

DOTS AND DASHES

WIRE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Peace Notes.

Proof that bolshevik Russia is highly dissatisfied with Turkey because Ismet Pasha has abandoned the Russians on the question of the Dardanelles was found when M. Tchitcherin, the soviet foreign minister, issued an urgent invitation to the Turkish journalists and warned them of the dangers of placing their trust in the allied nations.

Prince Rupprecht, who is popularly referred to as "the King" by his loyal Bavarian people, has given the monarchistic movement a sharp setback by telling the leaders of the Royalist party that he will not compromise his future by participating in any plan to proclaim him king.

Georges Tchitcherin, the bolshevik foreign minister, abandoned his extremely hostile attitude regarding the straits question at a recent session of the near East conference, and expressed approval of the Turkish proposals for regulating the straits.

Eleven war vessels are being scrapped by Japan in accordance with the five-power naval treaty, resulting in a personnel reduction in the Japanese navy of 12,000 officers and men, according to an official report from Ambassador Warren in Tokio.

"Italy in the negotiations in Lausanne is in full agreement with the allies," said Premier Mussolini to the Italian correspondents before going aboard his train for Paris. "What we propose to the Turks is perfectly reasonable. I hope the negotiations are successful. Otherwise there will be war."

The United States government took a strong position at the near East peace conference recently in protesting against expulsion of the Greek population from Constantinople. Apprehension that the Turks would insist on deporting all the Greeks proved to be well founded.

Washington

Retail food costs increased in twenty of twenty-one representative cities over the country during the month ending November 15, says a review issued by the department of labor. In New Orleans prices showed a decrease, but it was less than .5 of 1 per cent.

The increase in employment over the country in November was greater than in any month since January, as shown in reports to the United States employment service. Employment gains were noted particularly in the iron and steel, metal, tobacco, textile and oil industries.

Friends of prohibition, in complete control in the house, made a clean sweep recently in knocking out amendments to the prohibition section of the treasury supply bill, which they claimed were designed to weaken enforcement of the Volstead law.

Lack of funds has thrown the national guard "one year behind in the development required by congress itself," Maj. Gen. George C. Rickards, chief of the militia bureau, declared in his annual report.

Farmers should produce more of their own foodstuffs and buy less that must be brought to them by railroad, according to a survey of opinion among twenty-five thousand farmers, made public recently by the department of agriculture.

Representative Johnson, Republican, South Dakota, has introduced a bill giving the President authority in war-time to draft the unorganized militia, without exemption of men from 21 to 30 on account of industrial occupation.

Domestic

Daniel McIntyre was killed and Frederick Paul probably fatally injured at Gary, Ind., while having their photographs taken on the top of an electric suburban car by two young women companions. McIntyre came in contact with the trolley wire.

After an 18-year sleep in a senate committee room pigeon-hole, the sale of Pines treaty with Cuba, submitted to the senate by Ex-President Roosevelt, emerged from retirement recently and was reported favorably by the senate foreign relations committee.

The United States recently gave the republic of Colombia a check for 5 million dollars, its first payment under the 25 million dollar treaty ratified in 1921 to cover damages incurred in the construction of the Panama canal.

A nation-wide information service designed to protect the public against the promoters of fraudulent schemes has been put into operation with the co-operation of the National Vigilance Committee in better business bureaus of thirty-eight cities of the United States and Canada.

The business district of Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, is in ruins, hundreds of persons are homeless and property loss estimated around 15 million dollars was caused by a fire recently. For ten hours the flames held sway, eating an ever-widening path through the city.

Twelve bandits overpowered the guards at the Jack Daniels Distilling Company in St. Louis and escaped with bonded whisky valued at \$50,000. The loot, consisting of between 300 and 400 cases and fifty barrels, was carried away in trucks.

Theft by a gang of negroes of \$150,000 worth of valuables from the summer homes of Harry Payne Whitney and other wealthy New Yorkers was revealed by detectives after a battle in "Hell's Kitchen," on the edge of the uptown theatre district. The detectives made two arrests and recovered loot valued at \$50,000.

Seven hundred coal miners walked out on strike at Brazil, Ind., against refusal of the operators to check off \$4 from their wages to make up losses sustained by the United Mine Workers of America in the recent strike.

Southwest

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Sawyer were killed when their motor car was struck by a Santa Fe passenger train at Pendleton, eight miles north of Temple, Tex. The accident was said to have been witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Mart Sullivan, parents of Mrs. Sawyer.

A Ku Klux Klan parade at McKinney, Tex., developed at one time into a free-for-all rock-throwing fight between klansmen and men watching the parade. Several klansmen received bruised heads.

W. E. Halsell, owner of the Mashed O ranch at Spring Lake, near Muleshoe, south of Amarillo, Tex., wants an aviator to fly over his place to scare away the wild ducks that are threatening to destroy his grain crop.

Judge Sterling P. Huff, chief justice of the seventh court of civil appeals of Texas, died at his home in Amarillo the other afternoon after an illness of three days.

Four bandits held up a mail truck at Kansas City, getting eighty-four sacks of parcel post mail. The drivers of the mail truck were bound and taken to a lonely spot four miles northeast of Independence, where they were tied to fence posts. They freed themselves and notified the Independence police.

An explosion believed to have been caused by a gas leak from a gas heater in the basement resulted in damages estimated at \$100,000 to the Doric theatre, Ridge Arcade building and adjoining stores at Kansas City. The janitor was severely injured.

Foreign

Armed Russians have crossed the Manchurian frontier at Allauor and attempted to capture the Chinese the tempted to capture the Chinese coal mines, according to a report received at Vladivostok. They attacked a garrison of Changsolin troops who, with reinforcements, repulsed the Russians.

A German note complying with the demands of the council of ambassadors for 1 million gold marks as indemnity and a renewed apology for the recent attacks on inter-allied military control officers at Passau and Ingoldstadt in Bavaria has been received in Paris.

The death by firing squad of four recalcitrant Republicans, Roderick (Rory) O'Connor and "General" Liam Mellows, two noted leaders of the irreconcilables, and Joseph McKelvey and Richard Barrett, lesser lights in the fight against the constituted authority, has shocked Ireland.

Sean Hailes, deputy to the Irish parliament, was killed and Padriac O'Malley, also a member of parliament, was seriously wounded by seven men who attacked them as they were on their way to the opening meeting of the Free State dail in Dublin recently.

Germany will give the allies a "casual apology" instead of the 1 million gold mark indemnity demanded for attacks on allied officers at Ingoldstadt and Passau, it became known in Berlin recently.

An international gold loan, the money to be used for stabilization and cash reparations payments, is soon to be proposed to the reparations commission by the German government.



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