

RUSSIANS STILL CLAIM VICTORIES

Austro-Germans Lose in Important Battles in Eastern Zone

ENEMY RETREATING

Troops of Francis Joseph Leaving Czerwitich and Fleeing Before Super- ior Force.

Petrograd, March 26—Decisive victory at point where important battles are going were reported in dispatches received here today.

An unofficial report says the Austrians are again evacuating Czerwitich, capital of Bukovina. A semi-official statement from the war office reports the Austro German armies near the Lupkow pass driven from the railway stretching north to Permysl.

Dispatches from two Roumanian frontier towns, relayed here from Bucharest, report the Austrians in flight from Czerwitich by a large Russian force that broke over the Pruh river both east and west of the Bukovina capital.

One Slav army, Bucharest reported was pursuing the fleeing Austrians, while the second was moving in to occupy Czerwitich. The war office however has no confirmation of this report, and officials point out that in the past Bucharest dispatches regarding the Bukovina campaign have not always been reliable.

In the Lupkow pass region a Russian army has paved the way for a new dash into Hungary by seizing a commanding position near the heights dominating the pass itself. A large body of the enemy's troops that threatened Russian railway communications with Permysl has been rolled back in the direction of Ballgrad. The way is thus cleared for the speedy transportation of the Muscovites who besieged permysl to the Lupkow and Uszok regions, where a battle of tremendous importance is now being fought. The Austrian prisoners in the fighting near Lupkow already total more than 7,000.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA

Both Nations Are Said to Be Preparing for Eventualities

Geneva, March 27.—The Austrian government now considers war with Italy: more than probable according to dispatches received here from Vienna. Half a million troops have arrived in the Tyrol and Trieste, where defensive works are being constructed.

An uncensored dispatch to the Tribune from the Austrian border states that Austrian military engineers have blown up with dynamite all the buildings between Sugana Pass, in Trent, and Lake Garda, on the Italian frontier, which would be in the line of artillery fire. The eastern part of the town of Rovereto is reported to have been abandoned and all the buildings torn down.

All persons suspected of pro-Italian sympathies are said to have been sent into the interior to be interned.

The Italian government ordered the seizure yesterday at Luino, near the Swiss frontier, of 29 freight cars containing graphite, sulphur, and other supplies, said to have been destined for the Krupp gun works at Essen, Germany. The Tribune reports that an Italian agent at Luino was arrested on the charge of purchasing materials.

Rome, March 25.—The Italian government is said to have refused a request made by Germany that a mission sent to Erythrea be permitted to continue its journey through that district into Abyssinia. Italy's refusal is reported to have been based upon the belief that the object of the mission was to incite attack by Abyssinian forces in the Sudan.

Erythrea is an Italian protectorate in East Africa, bordering on the Red Sea, opposite Turkish territory in Asia.

NEWS OF THE DAY

After admitting that she had accepted \$40 from the German military authorities to enter the French lines and secure information, Marguerite Schmitt, a French woman, was shot to death as a spy yesterday at Lunville, France.

The Dutch steamship Medea was sunk in the English Channel yesterday by the German submarine P-28, according to an announcement made last night by the official press bureau.

The British admiralty last night announced it has good reason to believe the German submarine U-29 has been sunk with all hands. The U-29 is the German raider credited with sinking many English and neutral ships in the English Channel, North Sea, and Irish Sea.

American submarine F-4, submerged at 9:15 a. m. yesterday, two miles off Honolulu Harbor, had not reappeared at night fall, and grave fears were expressed for its safety. The F-4 carries a crew of twenty-five men.

"There is no doubt of it. I was never so confident of victory as now, I am as confident as Grant was when he took command of the Army of the Potomac. He kept at it and so shall we." This is the outcome of the great European war as seen by Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces in France, and expressed to Frederick Palmer, the famous American war correspondent.

Fire devastated the third and fourth floors of the Adam A. Weschler storage building, a four-story structure at 920 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, Washington, last night. Damage by the flames is placed at from \$10,000 to \$30,000, with a \$20,000 loss from water.

Fifty thousand Serbs have died from cholera during the past few months. The plague is expected to sweep the old world.

Statewide prohibition by constitutional amendment was defeated in the Minnesota House of Representatives yesterday when an attempt to obtain adoption of the minority report of the temperance committee recommending for passage a resolution submitting the issue to the people at the next general election was defeated, 54 yeas and 50 nays being the outcome of the vote.

"The more daylight," movement has struck Germany for economic reasons. On April 1 the hands of every clock in Germany will be advanced an hour. The Germans estimated that by rising an hour earlier and retiring an hour earlier during the six summer months they will save \$5,000,000 worth of petroleum.

James Manceley, a Philadelphia detective, was shot and killed and Harry Tucker, another detective, was mortally wounded last night in a running revolver battle with Jacob B. Miller, whom they had attempted to arrest on a fugitive warrant. Miller, who is wanted at Princeton, N. J., escaped and has not yet been apprehended.

A. L. Thompson and C. D. Bixler, prominent business men of Carlisle, Pa., were killed, and two other men were injured, one probably fatally, in an automobile accident near here last night. The axle of the car broke in rounding a sharp curve and the machine turned turtle, burying three of its occupants beneath it. R. L. Early, one of the injured, is not expected to recover, while the fourth of the party was hurled clear of the wrecked car and escaped with slight injuries.

CHILD CRUSHED TO DEATH

Philadelphia, March 26.—Topping off of a tricycle which he was riding in front of his home, 5 year old Mahlon McIntyre, of East Cumberland St., rolled under the wheels of a dray Wednesday and was crushed to death. He was dead when an automobile in which he was placed reached St. Mary's Hospital. J. A. Detwiler, driver of the wagon, surrendered himself to the police of the Twenty-sixth district. He will be held to await the action of the Coroner.

CAPTORS FEED PERMYSL PEOPLE

Restoring Order in City and Alleviating Suffering.

WILL HOLD ON TO IT

Surrendered by Wireless—Yielding of Besieged Fortress Was by Direct Order of Staff.

Petrograd, March 26.—In the streets of conquered Permysl there are handbill distributors—burly Russian soldiers in long, gray great coats—each with a sheaf of handbills in several languages, which they give away to anyone who will take them. They contain proclamation of the Russian general, as follows:

"Civil inhabitants of Permysl are invited to consider themselves under the protection of the Russian Empire."

The proclamation goes on to advise them at once to recognize that Russia has come, not for a time, but forever.

In public offices Russian officers already are taking hold of the life of the place and are carrying it on so that in civil affairs the surrender of the town from Austrian to Russian hands has been no more than an interruption of a few hours. The inhabitants who remain are almost exclusively Jews. Immediately after the surrender thousands of them poured forth from the town along the northern road and endeavored to make their way forth by a broken bridge and a new trestle bridge which the Russian engineers had just completed.

The Austrian commandant, in the notice to them of the impending surrender, expressed regret that he was forced to hand them over defenseless to Russian mercies. These fleeing inhabitants were reassured and turned back before reaching the Russian lines, and were told to go to their homes, and resume their ordinary life.

Already feeding and relief stations are at work supplying their necessities, and tranquility is entirely restored. The town itself has been very little damaged by the long siege. It lies in a cup-shaped dip among hills, on which forts are placed, and now it is ringed about with columns of smoke, which are still rising from the ruins of the forts, which the Austrians blew up before surrendering, and from the sites of the depots to which they set fire.

The outskirts of the town are converted into a single vast cemetery with the graves of more than 40,000 men who were killed or died during the siege. Nearly every house in the place contains a number of sick or wounded men—more than 20,000 in all—for whom there existed no medicinal comforts or even dressings, while the sanitary conditions had become unspeakable.

MAY BAR JEWS VOTING

Feast of Passover. Conflict With Primaries April 6.

Baltimore, March 27.—A serious problem involving the disfranchisement of probably more than 8,000 voters on next primary day, confronts the city. This is because of the Jewish Feast of the Passover, which begins next Monday at sundown.

The orthodox observance of the feast will not end till nightfall on April 6, primary day, and all orthodox Jewish voters will thus lose their votes. The orthodox element in the city is estimated at 8,000 families at least, and as there is at least one voter on the average of each family the number of votes eliminated will thus apparently range between 8,000 and 10,000.

The reform element of the Jews will not be affected. These who number something like 6,500 voters, will have finished their observance of the Passover feast on Monday, April 5.

HIGH SCHOOL PLAYERS.

Second Annual Appearance Again Draws Packed House.

A packed house at the Westminster Building last night witnessed the second annual appearance of the Alexandria High School players and the performance was a repetition of the plays presented by them last year. The curtain went up promptly at 8:15 on "A Musical Hodgepodge," disclosing a number of prehistoric darkies and whites of Noahton before the Deluge, who first sang a medley of antediluvian songs, including "Tipperary," "Along Came Ruth," "Michigan," and others. The opening chorus was followed by several solos, among the soloists being Miss Mary Nalls, Miss Katherine Billhimer, Mr. Stanley Blanton, Miss Anna Haslett, and lastly a piano solo by Miss Hilda Schneider. This was followed by other choruses and medleys and duets by Master Haslett and Miss Audrey Nalls, who possesses an unusual contralto voice for one so young. The following was the program for this first entertainment which took up forty-five minutes:

Scene—Noahton—Outside of Ark.—Few days before flood—Prehistoric Loafers—Noah's men-servants and maid-servants.

PERSONELLE.

Sopranos—Audrey Gaines, Thelma Ballenger, Hilda Schneider, Mary Nalls, Katherine Billhimer, Marion Greenaway, Caroline West, Lorinne Risheill, Janie Sanders, Nina Fulton, Louise Schwarzman.

Altos—Dorothy Knight, Cora Pullman, Annah Haslett.

Tenors—John Wenzel, Clayton Bowman.

Basses—Irving Billhimer, James Duncan, Fred Schwab.

Mascots—Audrey Nalls, Talbert Haslett.

Pianist—Sally Jean Adams.

Director—S. G. Blanton.

Costumes—Prehistoric costumes worn prior to flood; loaned by some of the first families of Alexandria.

The work of the pianist, Miss Adams, was appreciated by all. She played every piece without the aid of notes.

The second part of the evening's program was the farce comedy in three acts, "Preserving a Smith," a story of events on Noah's Ark, revealing the preservation of the original Smith. The acting was superb, and this, backed up by original scenery, made a big hit with the spectators. Every one of the principal characters, including John Smith, Noah, his wife, three sons, and their wives, was suited for their respective parts and read the lines of each character magnificently. Owing to the illness of Miss Dienelt, who was to play Flossy, wife to Shem, the part was taken by Miss Katherine Billhimer, who, although having only a few days with her lines, acted them in a way that would do credit to a professional, as did also Misses Anderson, Le Hew and Haslett, who played the other three female parts.

The parts of the three sons of Noah were taken by Herbert Byrne, Robert Hancock and Jack Leadbeater, who supplemented their lines by excellent acting, and feeble old Noah himself could not have been represented any better than by Ashby Bladen. Hirst Hayes, who took the leading part in "The Princess," last year was there again, with his wonderful acting in the character of little John Smith and the whole combination, including the subordinate parts, were excellent. The following was the cast:

Act I—Noahton, near entrance to Ark. Time—a few days before the flood.
Act II—Interior of the Ark. Time—Afternoon of 20th day of flood.
Act III—Same.—Evening of same day.

CHARACTERS IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE.

- Workman John Curtin.
 - First Citizen Con Mullins.
 - Second Citizen Elwin Brawner.
 - Third Citizen Clyde Smith.
 - First Loafer Leo Pohl.
 - Second Loafer Gus Pohl.
 - John Smith Hirst Hayes.
 - Messenger, No. 1 Waller Barrett.
 - Messenger, No. 2 Tom Wattles.
 - Messenger, No. 3 Hugh Williams.
 - Ham Noah Herbert Byrne.
 - Jennie, wife to Ham Ruth LeHew.
 - Matilda, wife to Japheth Annah Haslett.
 - Mrs. Noah Lucy Anderson.
 - Adam, a servant Charles Carlin.
 - James, a servant Charles Keegan.
 - Shem Noah Robert Hancock.
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TURKS MASSACRE MANY THOUSANDS

Christians Murdered and American Mission in Danger

ACTION OF AMERICA

Bishops and Ministers Among Victims—Doctor Proves Hero in Stopping Slaughter

Tiflis, March 26—Telegrams and letters from Urumiah, in northwest Persia, describe the situation of the American Presbyterian mission there as desperate. Turkish regular troops and Kurds are persecuting and massacring Assyrian Christians.

Harry P. Packard, the doctor of the missionary station at Urumiah of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, risked his life in a successful effort to prevent a frightful massacre at Geogtapa, where 3,000 Assyrians made their last stand. They had fought for three days and all their ammunition was gone. At this juncture Dr. Packard snatched an American flag and advanced between the lines. His act resulted in the saving of all but 200 of the Assyrians who had been burned in a church.

Fifteen thousand Assyrian Christians have taken refuge under the protection of the American Mission Station, while 2,000 are at the French Mission. A dispatch from Urumiah yesterday declared that 70 Turkish regular troops had entered the mission, hanged the Orthodox bishop, Mar Elia, and four Orthodox clergymen, and beat and insulted a missionary named Allen. Shortly before the 60 refugees had been dragged from the French mission and executed in spite of the tearful pleas of the nuns.

At Gulpashan the Kurds were particularly cruel. This was the last of a total of 103 Assyrian villages to hold out, and it was occupied a month ago. The Kurds ordered all the Assyrian males into the streets, tied them in groups of five, marched them to the graveyard, and killed the mbarbarously girl babies and older women were then executed with great atrocity, while the young women were carried away as slaves.

As a result of the war, 12,000 Assyrians are taking refuge in the Caucasus. Some 17,000 are described as in imminent danger at the Urumiah missions, while 20,000 are dead or missing. Much property has been destroyed. The Assyrians fought their assailants bravely, and as long as they had ammunition they were victorious.

The missionaries are untrusting in efforts to help the people, and they are spending money to this end freely. In Urumiah they are disbursing the equivalent of \$400 daily. Disease is prevalent among the refugees.

OPENING OF SEASON BASE BALL Tomorrow Afternoon Game Called at 3:00 p. m.

For the first time in the History of Alexandria Clark Griffith Manager of the famous Washington Nationals Presents His all star aggregation of young players, cap- tained by the renowned "Nick" Altrock versus ALEXANDRIA'S CHAMPIONS "THE CARDINALS" North Alfred St. Grounds

LOCAL BREVITIES

A vacuum cleaner plant is to be installed in the Alexandria post office and custom house. Bids will be opened in the office of the Supervising Architect's office, Washington, on April 19th, for the installation of the plant.

William Henderson, colored, was sent to jail for 60 days today for stealing a sack of mackerel from the store of H. Kirk and Sons, yesterday afternoon.

The funeral of Miss Eliza Jones, 28 years old, who died Wednesday afternoon, will take place from the family home, 923 Oronoco street, tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The services will be conducted by the Rev. W. F. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

You will not cry "High Cost of Living" if you are one of the hundreds of Alexandria housewives who buy their groceries from Howard Bros. An investigation of their prices will prove that there is a big saving of money if you buy from their store. Read their advertisement in the Gazette every Friday.

J. M. Darden has sold to L. C. Vaughan and W. H. Cook the property at the southwest corner of Wilkes and Patrick streets; also the property on the west side of Patrick street, south of Wolfe, to H. W. Stevenson.

NEW LOVE CULT.

Eleven Persons Arrested as Result of the Death of young Woman

Alliance, Ohio, March 26.—As a result of the death here yesterday of Miss Amy Tanner, 23 years old, B. A. George head of the "New Love" cult, was taken into custody, and ten other persons, five of them women, were detained as witnesses pending an examination.

The coroner gave an unofficial verdict that Miss Tanner's death was due to a powerful drug.

"The voice of God is the director of the affairs of the kingdom of Love," declared George in an interview given in jail today.

"We do not believe in free love," he said. "We do believe, though, that each man has one real wife, and we recognize that this wife, is not always the woman to whom he may have been married under the laws of man. That such a state should exist is unfortunate, but God is above the law, and the appointed in the Lord is man's spirit wife and his only real wife."

George acknowledged being the high priest of the cult. "I am the church," he said. "Its teachings come to me from God through his voice."

According to the police George has compelled a money consideration in all of his spirit love alliances. Miss Tanner is said by the police to have given him all her savings.

PREVENTED SURRENDER

German Officer Said to Have Halted Plan of Turks

Paris, March 26.—That Gen. von Sanders, a German army officer, attached to the Turkish army, prevented the surrender of the Dardanelles forts to the Anglo-French fleet, was a sensational piece of information received by the Echo today from its Bucharest correspondent.

According to this dispatch the cabinet held a stormy meeting in which the majority of the members were in favor of entering into negotiations with Vice Admiral Sackville Hamilton Carden, then commander of the international fleet.

Hearing of the government's intention, the German officer with a handful of soldiers, broke into the council chamber where he threatened to arrest any persons who dared to talk surrender.

"I will shoot the first man who enters into negotiations with the allies, be a private citizen or a member of the government," thundered Gen. von Sanders.
It is believed in Bucharest that, if the fleet gets as far as the Sea of Marmora, the Turks will capitulate.

INVESTIGATING VICE CONDITIONS

Mayor and Other Richmond Officials Summoned as Witnesses

MAY CALL THE CLERGY

Examination of Charges and Other Procedures Will Be Open to the Public Except to Boys.

Richmond, March 24.—In accordance with instructions given by the joint committee of the City Council sitting as a court of inquiry to make the charges of the Vice Commission Wednesday night, summonses were served yesterday by Sergeant of Arms George C. Ruskell on every member of the commission in the city and on Mayor George Ainslie. They are called on to appear before the investigating committee at the meeting to be held Tuesday night at 8 o'clock in the Circuit Court chamber, City Hall. According to instructions, Alfred McDowell clerk of the Council committee, served formal notice on each member of the Board of Police Commissioners that the official inquiry into the conduct of the officials of the entire Police Department will begin with the Tuesday night meeting. A batch of the notices was given to the police captain of each district, who signed a receipt for the notices, accepting service of them for the men of his district. Another batch was left at police headquarters for chief of Police Werner and the others operating from that central station of the department.

In the formal notice the members of the Police Department are advised that the reports received from the Mayor have been filed with the investigating committee, and open to the inspection of any member of the department who desired to examine them.

The first witness to be called at the meeting next Tuesday, it is understood, is Mayor Ainslie. Following the Mayor, the members of the Vice Commission will be examined. The sitting of the investigation will be open to the public, from beginning to end, access to the hearing of testimony being denied only to persons under the age of twenty-one years.

WILL OF E. F. ANDREWS.

By the terms of the will of E. F. Andrews, former official of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, in Washington, his jewelry, books, household effects, pictures and personal belongings are given to his wife, who also is to have \$1,500. The remaining estate is left in trust to the American Security and Trust Company and R. Rozier Dulaney, one-third for the benefit of Mrs. Andrews and the other two-thirds for the son, E. F. Andrews, Jr., and the daughter, Miss L. Andrews. When the son becomes twenty-one years old, he is to have an annuity of \$2,000 until he is twenty-five, when he is to be entitled to his share. A similar provision is made as to the share of the daughter, except that she is not to have her share until forty years old. Mrs. Andrews is to be allowed free use of the house in Washington and the summer residence in Virginia.

IN MEMORIAM

In sad remembrance of my beloved son, HARRY HUDSON, who died three years ago today, March 24, 1912.

Loving Mother

FOR RENT—\$13, including water, gas and electricity. Attractive second floor apartment located at Berkeley Apartments. Bath, kitchen, rooms, bath, pantry, and modern improvements. Apply to L. S. Graves, 635 south Fairfax street, Alexandria.

FOR RENT—Six room brick house with all improvements, 309 north Washington street, and six room brick house, 311 Queen street. Apply to James Roche, 707 King street, Alexandria.