

# ENGLAND IS STIRRED OVER GERMAN THREAT

## TO BOTTLE UP BRITISH ISLES

German Decree of Such Vital Importance as to Urge a Counter Attack.

TURKS ARE TO REVIEW Their Attempt to Cross the Suez Canal and Are Now Conducting an Attack.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Although referring sarcastically to Germany's threat to bottle up the British Isles by means of submarines as a "paper blockade," England is stirred today by this latest development in the marine situation as it seldom has been since the outbreak of hostilities.

The press unanimously subordinates all other war news, not excepting the Turkish attempt to cross the Suez canal, to give prominence to the Berlin despatches, while the foreign office statement, following quickly the publication of the German decree, indicates that the government authorities take the German threat as one requiring a prompt counter stroke. The statement says the authorities are considering "more stringent measures against German trade." The ministers are treating the subject as of particular urgency and a full official statement as to the attitude of Great Britain should be forthcoming.

The German press in the meantime has this newly announced policy of the navy with great satisfaction. The comments received in London today indicate that the newspapers consider sufficient the warning of neutral ships that the waters surrounding the British Isles are to be considered a military area after February 18 and that ships attempting passage outside of the channels specified will do so at their own risk.

Some English newspapers declare today that the German announcement should in the end benefit England in that it rightfully entitles the British government to declare contraband all foodstuffs destined for Germany.

Aside from the confirmation of the report that no fewer than 12,000 Turkish troops comprise the expedition which has attacked the Suez canal little news has been received in London relative to the operations in Egypt. That the attempt to cross the canal will be renewed in even greater force is the general belief.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS Are Repulsed in East Prussia According to a Statement Given Out in Berlin.

BERLIN, by wireless, Feb. 5.—With the exception of one infantry attack against the German position at Perthes, which was unsuccessful, only artillery fighting along the western front is reported today in the German official statement. In East Prussia, Russian attacks have been repulsed. Strong Russian attacks east of Holmow were unsuccessful.

\$35,000 HEART BALM.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 5.—The United States circuit court of appeals in session at Richmond has affirmed the action of the United States district court in awarding Mrs. Catherine Osenton judgment of \$35,000 against Mrs. Margaret Williamson, wealthy Fayette county widow. Mrs. Osenton, widow of C. W. Osenton, prominent Fayette county lawyer and politician, brought suit for alienation of her husband's affections and the case was tried here in 1912 and later appealed by the defendant.

FINDLAY GONE AND CASE IS DELAYED

Hearing of Serious Charge against Father Must Await Return of Prosecutor.

Because A. J. Findley, prosecuting attorney of the county, is absent from his post of duty, being at Charleston where the county salaries bill is pending before the legislature, prosecution of an important criminal case has been delayed here.

This is the case of Joseph Correa, a coal miner of Union Heights, who was arrested there Thursday afternoon and was landed in the county jail by James Burgess, a special officer, under a charge of criminally assaulting his own thirteen-year-old daughter, Carmela. The case was instituted in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court by John Correa, a brother of the defendant.

As it is customary for the prosecuting attorney to look after cases of this character, which involve the extreme penalties of the law, Magistrate Starcher cannot arrange for a hearing until Mr. Findley finishes his labors at Charleston, where, as has been stated, the county salaries bill is pending before the legislature. It is highly important that such cases be given prompt attention, owing to their grave nature, as there is a possibility that justice may be seriously impeded when they are neglected.

BUTTONHOPE FELLOWS.

CHARLESTON, Feb. 5.—The pending salary bill does not effect present sheriffs or prosecuting attorneys but Sheriff Ross F. Stout and Prosecuting Attorney A. J. Findley, both of Harrison county, are here buttonholing legislators.

## MINISTERS

Of the Morgantown District Hold a Meeting in a Shinnston Church.

A meeting of the ministers of the Morgantown district was held at the Methodist Episcopal church at Shinnston this week. The meeting was called to order by Dr. O. Dale King at 2 o'clock and after song, prayer and Scripture reading, Dr. King opened the discussion on "Work Among the Foreigners of Our District." Some of the ministers had been conducting night classes for them in their charges and many valuable suggestions were brought out. Dr. Smith, of the Clarksburg First church spoke of the work being done in that city.

Dr. Howard was authorized by the meeting to secure the services of the Rev. Nicola Di Stefano, of the Youngstown Italian church, to conduct a mission among the foreigners of Fairmont and possibly in other towns along the river.

Dr. C. D. Smith was requested by the meeting to confer with Peter Merdock, a student in Wesleyan College, and help him to see the possibilities of the work among his own people.

The meeting was addressed at 4 o'clock by the Rev. Milton Estlack, conference secretary of the board of Sunday schools. An evangelistic service was held in the evening at which Dr. Howard preached.

The next meeting will be held at Baxter, Monday, March 5. Each pastor was, upon motion, requested to take one or more laymen with him at that meeting.

## PUT TO DEATH

In Sing Sing Prison Are Two Chinamen for Murder of Another Chinaman.

OSSENING, N. Y., Feb. 5.—Lee Dock and Eng Hing, two Chinese, were put to death in the electric chair at Sing Sing prison early today. Both Chinese were members of the Hip Sing Tong. They were convicted of the murder of Lee Kay, the aged leader of the On Leong Tong, the murder occurred on February 17, 1912.

During a long war in New York and followed the murder of Hip Pong Sing, a Hip Sing member, it was brought out at the trial that Lee Dock and Eng Hing were delegated to carry out a degree of the Hip Sing that Tom Lee, head of the On Leong Tong, himself should pay the penalty of Hip Sing's murder. Tom Lee, however, escaped and Lee Kay, his bodyguard, received the bullet intended for the rival Tong leader.

TO BUY SUBMARINES.

MADRID, Feb. 5.—Parliament has authorized the government to purchase four submarines for the Spanish navy from a builder in the United States.

## GERMAN AVIATORS

Show Great Activity in Belgium According to the French War Statement.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—German aviators showed great activity in Belgium yesterday, according to the French official statement given out this afternoon. The customary artillery duels favorable to the French along the line in France are also reported. An infantry attack by Germans in the Argonne, which at first was successful, was finally repulsed by the French after two counter attacks.

TWENTY KILLED.

MADRID, Feb. 5.—Twenty persons were killed and many injured by the explosion of a boiler in a furniture factory at La Guardia.

SPECIAL DEGREE.

There will be a special meeting of Harmon Lodge, No. 6, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, in the Masonic temple at 7 o'clock this evening. There will be work in the second degree.

## BRINGING THE WAR TO EGYPT'S ANCIENT PYRAMIDS



Men of the colonial division of the British army which is encamped near the pyramids in readiness to defend the country against the threatened Turkish invasion have quickly settled down to make the most of life in the desert. In the photograph a group of them are seen arranging a camel race, much to the amusement of their comrades.

## THREE PERSONS SLAIN IN THEIR BEDS ASLEEP

GERMAN TROOPS To the Number of 35,000 Arrive in Hungary on Way to Join Austrian Forces.

VENICE, via London, Feb. 5.—Vienna despatches state that 35,000 German troops have arrived in Hungary on the way to Karosmezo in the Carpathians to assist Hungarian forces said to be threatened with envelopment by the Russians. Austrian forces, despatches say, have attacked the Russian left flank at Jacobini in southern Bukovina forcing the Russians to retreat toward Radutz. It is stated that an Austrian advance guard has been annihilated in Uzsook pass. Confirmation is given the report that 200,000 German troops are being sent from Poland to assist in attempting the relief of Przemyel.

FORCED BACK In the Carpathians Are Forces of Emperor Nicholas, the Russians Admit.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 5.—The official report of the Russian general staff given out today relates that the forces of Emperor Nicholas have relinquished some of their positions in the Carpathians. The troops opposed to the Russians in these positions are strong numerically and are fighting with energy.

TO PRISON To Serve a Sentence of Thirty Days Wesner Horn, German, is Being Taken.

VANCEBORO, Me., Feb. 5.—Wesner Horn, who says he is a German officer and in that capacity tried to blow up the International railway bridge here, was removed to Macias today to serve a sentence of thirty days for the damage the explosion caused on this side of the Canadian border. He left for Bangor at 9:45 o'clock this morning. At Bangor, after a wait of two hours, the trip will be continued on another line to Macias, where the party is due at 6:20 this evening.

WOOL GROWERS' MEETING.

WHEELING, Feb. 5.—The meeting of the Tri-State Wool Growers' Association will be held in the assembly room of the board of trade in the Market auditorium February 24 and 25.

BAD CHECK CHARGE.

C. H. Kidd, of Northview, has been arrested on a charge preferred in Magistrate G. H. Gordon's court of giving a bad check for \$10.30 to A. T. Walker, a young man of Glen Elk lately employed by him. The hearing of the charge is scheduled for Friday afternoon.

Brutal Triple Murder is Disccovered by Boys Posing the Drake Homestead.

BOARDER NOW SOUGHT Hammer Smeared with Blood and Hair is Found in One Room.

BUFFALO, Feb. 5.—The bodies of Mrs. Lizzie Drake, 65, Mrs. Irene Spencer, 35, and her daughter, Gertrude Spencer, 12, were found in their beds at their home at Salamanca today. Their heads had been crushed in with a sledge hammer.

The hammer smeared with blood and hair was found on the floor in one of the rooms. Boys passing the Drake homestead found the rear door open and made the discovery.

The bodies were in separate rooms and there was no evidence of a struggle. Apparently the victims had been slain as they slept. Physicians said that the murder had been committed three or four days ago.

The police have sent out an alarm for a former boarder at the Drake home.

Mrs. Drake was Mrs. Spencer's mother.

TRIBUTE Is Paid by the Russians to German Artillerymen in Account of Incident.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 5.—Tribute is paid to the German artillerymen in an account of a minor incident during the fighting west of Warsaw.

The Russians were on the defensive, with the Germans opening up a wide attack on their positions. A German battery of six guns was moved out into the open field to shell the Russian trenches.

"Very coolly the German artillerymen went about their work, although they must have known that we would soon make it hot for them. Our observers soon got their range and the third shell fired from our batteries on the left destroyed three of the German guns, killing fully half of the entire German force of artillerymen. The others sought shelter, but quickly returned and brought the remaining three guns into action against our trenches again."

"They had only time to fire two rounds when another shell from our battery smashed two more guns, destroying their crews."

"But those artillerymen had been given their orders, and their bravery was dauntless. The survivors, after a short interval, returned to their single remaining gun, and kept it going until another Russian shell laid it low."

CREDIT OPENED.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—President Poincaré has signed a decree opening a credit of \$50,000,000 to meet the most urgent needs of persons whose property has been destroyed as a result of the war.

MRS. PITTS Whose Death Occurred Recently Was the Mother of Large and Well Known Family.

Mrs. Martha Pitts, wife of Stephen Pitts, of Adamston, as previously announced died January 20. The funeral was held the following day with W. M. Long, of this city, minister at the Central Christian church conducting the service. Interment was at the Sycamore church cemetery.

Mrs. Pitts was born October 11, 1838, in Tyler county, and was 77 years of age. She was married to Mr. Pitts fifty-six years ago. They were the parents of twelve children, two of whom died in infancy and one son—Philip P.—died in 1892. The others are John, Levi, Elijah, Perry, Lorenza, Martin, Riley, S. C., and Sylvester, all living in this county except Lorenza, who resides in Tyler county.

Mrs. Pitts was a devout member of the Christian church forty years and a most excellent woman who counted her friends by the number of her acquaintances. The bereft husband and sons have the deepest sympathy of their neighbors and friends and all who knew Mrs. Pitts mourn her death.

RESCUE MEASURES For Japanese Cruiser Ashore on California Coast Are Being Kept Secret Now.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—Rescue measures for the Japanese cruiser, Asama, ashore and breaking up on the Lower California coast, were cloaked in secrecy here today to protect the neutrality of the United States. On the theory that information of the disabled Japanese ship might become of value to German men of war in the Pacific the navy department kept secret its latest despatches from Rear Admiral Howard, commander of the Pacific fleet, and refused information of the movement of American men of war to the Asama's aid.

FINLAYSON Is Chosen Bookkeeper of the People's Bank at Shinnston.

At a recent meeting of the directors of the People's Bank of Shinnston, Robert L. Finlayson was chosen bookkeeper of the new institution. Mr. Finlayson is well qualified for the position and has had some experience along the line, having been employed at various times in the past to help out at the Farmers' Bank. He is well known throughout this section of the county and his popularity and genial manner will stand him well in hand in a position of this kind.

## NAVAL WAR ZONE EDICT IS SERIOUS

SPECULATION In Flour, Bread and the Like Cause Operation of a War Act by Parliament.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—If it can be proved, as certain members of the House of Commons have alleged, that the increased price of flour, bread and other commodities in the English market is due to the work of speculators or combinations of dealers, one of the most important of the war acts passed by parliament last fall will be brought into operation.

This is the "Unreasonable withholding of supplies act," which was one of the emergency statutes passed immediately after war was declared. It is perhaps the most socialistic of the numerous laws passed to strengthen the hands of the government in the prosecution of the war, and its operation is carefully limited in the text to the duration of the war.

The act provides: "If the board of trade are of opinion that any foodstuff is being unreasonably withheld from the market, they may, if so authorized by his Majesty's proclamation (made generally or as respects any particular kind of foodstuff), and in manner provided by the proclamation, take possession of any supplies of foodstuff to which the proclamation relates, paying to the owners of the supplies such price as may, in default of agreement, be decided to be reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, by the arbitration of a judge of the high court selected by the lord chief justice of England."

It is not that any foodstuff is being unreasonably withheld from the market, they may, if so authorized by his Majesty's proclamation (made generally or as respects any particular kind of foodstuff), and in manner provided by the proclamation, take possession of any supplies of foodstuff to which the proclamation relates, paying to the owners of the supplies such price as may, in default of agreement, be decided to be reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances of the case, by the arbitration of a judge of the high court selected by the lord chief justice of England."

At first there was some intimation in administration circles that it might be the subject of a protest by the United States, but the official view develops that there was little or no ground for that, and it was recalled that no protest was made when the North sea was strewn with mines. Sweden, Norway, Denmark and Holland have repeatedly addressed the state department here to secure American backing for measures to relieve distress in their own commerce, and the latest German proclamation is expected to cause a redoubled effort of all the neutrals for measures to protect themselves.

Counsellor Lansing, of the state department, took Secretary Bryan's chair at the cabinet meeting today in the latter's absence.

BRITISH TRADE Is Brought to a Standstill at Present Far as Russian is Concerned.

LONDON, Feb. 5.—Notwithstanding that financial transactions involving about twenty million sterling were recently arranged between the British and Russian governments in order to assist trade and loosen the Perogard exchange in London, the latter still stands at the high rate of 115 to 117 roubles for ten pounds sterling against a normal rate of 95 roubles per ten pounds, and is causing much embarrassment and some anxiety in business circles.

The two great outlets for Russian trade, the Baltic and Black sea, being closed at the same time are mainly responsible for this. British trade with Russia is thereby brought to a standstill and exporters are unable to obtain remittance for goods sold before the war. The Association of Chambers of Commerce is taking action with the treasury and the Newcastle chamber is making representation in the same direction in order to get the government to do something towards regulating the exchange.

\$560 IN BELT.

ELKINS, Feb. 5.—Strapped to the body of an unidentified Austrian killed on a sidewalk of Elk river was a belt containing \$560. He was a woodman employer by the West Virginia Pulp and Lumber Company.

MINER PUT ON TRIAL.

George Exline, a Lost Creek miner, was put on trial Friday afternoon in Magistrate W. E. Starcher's court on a charge of assaulting and beating Mrs. Mattie Kosnek recently at her home there in the absence of her husband.

BURNED TO DEATH.

ELKINS, Feb. 5.—Mrs. GEORGE W. Doyle and two of her children were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home at Cass, Pocahontas county. The husband and father rescued two other children and sustained serious burns and a broken arm in an attempt to rescue his wife.

ELECTION PROBES ARE AGREED UPON

So Far as the Federal Senate Committee on Elections is Concerned.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—By unanimous vote the Senate elections committee today recommended investigation of senatorial campaigns in Pennsylvania and Illinois, and in any other state where charges of corruption have been made. The original resolution by Senator Norris, Progressive Republican from Nebraska, proposing inquiry into the campaign where Senator Penrose was re-elected from Pennsylvania, and Roger Sullivan was defeated by Senator Sherman, Republican, in Illinois, was adopted but at the instance of Republicans on the committee it was amended to authorize similar investigations into any such charges from other states.

Senator Sutherland, Republican, offered an amendment specifically naming Alabama, Indiana, California and South Dakota, but it was rejected and the amendment was made to provide for inquiry into campaign expenditures in any other state where evidence brought before the committee may justify. Should the resolution be adopted during a recess of Congress.

Varsity Basketball Five Out of Race for State Championship by Loss of Three Men.

MORGANTOWN, Feb. 5.—West Virginia's basketball team received a death blow Thursday when it was announced from athletic headquarters that Frank Lee, Varsity center, Arnold Loudin, Varsity guard, and Coleback, sub-guard on the avrility five, had been suspended from the team for the remainder of the season, owing to scholastic deficiencies. The three men in question failed to make the necessary average at the semester examinations which closed last Thursday and in keeping with the strict policy in vogue here, were taken from the squad.

Ice and Loudin have been mainstays on the team, and are undoubtedly the best men playing their positions in the state.

As a result of the three men being dropped, Stedman, Morrow and Tuckwiler have been moved up from the second team. The development will practically eliminate West Virginia as contenders for the championship.