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TURKISH BATTERY SHELLS U. S. BOAT

Launch From Cruiser Tennessee Fired Upon at Smyrna.

DETAILS LACKING

Commander Defied Refusal of Permission to Enter Port.

Turkish land batteries at Smyrna fired on a launch from the United States armored cruiser Tennessee while the launch was on the way from Vurla to Smyrna. This fact came in an official communication from Captain B. C. Decker of the Cruiser, Tennessee. The Turks fired upon the launch after the commander defied a refusal of permission to enter the port. The English government is trying to confirm the report. The Navy Department insists that there is no cause for alarm. The cruiser Tennessee is now at Chios, a Greek possession in the Aegean Sea. The American ambassador ordered the ship to leave Smyrna after the launch had been fired upon.

Terrific bayonet encounters mark the fighting along the Dixmude-Ypres line, where the weather conditions have improved. The Allied fleet has renewed its aid to the land forces. Heavy artillery firing continues along the Aisne. Lord Churchill announced in the House of Commons that the British naval losses have been 2,667. The Allied fleet along the Belgian coast blew up a German troop train and bombarded coast towns.

By United Press.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The Navy Department received an official confirmation that the Turkish land batteries at Smyrna had fired on a launch from the American armored cruiser, Tennessee, while the launch was on the way from Vurla to Smyrna. This fact came in the official report of Captain B. C. Decker of the cruiser, Tennessee. The department has asked for further particulars and is insisting that in the meantime there is no cause for alarm.

By United Press.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The Admiralty is trying to confirm the report that the launch from the American cruiser Tennessee was fired on by the Smyrna forts when its commander defied a refusal of permission to enter the port. There is such anxiety for the British, French and Russians there if the neutral warship was the object of hostile action.

There are indications that the one billion seven hundred and fifty million dollar war loan of Great Britain will be over-subscribed. A long line is waiting at the Bank of England to buy the bonds.

Lord Churchill announced in the House of Commons that the British had lost 3,677 officers and men in naval engagements.

The Allied fleet along the Belgian coast blew up a German troop train, killing many men. The fleet also bombarded Bruges and two other towns held by Germans.

By United Press.

ATHENS, Nov. 18.—The American cruiser, Tennessee is at Chios, a Greek possession in the Aegean Sea. It is reported that the American ambassador, Morgenthau, ordered the ship to leave Smyrna at the Turkish request after it was reported the launch from the American cruiser had been fired upon by the Turks.

By United Press.

PARIS, Nov. 18.—The Allies uniformly repelled isolated infantry attacks. The French Zouaves in a brilliant bayonet charge routed the Germans from a patch of wood, contested for three days.

Terrific bayonet encounters mark the fighting along the Dixmude-Ypres line. The Allies by fierce bayonet charges are routing the Germans from the wooded sections.

Some Germans, exposed to the terrific artillery fire, are making frantic efforts to repair their bomb-proof trenches which have been destroyed by the floods south of Dix-

mude. The German losses are enormous. The weather is improving. The fog along the coast has lifted and the Allied warships have renewed their aid to the land forces.

The rains at Nieuport and Dixmude have ceased although the suffering is unalloyed on account of the cold. The second line French are about to go into action to relieve the Belgians and the French of the original army.

Heavy artillery firing continues along the Aisne. The altar in the Rheims Cathedral is said to have been damaged in the new bombardment.

By United Press.

VIENNA, Nov. 18.—The wounded are suffering from the lack of absorbent cotton despite the surplus in America. All nurses, doctors, society women and other civilians are spending their time shredding cloth into threads which is sewed into gauze to be used in binding wounds. The method is painful to the wounded. Americans may ship individual gifts of cotton by parcels post.

WILL RETURN MONEY

City to Refund \$10,000.00 Under the New Deposit Plan.

The city water or light service will now be installed upon the deposit of the estimated cost for sixty days' service, as a result of action taken by the City Council last night. Formerly the security deposit for putting in either was \$15. This plan will add many new customers, according to M. E. Fawks, superintendent of the plant, for many are unable to make the initial deposit of \$15.

The ordinance providing for this change was left over for the next meeting, so that Mr. Fawks might have ready the amounts of the refunds to be made. However, a motion was passed instructing him to go ahead with extensions under the new plan.

Under the plan, which is that recommended by the Public Utilities Commission and in use in St. Louis and other cities, the minimum deposit is \$2.50. The deposit varies according to the estimate of the service required. Personal security will be accepted at the discretion of the department.

The difference between the two deposits will be refunded when the ordinance is passed. "The total of these refunds will be about \$10,000," said Mr. Fawks this morning. "We have that much of the people's money there is no need of keeping."

James W. Schwabe and S. F. Conley asked the Council on behalf of a delegation of real estate agents, that the license tax against such agents be repealed by an ordinance. This was granted.

An ordinance defining the ward boundary lines was passed. The ordinance simply extends the present lines so as to include new territory.

The council passed a resolution commending W. B. Palmer, who resigned recently as a member of the council from the Second ward, on account of a change in residence, as a "true and faithful friend of the city." The matter of electing a successor was taken up, but finally left with Mayor Moore, who is to call the election.

W. M. Dinwiddie, city attorney, was instructed to conduct, at the expense of the city, the gas hearing to be held at Jefferson City November 24. Bills and accounts were allowed against the water and light fund to the amount of \$2,300.

The council also instructed the street and alley committee to repair the alley back of Mrs. Max Miller's property on North Hill street. Mrs. Miller appeared before the council asking that this be done.

To Elect Councilman.

Mayor Moore has set December 14 as the date for the election of a councilman from the fourth ward.

\$75,000 Loss in Little Rock Fire.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Nov. 18.—Fire today destroyed the Reinman and Wolforth livery stable. A hundred vehicles were burned. The loss is estimated at \$75,000.

FIRE RISK GREAT IN FRAT HOUSES

Prevention Committee Reports Conditions of Chapter Houses.

INSPECTING TOWN

Insurance Men Will Ask J. G. Babb to Warn Student Owners.

"Bad," said S. E. Cate, chairman of the Committee of the Fire Prevention Association which is inspecting houses in Columbia, when referring to the condition of the houses he had inspected today for their preparations in minimizing the risk of fire. Most of the houses inspected so far have been fraternity and sorority houses.

Mr. Cate inspected most of the fraternity houses this morning. He said that the worst conditions seem to result from careless wiring. Wires are hung over nails in the walls with the insulation all worn off the wire. The kitchens are improperly cared for, he said, and the basements untidy. In many houses the stove in the kitchen is set upon the floor with no zinc under it. "It is due to carelessness," said Mr. Cate.

"Insurance companies have lost money on fraternity houses here," said Mr. Cate. He intimated that J. G. Babb, secretary of the Board of Curators, will be asked to warn the fraternity houses of the conditions.

A committee of the Missouri Fire Prevention Association today inspected the city for measures for fire prevention. Each member of the committee had two students from the School of Engineering of the University with him. The inspection is meant to educate the students in fire prevention as well as to point out defects in the buildings.

An inspection will be made of all buildings in the business part of town and of some of the larger rooming houses. All the fraternity and sorority houses also were inspected.

Mr. Cate talked on fire prevention at the Commercial Club luncheon this noon. Charles G. Revelle, state insurance commissioner, will speak at the courthouse tonight.

The committee that is inspecting Columbia today includes S. E. Cate, P. H. Knighton, A. H. Grupe, Paul Schmuck, A. A. Knopf, J. D. Fleming, N. C. Brown, F. H. Rea, M. L. Sears and J. B. Bush.

SIXTY DELEGATES ENROLL

Schwabe to Insurance Men Pre-dicts Stephens Next Governor.

Sixty delegates representing thirty-nine companies enrolled this morning when the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the County Mutual Fire Insurance Companies came to order in the courthouse.

The Rev. Madison A. Hart pronounced the invocation and W. L. Shouse of Shelby, Mo., president of the state association, called upon E. C. Clinkscales, president of the Columbia Commercial Club, for his address of welcome. He said in part:

"This good, old town of Columbia has been honored many times by conventions of various sorts, but this convention is unique because it is the first convention, in my recollection, of business men. Columbia welcomes you because as Missourians you are partners with us in promoting and elevating everything which makes Missouri great."

Judge Thomas J. Rice of Shelby, Mo., responded. J. W. Schwabe, in welcoming the insurance men in the name of the 2,000 members of the Boone County Home Mutual Fire Insurance Company, made this statement:

"If Missouri ever has another Democratic governor he will come from Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, and his name will be E. W. Stephens." Mr. Schwabe then spoke of the work which the mutual companies were doing. He said that if the old line companies, the capitalized stock insurance companies, did not encourage fires, they at least winked at them. He said that the more fires there were the higher were the rates

which could be charged and that they would insure too heavily.

"The friction between a heavy mortgage and an over-insurance will cause a fire most any time in dry weather, it is said," Mr. Schwabe added. Under the mutual system of insurance the farmers in a county form a company, elect directors, have small membership dues, and can insure their properties at a rate of about 10 cents on the \$100. However, the insurance is issued for protection only and not for profit in case of fire. Fire losses are proportioned and paid by every member in the company.

W. L. Shouse, president, made a talk urging conservation from an insurance standpoint. He said this could be done through the construction of buildings, in the character of flues, by watching rubbish, incubators, brooders, and by the use of metal ash cans. He asked the delegates to encourage farmers to install small fire extinguishers and lightning rods on their homes and out-buildings. "There is no reason why the mutual companies should not extend to towns and cities and help the Mercantile Mutual Companies insure the town and city dweller," he finished, "we do not know when the corporation companies may get mad and leave the state."

ASKS FIRE MARSHAL LAW

Business Men Hear Talk by S. E. Cate.

The largest number of persons who ever attended a weekly luncheon of the Columbia Commercial club gathered at noon today. Nearly 100 members of the Commercial club, students of the School of Commerce of the University and visiting insurance men were there.

S. E. Cate asked that the business men of Columbia support the proposed Fire Marshal Law which will come before the State Legislature at the next term. The law will provide for a force of fire marshals paid by the state, whose duty it will be to investigate all phases of fire protection.

"We have never been able to convict for arson in Missouri," said Mr. Cate, "but with this law we expect to stamp out much incendiarism."

Jack Bedell said there were no new developments in the hotel situation.

"We are going to build a hotel here," he said. "The only question now is one of location. The Ninth street crowd must wake up right away or the hotel will be built on Broadway."

CLAUDE EVANS HERE AT LAST

Marshall, Mo., Man, Sought Last Week, Registers at Hotel.

Claude Evans of Marshall, Mo., was in Columbia yesterday. At the Athens Hotel he signed the register this way:

"Claude Evans, Marshall, Mo., first time here in five years."

The Columbia police were asked last week to search for Mr. Evans when Miss Billy Hews, a Marshall hotel woman, was found at the hotel here by her parents. He was not found in Columbia but, according to a telephone message to the Columbia police, he was found in Booneville.

CHILD BURNED IN CRIB DIES

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Grooms Buried Today.

Severely burned when its crib caught fire at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, Eva Gladys Grooms, the 14-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Grooms of McBaine, died yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The mother does not know how the accident happened. She was away from the child only a short time to go to a grocery. When she came back the crib was burning.

Burial was in the Columbia cemetery this afternoon. The Rev. T. W. Young conducted the services.

Dr. Lucky Invited to Speak.

Dr. D. F. Luckey, state veterinarian, has received invitations to attend two meetings in Kansas City. The dairymen and creamerymen will hold a convention at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. The South-west Jersey Cattle Breeders' Association will give a banquet at the Coates House at 6:30 Thursday night. Doctor Luckey was requested to give a brief talk at each of these meetings on the "foot and mouth" disease among cattle.

CHARITY WORKERS WANT ASSISTANCE

Enforced Idleness of Laborers Results in Many More Calls.

CLOTHING NEEDED

Merchants' Delivery Company Will Carry Gifts for Distribution.

This year the Charity Organization Society is having more than five times the number of calls for help that it had last year. The chief reason for this is that unskilled laborers have not had enough to do during the past summer and fall. Their weekly earnings have fallen from \$9 or \$10 to \$7 or \$8. These laborers have an average of six members to the family, and the earnings of the working member of these families are not large enough to cover all the necessary expenses.

Such people do not have steady employment but work by the job. When they are through with one piece of work they remain idle until another can be found. D. E. Major, who is in charge of the work of the organization, says that most of the calls for help this year are not coming from people who do not work, but from good workers who can not get enough to do to pay expenses.

The Charity Organization Society is badly in need of help. Old clothing, shoes and bedding are needed most. The society needs a bed now for one of the families it is aiding. It could find use for stoves and furniture that have been discarded.

All such articles which anyone may have will be put to good use if sent to the society's headquarters. Any one of the Merchants' Delivery Company's yellow wagons will carry gifts to the charity workers.

"POVERTY GREATEST EVIL"

So Says Prof. A. W. Taylor in Lecture on Social Problems.

Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Bible College delivered the second of a series of illustrated lectures dealing with present-day social problems at the Y. M. C. A. Building last night. His lecture dealt with problems before the United States, for this country, he said, has neglected to make some of the provisions made by other countries for its laboring classes.

"Ten millions of people," said Professor Taylor, "live on the edge of poverty. One in twenty-eight of the people of Chicago received help, in one year, from an organized charity society. This means at least one family in six."

Statistics used by Professor Taylor gave the number of those in fear of want as one-fourth of the wage earners—about thirty million people. And the fear of want, he said, was perhaps more to be dreaded than actual want. Fifty-nine per cent of all American families own no property. Seven per cent own as much property as the other ninety-three per cent.

Poverty, said Professor Taylor, is the greatest of all social diseases. He described the modern tendency "to be much more concerned with the lion in our neighbor's yard than the louse on our own head." There are many thousands of children in America, he said, who are foredoomed and foredamned by the homes into which they were born.

The causes of poverty, according to Charles Booth, are, in order, old age, sickness and drink. Of 1610 people in poverty, only 4 per cent were loafers. Professor Taylor traced the causes of poverty back of old age and sickness and drink to our modern employment system, which made for the corporations in 1912, clear of all wages and overhead expense, a profit of \$3,700,000,000.

Professor Taylor used that part of the United States east of the Rockies and north of the Mason-Dixon Line in getting the laborer's average wage. He found 10 per cent of the wage-earners to get less than \$325 a year, 50 per cent less than \$500 and 90 per cent less than \$800. The last amount is insufficient to keep a family. Therefore

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THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday, but with some cloudiness; cooler Thursday—lowest temperature tonight about 30 degrees. For Missouri: Fair tonight and Thursday; cooler Thursday and north-west portion tonight.

Weather Conditions.

High pressure waves dominate in the United States, consequently fair weather prevails. In parts of Manitoba and Ontario the weather is unsettled with snow.

It is warmer in the Missouri and the upper half of the Mississippi drainage areas, and somewhat colder in southern sections. Zero temperatures are confined to the Canadian border, but the freezing line is somewhat farther south, passing through Georgia and southern Alabama.

There was no precipitation of consequence during the past 24 hours.

The arrangement of atmospheric pressure is such as to indicate a continuation of the present fine weather for several days.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 43 and the lowest last night was 32. A year ago yesterday the highest was 50 and the lowest 27; rainfall, .01 p. m.47

The Almanac.

Sun rises today, 6:56 a. m. Sun sets, 4:53 p. m.

Moon sets at 5:29 p. m.

The temperatures today were:

7 a. m.32 11 a. m.41

8 a. m.34 12 (noon)46

9 a. m.36 1 p. m.47

10 a. m.43 2 p. m.46

THE CALENDAR

Nov. 18.—Mass meeting for Kansas game. Auditorium Academic Hall.

Nov. 19-20.—Civic League flower show, benefit Carnegie Library fund.

Nov. 21.—Missouri-Kansas football game at Lawrence, Kan.

Nov. 24.—German Club meeting, Y. M. C. A. Auditorium Tuesday night.

Nov. 25.—Phi Mu Alpha concert, St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, University Auditorium.

Nov. 26.—Thanksgiving holiday.

EXHIBIT TOMORROW

Proceeds of Flower Show to Library Fund—Many Help.

The women of the Civic League have been busy all afternoon collecting flowers which are to be on exhibition and for sale at the Civic League flower show tomorrow afternoon and Friday morning.

All exhibits are to be ready by tomorrow morning, but if it is impossible for anyone to get flowers down to the store, means will be provided by Mrs. W. E. Harshe.

The florists of Columbia have promised a large commission to the Civic League on all cut and potted flowers, bulbs, ferns and palms which are sold out of their exhibits.

A taxicab company has offered to take the women to Mrs. Hartley Banks' reception, allowing them to stop over at the flower show, for one fare each. It is expected that this will considerably increase the flower show attendance.

The flower show is being given to start a fund to buy a lot for a public library building.

CAME EARLY TO HEAR BAND

Only Standing Room Left When Concert Began.

The audience for the Cadet Band concert last night began gathering half an hour before time. The Auditorium was filled to its seating capacity and many sat in the aisles or stood up. Many townspeople were present.

Cadets in dress uniform acted as ushers.

President Hill, in introducing the band, explained that assemblies were irregular on purpose, that they would continue at convenient times both for class work and for the convenience of out-of-town speakers. A variety will be had with band concerts at night.

Next Tuesday Percy Werner of St. Louis will speak at Assembly and soon after Dr. Graham Taylor of Chicago.

LECTURE SERIES BEGINS

Dr. Joseph Barrell of Yale Here Under Auspices of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Joseph Barrell, professor of geology in Yale University, will give his first talk in his series of lectures on "The Bearing of Geology on Man's Place in Nature," in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building at 9 o'clock tonight. His talk tonight will be on "Planetary Conditions Permitting Life."

These talks are under the auspices of Sigma Xi.

Dr. Moss' Daughter Loses by Fire.

A fire at Twin Lakes, Mich., this morning destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Marshall according to a telegram received by Mrs. Marshall's father, Dr. Woodson Moss. Mrs. Marshall, who was Miss Sarah Moss, was married last June.

To Preach on "Hell" Tonight.

Father McKeown will preach this evening at the Catholic Church, the services beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The subject will be "Hell."

CITY POPULATION REACHES 12,850

New Directory For Columbia Has 500 More than the Last Time.

OUT TOMORROW

Names Under Letter "B" Outnumber "S" For First Time.

Columbia has a population of 13,151 excluding students, according to the new city directory, which will be out tomorrow. This includes the suburbs. R. E. Hackman, who issues the directory, estimates that 300 of the number live in the suburbs. The total population within the corporate limits, then, is 12,850.

The directory shows an increase of more than 500 names since the last one was issued, two years ago. There are twelve more pages of names in this one than in the last one.

"These figures are at actual count," said Mr. Hackman today, "and are not an estimate. We have counted every man, woman and child. When we went to a house we got the names of the head of the house, his wife, and all other persons over 16 years. Then we also got the number of children under 16, and counted these on the parents' slip, though we did not show their names. I was surprised at the number. It is a remarkable gain in two years."

The directory shows more persons whose names begin with B than with any other letter. There are 1707 of them. There are no names at all under X, and only two under U. Next to B, S has the most names—1330.

"Usually there are more names beginning with S than with any other letter," said Mr. Hackman. "This is the only place I ever knew where that was not the case. The M's are usually second, but here they show only 652."

The number of names under each letter is as follows:

A, 378; B, 1707; C, 1050; D, 519; E, 233; F, 455; G, 516; H, 1024; I, 13; J, 456; K, 291; L, 465; M, 344; N, 308; O, 220; P, 507; Q, 19; R, 652; S, 1330; T, 537; U, 2; V, 147; W, 1327; Y, 41; Z, 42.

SEPARATE AFTER 35 YEARS

Thomas A. Woods Brings Suit for Divorce.

Thirty-five years they lived together—and then she left him and refused to come back although he often asked her to, says Thomas A. Woods in his petition for divorce from Joella Woods. They were married in 1878.

Mr. Woods says he treated his wife with kindness and affection as a husband should, but that his wife at various times told him to pack his grip and leave her home and not return. Finally, in February 1913, she left and wouldn't come back.

SECOND MARRIAGE AT 17

Mrs. Alice Carpenter First Wed When 14 Years Old.

Mrs. Alice Carpenter, 17 years old, and Ernest Chick, 22 years old, both of Columbia, were given a license to be married today. Mrs. Carpenter's first husband died about a year ago. She was 14 years old when first married. Luella Sexton, mother of the bride, gave her consent to the marriage.

PERCY WARNER AT ASSEMBLY

St. Louis Attorney Will Speak on "The New Politics."

Percy Warner, an attorney of St. Louis, will address the University Assembly at 10 o'clock Tuesday, November 24, on the subject of "The New Politics." He will speak to the students of the School of Law at 3 o'clock that afternoon.

Rocheport Mayor's Son Weds.

Miss Mary Bently Campbell and Alfred Potts, son of the mayor of Rocheport, were married yesterday afternoon by the Rev. W. S. St. Clair at the home of the bride's parents in Rocheport. Mrs. Potts is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell. She is a graduate of Stanbury Hall of Dallas, Tex. Mr. Potts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Potts.