

FLEETS BATTERING WAY UP DARDANELLES TOWARD CITY OF CONSTANTINOPLE

SHIPS ARE DAMAGED BY FIERCE FIRE

MORE FORTS SILENCED IN BOMBARDMENT BY THE ALLIED SQUADRON BUT AT A TERRIBLE SACRIFICE TO DREADNOUGHTS.

GERMAN GUNS ARE EFFECTIVE

French Armored Cruiser Put Out of Action; It's a Long Way to Constantinople.

London, March 8.—British and French fleets battered their way a step nearer to Constantinople with ships damaged. More Turkish forts on the Asiatic side have been silenced, according to the British admiralty, but the Turks are making a terrific resistance. Shells from the German-made guns found marks on besieging craft. The struggle for the gateway of the Ottoman capital is a big feature of war news, and closely linked is the sustained excitement in Greece, incident to the resignation of the cabinet of Venizelos.

Bombarding Black Sea Ports.

On behalf of the Russian naval general staff, the official press bureau announces: "On Sunday our fleet bombarded three ports on the Black Sea, destroying all structures and plants for shipment of coal. The bombardment was followed by a terrific explosion and fire. Four batteries were silenced and eight steamers were destroyed. Our casualties were three men wounded."

Ports Silenced.

It was officially announced tonight that Turkish battery at Dardanelles and forts of Rumili Medjidieh Tabia and Hamidieh-Tabia in Dardanelles had been silenced by shells from the allied fleet. The British battleship Queen Elizabeth was hit by shells from Turkish forts and damaged.

Put Cruiser Out of Action.

A Constantinian dispatch to Amsterdam says: "British ships, Majestic and Irresistible, reinforced the enemy fleet. Fire of our batteries put the French armored cruiser out of action and damaged the British cruiser. Owing to bombardment hostile ships retreated and caused fire. Our batteries were not damaged."

A Home Dispatch Says.

A Bucharest correspondent telegraphs that the Turkish army is short of rifle and artillery ammunition and says this fact explains the feeble resistance of the Turkish forts. The Turkish army in Europe, the message adds, is well equipped, but lacks food and ammunition. Orders have been given to economize in use of ammunition, since Rumania refuses to allow Austrian consignments to pass through to Turkey.

Greece Cabinet Resigns.

An Athens dispatch says Zalmis has declined to form a cabinet to succeed Venizelos, which resigned Saturday. King Constantine is to summon Gounaris deputy for Patras, for this task.

No Honors to Crews.

The admiralty announces it is not justified in extending honors to captured crews of German submarines boards owing to their methods, and that it is intended to segregate them under special restrictions, pending their possible conviction at the conclusion of peace. The admiralty states this ruling applies to twenty-nine officers and men of German submarine U-Eight which sunk recently off Dover.

The policy to be adopted toward the crews of German submarines answers the demand of Admiral Beresford and others that such men be tried for murder and it is indicated that the government has this in mind.

The admiralty announces that British collier, Bengrave, was sunk Sunday, probably by a torpedo, off Liffcombe, which lies ten miles northwest of Barnstaple, England.

The Telegraf's Trelmont, Belgium, correspondent, in a dispatch, confirms the report of destruction there last Thursday of Zeppelin L-8, which was forced to make a hurried descent owing to derangement of motors. It says the airship collided with trees and smashed its cars, and seventeen of a crew of forty were killed.

Another Air Raid.

The admiralty tonight announced: "Wing Commander Louzmore reports an air attack on Ostend was carried out yesterday afternoon by six aeroplanes."

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SUPREME COURT EXTENDS INJUNCTION

Washington, March 8.—The supreme court extended its injunction granted last week in New York in the alien labor law cases so as to require the public service commission to approve vouchers of subway contractors employing aliens during litigation over constitutionality of law before court.

ENGLAND TO HOLD CARGO

All Cotton Consigned to Belligerents Will Be Stopped in Transit.

Washington, March 8.—Formal notice of the treatment to be accorded American cotton by England and her allies in the execution of their declared intention to stop all commerce to and from the enemy's countries was given today in a statement issued by the British embassy. All cargoes consigned directly to ports of the enemy will be stopped. It is said, and shipments to neutral countries will be allowed passage if contracts of sale were made before March 2; if stopped they are to be bought at contract price.

BUDGET IN EFFECT JULY 1

Tax Commission Appropriation Remains Intact Until That Time.

There will be no change in the tax commission appropriation until July 1, and before that time the proposition will be tested out in the courts. Most of the budget items do not become effective until July 1, when the new fiscal year of the state begins.

There is no intimation that any law will be referred to the people through the referendum clause of the constitution. However, the governor's veto is not effective against preventing any law being referred for the approval or disapproval of the people.

In this way 10 per cent of the people can override the governor's veto and remain a bill back to a vote of the people within the 90-day period.

Governor Hanna was busy signing measures yesterday. The most important act to which he affixed his signature was the Ellingson bonding law. This creates a state bonding department in the insurance commissioner's office, but the law is not effective until 1916. It permits the state to bond county, city, village and township officials and also school officers.

The following bills were signed: Senate bills 149, 214, 275, 236, 306, 308, 317, 180, 252, 208, 78 and 186.

PLEAD GUILTY TO CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Carl Ruroede and Four German Reservists Throw Themselves at Mercy of the Court.

New York, March 8.—Carl Ruroede, a German-American, and four German reservists, who were brought to trial in the federal court here on indictments charging them with conspiring against the United States to obtain false American passports, unexpectedly withdrew their previous pleas of not guilty and threw themselves on the mercy of the court. All five pleaded guilty. Ruroede was accused of operating a bureau for the issuance of false passports and was sentenced to serve three years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. The others are a reserve lieutenant of the German army, were fined \$200 each. The sixth man indicted, another fugitive from justice, has been apprehended in Scotland.

RED CROSS FOR NURSES.

Berlin, Mar. 8.—Thirty-eight women, according to the Neue Politische Korrespondenz, have been decorated with the Iron Cross, second class, up to the present time. Practically all of the feminine recipients of the coveted honor are nurses who have distinguished themselves for bravery at the front.

COMMISSION PASSES GAS FRANCHISE

PLOYHAR HAS TEN DAYS TO ACCEPT PROPOSITION AS AMENDED BY THE CITY FATHERS LAST EVENING.

MUST BE A REAL PLANT

City Also Reserves the Right to Purchase Same Within Period of Twelve and a Half Years.

By an unanimous vote last evening the city commission voted to grant Frank Ployhar a gas franchise with certain vital amendments over the original franchise as drawn and submitted by the Valley City man.

The members of the committee sought to safeguard the rights of the city by specifying the kind of plant. As originally drawn, the franchise was very defective. The amendments presented last evening, however, accepted by Mr. Ployhar, will give the city an adequate plant and insure service and quality of gas.

Must Furnish Bond.

Mr. Ployhar is required to put up a bond of \$2,500 as an evidence of good faith and not later than November 1, 1916, have laid and completed and ready for connection with service.

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HERE'S THE MAN WHO TRAPPED ANARCHISTS



Amedeo Polignani.

Amedeo Polignani is the detective who lived for three months with New York anarchists in order to foil their plans for blowing up St. Patrick's Cathedral and the homes of wealthy New Yorkers. Polignani is an Italian with a very pretty Irish-American wife, who thinks he should be promoted for his splendid work.

THE WEATHER.
Tri-State—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday.

RED TRAIL BOOSTERS ARE ACTIVE

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING IS HELD AT COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS IN BISMARCK YESTERDAY.

BIG BOOST FOR THIS STATE

Thousands of Tourists Will Be Brought to North Dakota by Movement Under Way.

The movement to make the Red Trail, from New York to Seattle, the most inviting of any trans-continental highway for automobile tourists who are expected to make their appearance in large numbers this year en route to and from the Panama-Pacific exposition at San Francisco, occasioned an enthusiastic meeting of the executive committee of the National Parks Highway association at the Commercial club rooms in this city yesterday. The National Parks Highway association is an auxiliary to the National Highway association of Washington, D. C. Articles of incorporation will be filed at Dickinson under the laws of the State of North Dakota in a few days, and the activities of the association will be felt all along the path of the Red Trail. The officers are Fred W. Turner of Dickinson.

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SUPREME COURT ANNULS THE LIGNITE COAL RATES AFTER LONG LITIGATION

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION TO BE ESTABLISHED

Chatham, Mass., March 8.—Direct wireless communication between the United States and the neutral nations of Europe will soon be possible for the first time since the war began, through stations virtually completed on Cape Cod and in Norway. It is established by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America. An early act of the war was the cutting of direct cable communication between Germany and America. Via wireless at Sayville, L. I., the war news was brought here direct from Germany.

CAN'T THROW BURDEN ON OTHER RATES

STATE UNABLE TO REQUIRE RAILROAD TO CARRY COMMODITY AT A LOSS, SAYS JUSTICE HUGHES.

IS SECOND DECISION IN CASE

Theory of Deriving Cost of Carrying Commodity Erroneous According to Federal Tribunal.

North Dakota's distance rates on lignite coal were annulled yesterday by the United States supreme court. After confirming the state supreme court once, the federal court on second review sustains the contentions of the railroads. An Associated Press dispatch follows: The supreme court yesterday laid down the principle that it is beyond the power of states to require railroads to carry one commodity or class of traffic at a loss or only at a nominal profit even though an adequate profit is obtained from its business as a whole within the state.

Rates Are Annulled.

Under this principle the court annulled the North Dakota lignite coal rate law as to the Northern Pacific and Soo railroads. In arriving at its general conclusion the court held that when the state selects one commodity or class of traffic for regulation, it must apportion to it a proper part of all general expenses and then allow substantial compensation.

Can't Shift Cost Burden.

"The state cannot estimate the cost of carrying coal," said Justice Hughes "in the North Dakota case by throwing expense incident to maintenance of roadbed and general expenses upon the carriage of wheat or cost of carrying wheat by throwing burden of upkeep of property upon coal and other commodities." The supreme court of North Dakota had held the rates valid because roads had not shown there was a loss on their entire state business. That is reversed by the superior court. All but Justice Pitney concurred. In concluding and summarizing, Justice Hughes said:

"It is presumed—but presumption is a rebuttable one—that rates which a state fixes for interstate traffic are reasonable and just. When the question is as to profitability of interstate business as a whole under the general scheme of rates, the carrier must satisfactorily prove the fair value of property employed in its interstate business and show that it had been denied a fair return upon that value."

Respect to Particular Rates.

"With respect to particular rates, it is recognized that there is a wide field of legislative discretion permitting variety in classification, hence the mere details of what appears to be a reasonable scheme of rates, or tariff or schedule affording a substantial compensation, are not subject to judicial review. But this is a legislative power and cannot be regarded as being without limit."

Protects A Carrier.

"The constitutional guaranty protects a carrier from arbitrary action and from appropriation of its property to public purposes outside of undertaking assumed and where it is established that commodity, or class of tariff have been segregated and imposed which would compel carrier to transport it for less than proper cost of transportation and virtually at cost. Thus a carrier would be denied a reasonable reward for its service after taking into account the entire traffic to which the rate applies and it must be concluded that the state has exceeded its authority."

Appropriation of Property.

"While local interests serve as motive for enforcing reasonable rates, it is a very different matter to say a state may compel a carrier to maintain a rate less than reasonable to build up a local enterprise. That would be to go outside of a carrier's undertaking and be equivalent to the appropriation of its property to public uses upon terms to which the carrier had in no way agreed. It does not aid the argument to urge the state may permit the carrier to make good its loss by charges for other transportation. If other rates are exorbitant they may be reduced."

The Court Left Undetermined.

The court left undetermined the exact elements to be considered in fixing rates.

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Strong Note to Carranza Followed Up by Cruisers

ANOTHER THAW TRIAL STARTS IN GOTTHAM

New York, March 8.—In the same room he twice faced a jury for the murder of Stanford White, Harry Thaw went on trial for conspiring to escape from the state hospital for the criminal insane at Mattawan. With him, as co-defendants, were five men, who the state charges were parties to the alleged conspiracy. The entire day was taken in completing the jury. The taking of the testimony begins tomorrow morning. It is evident the trial will be another attempt by Thaw to gain his freedom. His attorneys intimated they will offer evidence designed to prove Thaw was sane when he escaped from the asylum; and thus the defendant was illegally detained at the time of his flight.

SITUATION NOW ACUTE AND INTERVENTION TO PRE-SERVE ORDER MAY SOON BE NECESSARY.

Washington, March 8.—After a conference tonight between Secretary Daniels and the president, it was learned that two or more battleships will be ordered from Guantanamo to Vera Cruz, probably tomorrow. Carranza has been informed in a note from the United States government that unless there is an improvement in conditions with respect to foreigners and their interests in Mexican territory controlled by him, such steps as are necessary will be taken by the American government to obtain the desired protection. The note is the strongest and most emphatic document ever sent by the government.

MRS. DARROW SPEAKS TO SUFFRAGE ASS'N

Indianapolis, Ind., Mar. 8.—The business session of the Third Annual Mississippi Valley Suffrage conference opened here. Among the speakers were Mrs. Clarence Darrow, North Dakota and Mrs. John Pyle, South Dakota.

GOVERNMENT TO CONTROL SHIPPING.

Panama, Mar. 8.—In furtherance of the plan of the United States to control all shipping into the terminal ports and through the Canal, one of the old pilots of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company at Colon has just been purchased by the Panama Railroad Company for \$150,000. There now remains only one pier at Colon not under direct control of the government.

Before Fire of Allied Fleet Turks' Forts Fall



"Seven Towers," guarding passage between Europe and Asia, Constantinople.

Turk fortifications like these are rapidly tumbling before so terrific fire of the allied fleets in the Dardanelles. It had been presumed by the Turks that these fortifications were impregnable. Their guns, however, have a shorter range than have some of the guns on the English battleships. This reduces the forts almost to uselessness.

NORTH DAKOTANS TO TURN OUT ENMASSE

Large Delegation From State Expected at Panama-Pacific Exposition.

San Francisco Chronicle: Many large parties of visitors from North Dakota are already visiting the Exposition, according to the secretary in charge of the state building. Most of them, he says, are farmers, who are taking advantage of the slack season before seed time to visit the coast.

Many more parties are expected to come in before March 16, when the building is to be dedicated. Governor L. E. Hanna and the state commissioners are to be here on May 21, for North Dakota day.

All the North Dakota display at the exposition is housed in the state building. The prairie products are featured, together with coal manufactures of clay. Among the latter are exhibits of pottery made at the University of North Dakota, which has taken the lead in developing this industry.

GRAVE DIGGERS WANT MORE PAY

London, Mar. 8.—The grave diggers employed by the borough of Islington, in the north of London, have presented demands for increased wages, owing to the higher cost of living. "Because of the rise in prices," says their petition to the borough council, "we find it difficult to maintain our families properly. Our work, moreover, should be well paid, for it is arduous and necessitates exposure in all kinds of weather, and is extremely dangerous at night."