concretely, by means of parallel columns, but does not reckon in Italy, Bulgaria or Turkey, either because their territorial gains have been inconsequential, or, as in the case of Bulgaria, because she came in so late that figures are not at hand.

As to territory his tables are:

ENTENTE		CENTRAL POWERS	
Possessed August 1, 1914	Sq. Km.	Possessed August 1, 1914	Sq. Km.
Lost by Belgium	29,000	Gained in Belgium plus	39,000
by France	22,000	in France plus	22,000
by Russia	350,000	in Russia plus	350,000
by Balkans	91,000	in Balkans plus	91,000
Gained in Alsace plus	1,000	Lost in Alsace	1,000
in Galicia plus	4,000	in Galicia	1,000
Net on January 1, 1916	6,512,000	Net on January 1, 1916	1,708,000

As to population:

ENTENTE		CENTRAL POWERS	
Possessed August 1, 1914	230,000,000	Possessed August 1, 1914	116,000,000
Lost by Belgium	7,000,000 <td>From Belgium</td> <td>7,000,000</td>	From Belgium	7,000,000
by France	7,000,000 <td>France</td> <td>7,000,000</td>	France	7,000,000
by Russia	15,000,000 <td>Russia</td> <td>15,000,000</td>	Russia	15,000,000
by Balkans	5,000,000 <td>Balkans</td> <td>5,000,000</td>	Balkans	5,000,000
Net January 1, 1916	196,000,000	Net January 1, 1916	150,000,000

Alsace and Galicia are not included in this last list, because neither has a million. Neither are the dead estimated, because the figures are not known. Herr Kasting believes, however, the number will be so proportionately small that they will not affect the total greatly.

To arrive at the approximate value of the land thus won to date the statistician divides the 48,000 square kilometers into "morgen" (.63 acre), to each of which he gives a flat value of 500 marks (\$125). In this way he arrives at the conclusion that Germany and Austria have conquered land valued at \$5,000,000,000.

#### BRITISH STATEMENT.

#### LONDON, January 31 (statement dated January 30).

Last night there was considerable artillery activity about Vaux. Three of our patrols successfully bombed German trenches near Serre, and a hostile patrol which was encountered was driven off.

#### GERMAN STATEMENT.

BERLIN, January 31, by wireless to Bayville: Western theater of war: Our new trenches in the region of Neuville

### GREEKS ARE INDIGNANT AT ACTION OF ALLIES

#### Enter Energetic Protest Over Occupation of Fort on Karaburun Peninsula.

ATHENS, January 30, via Paris, January 31.—High Greek officials are indignant over the occupation by the French last week of the Greek fort on the Karaburun peninsula. They say the fortress was held by only eighty Greeks. The French brought with them to the fort three regiments each of infantry, artillery and cavalry without warning. After a short parley, and in the face of the overwhelming force, the fortress was delivered up by the Greeks.

The officials express the belief that the commandant will be court-martialed for giving up the fort without instructions.

#### Declared Defensive Measure.

LONDON, January 31.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from Saloniki says:

"An authoritative statement issued in explanation of the occupation of the Greek fort on the Karaburun peninsula says it was due to the fact that a few days ago a German submarine approached to within a few miles of the entrance of the channel leading to the port of Saloniki and torpedoed a transport conveying a large number of mules. The transport was beached and a majority of the mules were saved.

"This attack in Greek territorial waters demonstrated to the entente naval authorities the necessity of an energetic policing of the coast to guarantee full security to the numerous warships and the still more numerous transports dotting the gulf and roadstead of Saloniki. It being recognized that it was impossible to allow enemy transports to navigate with impunity under the guns of Karaburun fort, and thus be in a position to penetrate the roadstead of Saloniki."

#### Greek Protest Energetic.

The protest by the Greek government on the occupation of Karaburun is very energetic. It says:

"The occupation of Karaburun constitutes the violation of the written accord reached between the Greek government, the general staff and Gen. M. P. E. Sarrail. It is also a violation of the assurances given by the entente diplomats that no further occupations were projected."

### HERD JEWISH REFUGEES IN CARS LIKE LIVE STOCK

#### Russians Look Old Men, Women and Children in With the Sick and Insane.

NEW YORK, January 31.—That the condition of the Jews in the eastern war zone of Europe is appalling is the burden of a report issued by the American Jewish relief committee.

The report indicates that the seven mil-

lion Jews affected—who constitute one-half of the Jewish population of the world—have by reason of their unfortunate geographic position actually borne the brunt of the war's burden in eastern Europe. Nearly three million Jews, the report says, are now facing destitution.

Their homes have been pillaged and destroyed; their industries and trades ruined; and the entire fabric of their economic life torn asunder. Hundreds of thousands, it is said, were forced to leave their homes at a day's notice, among them even the immediate families of the 350,000 Jewish soldiers at the Russian battle front.

"The more fortunate of these," continues the report, "were packed and shipped as freight—old men, women and children, locked together with the sick and the insane in sealed freight cars, shuttled from town to town, sidetracked for days without food or help of any kind, and the less fortunate driven into the woods and swamps to die of starvation."

#### Dance of Crescents Well Attended.

The dance of the Crescents at the Raleigh Saturday night was largely attended. The committee in charge of the affair consisted of J. W. McKelicher, Harry C. Signorini, Fred D. Giesler, T. Ellis Allison, Miss Edna Jones, Miss Grace Swart, Miss Helen Chapman and Miss Minnie Gorman.

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Insurance in Force, Admitted Assets,	\$1,636,538,117.00
Net Policy Reserves,	616,528,254.00
Total Income,	503,227,820.00
Total Disbursements,	88,251,707.66
	81,375,494.91

The amount of new insurance paid for during the year, including dividend additions, was \$148,176,711. If we include revivals and increase of policies in force, the total insurance paid for was \$160,882,145.

Balance Sheet, December 31st, 1915		
ASSETS	LIABILITIES	
Real Estate	Policy Reserves	\$503,227,820.00
Mortgage Loans	Supplementary Contract Reserve	4,000,441.00
Loans on Policies	Other Policy Liabilities	7,600,389.45
Bonds and Stocks	Premiums, Interest and Rents paid in advance	1,290,765.93
Interest and Rents due and accrued	Miscellaneous Liabilities	579,037.88
Premiums in course of collection	Taxes, License Fees, etc. payable in 1916	690,600.17
Cash (\$11,148,143.36 at interest)	Dividends payable in 1916	17,839,992.58
Deposited to pay claims	Reserve for future Deferred Dividends	66,673,718.83
	Contingency Reserve	14,625,579.16
Total Admitted Assets		\$616,528,254.00
	Total Liabilities	\$616,528,254.00

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