

# CONSTANTINOPLE MAY SOON BE WITHIN RANGE OF ALLIES' GUNS; SULTAN TO FLEE TO ASIA MINOR AS SHIPS ENTER DARDANELLES

## FREES SEVERTSON FROM CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY

### BANGS ADMITS HE ACTED IN GOOD FAITH

ATTORNEY GENERAL LINDE TELLS OF ROTTEN CONDITION OF YOUNG'S BANK

BEARING IS NOW CONCLUDED

Legislative Committee Has Taken the Case Under Advice.

Tracy Bangs, attorney for Grant Youngs in the matter of the legislative committee's investigation into the charges made by Youngs against the state bank examiner's office in the book "Legalized Bank Robbery," has admitted that State Bank Examiner Severtson was in no conspiracy directed against the Minot banker and thus the charges contained in the Minot man's book fall flat.

The principal charge in the book "Legalized Bank Robbery" is to be directed against the bank examiner was that he, Severtson, was in a conspiracy against Youngs. Bangs cleared Mr. Severtson of any such charge yesterday.

In speaking along this line, Mr. Bangs said in part: "Now I am not charging that Mr. Severtson was in a conspiracy with these other men. No, I am not. I think that he was innocently used. He fell in with a class of high financiers that were all together too cunning for him; these men up there at Minot, in the remnants of Imperial Ward, had had experience that sharpened their wits so that they could use Severtson without going into a conspiracy with him, but so far as his conduct is concerned, why it is just the same with respect to Mr. Youngs."

Linde Shows 'Em Up. Attorney General Linde brought out some interesting points in his argument yesterday. He said that there was \$25,500 in worthless paper in the bank when it was closed up and \$23,000 worth of long time paper, undesirable and not liquid assets. He said that Youngs when ordered to take out some of his worthless paper by former Bank Examiner Knutson, put in more worthless paper than he was ordered to take out.

Hearing Concluded. The hearing was concluded yesterday and the committee has taken the case under advisement.

Minot, N. D., Feb. 27.—The following who were selected by the nominating committee of the association yesterday afternoon were elected as officers of the North Dakota State Dairyman's association for the ensuing year at a business meeting this afternoon in the armory: President—C. E. Matcheller, Fingal, N. D. Vice President—John Christiansen, New Salem. Secretary—Peter Miller, Bismarck. Treasurer—William Stege, Medina. Directors—E. S. Person, Minot; J. R. Keithley, Fargo; P. S. Hagen, Devils Lake.

## SENATE PASSES SINGLE TAX

Constitutional Amendment Receives its First Ratification.

The North Dakota legislature has put its approval upon a single tax amendment to the constitution of the state. Its first ratification took place yesterday when the senate without opposition passed the concurrent resolution submitting to the people the general proposition of a single tax.

This resolution amends the constitution by giving the legislature the power to exempt buildings and improvements on land from taxation. The action is not mandatory, but in event another legislature ratifies the amendment and the people adopt it, the way is paved for single tax legislation.

Several bills have been killed in the senate committee on taxes and tax laws which had for their object the lowering of the tax rate on farm buildings. One bill specified a levy of not more than one mill and others went only as far as four mills.

The senate committee on taxes yesterday amended the house money and credits tax measure by reducing the rate from three to two mills. This bill which caused considerable discussion in the house has been amended to make it more practical than in the shape it came from the house.

The senate again yesterday deferred action on the capital punishment bill and Staale Hendrickson's bill for unanimous decisions. A mass of deficiency appropriation bills passed the senate without opposition.

The senate also concurred in house bill No. 455 which repeals the present law providing for immigration work in the department of agriculture and labor. If the house fails to pass the senate bill, creating a state immigration board, the state will be without any provision for carrying on this work.

It seems likely that the house will pass the senate bill. Major J. S. Murphy, immigration agent of the Soo, has collected a strong array of figures on the value of immigration and has placed them in the hands of every member. Mr. Murphy has been doing some good constructive work in getting the advantages of immigration before the members of this legislature. We quote some startling figures: When a new farmer comes to the state, he becomes a customer of the business men of the state. When he sells grain, he pays a commission; when he buys anything he pays a commission. When he deposits his money, the bank makes a profit; when he borrows money, a profit is made. Every transaction he makes gives someone a profit; most transactions give two or more profits, for there are a lot of retailers and jobbers in the state. All farmers were formerly emigrants—the question is, what is the average farmer worth to the balance of the state. From the census we learn that there were 74,360 farms in the state in 1910—we assume that many farmers. The census also shows that those farms produced in 1909 the following crops: Grains, grasses, vegetables, etc. \$180,635,520 Dairy products 4,872,204 Wool 381,722 Eggs 3,045,687 Poultry raised 1,530,402 Livestock sold and slaughtered 14,456,748 74,360 farmers therefore produced \$204,922,383 That means that the average farmer produced \$2,754 worth of crops in 1909. Substantially all of that money was expended, invested or deposited in the state—most of it spent for articles sold by other residents of the state. Assume that the average farmer spent \$2,700.00—that the average total commission received by other residents of the state was 20 per cent—that means that the average farmer paid other residents of the state \$600 a year. If he pays that in the average year, and his children pay a like amount after he is dead and gone, it means that he is quite an asset. If we figure the rate of commission 25 per cent, it means (Continued on Page Six.)

## SIX MEN IN JAIL IN OLIVER MURDER



A. D. Oliver. Six men are under arrest, charged with complicity in the murder last week of A. D. Oliver, a banker of Leasburg, Ga. In the course of his career Oliver gained an almost nation wide notoriety as a financier, man of mystery and breaker of hearts.

## MUGGETT'S BILL AMENDED

So That Author Himself Would Not Know It; Suits Nearly Everyone.

The famous Mudgett county seat bill has finally been patched up into such shape that it suits everyone but Representative Dixon of Rolette and in its amended form has been recommended by the committee of the whole to be passed by the house. The bill came before the committee of the whole yesterday afternoon, being referred for further amendment on motion of Representative Robertson of Rolette.

Keeps Burleigh Clear. General Williams of Burleigh county proposed the first additional amendment to the bill, which is calculated to keep county seat scraps out of Burleigh county and other counties situated along the Missouri river. The Williams amendment provides that this act shall not affect county seats located near or bordering on the Missouri river. This amendment was adopted.

For Benefit of Beach. Representative McClellan proposed the next amendment, which fixes the bill so that it will not affect county seats within four miles of the state boundary line. This keeps Beach safe from an immediate county seat fight. This amendment was also adopted.

Robertson's Amendment. Representative Robertson of Rolette offered the next amendment which is intended to precipitate his county into a fight over the location of the seat of government and this amendment, also, was adopted. The Robertson amendment provides that county seats a distance of three miles, 4,000 feet from the county boundary shall not be affected by this act. Rolette, the present county seat of Rolette, is less than this distance from the boundary line and thus the Rolette matter will probably be fought out if the bill is passed.

Mr. Dixon of Rolette suggested that the Robertson amendment be further amended so as to provide that the measurements must be taken at a temperature of 70 degrees, Fahrenheit, but this motion was ruled out of order as being frivolous. Mr. Dixon stated that this bill had become a huge joke with its long list of amendments and suggested that the legislative assembly was reaching the limit of days allowed for it to be in session and that more serious and important legislation could be taken up at this time.

A. V. A. Peterson of Nelson announced that he would accept all of the amendments for his county and then moved that the bill be recommended for passage, which motion prevailed.

Other Bills Up. The committee of the whole also recommended the following bills for passage: S. B. 306, sub-committee of the senate, relating to board of experts. S. B. 264, Nelson of Rolette, relating to (Continued on Page Six.)

## NEW PHASE OF WAR IS ENTERED

LONDON REPORTS EXCEEDINGLY OPTIMISTIC WHILE RUSSIANS DECLARE CERTAIN VICTORIES.

## ALL SHIPPING IS HALTED

Allies Place Embargo on Trade to Germany, Austria and Turkey.

London, Feb. 27.—With Russian successes in the region of Przasnysz, north of Poland and Kolomoa, and east Galicia, and successful progress of operations of the allied fleet in the Dardanelles, and the decision of the allied governments to stop all shipping to and from Germany, Austria and Turkey, it is believed that a new phase of the war is about to be entered on.

While success is reported by Petrograd covers only a small portion of a long front of north Poland, the Germans are able to record counter-successes near Kollo, and general impression among military men here is that not only Germany, but the north is exhausted, but that the tide is turning in favor of the Russians, who, with railways at their back, have been able to bring up reinforcements easier than the invaders.

French Continue Offensive. The only activities of importance in the western front are in the Champagne district, where the French continue the offensive, and where fighting according to Berlin has been spirited.

Demand that Work be Resumed. The British government's peremptory demand that work be resumed in trades where work is being done for the army and navy seems to have had a salutary effect in connection with recent strikes. Officials of unions advised the men to return to work immediately. Liverpool dockers and other workmen already have followed the suggestion.

Boats Are Sunk. Lloyd's correspondent at La Concepcion, Chile, sends the following: "Steamer Skerries reports British bark Kidalmon and French bark Jean, sunk by German converted cruiser, Prinz Eitel Frederick, in December. Crews at Easter Island refused to be taken off."

Hold Up Trade. Great Britain, France and Russia advised neutral countries that they would hold themselves at liberty to stop all shipping to and from Germany, and countries of her allies. Public announcement of this action will be made early next week.

Text of Declaration. Text of the declaration set forth that the decision is necessary because of German submarine attacks on England and France respect lives of crews and passengers in any steps taken.

The declaration did not reply to the American representation looking to cessation of Germany's submarine activity and admission of food to Germany for civilians.

Admiral Is Removed. Admiral von Pohl, chief admiral of staff, selected successor of Admiral von Ingenohl, whose removal from command of the German battle fleet was announced yesterday. No reason is known for the change.

No Confirmation. Washington, Feb. 27.—Confirmation is lacking here tonight in London that neutral governments had been notified by Great Britain and her allies, that a general blockade of German ports would be declared next week. A press dispatch to that effect aroused wide interest in official diplomatic circles.

Authorities on international law agree that a belligerent has a right to "blockade the enemy's ports with competent force," and neutrals are bound to respect it.

AT EXPOSITION. Mrs. N. J. Call and sons, Grant and Harry Call were guests at the North Dakota building at the Panama-Pacific exposition at Francisco, Feb. 26, and registered from this city. Mrs. Call and sons are making a tour of the Southern California cities and left here today for Los Angeles. They were the dinner guests of Miss Sampson, of Dickinson, at the Inside Inn.

## OUTER FORTS ARE SILENCED AND CRUISERS PASS THROUGH STRAITS ON WAY TO OTTOMAN CAPITAL

### BISMARCK WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Southwestern Title Easily Won By Crack High School Basket Shooters.

### BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL TEAM

Tournament Scores.

Bismarck 27 Dickinson 16 Beach 25 Mott 14 Bismarck 73 Mott 16 Dickinson 44 Beach 16

### Final Standings of Teams.

(1) Bismarck. (2) Dickinson. (3) Beach. (4) Mott.

### Bismarck's Clean Slate.

Bismarck 60 Mandan 14 Bismarck 57 Jamestown 11 Bismarck 55 Valley City 2 Bismarck 29 Minot 10 Bismarck 29 Dickinson 15 Bismarck 55 Minot 22 Bismarck 29 Jamestown 12 Bismarck 39 Valley City 8 Bismarck 32 Dickinson 15 Total: Bismarck, 395; Opponents, 109.

### District Champions

Bismarck Southwest Park River Northeast Minot Northwest Tower City Southeast

### Final Scores in Each District.

Bismarck 27 Dickinson 16 Tower City 17 Fargo 15 Park River 19 Grand Forks 15 Minot 21 Bottineau 11

### Statements by Officials.

I was very much impressed with the clean break of basketball that the competing teams put up. The tournament was free from all unpleasantness.

The Bismarck management deserves great credit for the manner in which they handled the tournament. JOHN H. MOORE, Referee.

Bismarck won on its merits. Every team entered in the tournament gave the best it had to offer and the clean and aggressive play reflects credit on the individual players. The deciding game was fast from start to finish. C. C. PLANK, Umpire.

Bismarck's representative high school basketball team last night won the 1914-15 championship of the southwestern district by defeating Dickinson High by a score of 27 to 16 in the final and deciding game of the two days' tournament, which held the boards at Aracy hall Friday and Saturday nights. When Referee Moore sounded the final whistle that brought play to a close, the voices of 500 rooters united in acclaiming Bismarck's champions as the strongest high school aggregation that has ever won the title.

In order to win in the struggle for supremacy in North Dakota, Bismarck must now defeat Tower City, Park River, and Minot, winners in their respective districts.

A Remarkable Record. Bismarck's 1914-15 record is little short of remarkable, going through the season's schedule without defeat. They registered a total of 237 points while the opposite was counting but 169 and in one instance held the opposing team to two points in 40 minutes of play. In the tournament games they demonstrated their superiority over the other three entries in no uncertain way, and it is believed that the state title will come to Bismarck in 1915 if the boys retain the same spirit of aggressiveness and teamwork that has characterized their play throughout the season.

ALLIES' SQUADRON IS PLACED AT FORTY SHIPS OF THE LATEST TYPE; TURKS CONSIDERING MOVING SEAT OF GOVERNMENT INTO ASIA MINOR OPPOSITE THE PORTE; FINAL CONQUEST OF "SICK MAN'S" HOME MAY BE STARTED BY THIS TIME.

## RESIDENTS IN TURKISH CITY ARE FRANTIC

### ALLIED SHIPS HAVE ENTERED DARDANELLES

London, Feb. 28 (Sunday)—There is a panic in Constantinople. Many inhabitants are leaving, says an Athens Dispatch and internal dissonance is imminent. Cabinet decided to transfer the seat of government to Broussa, in Asia Minor. Twenty allied ships have entered the Dardanelles.

London, Feb. 27.—After having completed the destruction of the forts at the entrance of the Dardanelles, the allied fleet of the British and French warships, the greatest which has ever been in action is now attacking the most inner forts, which heretofore have stood between Turkey and the invasion by sea.

Apparently outer forts will not withstand the great bombardment, and when they had been levelled and deserted by defenders, men landed from the ships to complete work of demolition, while mine sweepers cleared the passage for ships in the Straits.

More serious work is now ahead, for all important fortifications are at Kilit Bahrso Chanakli which guard the narrowest part of straits which the fleet is approaching. No doubt, the allied commanders were instructed to make their way to Constantinople and despite all obstacles, have been combated with the best means for carrying out orders.

Not Available. A complete list of ships engaged is not available, but reports from Athens and other points say twenty large vessels are participating and a report issued tonight by the British admiralty, covering activity up to Friday night, mentions ten of these. Previous reports mentioned others not engaged Thursday and Friday, the period covered by the admiralty report.

Latest Superdreadnoughts. At the head of the fleet is Queen Elizabeth, one of England's latest superdreadnoughts, which was commissioned since the war began and which mounts eight and fifteen inch guns. The Queen Elizabeth took part in the bombardment, so for the first time these monster weapons were used "with great accuracy."

Enter Dardanelles. Twenty warships of the allied fleet entered the Dardanelles at noon Saturday and bombarded the inner forts, according to an Athens dispatch, which adds that the battleships bombarded the Turkish camp on the Gulf of Saros.

"Accuracy" and other ships are included in the British battleship agamemnon, which were struck by a Turkish shell, killing three and wounding five. Part Dardanos, which ships attacked Friday, after entrance to straits swept of mines, is not far from the narrows, where probable a big and more important attack, having for its direct object conquest of Constantinople, has begun by this time.

Ready to Flee. Reports from the neutral Balkan states say residents of the island in the Sea of Marmora, were ordered to evacuate homes and the imperial train is waiting at Constantinople, with steam up, to take the Sultan to Asia Minor.

The war office says that after the outer forts were subjected to seven hours' fire Wednesday, "we only had five killed and fourteen wounded." It adds: "The enemy's fleet resumed bombardment today but this afternoon retreated from the range of our batteries at Sedd-el-Bahr.

"Some hundreds of soldiers who landed from French cruisers on the coast of Akabah (Arabia) were compelled to flee to ships with heavy losses after a two hours' battle. Despite severity of cannon and machine-gun fire, we only had three killed and three wounded."

Unofficial advice says the allied fleet numbers forty warships. Washington, Feb. 27.—Advices to Washington the government say the Ottoman officials are considering removing seat of government to Scutaria, opposite Constantinople, on Asia side of the Straits of Bosphorus.

## FRENCH HOLD UP DACIA

Steamer Stopped in Channel and Taken to Brest for Disposition.

Paris, Feb. 27.—A French cruiser arrested the American steamer Dacia in the channel, and has taken her to Brest, it was officially announced.

Washington, Feb. 27.—No official word reached the state department regarding the seizure of the American steamer Dacia, but it is known that no protest of this government will follow until the French prize court passes on the ship's status.

The Dacia left Galveston for Rotterdam, Jan. 31, with 11,000 bales of cotton to be transhipped to Bremen. It was fully expected that the ship would be seized on the way to Rotterdam, as Great Britain questioned the validity of the recent transfer of the Dacia from German to American registry. The Dacia touched at Norfolk, Feb. 11, and then proceeded on its way.

## DARNELL INDICTED FOR WHITE SLAVERY

Chicago, Feb. 27.—Rev. James Darnell, indicted today in Milwaukee on the charge of violating the Mann white slave act, will be given a hearing before the United States commissioner Monday, and then taken to Milwaukee.

Darnell came into public attention early in January when he resigned the pastorate at Kenosha, Wis., and came here. In Kenosha he had been regarded a husband of Ruth Soper Darnell, father of her child. His resignation was prompted by disclosure to the congregation that he had a Chicago wife, Doris Vaughn Darnell. Another young woman, Ethel Eppurton, Avon, Ill., has been regarded as a wife of Darnell. Darnell is held in jail in default bond.

THE WEATHER. Generally fair Sunday and Monday.