

NATIONS OF EUROPE SEEM TO BE LINING UP FOR GENERAL WAR

Stream of Rumors Indicate that Conflict that May Involve Continent is Near at Hand.

AUSTRIA CENSORS ALL NEWS Rumor that it is Mobilizing Army Cannot Be Confirmed.

SIMILAR REPORT FROM RUSSIA Czar's Army is Also Being Placed on War Footing.

KAISER IS ON THE LOOKOUT Hundred and Thirty Thousand Reservists Are Ordered to Be Ready to Rejoin Regiments if Trouble Spreads.

VIENNA, Nov. 23.—The independence of Albania has been proclaimed at Durazzo by Ismail Kemal Bey, the leader of the Albanians, according to a report published in the Allegemeine Zeitung today.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Europe's nerves were racked today as war clouds lowered over the continent. A stream of rumors, pointing to the apparent fact that both Russia and Austria are girding for a conflict which may involve more than half the civilized world, flowed from various sources and, as the Austrian government ordered a strict censorship on telegraphic communication, truth of the rumor could not be denied, though their confirmation was also unobtainable. Prague sent word that Germany had ordered the preparations of 130,000 army reservists, to be ready in case the empire is drawn into the great war that diplomats fear may grow out of the struggle in the Balkan peninsula.

The rumors accord badly with Premier Asquith's statement last night as to the prevailing harmony among the European powers. Official statements fail to dissipate the general anxiety as to the situation.

Allies Will Modify Terms. Nothing has developed within the last twelve hours to show whether the Turks will find the proposed modifications in the terms offered by the allied Balkan nations sufficient to induce them to agree to an armistice preparatory to a definite peace. The plenipotentiaries now on their way to Thessalonika on behalf of the allies, are reported to be carrying with them fresh terms of peace in a form that may open the door which is still regarded as standing ajar for their reception.

The Ottoman government points out that it still has 600,000 soldiers to draw from while the Bulgarians have none. The allied Balkan nations, however, retort that they are now in a position to march 150,000 troops who have heretofore been engaged elsewhere to swell the besieging force in front of the Turkish lines at Thessalonika. Should the war continue, it is assumed in military circles that an attack will soon be opened on the forts along the Dardanelles, whose fall would permit the Greek fleet to bombard the Turkish capital.

Small Skirmishes Fought. CONSTANTINOPLE, Nov. 23.—The latest information received here from the Turkish army headquarters is that there was only slight skirmishing today and several unimportant outpost fights. No mention is made in the dispatches of the armistice purporters and it is understood they have not yet been resumed.

A dispatch received today from Nazim Pasha, the Turkish generalissimo, says: "There was a slight cannonade on our right wing today. The enemy's battery in the environs of Ezeddin fired on our works at Mekkebarhich, to which our batteries replied. In reconnaissance on the left wing we collected a quantity of army effects abandoned by the enemy. The Bulgarians also bombarded Blyuk Uhekmedye, on the sea of Marmora, firing eighty shells. The fleet replied and silenced the enemy's guns."

Last night our reconnaissance advanced as far as the village of Ezeddin and drove back the enemy, inflicting a heavy loss and silencing artillery posted on the heights near the village. At intervals this morning the enemy's batteries in the environs of Ezeddin fired, but the effects of the cannonade were unimportant."

Another telegram sent by Nazim Pasha at 9 o'clock tonight says reconnaissance by his men within a radius of four or five miles from the center of the Thessalonika lines showed the ground littered with the bodies of several thousand Bulgarians.

During the last week strict precautions have been taken to exclude war correspondence.

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The Weather For Nebraska—Fair; moderate temperature. For Iowa—Fair; warmer east portion. Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

FRANCE FACES NEW DANGER

Minister Klotz Shows Deaths in Republic Exceeded Births.

SEES DEPOPULATION OF COUNTRY

Military, Economic Inferiority and Diminution of French Nation is Predicted as One of the Results Sure to Follow.

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The birth rate of France was 100,000 less in 1911 than in 1901. Louis Klotz, minister of finance, announcing this fact to the commission on population at its first session today, said: "Military inferiority, economic inferiority and the diminution of the power of France in the world will sooner or later be the inevitable consequence of the sterility of our nation."

The number of births last year, according to Klotz, was only 742,114 in the whole of France, against 877,824 a decade ago. In 1907 and 1911, he said, the deaths actually exceeded the births. This was, he continued, a sad state of affairs and a danger to the country, placing France in a situation of inferiority in comparison with other great nations.

Capt. Watkins Once Sentenced to Be Shot Dies at Clinton, Mo.

CLINTON, Mo., Nov. 23.—Captain W. G. Watkins, who served under General Jo Shelby in the civil war, died here today, aged 79. While recruiting a company for the confederate army Captain Watkins, discovered within the union lines, was captured, court-martialed and ordered shot. President Lincoln approved the order, but Watkins escaped, rejoined his regiment and served throughout the remainder of the war. A copy of his death warrant signed by Lincoln, given him after the war, was highly prized by Captain Watkins to the day of his death.

Man Killed, Five Hurt by an Explosion at Poplar Bluff, Mo.

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., Nov. 23.—Charles Coonce was killed and five other men injured, three probably fatally, when 100 pounds of dynamite exploded in Frank Kittredge's store, at Walsh's Spur, early this morning. The building was wrecked and structures in Poplar Bluff, five miles distant, were shaken.

Nebraska Towns Fight Prairie Fires

NORFOLK, Neb., Nov. 23.—Many points in southern South Dakota and northern Nebraska today were fighting the most disastrous prairie fires ever known there. One fire starting in the Pine Ridge Indian reservation swept through the Rosebud and south into Nebraska. The town of Crookston is in danger for a time.

Town of White Owl Destroyed by Fire

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—Over a hundred farmers met here today and formed a temporary organization of the Gage County Crop Improvement association by electing these officers: President, A. F. Kidd; vice president, John Huntington; secretary, S. P. Nichols; treasurer, W. W. Black. Resolutions were passed providing for the employment of a crop expert for Gage county for 1913. Another meeting will be held in two weeks when a permanent organization will be effected.

LARGEST GOLD OUTPUT FOR STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

PIERRE, S. D., Nov. 23.—(Special Telegram.)—The annual report of the state mine inspector shows the gold production of this state for last year to have been \$5,055,596 of which the Homestake mine shows \$3,500,000, the rest being divided among many interests. The output was the largest ever recorded for the state.

HOCKIN TO PRISON AFTER REVELATIONS ARE MADE

Judge's Denunciation as Magazine Articles One of Sensations of Dynamite Trial.

ATTACK ON MILLER PRINTED Comment Upon Progress of Case is Read Into Record.

ACCUSED OF OPPRESSING LABOR Article Says Steel Trust is Masquerading as Government.

CIRCULAR LETTER BY RYAN In It He Says All Proof Yet Produced of Truth of Charges is the Mere Word of Mr. Miller.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 23.—Herbert S. Hockin, secretary of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, was taken to jail tonight. His bond as a defendant in the "dynamite conspiracy" trial was ordered by the court increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

Hockin's commitment to jail in default of the increased bonds followed a day of sensational incidents at the trial. Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson denounced as "a gross contempt of court" an article which had been published in the union's magazine concerning the trial and signed by President Ryan and other officials of the union.

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Lansley L. Jewel, now an engineer on the Panama canal, testified late this afternoon that soon after the Los Angeles Times explosion Hockin made a confession to him under bonds of secrecy.

Harvester Trust Would Widen Power

Plans Creation of Monopoly to Control Harvesting Machinery of the World. GOVERNMENT OFFERS EVIDENCE In Court Letters Are Read, Showing that a Plan Had Been Matured to Get Rid of All Competition in Business.

Four Bankers Given Five Years Each for Misuse of Mails

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 23.—Four officers of the All-Night and All-Day banks of several cities, convicted of using the mails in a conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of their banks, were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and fined \$2,000 by Judge McCall in federal court here today.

Blish is Promoted by Dun & Company

F. M. Blish, for the last eleven years, district manager of the Omaha territory for R. G. Dun & Co., has been promoted to the same position in Kansas City, Mo., the change to take effect December 1.

Falls Nine Stories, Breaks Little Finger

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Grover Nielson, structural iron worker, employed on a building in course of construction, plunged last night and broke a severe shakelap in a conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of their banks, were each sentenced to five years' imprisonment and fined \$2,000 by Judge McCall in federal court here today.

Thanksgiving Day Knife and Fork Club



MEDALS OF HONOR FOR FIVE

Enlisted Men Are Called to White House for Ceremony. PRESENTATION MADE BY TAFT

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CHARGE FRAUD CAUSED DEFEAT

Democratic Candidates Personally Unwilling to Contest—One Says He Entered Contest Against His Will.

AGED MILLIONAIRE IS HERO OF FIRE WHICH THREATENS ART WORK

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Although 74 years of age and too feeble to walk, Cortlandt Field, a millionaire commission merchant and art connoisseur, was the hero of an early morning fire which threatened to destroy his five-story residence on Twenty-sixth street early today.

HARVARD FIRST IN CROSS-COUNTRY RUN

ITHACA, N. Y., Nov. 23.—Captain John Paul Jones won first honors in the intercollegiate cross-country meet this afternoon; Tober of Brown was second and Copeland of Harvard third.

RECEIVER FOR NORTH PLATTE VALLEY COMPANY

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 23.—Judge J. A. Riner last night appointed C. C. Carlisle of Cheyenne receiver for the North Platte Valley Irrigation company with authority to continue the company's operations. The North Platte company's project embraces 40,000 acres in the North Platte river valley in Converse county, near Douglas.

NEGOTIATIONS FOR BIG MILLION DOLLAR HOTEL UNDER WAY

Modern Structure May Be Erected at Northwest Corner of Eighteenth and Douglas Streets.

BUSINESS MEN HOLD MEETING

Brandeis and Kennedy Donate Site for Building in Heart of City.

ANNOUNCEMENT CREATES STIR

Kennedy, Smith and Wattles a Committee to Look After Finances.

SCHEME HAS GOOD BACKING

Confidence is Expressed that Omaha Capitalists Will Back Up the Project with Money and Push It Through.

A new \$1,000,000 hotel for Omaha now seems to be an assured fact, for negotiations have started among leading business men of this city, with every indication of a successful culmination. The hotel is to be built on the northeast corner of Eighteenth and Douglas streets on lots donated for the purpose by A. D. Brandeis and John L. Kennedy.

A. D. Brandeis called a number of business men together yesterday morning and announced that he and Mr. Kennedy would donate the property to a company of Omaha business men if they would organize to build a first-class hotel.

This announcement was received with great enthusiasm by those present, and all expressed the confidence that the substantial men of Omaha would back up the proposition with their money. While the hotel plans were discussed in a general way, the details were not gone into.

Financial plans for the hotel will be formulated by a committee consisting of John L. Kennedy, A. C. Smith and G. W. Wattles.

At the Meeting. The business men who met with Messrs. Brandeis and Kennedy were: A. C. Smith, Victor McCloud, J. H. Millard, C. C. Rosewater, G. W. Wattles, C. E. Voss, Joseph Hayden, G. M. Hitchcock, John L. Kennedy, Joseph Polcar.

While many hotel propositions have been discussed heretofore by Omaha business men, the principal difficulty confronting them has been to secure a suitable building site. This obstacle has been removed by the offer of Messrs. Brandeis and Kennedy.

Mr. Brandeis left for the east last evening and made this offer before starting on a ten days' trip.

Part of the ground which Messrs. Brandeis and Kennedy will give for the hotel was bought some time ago by E. A. Cudahy through A. P. Tukey & Son, and later sold to Mr. Brandeis. The north half of the two east lots was bought by Mr. Brandeis from the Hamiltons.

The present purchase of both tracts was negotiated by Harry A. Tukey of A. P. Tukey & Son. He made a trip to Chicago last week to buy the Cudahy tract. Mr. Cudahy and the Hamiltons did not care to sell, but finally consented in view of the purpose for which the property was wanted.

Mrs. Lesh Will Plead Not Guilty Monday

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 23.—Mrs. Pansy Ellen Lesh, charged with poisoning two Missouri women eight years ago, was arraigned in the criminal court here today and given until Monday to enter a plea to the charge of murder in the first degree. Judge Longan, appointed counsel for the defense, has announced definitely that a plea of not guilty will be entered despite the confession made by Mrs. Lesh to Los Angeles authorities November 2. A venire of fifty men was ordered against the resumption of the case Monday afternoon.

PROMINENT MAN CHARGED WITH MURDER OF GIRL

HARRISON, Ark., Nov. 23.—Charged with the murder of Miss Ella Barham, Otis Davidson, 28-years-old, member of a prominent family of Zinc, Ark., was arrested today on a warrant sworn out by the young woman's father. Miss Barham left her home at Zinc last Thursday for a horseback ride, and her mutilated body was found several miles from her home.

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