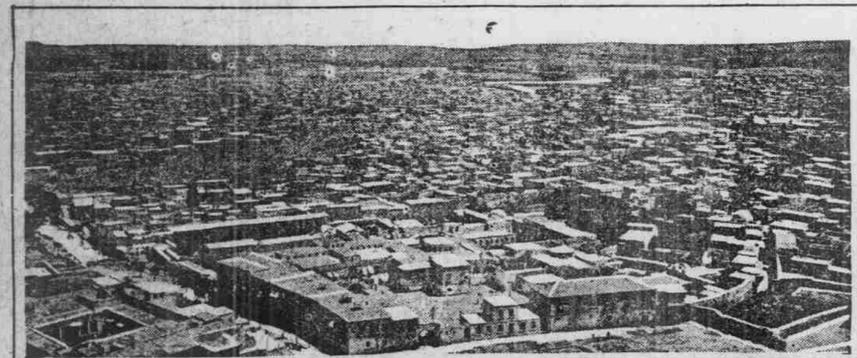


OPERATIONS IN ASIA MINOR HAVE IMPORTANT BEARING ON WAR ELSEWHERE



CITY OF ALEPPO - OPERATIONS IN ASIA MINOR. The capture by the Russians of Erzerum (1), at the headwaters of the Euphrates, will practically open the whole of Armenia to Grand Duke Nicholas' Caucasus army, whose line extends from the coast to southward of Lake Van. In northwest Persia is a second Russian force, with its base at Tabriz (2), while a third force is fighting Persians and Turks in the region of Kermanshah (3). The British force on the Tigris in Mesopotamia, which originally advanced close to Bagdad, but was forced to retire, is besieged in part at Kut-el-Amara (4), while a relief force is held up by floods and a strong force of the British front in Mesopotamia by forcing Turkey to draw off troops for re-enforcements to meet the Russian advance and to postpone indefinitely the proposed advance on Egypt, where the Suez canal is being protected by lines of troops, whose positions are indicated approximately by the figures 5, 6 and 7. The French have occupied as a base the island of Casteliorizzo (8), with the ultimate object, it is believed, of throwing an arm across country to seize the railroad between Constantinople and Aleppo (9), where the proposed army of invasion of Egypt is being concentrated. The map in the picture covers the entire field of operations in this part of the world. The view above shows the city of Aleppo.

Amusements

POLIS

An evenly-balanced vaudeville, with every offering a real feature, and the choicest of feature photoplays have been the medium that has drawn a capacity to Polis, the past three days. Tonight affords a final opportunity to Bridgeporters to see this interesting entertainment which includes:

The Sully Family, perennial vaudeville favorites, in their comedy skit with singing and dancing, called "The Information Bureau"; Anthony and McGuire, in their variety skit introducing their famous Italian character bits. Payne and Nesbit, in songs and dances; Helen Davis, in a delightful song repertoire; Belford Trio, cycling sensations, and Maglin, Eddy and Roy, comedy acrobats.

The feature photoplay is Israel Zangwill's "Merely Mary Ann," filmed in five acts and featuring Vivian Martin and a big company.

Violet MacMillan, "Lady Dainty of the Movies," will appear in person as a headline feature in the program for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Miss MacMillan, formerly musical comedy star and later screen favorite, will give an interesting novelty called "In and Out of the Movies" in which she will appear both on the screen and in person. A fine supporting bill has been arranged.

PLAZA

Douglas Fairbanks, Broadway's popular matinee idol, is doing some of the best work of his career in "His Picture in the Papers," the Plaza's Triangle production for today. The play is in five parts and aside from his entertaining qualities it holds much of interest to Bridgeporters in general. William Collier, the world-famous musical comedy star, is featured in "Better Late Than Never," a Keystone two-part attraction on the same bill and his humor is more catching than ever.

The vaudeville program is a dandy and includes the Young Sing Troupe in a Chinese novelty that in the last word in sensationalism; Gerhardt & Hodge in a most delightful offering of song and instrumental solos; Naldy and Naldy, Italian character comedians in bright dialogue and funny songs; and the Sidonias, "The Lady Artist and the Tramp" in their own original creation, "The Laugh Factory."

One of the most important announcements of the present theatrical season is the coming of Billie Burke, the titian-haired idol of the theater, going public and one of America's most fascinating stage stars in "Peggy," a seven-part Triangle production to the Plaza the first half of the week. "Peggy" marks Miss Burke's initial appearance before the camera and is said to be one of the most divinely pleasing photoplays ever released.

LYRIC

Next week at the Lyric, Cecil Spooner and her augmented company will present "The Girl in the Taxi," and that it will be a record smasher of the season is a foregone conclusion. This famous, furiously funny farce has broken all records in the metropolitan cities of both hemispheres for the last 10 years, and is still in the spring of youth for laugh-compelling qualities, and is generally

known as the farce with a laugh in every line, also, incidentally introducing numerous musical numbers, so if musical fun appeals to you, then "The Girl in the Taxi" should prove of exhilarating entertainment for you.

"The Girl in the Taxi" is a lively show throughout its three acts, and it is all laughter and song, full of comic complications, absurdly funny situations, and activity. Miss Spooner as the "Taxi girl," will have a part in which the clever little star will fairly dazzle, it being directly in line of her endeavor. "The Girl in the Taxi" has been termed a "forever laugh" and thus far, has lived up to that slogan. It will undoubtedly be a great big Cecil Spooner laugh festival week at the Lyric, commencing Monday night. In addition to the regular cast of Cecil Spooner favorites, there will be numerous new faces added to this great merry-making musical farce—"The Girl in the Taxi" has been rightly termed, the forever and everlasting laugh.

EMPIRE

Charlotte Walker and an all star cast of leading Lasky Players appear in the five part Jesse L. Lasky Paramount masterpiece, "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," which is the featured attraction at this theatre this evening.

An all feature program will also be shown in conjunction with this masterpiece production of the Paramount brand. Tomorrow evening an all feature special program headed by the latest Red Feather masterpiece will be shown. On Monday and Tuesday, "He Fell in Love With His Wife," the latest Paramount picture featuring Florence Rockwell, will be the featured attraction.

ALL IN READINESS FOR SCHWABEN BALL

The committee of arrangements for the 30th annual masquerade ball of the Schwaben Sick Benefit Society, Inc., which is to be held in Eagles' hall next Monday night announces that all is now in readiness for the affair. F. J. Abercrombie began work last night on the decorations, which will be of the most elaborate ever placed in the hall. The ceilings of the ball room will be hidden in groups of flags and draped with American and German flags will be grouped together. The grand march will begin at 9 o'clock and \$70 in gold prizes will be given for the best costumes. The committee of arrangements is George Feyrer, chairman; John Shramm, secretary; Christ Schick, first treasurer; John Brodbeck, Martin Rau, Jacob Bitzer, Michael Brodbeck, Christ Schick, third and Martin Schick.

Ohio Oil Co. declared the usual quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share, and an extra dividend of \$4.75 a share.

East bound railroads from Chicago are refusing to transfer through their elevators, corn containing excessive moisture.

Hans Schmidt, unfrocked New York priest, was electrocuted in the death chair at Sing Sing for the murder of Anna Amueller.

All Germans who escaped from Kamerun into Spanish Guinea will be sent to a concentration camp near San Fernando Isle of Leon.

FUNERAL DESIGNS AND BOUQUETS JOHN RECK & SON.

TRUMBULL

Miss Ella May Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ward of this place, and Stanley Elkins of Nichols, were married at the Nichols Methodist parsonage, Saturday, by the Rev. A. E. Beebe. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins will reside for the present with the groom's parents in Nichols. Twenty-two ladies of what were played Wednesday evening under the auspices of the Improvement society at the town hall. A bus load of 24 persons came from Nichols; also a number from Dan and Farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Cales were host and hostess to a number of Bridgeport guests at the home, "Babbling Brook," Wednesday evening.

Miss Dorra Ward was unable to attend school last week, because of illness.

The funeral of Mrs. Eleanor T. Caldwell of Nichols, was held from the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. P. Elkins, Rev. A. E. Beebe read the services. Mrs. Caldwell, who was 86 years of age, had been in poor health and when bronchial pneumonia set in she soon succumbed. The deceased is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Elkins, with whom she lived, two granddaughters, one grandson and three great grandchildren. Burial was in Park cemetery, Bridgeport.

Mrs. E. C. Bixby entertained the Christian Endeavor Sewing circle at her home, Tuesday afternoon.

The Priscilla club enjoyed a pleasant afternoon Friday with Mrs. L. D. Christie as hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Moon are receiving congratulations over the birth of a daughter at their home in Bridgeport. Mrs. Moon was Miss Alice Cornell of Long Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutherland, former residents of Long Hill, now living in New Haven, are also rejoicing over the birth of a daughter.

Mrs. Sylvester Brown is entertaining her sister. The regular services at the Congregational church, Rev. Edwin Judson Klock, A. M., pastor, on Sunday, will be as follows: Preaching at 10:45 a. m. Bible school and men's class, 11 a. m. Subject for study in men's class, "A Community Program." Y. P. S. C. E. at 7 p. m., with Miss Ruth Thompson as leader. Evening sermon at 7:30 with special music. Full printed program for every attendant at this service. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Mr. and Mrs. Nestor Wedge of Long Hill entertained in honor of their daughter, Miss Dorothy, from 4:30 to 7 o'clock Monday afternoon. The guests were as follows: Misses Florence Betts, Marjorie Mahoney, Ethel Kellogg, Margaret Morrissette, Mertyle Griffin, Doris Pardington, Ethel and Minnie Cutler, Doris and Jean Mahoney, Phyllis Walker, Maude Dilliston, Viola Sutherland, Margaret Abbott, Alice Kohler, Hazel and Ruth Walters, Dorothy Wedge and Mrs. C. B. Cutler.

The funeral of Mrs. Emeline Nichols of Tashua was held from Christ Episcopal church at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Rev. L. Robert Sheffield officiated. The many handsome floral pieces showed the esteem in which Mrs. Nichols was held. The pall bearers were Howard H. Peck, John T. Treadwell, Arthur Jones, Franklin Mallett, John Patterson and William N. Mallett.

Mrs. Lorenzo Wildman, who has been the guest for a few days of friends in Woodbridge, returned Sun-

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day to her home in Tashua. The family of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Walters are recovering from chicken pox. Among those afflicted are Mrs. Lake and her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Sherman entertained their grandson, Kenneth Sherman, of Monroe, for a few days.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

An appeal for \$225,000 was issued in New York by the American Hospital and Ambulance Society in Russia.

The weekly statement of the Imperial Bank of Germany shows an increase of \$10,000 marks in gold holdings.

Ten more groups under the Derby conscription scheme will be called to colors in Great Britain on March 18.

The Burton Powder Co. is reported to be planning for a \$1,000,000 extension to its plant at Cover's Station, Pa.

Damage of \$45,000 was caused when the barrel factory of Proctor Bros. at Rochester, N. H., was destroyed by fire.

Four million dollars will be expended by the Indianapolis Light & Heat Co. for a new power plant in Indianapolis.

France's total imports during January were \$10,930,000 francs, an increase of 277,592,000 francs over January, 1915.

The copper roof of the famous Rathaus in Vienna will be removed and turned over to the military authorities.

President Menocal of Cuba has appointed a commission to prepare plans for government ownership of Cuban railroads.

Fearing that the prospective withdrawal of British vessels will impede the movement of coffee to American ports, Brazil will use Government owned vessels to move the crop.

Policeman John E. Creedon, aged 39, of the Uica, N. Y., police force, died of wounds received a week ago in a revolver battle with burglars. The burglars have not been caught.

The Prussian railroad bill introduced in the Reichstag, calls for expenditures of \$78,250,000 for the construction of new tracks, the building of branch lines, and the completion of several lines.

Proprietors of the London "By-stander" were fined \$500, the former editor, Vivian Carter, \$250 and Lieu-

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