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U. S. BACKS ALLIES AS MEET WITH TURK WOBBLES

TURKS ARMY SET TO POUNCE UPON MOSUL OIL AREA

Hold Strategic Point at Diarbekr; Number 50,000 Well Armed Troops Commanded by Gallipoli Famed General.

POSSIBLE BATTLE AREA ONE OLDEST IN HISTORY

Prize Much Coveted of Present Day Rivalry Between Turks and British; Forms One of Richest Petroleum Districts.

By EDWARD J. BING (United Press Staff Correspondent.)

New York, Dec. 28.—While the Lausanne conference is facing the possibility of its breakup, owing to disagreement over the Mosul oil question, a powerful Turkish army is assembled at Diarbekr, a strategic point of great importance in the vicinity of the disputed area, ready to pounce upon the oil fields.

When I left the Near East a few weeks ago that force, which is under the command of Djavad Pasha, one of Turkey's ablest military leaders, of Gallipoli fame, numbered about 50,000 fully equipped men. Mosul is one of the most ancient centers of human civilization and has seen uncounted battles and contests from biblical days to the present.

The territory, which is the coveted prize of present-day rivalry between British and Turkish diplomacy, was successively under the sovereignty of Sumerian-Akkadian King Sargon, who ruled about 2500 B. C.; of Babylon, Assyria, Persia, Alexander the Great, the Seleucid empire, the second Persian empire, the Abbasid de Caliphs, among whom Harun Al Rashid of "Arabian Nights" fame was the most remarkable; it saw the victorious onslaught of Tamerlan's Mongol hordes and has since formed part of the Turkish empire.

After the British victory in the Near East in 1918 it was occupied by England's armies, which soon had to face a bloody uprising of the natives, which ultimately forced the British to evacuate and to withdraw their forces to southern Mesopotamia.

Mosul is now part of the Mesopotamian kingdom of England's vassal, King Faisal of Iraq.

While the city of Mosul is Arabic, the entire territory of which it is the center, and which is now the subject of discussion at Lausanne, is inhabited by the Turks, who claim allegiance to Turkey.

This region is one of the richest oil territories of the world, and it is believed that, once exploited, it will yield a production equating or possibly surpassing the output of the Mexican fields.

The richest among the numerous fields of the region is at Gayara, immediately to the south of the city of Mosul, but there is quite a series of exceptionally abundant oil wells in the neighborhood.

The British claim to the oil fields is based upon negotiations which took place before the world war between the Turkish government and the Turkish Petroleum company, a British controlled concern.

NEGRO ARRESTED RESULT OF NEW JERSEY MURDER

(By The United Press.) Orange, N. J., Dec. 28.—Police seeking the slayer of Mrs. Eleanor L. Brigham, 34, formerly of San Francisco, found strangled to death in her home here, arrested a negro for questioning early today.

FOREIGNERS GET 'MEX' OIL LANDS

Scramble for Petroleum Reserve South of Rio Grande Reaches Climax When Biggest Grant Given by Govt.

(By The United Press.)

Mexico City, Dec. 28.—An international scramble for Mexico's vast oil reserves reached a climax today when British, French, Belgian and Italian capitalists secured one of the largest petroleum contract concessions ever issued by the Mexican government.

Col. J. L. O'Connor, president of the American Foreign Oil corporation, representing entirely foreign capital, signed the contract whereby his company will have the exclusive rights of boring and working all federal zones covering all rivers and lagoons.

LAWYERS FAVOR SYSTEM CHANGE

Bar Association Is for Reorganization of State Judiciary; Report of Special Committee Causes Big Discussion.

(By The United Press.)

Oklahoma City, Dec. 28.—Oklahoma Bar association stood on record today favoring immediate reorganization of the state judicial system.

The report of the special committee appointed to consider a reform plan was adopted late yesterday after several hours of debate from the floor.

The committee on elections was to report in the afternoon. The debate on the judicial system reforms took up so much time yesterday there was very little discussion of a possible leader.

To Throw 'Leggers In Bull Pen at Walton Celebration

(By The United Press.) Oklahoma City, Okla., Dec. 28.—Dispensers of nasal illuminants planning on making a hooch hounds' heaven out of the old-fashioned inaugural celebration of Governor Jack Walton here during the second week of January have another plan coming, according to Dan V. Lackey, in charge of the inaugural arrangements.

All bootleggers caught during the three days' celebration will be thrown into a public bull pen, Lackey announced.

National guardsmen with fixed bayonets will guard the bull pen and incarcerate all would-be bondsmen with the bootleggers, Lackey said.

"All judges will be hidden out so habeas corpus for the prisoners will be out of the question," Lackey declared.

WITNESSES KEPT UNDER GUARD TO CHECK VIOLENCE

Those Prepared to Tell Damning Tales Implicating Terrorists at Mer Rouge Protected by State Troopers.

SOME SPIRITED AWAY TO PLACE OF SAFETY

Former Mayor McKoin Is Denied Bail at Baltimore Hearing; Must Return to Louisiana From Where Fled, Is Word.

(By The United Press.)

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 28.—Witnesses with damning tales to tell regarding activities of hooded mobs held responsible for two murders were kept under guard of troops today to prevent new terrorist outrages.

A number of witnesses have been spirited away from the community, as a safeguard, it was learned.

Hostility of friends of raiders who kidnaped a party of five August 24 and murdered Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards has jeopardized a number of other persons in the community, federal investigators said today.

New evidence is being held back by the fear of reprisals of a number of persons with important evidence, officials believed.

MASONIC BODIES INSTALL CHIEFS

Newly Elected Officers Take Places at Big Installation Ceremonies. Last Night; Hall Crowded With Lodgemen.

(By The United Press.)

Chickasha lodge No. 94, A. F. and A. M., installed John S. Stevenson, worshipful master; Guy B. Spider, senior warden; Frank Hulen, junior warden; Leonard Hawn, treasurer, and W. N. Elliott, secretary.

DeMolay Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar, named the following officers, who assumed their respective offices in the lodge last night: Arthur Mead, eminent commander; C. E. Venable, generalissimo; A. J. Puckett, captain general; J. M. Hopkins, senior warden; W. L. Weaver, junior warden; J. R. Nugent, prelate; L. R. Hawn, treasurer, and Eugene Hamilton, recorder.

The following officers were installed by Chickasha chapter No. 17, Royal Arch Masons: C. E. Venable, high priest; W. N. Stringfield, king; T. N. West, scribe; A. Y. Shockey, treasurer; E. Hamilton, secretary; L. J. Sudderth, captain of hosts; Carl Jagers, P. C.; J. M. Hopkins, R. A. C.; Claud Roark, master third veil; C. C. Griffin, master second veil; Frank Hulen, master first veil; George Vanlaw, sentinel.

CAPITAL IS PLACE OF MISSING WOMEN TODAY

(By The United Press.) Oklahoma City, Dec. 28.—Oklahoma City today became the "place of missing women" when local and county officers began a hunt for three women reported missing from their homes.

Mrs. Anna Lee, 25, and Mrs. Lillian Clark, 23, were reported as missing from their homes since early yesterday. Miss Leona Ware, 19, has been missing ten days.

OIL WELL BLAZE UNDER CONTROL, SAYS REPORT

(By The United Press.) Okmulgee, Okla., Dec. 28.—After a 24-hour battle, in which a battery of field boilers poured steady streams of steam into the flames, the fire at the 700-barrel Scott and Levy oil well in Section 4, southwest of here, was extinguished last night.

CONGRESS TODAY.

Senate. (By The United Press.) Continues discussion of the naval appropriations bill. Banking and currency committee continues composition of farm credits measure. House. Consideration of interior appropriation bill on floor. Naval committee takes up redistribution of naval officers.

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GERMAN STEAMER LOST.

(By The United Press.) Hamburg, Dec. 28.—The 5,000-ton steamer Heinrich Kayser, New York to Bremen, has been given up for lost. She carried a crew of 44 and was last sighted December 6 off Newfoundland, where she reported a broken rudder.

POLICE GUARDING GEORGIA OFFICER

Guards Stationed Around Homes of Columbus Commissioners When Plot to Bomb Their Residences Leaks Out.

(By The United Press.)

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 28.—Guards have been stationed around the homes of five city commissioners here following the disclosure of an alleged wholesale plot to dynamite their residences, an apartment house and a factory.

Police obtained information that ten criminals formulated the plot in revenge for the strict enforcement of the prohibition laws in Columbus, they announced today. A large amount of high explosives was said to have been secreted in preparation for the bombing. Names of the men attending a meeting of the bombers were in the hands of authorities and orders for the arrest of all suspicious characters have been issued. The Muscogee county grand jury opened a special session today to hear evidence in the plot.

The dynamiters were believed to be the same who terrorized this town early in the spring when the home of Mayor Homer J. Dimon was dynamited.

CHRISTMAS GIFT IS FATAL BOMB

(By The United Press.) Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 28.—Mrs. James R. Chapman died today as the result of injuries received when a bomb wrapped as a Christmas present exploded. Her husband is not expected to live, due to injuries from the blast.

(By The United Press.) Marshfield, Wis., Dec. 28.—James A. Chapman and wife were seriously injured last night by explosion of a bomb received through the mails wrapped as a Christmas gift.

Chapman, chairman of the town of Cameron, received the package late Wednesday and unwrapped it with his wife, eager to see the contents. The machine exploded when the wrapping paper was removed, releasing a rubber band contrivance which set off the blast.

The full charge of the explosion was received by Mrs. Chapman in the abdomen and attending physicians say she cannot survive. Chapman's left arm was so badly mangled that it was amputated.

BRITAIN RUSHING FLEET TODAY TO TURKISH WATERS

London Says Purpose Is to "Influence Turks Toward Peace"; Squadron Leaves Malta Under Full Steam Today.

TURKS CHOOSE BREAK AT LAUSANNE PARLEY

Would See Conference Fall Before Giving Up Rich Mosul Oil Lands; Delegates From Turkey Have Stand Pat Order.

(By The United Press.)

Lausanne, Dec. 28.—The United States supported the allies against the Turks today as the Lausanne conference neared the breaking point.

Open defiance of Marquis Curzon's warning that further efforts on the part of Turkey to secure the Mosul oil fields would lead to a breakdown of the parley was voiced by Ismet Pasha when the conference opened.

This was followed by announcement that the Turks would not give ground on capitulations and that they refused to have judges, appointed by the Hague court, sit with Turkish judges where foreign litigation was involved.

France backed Britain in this matter, Minister Barrere declaring he was amazed at Ismet Pasha's declaration that such mixed tribunals were worse than original capitulations. He warned the Turks they had taken up position "on ground where the allies could not meet them."

Child Demands Guarantees. Richard Washburn Child, American observer, then voiced the United States' support of allied demands for proper guarantees. The American ambassador to Rome denied Turkey's right to abolish capitulations of 1914 without consent of the signatories.

"The United States," Child said, "considers her rights under the capitulations still exist." Likewise, he said, those American citizens who went to Turkey and established property and invested capital under the capitulations have a continued right to guarantees.

The Turks seek abolition of capitulations because of their victory over the Greeks and refuse guarantees demanded by the allies. The conference was considered likely to break up at any minute.

London, Dec. 28.—Britain rushed a fleet to Constantinople today to "influence the Turks toward peace." The admiralty announced that Admiral Brock's squadron was steaming from Malta, the British naval base in the Mediterranean, full speed for Constantinople.

This action was taken at a time when the Turks at the Lausanne conference were defying the British and demanding that the rich Mosul oil basin be surrendered.

In announcing the fleet had been dispatched the admiralty stated it was being sent as a precautionary measure, "a sort of moral influence toward peace."

Malta Fleet Sails.

(By The United Press.) Malta, Dec. 28.—A British fleet left here today and steamed full speed for Constantinople. The fleet included Admiral Brock's flagship, a light cruiser squadron and a flotilla of destroyers.

Other warships will follow today just as rapidly as they can be prepared. The orders to the fleet surprised the commanders, who had planned to remain here at least three weeks.

Shore leaves were canceled and smok began pouring from the funnels of the men-of-war as the wireless brought word to start for Constantinople at once. There was a rush to fill up with stores and get steam up on a few minutes' notice.

Led by the historic dreadnaught Iron Duke as a flagship, the fighting vessels steamed away to the east. Two other dreadnaughts followed the Iron Duke and then came three light cruisers, eleven destroyers, five submarines and a number of depot ships.

Atlantic Moves Tankage To Grady Well; Gasser In Soon

Indicating that the owners believe that an oil well will result from the spray of crude shown when the well blew in several days ago for a small gasser, material for tankage is being moved to the well of the Atlantic company, in the northwest of section 25-5n-8w, it was learned today.

Though the showing in the spray was not large, persistent reports state that the drill had just touched an oil sand, having passed through the gas when the plug and sand were drilled and the well bled. The Atlantic officials have made no public announcement of their intentions with reference to closing out the well or deepening, but operators believe that they will go into the well after January 1 and drill deeper for a thorough test. The moving of tankage from Duncan supports this belief.

New Gassers Coming In.

The well of Crump and Beard, drilling on the Empire lease in the northeast of the southwest of the northeast of section 23-5n-8w, is slated for a completion tomorrow, and possibly this afternoon. The plug was drilled yesterday afternoon and it was considered probable that the bailing would start today and not later than Friday. They are reported to have a good sand at around 1,261 feet where casing was set. If this well produces, of which there is no doubt, it will move the production area half a mile to the north.

The Little Nick company in the southwest of the southeast of the southeast of section 26-5n-8w will be delayed a day in bringing in its No. 1 well. Shortage of drill stem held operations up Wednesday. The stem has now been secured and they will drill in today, bailing perhaps Friday or Saturday. A good well is in prospect, as the location has production practically on all sides and close in.