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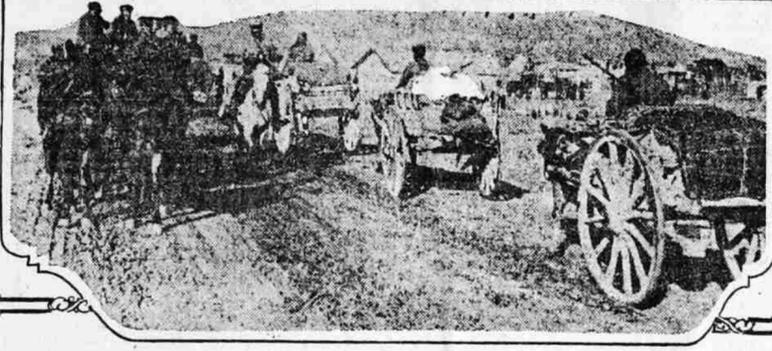
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Water boxes on Turkish desert placed by Germans to aid Ottoman allies; British and Greek transports passing each other on Salonica road.



The far-sighted Germans have placed water boxes at intervals on the Turkish desert in Asia in order that their Ottoman allies may not suffer in making the great march on Egypt. Upper photo shows a great array of boxes at one of the water stations. Lower photo presents a curious contrast between the British and Greek transports. British Tommies look on with interest at the small two-wheeled carts used by the Greeks, which the former pass on the highway near Salonica.

decision by offensives in the west and the east.

### No Possibility of Peace.

He said he saw no immediate possibilities of peace, at least not before the middle of the spring, since the entente allies still cherish great hopes and set vast hopes on a new offensive. The crisis could come only when this plan was broken down.

The Sofia correspondent of the Lokai Anzeiger who has just returned from a long visit at Saloniki declares that Greece is determined to maintain neutrality at all hazards and will abandon it only if forced to do so by reason of the Bulgarian troops not leaving Greek territory when the operations against the Anglo-French forces are completed. A Bulgarian authority, adds the correspondent, has declared that this contingency is out of the question.

## OGDEN MEN ARE ELECTED TO OFFICE

The Provincial grand lodge, Inter-Montana Scottish Rite Masons (symbolic) met Thursday in the Woodmen's hall in Salt Lake and elected officers for 1916. Reports of the lodges under the jurisdiction of the grand lodge showed a steady growth of the order throughout the intermountain country and indicate exceptional promise for next year.

The officers elected are: Provincial grand master, A. Martello of Fidelity No. 73, Rock Springs, Wyo.; deputy, W. H. Toller, Ogden No. 81; substitute deputy, Joseph Baumeister, Ogden No. 81; senior warden, John Contratto, Bingham No. 72; junior warden, G. F. Buschmann, Garibaldi No. 2, Salt Lake; treasurer, D. Cona, Garibaldi No. 2, Salt Lake; secretary, R. J. Thompson, Garibaldi No. 2, Salt Lake; chaplain, Ogden No. 81; inner guard, Harry White, Ogden No. 81; marshal, F. W. Schmalle, Garibaldi No. 2, Salt Lake; senior deacon, W. De Baer of Kilmarnock; junior deacon, W. De Baer of Kilmarnock; junior deacon, B. Grosse of Providence No. 1, Helper, Utah; amener, E. T. Morrill of Tooele lodge; senior steward, Emil Oleson, Acacia lodge, Bingham; tiler, William Atkinson, Garibaldi No. 2, Salt Lake.

Garibaldi lodge, A. A. S. R. S., entertained the visiting members of the Provincial lodge last night at a banquet in the hall, in observance of St. John's day.

The affair was attended by 100 members of the order and their wives. Among the speakers were M. MacB. Thomson of Salt Lake, president-general of the American Masonic Federation in the United States; Peter Tough, member of Paisley St. Minn lodge No. 129 of Scotland; G. F. Buschmann of Garibaldi lodge No. 2 of Salt Lake, and A. Martello, provincial grand master of Inter-Montana lodge, Provincial deputy, W. H. Toller.

## CONFERENCE TEAMS COMPLETE SCHEDULE

Denver, Dec. 31.—The Rocky Mountain Athletic conference today practically completed the basketball, baseball, track and football schedules within four hours, breaking all previous records for speed.

The Utah representative, Prof. R. B. Ketchum, did not arrive from the east until after the meeting, but the conference had been advised by wire from Utah of the dates desired, and it is thought that the schedule arranged will prove acceptable to Utah.

The faculty division meeting had not adjourned up to a late hour to-night.

Following is the football schedule affecting Utah:

Colorado Aggies vs. Utah Aggies at Logan, October 14.

Wyoming vs. Utah Aggies at Logan, October 21.

Utah vs. Colorado University at Boulder, October 28.

Colorado Aggies vs. Utah at Fort Collins, November 18.

Vollins, November 18.

Colorado College vs. Utah at Salt Lake, November 30.

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## BATTLE ON THE RUSSIAN FRONT

Petrograd, Dec. 31, via London, 6:45 p. m.—The battle on the southern front is still the subject of much conjecture. There is little official detail regarding it and nothing but conflicting rumors from other sources.

"The general staff," says the Retch, "draws attention for a third time to the fact that the battle is still continuing from the Pripet southward and in Galicia, but at the same time it gives no details. The last German official reports said the Germans had taken the initiative in the offensive at Zale Szeky and that the troops were advancing in close formation. Apart from this, the news has crept in of a German attempt to break through the Russian line at Novo Alexianec and also to take Tarnopol.

"Not waiting for confirmation of the foregoing, we point out the probability of the German concentration in the Galician Volinsky theater, at Tarnopol and at Novo Alexianec, as being of great strategic importance. The Russians' possession of Tarnopol gives them control of the principal railroads of eastern Galicia, while Novo Alexianec is the chief center of the principal wagon roads.

"The offensive in September in this region was more intense than at present. At that time the Germans were driven back with great losses."

"The Novo Vremya says: 'The battle in question is being fought according to a broad general plan. The fighting is equally severe along the whole line. If there is any concentration, it is at Tarnopol and Novo Alexianec.'"

## GERMAN AIRMEN ATTACK GREEKS

London, Dec. 31, 9:10 p. m.—A dispatch to Reuter's Telegram company from Saloniki says:

A Taube aeroplane which flew over Saloniki at midday was driven off by gunfire. The air raids of this week constitute the first overt acts of the enemy since December 12, when the entente allies recrossed the frontier. Bombs were dropped this morning on the British lines and encampments, but they did not damage.

The Greek camp just outside the town apparently was mistaken for entente allies' quarters. A bomb was dropped there and exploded near the divisional general's headquarters, killing one shepherd and four sheep.

The scenes during the air raids have been reminiscent of the Zeppelin visits to London, except that they have occurred in the daytime. The movements of the raiders were closely followed by the populace.

As the shells seemed to be getting nearer the aviators they swerved their machines or dodged or altered their directions. Throughout the aircraft remained at high altitudes, some of them 9000 feet. The crowds gathered in the streets cheered when shells burst close to the machines. It is reported that two of the aircraft were hit during the first raid.

## SALVINI DIES AT A GREAT AGE

London, Jan. 1, 3:45 a. m.—Tommaso Salvini, the eminent Italian tragedian, has just died at Florence, Italy.

Tommaso Salvini was one of the world's greatest tragedians. It was he who introduced and established Shakespeare's plays in Italian drama. American theatre-goers of the past generation remember his vivid portrayal of "Othello." In this character he was unsurpassed. He lived the part of the jealous Moor, holding audiences spellbound in the splendidly tragic climax.

The great Edwin Booth played

"Iago" during one of Salvini's American tours. It is said he was actually afraid of the raging tragedian. He always cautioned those who were to restrain "Othello" in his mad rush at "Iago."

"Hold him fast!" anxiously urged Booth. "He'll kill me, I know it."

Salvini toured the United States seven times.

"If I were not an Italian," said the celebrated artist in recalling his American triumphs, "I should wish to be an American. There is no one else like a child of Washington. I remember when I was playing in Washington I went to visit the capitol. Someone said in French, 'Mr. Salvini, would you like to see the congress room?' As soon as I entered the meeting stopped and all rose to their feet. I was so surprised and moved that for a few minutes I could not utter a word."

Fame World-Wide.

The fame of the Italian tragedian was world-wide. On one of his last tours of Europe he played in St. Petersburg. After the play the public waited outside the theatre for him until 2 o'clock in the morning with the temperature at 29 degrees below zero. The crowds then escorted him through the streets like a conquering hero to the palace of Prince Vladimir, where he was a guest.

## END OF WAR NOT IN SIGHT

London, Dec. 31, 10 p. m.—It is reported from German sources that Emperor William has summoned a great war council and a similar naval council to be held in Berlin on his birthday, January 27. The council will be attended by the crown prince, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Field Marshal von Mackensen, Field Marshal Liman von Sanders, Count Zeppelin, Crown Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, the Duke of Wuertemberg and other leading generals.

London, Dec. 31, 9:31 p. m.—Greece has protested against the arrest of the consuls of the central powers and their allies at Saloniki, which it terms a violation of Greece's sovereign rights, says Reuter's Athens correspondent.

London, Dec. 31, 10 p. m.—The last day of the year found the European belligerents too busily occupied with matters of pressing importance to pause long enough to do any extensive mental stock-taking regarding the war situation.

To most of the fighting nations the war probably seemed rather nearer its end a year ago than now. For Great Britain its unfortunate year passes into history with a fresh naval calamity—the sinking of the cruiser Natal. The last day of the old year was a busy one for the British cabinet, which accomplished peacefully the almost unprecedented task of holding two meetings in a single day. It now appears that that momentous transition to compulsory service in Great Britain is likely to be accomplished with tranquillity. The press of all shades of opinion already is exulting that "no change of equal importance was effected with such a lack of disturbance of public opinion as to approach to public unanimity."

On the fighting fronts the year ends with a promise of interesting developments in many theaters.

All Eyes on Russia.

For the moment most attention is fastened on the Russian movements. Russia herself remains silent regarding events in Bessarabia, but from Austrian and neutral sources come messages which state that since Christmas eve the fighting has continued without interruption. The Russians are reported to be subjecting the Austrians to a terrible bombardment, but the latter claim to have held their positions up to the present.

Greece again has lodged protests against the occupation of Castelorizo Island, in Asia Minor, and against the arrest of the consuls of the central powers at Saloniki. There is no evidence, however, that these protests will disturb the present friendly relations between Greece and the entente powers.

## LOS ANGELES SURE OF FRANK CHANCE

Los Angeles, Dec. 31.—John Powers, president of the Los Angeles Coast league baseball club, said today it was practically certain that Frank Chance, former leader of the Chicago National league club, would become manager of the Los Angeles team. Chance said he would announce his decision Monday.

## FAST SIX-ROUND BOUT IN LOGAN

Logan, Dec. 31.—In one of the fastest fights ever witnessed here Charley Midkiff was given a six-round decision over Battling Boyd last night in the Princess theater by Referee Bert Danford. Dock Ackmann's card was well received, all of the bouts going at top speed.

In the preliminary wrestling match, Bill Rutch pinned Benny Burgess' shoulders twice to the mat in five minutes. The first fall came after one minute and fifty-five seconds of whirlwind wrestling. The second fall took three minutes. In the boxing preliminary Bill Strepey and George Rich, both local lads, went three rounds to a draw.

Eddie McKenna and Glen Gutke boxed six rounds to a draw. Both showed good defense and each proved to be exceedingly fast. McKenna was the cleverer of the two and Gutke the stronger. Referee Bert Danford awarded a draw, but the fans thought McKenna had slightly the better of the argument.

The main bout between Boyd and Midkiff proved to be a real headliner. Both went at it from the sound of the going. List Midkiff and the "Pug" got the lead. At the close of the session Midkiff proved to be the stronger of the two and the decision given him met with approval.

## HARP TO BE HEARD AT SUNDAY SERVICE

Miss White, who plays Sunday morning and night in an extended program of praise selections in First Presbyterian church, has, as a member of the Boston Symphony, received flattering comments in the eastern press. She returns to Boston soon to accompany the symphony on its spring tour.

Of her playing last fall, the St. Louis Star said: "Miss White played the harp with so much charm that she was compelled to respond to an encore." The Philadelphia Press said: "Miss White, as harpist, played with poetic temperament and her selection was heartily applauded. She is a harpist we will hear from."

The very mention of the harp causes one to think of the bible and the psalms. As the old songs and hymns of the old Jerusalem of the past was connected with the harp and harp music so the heaven of the new Jerusalem is to be made wondrous in sacred melodies of praise by the use of the harp.

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Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 31.—Orange groves and towns in the citrus fruit region which were given white mantles by the remarkable snowfall of yesterday, glistened under a bright sun today. Temperatures below freezing point were reported from some localities, but owing to the moist conditions resulting from the storm no damage was done to the orange crop now being gathered.

The weather bureau forecast even colder temperatures tonight and warnings were issued to orchardists to stand by to protect their groves.

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