

# SCENES AT CONSTANTINOPLE IN WAR TIME DESCRIBED BY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

## Caleb F. Gates Tells of the Conditions in the Turkish Capital as Result of the Balkan War

New York, Jan. 1.—Scenes in and about Constantinople and conditions resulting from the Balkan war are interestingly described in a letter addressed to the Associated Press by Dr. Caleb F. Gates, president of Robert College at the Turkish capital.

The letter follows:

There has been a war of surprises to most people. The Turks themselves were among those most surprised. They had expected some forty-two million pounds upon their army. They supposed that whatever else they had not done they had at least prepared an army, but that army has failed them.

The principal reason seems to be lack of organization. The officers of the army were not in touch with their men. The committee of union and progress had gotten rid of the old officers, who had been from the ranks and who knew their men, and substituted officers trained in the military schools of Turkey and Europe. Unfortunately these officers have been devoting too much time to politics and too little time to their work with the army. So they did not adequately know their men.

**Strained Every Nerve.**

Turkey at the opening of the war strained every nerve to bring her soldiers to the front. They came in by ships which passed down the Bosphorus every day, the soldiers cheering and the bands playing. The soldiers were put into cars and sent to the front, often without their officers. When they arrived at the station where they were to leave the railroad officers were in waiting who took them and placed them in their companies. All corp and division formation was lost. It was confusion. These soldiers went to the battle under bad conditions. They needed a month at least to train with their new officers and get to know one another and their leaders.

Then the commissariat failed. It soon became evident to us here in Constantinople that the government was bringing in men much faster than food. They gave money to the soldiers and told them to go and buy food for themselves, but often they could not find food to buy, and many of the soldiers were suffering from hunger before they saw a battle or heard a gun. When fighting actually began all their difficulties were increased. It is painful to contemplate.

Under these conditions the Turkish army ought never to have advanced beyond the line of Lule Burgaz. They should have taken up strong positions there; waited to get all their army together; trained their men and put them into sympathy with their officers.

**Was No Pitched Battle.**

By this time all the world knows that the Bulgarian army did not pursue the Turks beyond Lule Burgaz. They waited nearly a week before they made their demonstration and got the strength of the Turkish army at Tchatatja. There has never been a pitched battle there, and now peace negotiations are going on. The Turk is not driven out of Europe, nor do I believe that he will be now. Constantinople will remain under the Turkish government, and a strip of territory the size of which will be determined by negotiations.

While the newspapers have been filled with accounts of the condition of Constantinople, filled with reports of soldiers driven back upon the city, and while they have been describing scenes here "only rivaled by the scenes in Dante's Inferno," we have been living in Constantinople in peace and quietness. There has been no bloodshed here, and the government has maintained order with great firmness. We should remember that Kiamil Pasha's government was a cabinet and not a committee of union and progress cabinet had been turned out, soon after the beginning of the war. The least that we can say about the committee of union and progress is that its name is a misnomer, for the committee stood neither for union nor for progress.

**Cabinet's Hard Task.**

Kiamil Pasha's cabinet had a hard task. They inherited the war, the army was what the committee of union and progress had made it, and the country was filled with their appointees in office. There has been no serious fighting in this city during the war. Robert college has not missed one day of lessons. The greatest danger was in the provinces. As of old, when any trouble arose in the Roman empire, they cried, "The Christians to the lions!" so in the Turkish empire the Christians have usually suffered when things went wrong. The Armenian patriarch and his council have been in great anxiety for their people in Adana, in the Bitlis and Van Region, and in other parts, and they have reason to be anxious. We all shared their anxiety and do yet. But there has been no general massacre in the Asiatic provinces. There have been disorders and some lives have been lost, but nothing like what we feared has taken place, and we who know the country are sure that there would have been very serious massacres there had not the government exercised a strong control over the turbulent populations.

This war is saddening to all who

love Turkey and the Turks. It has drawn upon our sympathies and has shocked us with its horrors, but there is a bright side which has not appeared in the newspapers, and that is the "big," strength and wisdom of the government, struggling against tremendous difficulties to keep order and accomplish its task.

There is one other thing I must speak of, though I find it difficult to write about it. When things were so congested that the government could not even feed its soldiers, it was not to be expected that the hospital service and the care of the wounded would be perfect. The hospitals that were organized in Constantinople at the outbreak of the war were well-equipped, clean and ready for their work, but when the wounded filled these, and they had to provide more, they took barracks which were very dirty, and the people who had charge of them did not seem to know what to do. Much time was lost and many wounded died for lack of care.

**Lack of System**

There was lack of system in the reception of the wounded at the station when the trains came in from the front, and often they remained many hours without care, without water, suffering severely. But the worst scenes were perhaps at St. Stephano. This station is on the railroad between the Thracian lines and Constantinople. It became a sort of receiving station for the sick. Cholera prevailed, though I think much what was called cholera was not true cholera.

These sick men were taken off the train at St. Stephano in order not to bring contagion into the city, but pains were not taken to see that arrangements were made for caring for them. Sick men, wounded men who were also sick, and dead men lay around upon the ground without shelter. The dead were not buried. Often a sick man was found with his head pillowed upon a dead man. The sick were calling for water. It was a sickening scene, and many were afraid to help these sufferers.

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**Handsomeness Home**

IS SECURED FOR BOISE Y. W. C. A.

Building Formerly Occupied by Independent Telephone Company Purchased for Boise Young Women.

A deal which has been hanging fire for several months was closed yesterday afternoon when the handsome building on North Tenth street, formerly occupied by the Independent Telephone company, was sold by E. H. Beggs and J. E. Tourtelotte to the Young Women's Christian association for \$25,000. The building is a three-story brick structure and has a frontage of 72 feet on Tenth street and 90 feet on the alley between Bannock and Jefferson streets. The building is to be turned over to the association completely remodeled early in March and at least \$4000 will be expended in making the necessary changes to make the building meet the needs of the association.

The first floor of the building will contain the public lobby, reading room, amusement hall and association offices. While the second floor will contain the association parlors, a cafeteria and dining room which may be used for private parties and a rest room equipped with cots. Eleven comfortable sleeping rooms will be provided on the third floor from which the association expects a fair income. The rooms will be for rent and the dormitory used in emergency cases for girls who are seeking work or need help.

The basement will contain shower baths, possibly a small gymnasium, a laundry and a dark room for developing films and plates, there being a goodly number of the members who use kodaks and cameras.

The Young Women's Christian association was organized here in May, 1910, by a small group of girls who spent the entire spring of that year securing a pledged membership and arranging for the necessary financial support. The association now has a membership of over 700. Since its organization the association has been occupying a suite of five rooms in the McCarty building, but being on the top floor, the work was greatly handicapped and not a month passed that the officers did not feel the need of larger quarters. Numerous attempts were made to secure a building but it was not until a few months ago that negotiations began which gave promise of being realized and which ended yesterday in closing the contract for the handsome building so well located and adapted to the needs of the association.

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Change in Mail Service.

(Capital News Special Service.)

Washington, Jan. 1.—The postoffice department announces the following changes for the state of Idaho: The Oregon Short Line railroad will establish a railroad service to become effective Jan. 15, 1913, from Moreland Junction, by Pinks, Springfield, Sterling and Yuma, to Aberdeen, a distance of 28.38 miles, and back, six times a week, or as much oftener as trains may run. A service is also established by the same road, to become effective on the same date, from Richfield, by Burnah, Fairfield and Corral, to Hill City, a distance of 58.93 miles, and back, six times a week, or as much oftener as trains may run.

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**POLICEMEN'S BALL**

SUCCESSFUL AFFAIR

Members of the Boise police force were on dress parade last night at the Moose hall. In the grand march, which was the opening number of the dance program of the fourth annual ball given by the Boise Police Benevolent & Protective association. The ball proved a great success, socially and financially. Wearing fifty blue uniforms, carrying polished clubs and wearing gold, white and red badges, the members of the force demonstrated last night that they were entertainers of ability and knew how to handle a crowd at a dance as well as at a fire or a riot.

There were 20 numbers on the program and there was not a dance during which the floor was not crowded. Nearly every member of the force showed his ability at the terpsichorean art and none of their partners were heard to complain. When the last strains of "Home Sweet Home" died away the crowd departed and all pronounced the ball one of the gala events of the season.

**FANCY STOCK OF HOGS EXHIBITED**

Fruitland Man Is Making Hog Raising a Very Profitable Industry.

(Capital News Special Service.)

Fruitland, Jan. 1.—J. M. Royston, one of the best known breeders of fine Poland China hogs in the northwest, has as fancy a lot of the stock as can be found anywhere. Mr. Royston is full of enthusiasm over the industry and is justly proud of the lot. He has scores of letters of inquiry from all over this state, Washington, Oregon and California. During the fair season Mr. Royston exhibited about 25 of his prize hogs and captured at the three fairs, Malheur county fair, Caldwell and Inter-Mountain fairs, \$315 in prizes.

In shipping this year old stock to swine breeders many have gone to Boise valley, Twin Falls and other points in this state and also Washington and Oregon. Up to date he has sold five for \$60, 11 for \$50, two for \$40, five for \$35, six for \$25, two for \$20 and two for \$15, according to their size and time of sale.

**Fruitland News Notes.**

Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Lewis will go to Boise Friday, where Mr. Lewis will assume his duties in the state legislature and Mrs. Lewis will visit for a couple of weeks with her mother, Mrs. Clark, and sister, Mrs. Alsop, who reside there.

Mrs. Cora Ticknor Jones, a teacher from Vancouver, Wash., is a guest

**SHOE SALE**

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# NEW CHAMPIONS MADE IN 1912 IN SPORTING WORLD

## List of Men and Teams Who Have Won Fame in Various Games During the Past Year.

The year 1912 which passed into history at midnight last night was a remarkable one from a sporting standpoint, and brought into the limelight many new champions in baseball, hockey, lawn and court tennis, racquets, golf, rowing, polo, motor boats, harness, billiards and pool, automobile racing, etc. Here are some of the champions of the old year and the records which have been made in various lines of sports:

**Baseball.**

World champions—Boston Red Sox. National league champions—New York Giants. American league champions—Boston Red Sox.

Champion batsmen—National league, Heinie Zimmerman; American league, Ty Cobb.

Champion college team—Harvard.

**Hockey.**

Champion college team—Princeton university.

**National Lawn Tennis.**

National champion—M. E. McLoughlin. National doubles champion—McLoughlin and Bundy.

# BOISE ATHLETES HAVE GIVEN CITY WIDE REPUTATION DURING PAST YEAR

## Splendid Victories at Football and Polo—Interest Taken in All Kinds of Legitimate Sport

National woman's champion—Miss Margaret Curtis.

**Court Tennis.**

National champion—Jay Gould.

**Racquets.**

National champion—Reynolds Fincke.

**Golf.**

National champion—Jerome D. Travers.

National women's champion—Miss Margaret Curtis.

**Rowing.**

Champion college eight—Cornell university.

Champion single sculler—E. Butler.

**Polo.**

National champion—Senior Meadowbrook team.

Open champions—Cooperstown team. Junior champions—Cooperstown team.

**Motor Boats.**

World's championship—Maple Leaf IV, one mile record; Technical, Jr., 1 minute 11 seconds, nautical mile. Record in dispute. Average in statute mile, 58.30.

**Harness.**

Trotting champion—Uhlen, 1 minute 58 1/2 seconds, owned by C. K. Billings.

**Billiards and Pool.**

Billiards—18-1 balk line, Ora Morgenstern; 18-2 balk line, Willie Hoppe. Three cushion—John Horgan.

Pool professional champion—Alfred de Oro.

Amateur champion—A. E. Hyman.

**Automobile.**

World's record 78.7 per hour for road racing, made by Teddy Tetzlaff, Fiat, in Santa Monica, Cal., 303 mile race, May 4.

World's record 78.72 miles an hour for speedway racing made by Joe Dawson and Don Herr at National Drivers on Decoration day, 500 mile race at Indianapolis.

One mile, 38 3-5 seconds, circular track—Louis Disbrow, San Diego, March 31.

Grand prize won by Caleb Bragg, Fiat, Oct. 5, at Milwaukee.

Vanderbilt cup won by Ralph de Palma, Mercedes, Milwaukee, Oct. 2.

# Lightweight Wrestler Wants a Match With Any Man of His Class in Idaho



FRANKIE SMITH. Better Known to Fans as "Battling West," Who Wants a Match.

# TAYLOR TAKING ACTIVE PART IN HOUSE AFFAIRS

Members Resent the Course Being Pursued by Lieutenant Governor-elect—Working for Conner.

Just how far is a presiding officer of one wing of the legislature, who, by virtue of his office, is placed in the chair, permitted to exercise his influence in the organization of the other wing of the legislature?

This is the knotty problem that is at present confronting members-elect of the Twelfth legislature since their arrival in this city, upon looking around, have been forced to recognize the fact that Lieutenant Governor Herman H. Taylor is assuming the sponsorship of the candidacy of A. H. Conner of Bonner county for speaker of the house, and is apparently directing his campaign.

Members-elect, when interviewed, indicated that they resented the apparent attitude of the presiding officer of the senate engineering the candidacy of a member of the house for speaker, especially in view of the fact that a complicated situation may arise over the speakership that may cause possible conflict, although they look for nothing of this kind at the present time. They say that, in view of the fact that the president of senate, by virtue of his office, holds the gavel in the upper house, and is supposed to be absolutely impartial, especially in view of the fact that in his hands are all important committee assignments, he should avoid the house organization as much as possible.

Representative Conner is conducting a hard campaign for the speakership. He came to Boise via the southeast, accompanied by Lieutenant Governor Taylor, and public announcement was made at the time of this fact. Members-elect declare that, in view of the fact that possible embarrassment might be caused through this activity, it will probably cease of its own volition.

**Seely-Mathews.**

John Seely and Miss Ada I. Mathews were married Tuesday evening of last week by Rev. Long of Grandview. The bride, a popular and accomplished young woman of Grandview and Oregon, is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mathews. The bridegroom is one of Grandview's well known and most highly esteemed young men. Mr. and Mrs. Seely will make their future home at Grandview.

**Name.**

Majorie—But, dear, wouldn't love in a cottage be rather commonplace?

De Garry—Well, of course, we could call the shack a bungalow.—Judge.

# BOISE CHAMPIONSHIP RECORD IN SPORTS

**Polo.**

Boise polo team won the northwestern polo championship. Played off here during fall of 1912.

**Baseball.**

Boise high school baseball team won the southwestern Idaho interscholastic league baseball championship.

The Irrigators, Boise's team in the Western Tri-State league, finished second, season of 1912.

**Football.**

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Boise high school won the Chicago "premier" championship before Portland did, and making it possible for the web-footers to win.

Tennis, gun, track and other events.

The girls' team, which held the championship title for two years, was defeated by Twin Falls by the close score of 23 to 22. The score of the Emmett game, played by the boy's team, was also close. Emmett defeated American Falls, score 23 to 22, and won the championship.

**Grammar School League.**

The closing of the Grammar School league in June ended a most successful and, it is claimed by the leaders of the league, a profitable season. The high batting averages were good and some very fast youngsters were developed with prospects of making better records this year. Central won the championship. Park finished second. Those who have followed the league record through the season picked an all-star team as follows:

Pitcher—Bills, Longfellow school.  
Catcher—Nafee, Central.  
First base—Wilcox, Central.  
Second base—Shaw, Central.  
Shortstop—Smith, Park.  
Third base—Henry, Longfellow.  
Right field—Page, Longfellow.  
Center field—Tucker, Washington.  
Left field—F. Wylie, Longfellow.

Those credited with high batting averages are announced as follows:

Henry, Longfellow school	500
Smith, Park	409
Wilcox, Central	375
Curley, Longfellow	369
Ansell, Washington	278
Shaw, Central	276
Brink, Washington	265
Kimmel, Park	259
Riedel, Central	241
Ensign, Longfellow	240

**Best at Polo.**

Ontario, Boise, Portland and the First cavalry played off the northwestern polo championship in this city during October, and Boise won. The city team developed by local polo players, including Lemp, Torrence, Falk, Ostner, Barringer, was one of the best in the western country. The tournament result follows:

Boise	3	0	1,000
Boise barracks	1	1	570
Portland	1	2	241
Ontario	0	2	639

The last match between Ontario and Boise barracks was not necessary and was called off, due to championship victory of Boise.

The final lineup of Boise and Portland for the last and deciding game of the tournament was as follows:

Boise	Position	Portland
Barringer		
Torrence	No. 1	Johnson
Lemp	No. 2	Corbett
Falk	(Back)	Corbett
Referee—Lieutenant Roscoe. Timekeeper—Estabrook. Time of game—Two hours.		

**Tennis Develops New Champion.**

The state tennis championship was played off in June at the local Y. M. C. A. courts and a new champion in singles was ushered into the limelight in A. B. Eaton, formerly of Mountain Home, now of Boise, who defeated Ben Q. Pettinell, one of the fastest players in the state and former title holder. The match was one of the speediest ever seen in Boise and was witnessed by many racquet fans.

**Boxing Places Boise on Map.**

Many titles were won and lost in the square ring in this city during the year, one of the most successful for a boxing standpoint. The result placed Boise decidedly on the map among fight fans. Mickey Morton, local promoter, is responsible for the good standing Boise has secured along this line. He has handled the promotion end with credit to himself, the fans and the game.

**Track Team Victory.**

The Boise high school track team made a wonderful showing at the state meet held at Moscow during the early summer, for six of the athletes on the team carried off the honors, scoring a total of 47 points while the next highest team scored but 42. The victory was one that brought credit to Boise and placed this city among the leaders of the northwest in high school track events.

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