

Germany Protests Turkish Brutality

Boston, Dec. 22.—The German government on Aug. 9 filed at Constantinople a protest against the Turkish treatment of Armenians, according to Dr. James L. Barton, chairman of the national committee for Armenian and Serbian relief who today made public the text of the protest.

In a statement quoting the official statement transmitted by the German embassy, Dr. Barton says that Count Ernest von Reventlow, a German naval expert, in a recent statement published in the Cages Zeitung, strongly defends Turkey's massacre of the Armenians on the basis of military necessity and adds:

"One wonders whether von Reventlow knows that throughout the length and breadth of the Turkish empire after the men (who only were capable of revolution but who, according to every known evidence, did not revolt) had nearly all been disposed of, the attack fell upon widows and orphans who were driven from their homes by hundreds of thousands at the point of bayonets.

"It is possible that von Reventlow knows that fully one-half of these refugees miserably perished from violence?

"He must be ignorant of the sickening reports made by eye witnesses—American, Italian, British, German—civilian and official—who tell of seeing these helpless inoffensive women and girls brained because they clamored for food and forced into Islam because perchance they were comely; of women throwing their babies into rivers or over precipices to save them from the impending horror of continued existence.

"He cannot have known that on Aug. 9 of this year in Constantinople, the German ambassador in the name of his imperial master filed a protest against these horrors with the Turkish government."

HOW I RAISED THE WORLD'S CHAMPION SHIP ACRE OF CORN

By Walker Lee Dunsen, of Alabama, champion boy corn grower of the world.

In preparing my land for corn I first cut the stalks with a stalk cutter and turned the land from ten to 12 inches deep on the first of March with a two-horse plow. I then double-cut the land with a disk harrow, and on the seventh of April I laid off the rows three feet apart, bedded the land with a one-horse turner and planted the corn in the water furrow, using 200 pounds of 10-4 guano.

The corn came up in perfect stand. For the first plowing I used a cultivator just deep enough to loosen the soil. The second plowing was made with a single stock, with scooter and scrape. I then used 400 pounds of 10-4 guano.

For its third cultivation I used a harrow, after having applied 600 pounds of 10-4 guano. I then thinned out the corn to a stand of about eight inches in the drill. At the fourth cultivation I again used a harrow, and applied 800 pounds of 10-4 guano, also giving it a good hoeing.

For the fifth cultivation I used a harrow, and applied 200 pounds of 10-4 guano as a top-dressing. The harrow was used for the sixth cultivation, and 100 pounds of nitrate of soda was applied. For the seventh cultivation, I used a shovel cultivator, going over the ground very lightly. Here is the cost of this acre of corn divided among the various operations:

232 5-7 bus. corn at 90c.	\$209.44
Preparing the land	1.80
Plowing the corn	1.00
Hoeing	1.00
Work of horses	2.40
Gathering the corn	8.00
Rent of land	5.00
Fertilizers	28.70
Seed corn	.50
Total	46.40
Profits	\$163.04

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Christmas Party at Congregational Church

Thursday evening the Congregational Sunday school held a Christmas party in the parlors of the church and a unique method of observing Christmas was enjoyed. The parlors and recreation rooms were filled to overflowing and the gymnasium and Sunday school rooms were also given over to the entertainment of the happy young folks. Each room held a class or two of youngsters, and some older ones, who were making merry in various games and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves. After a social hour the social room was opened and two Christmas trees, beautifully decorated were disclosed. The lights were turned out and the room lighted by candles, while an interesting program of songs and readings were enjoyed. There were reports from a few of the classes telling how they earned the money for the new church, after which a treat of candy, nuts and popcorn was passed to each and every one, and a most enjoyable evening came to a close.

Will Take Up Farm Labor Proposition

Secretary Otto, of the Valley City Commercial club, has been advised by J. P. Hardy of Fargo, president of the North Dakota Federation of Commercial clubs, of the appointment of a committee to consider North Dakota's farm labor problems and to work out a plan for solving the same, as follows: W. C. McFadden, Fargo, secretary of the North Dakota Bankers association, chairman; R. F. Flint, Bismarck, state immigration commissioner; C. W. Graves, secretary of the Grand Forks Commercial club; J. Dexter Pierce, secretary of the Larimore Commercial club, and George L. Price, secretary of the Bismarck Commercial club.

It is probable that Chairman McFadden will call a meeting of his committee in the near future, and that the sessions will be held in Bismarck, where two members of the committee reside, and where many of the records will be found in the state capitol. The difficulty in procuring a proper and seasonable distribution of farm labor was one of the most important problems discussed at the meeting of the federated clubs held in Fargo last week. The bankers' association is deeply interested in this matter as are the commercial organizations of the state and the immigration department. With the many valuable points brought out in the last discussions, the committee has something tangible to work upon, and it is believed that its report to the executive committee will be of state-wide interest.

Kidder County Girl Wins Essay Contest

Miss Alma Whitehead of Tuttle secured first place in the North Dakota Appreciation Week Essay Contest. Her essay entitled, "Natural Opportunities," is published below:

"In the spring of 1913, Mr. Campbell and his family, consisting of his wife and two children, came to this grand and prosperous state of North Dakota. They had always lived in the city of Chicago, but were told what a fine place North Dakota was, so came to make a home. Their house contained two rooms and the barn was smaller, but there was room for two faithful horses, which helped Mr. Campbell and his son, Earl, to put in the crop. Mrs. Campbell wished to help win a home so she started raising chickens. They built a small chicken house and soon had several hundred little chicks. Mrs. Campbell was very proud of them and spent much of her time with them. Rose, the daughter, having a good education, wished to do something to help her parents, so applied for a position as a teacher in the home school. She secured the position and enjoyed modern schoolhouses.

Their grain and their chickens brought them a small sum of money, which they invested in some pigs. Earl always took care of them and hated to part with the ones they sold. They were anxious to get a large herd of cows and sheep so they bought a few at a time until they had 100 cows and sheep. They sheared the sheep and sold the wool. Soon with their good crops and the help of their good chickens, pigs, cows and sheep, they made enough to build one of the best houses and barns in North Dakota. They have a farm to be proud of.

Mr. Campbell says: "I would not live in any other state, for there are so many opportunities in North Dakota."

Henry Doede and Miss Pauline Doede arrived home Wednesday from the Twin Cities and other eastern points, and report a most enjoyable trip.

J. Albert McCready and family left Thursday afternoon on No. 4 for points in Minnesota to spend the holidays with relatives and friends. Miss C. M. Lagerstrom has been confined to her apartments for several days with illness and although improving, she is not yet able to be at her place of business.

Donald C. Macdonald, of Roundup, Mont., spent Wednesday in the city with his brother, N. C. Macdonald, on his way home to spend the holidays with his mother at Hanna.

Mrs. Albert Neustadter, accompanied by her two daughters, Majorie and Eileen, left Wednesday night on No. 106 for Maple Lake, Minn., to spend the winter visiting relatives and friends at that place.

Cuba school, with Mrs. Ruth Davis teacher, will hold a Christmas tree Thursday evening. A good program has been arranged.

Sam Moore leaves Thursday night for Moose Jaw, Sask., Can., to attend the wedding of his brother, Tom, on Christmas day.

Mrs. Georgia W. Johnston has returned from Kensal, where she spent the past two weeks, and is again at her desk as public stenographer.

Mrs. J. D. Russell, of London, Ont., Can., arrived Wednesday night for a visit at the home of her brother, W. W. Fritch, and family, during the holidays.

Mrs. O. W. Moore, of Ida Grove, Iowa, who has been spending the past month with her sister, Mrs. W. W. Fritch, will return to her home Tuesday after Christmas.

Measurements were taken Thursday by the Anderson Clothing company for the newly organized Uniform Rank of the K. P. Lodge. Already 44 members have signed up with more to follow. As soon as the uniforms arrive, which will be the middle of January, regular drills will be held.

The wedding of Miss Miriam Getchell and Otto Borchert occurred Thursday afternoon at Getchell Prairie church. Full details will be published Friday.

J. E. Buttrey went to Fargo Friday afternoon on No. 4 to spend Christmas at the home of his nieces, the Misses Cruikshank.

Miss Amanda Zabel, who is attending university at Grand Forks, is at home for the Christmas vacation with her parents.

Miss Nellie W. Farnsworth has returned from River Falls, Wis., where she was called by the death of her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young and little daughter went to Greenwood, Minn., Thursday night, via Soo Line, to spend the holidays.

Rev. Alex Karr and son, Bryan, were guests at the Kindred Thursday, enroute to their home at Spiritwood for the holidays.

Miss Julia Lee is spending the holidays in the city with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole K. Lee, arriving from Fargo Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Owens came out from Fargo Friday to spend Christmas with Mrs. Owen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole K. Lee.

Miss Hilda Lee spent Thursday night in the city the guest of her brother, T. Melvin Lee, enroute from her school duties in Benedict to her home near Fingal.

Miss Dorothea McLean left Thursday night on No. 2 for her home in Chicago, where she will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Richardson, of Fargo, are visiting at the L. W. Hubbard home on Riverside avenue during the holidays.

Miss Ruth Rademacher and her grandmother, Mrs. Davis, of Willmar, Minn., are spending a few days at Elmwood Home with the Zabel family.

Appears Bruegger Talked Too Much

Devils Lake, Dec. 22.—It appears that John Bruegger had no authority from United States Treasurer John Burke to announce at this time that the watchdog of the federal treasury would be a candidate for United States senator.

Party leaders over the state are of the opinion, it is stated, that the announcement was untimely and ill-advised. Mr. Bruegger says he prefaced his remarks at the Grand Forks meeting with the assurance that he had no authority to speak for Mr. Burke. A little later he declared that Burke would be the candidate. Coming from one high in the councils of the party the statement was accepted by everyone present as true.

While no statement has come from Washington so far as can be ascertained, it appears that Mr. Burke had not intended to make public his intention until the June primaries were near at hand.

Big Money Paid in Attempted Bribe

New York, Dec. 22.—A carefully worked out plan on the part of Germans to bribe enough members of congress to insure the enactment of legislation prohibiting the export of war supplies for the allies is under investigation by the federal authorities both here and in Washington.

That an American college graduate was hired at \$1,000 a week to undertake the work at his disposal, spending almost \$1,000,000 before he was called off, are facts said to be now in the possession of the department of justice.

It is hinted that the man who served as an agent for big German interests and who became involved in their affairs in many ways is now ready to tell his story and, in fact, it was asserted here today, that man already had visited United States District Attorney Marshall.

When the details of the alleged plot are made public, it is said, there will be startling incidents. It has been hinted that charges may be made in the lower house of Congress before the present session adjourns and that a congressional investigation will be demanded.

Another Arrest Is Made

New York, Dec. 22.—The arrest today of Edmund Justice, a night watchman employed by the Hamburg-American line, was made by federal officers to supply the "missing link" in a chain of evidence closing proving that the steamship company was the financial agent of the German government in various plots against American neutrality alleged to have been uncovered by the department of justice.

Justice was arrested as an employe and fellow conspirator of Paul Koenig, head of the Hamburg-American detective bureau, who is charged with plotting to blow up the Welland canal. Shortly after Justice's arrest, a lawyer representing Koenig gave \$30,000 bail for the appearance of Justice at a hearing set for Jan. 12. This makes a total of more than \$100,000 supplied by the Hamburg-American company as bail for men accused of plots against American neutrality.

Indictments in the Welland canal case are expected tomorrow.

One Violation Will Not Justify Another

Bismarck, Dec. 22.—One violation of the constitution does not furnish justification for further violation of that instrument, according to an opinion handed down yesterday by Attorney General Henry J. Linde, relative to members of the legislature accepting civil appointments under the state administration.

Attorney General Linde was called on for an opinion relative to the recent appointment of Senator W. B. Overson as a member of the board of control, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. W. Jackson. The attorney general holds that the appointment is unconstitutional, and that Senator Overson cannot qualify for the office.

The question was raised by W. C. Gilbreath of this city, in a letter to the attorney general. In answer to the question the attorney general says: "I have carefully examined the language used in section 39 of the constitution, as well as the debates of the constitutional convention of this state, as recorded on page 55 of the Debates of the Constitutional Convention, and I have also examined some of the authorities construing similar provisions of the constitutions of other states.

"Section 39 of the Constitution of North Dakota provides:

"No member of the legislative assembly shall, during the term for which he was elected be appointed or elected to any civil office in the state, which shall have been created or the emoluments of which shall have been increased, during the term for which he was elected; nor shall any member receive any civil appointment from the governor, or the governor and senate, during the term for which he shall have been elected."

In construing a similar provision of the constitution, the supreme court of Minnesota, in the case of Barnum vs. Gilman, 27 Minn. 466, reasons that when the constitution is clearly contravened it is the imperative duty to so hold, and while there may have been others holding offices under similar circumstances, one or more violations of a constitutional provision would furnish no justification for any further violation of that instrument.

"It seems to me that the language used in section 39 of the constitution is susceptible of but one construction. The constitution is the fundamental law of the state and under the familiar rule of construction its provisions

should be given full force and effect and the rule that nothing should be added and nothing taken away from its meaning rises to a very high degree of significance when dealing with constitutional questions.

"I am, therefore, of the opinion that the appointment of the member of the legislature you mention is entirely void and in contravention of section 39 of the constitution of this state."

Senator Overson, who has been in the city for the past week, familiarizing himself with the duties of the new office for which he was appointed, left the city yesterday and could not be communicated with last night relative to the opinion of the attorney general.

Peace Party Is Divided

Copenhagen, via London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the National Tidende from Christiania says that Henry Ford left Christiania secretly for Bergen where he expects tonight to go aboard the Norwegian-American line steamer Bergen Hus, in order to return to the United States.

The dispatch records that the reason for Mr. Ford's sudden departure was said to be that his doctor had ordered him to rest his tired and overworked nerves.

The remainder of the expedition, ignorant of Mr. Ford's departure, left for Stockholm, the dispatch adds.

Hanna Goes to Copenhagen

Christiania, Dec. 23.—Henry Ford, who has been sick during his stay here and unable to attend the meeting of the peace mission, left this morning on the regular train ostensibly for Stockholm. The other members of the party left for Stockholm later on a special train with the exception of Governor L. B. Hanna, of North Dakota, who proceeded to Copenhagen.

The invitation to Norwegian friends of peace to join the peace party has met with no response. The press and public are unanimous in giving praise to Mr. Ford for his good will and high idealism, but the general opinion voiced here is that the mission will do little toward promoting peace negotiations.

KENMARE POWER PLANT IS SOLD

Kenmare, Dec. 22.—One of the most important business changes of the year was culminated when it was announced that the National Briquetting company of this city has sold the light and power plant to the General Utilities Corporation of Fargo. While it has not been generally known the new owners have been in active control of the property since the first of November, the announcement of the change having been withheld until all details of the transaction were completed.

Under the change Ralph Heustis becomes local manager.

Still in Advance.
Boarder—You made me pay in advance at first because I was a stranger. That was all right. But I am not a stranger now. Landlady—No; I know you now.—Boston Journal.

Deferred to the King.
During the latter years of George III.'s reign all performances of Shakespeare's "King Lear" were forbidden in consequence of the madness of the king.

Popular Getchell Girl Wedded on Thursday

The wedding of Miss Miriam Grace Getchell and Otto Borchert was solemnized Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Getchell Prairie church in the presence of about 250 friends and relatives, Rev. J. F. L. Bohnhoff, of the German Lutheran church, officiating. The church was decorated by loving hands of friends with ferns and mosses and other greenery sent out from Oregon by the bride's sister, Mrs. Gust Swanson. Preceding the ceremony, Levi Getchell, brother of the bride, sang "Oh Promise Me," and Mrs. N. C. James followed with "I love You Truly," accompanied by Mrs. Ed. Harper. With the opening strains of the "Wedding March" from Lohengrin, played by Mrs. Harper, four boys and four girls, Audrey Holcomb, Roy Holcomb, Will White, Charles White, Edna White, Ida Holcomb, Adelaide White and Marion White, entered bearing ropes of green and white which formed an aisle down which came the little flower girl, Harriet White, and the ring bearer, James White.

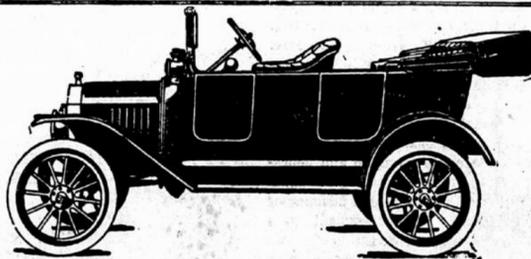
The bride's maid was Miss Josephine Getchell, sister of the bride, who was gowned in yellow, and carried yellow narcissus. The bride, in white crepe, and carrying bride's roses, entered on the arm of her father, who gave the bride away. At the altar, where an arch of green and white was erected, they were met by the groom and best man, Albert Goeschell. The simple Lutheran ring ceremony was used to join them in wedlock, after which congratulations were showered upon them. The guests signed the guest book and inspected the many beautiful and costly presents, and later were invited to the parlors of the church where light refreshments were served. Here again the friendly hands had decorated the rooms in Christmas colors, the windows latticed and festoons of the cherry colors making the place indeed beautiful. The tables were decorated with candles nesting in mosses and with ferns and leaves. Later a wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Getchell, and has lived all her life near the scene of her marriage. She is exceptionally well beloved by her many friends and acquaintance, as is attested by the friends who were present and by the many beautiful gifts received, as well as by the many good wishes bestowed upon the happy couple. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Borchert, of Cooperstown, and is a young man of many good qualities who has friends wherever he goes. Both young people graduated from the Normal in 1913. They left Friday for Cooperstown to visit the groom's parents, and will go later to Bismarck for a visit with Judge Burke and family, after which they will be at home at New Leipzig, where Mr. Borchert is principal of the city schools, having held that position for almost three years.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Otto Borchert, parents of the groom, and Miss Elton Skinner, friend and former room mate of the bride.

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