

## SIX GREEK WARSHIPS ARE NEAR ENTRANCE TO THE DARDANELLES

Large Turkish Fleet Concentrated Inside Peninsula and Big Fight Seems Probable.

### STRAIT STREWN WITH MINES

Rumor Greeks Will Try to Land a Large Force.

### HOLD NEGOTIATIONS IN LONDON

St. James Palace Placed at Disposal of Peace Delegates.

### CHOLERA IS CAUSING HAVOC

Thousand Cases in Native Quarter of Constantinople Within Twenty Days, Half of Which Have Proven Fatal.

SEDDILBAHR, Dardanelles, Dec. 7.—A Greek squadron composed of six warships was sighted off the entrance to the straits at 3:30 this afternoon.

A number of vessels of the Turkish fleet are concentrated in the Dardanelles ready for action and the straits are believed to be thickly strewn with mines.

A report was current a few days ago that forty Greek transports were on the way to the Gulf of Saros with Bulgarian and Greek troops on board. Whether the Greek squadron formed the escort to these transports or is acting independently has not been ascertained.

It is believed that the Turks have concentrated two entire divisions of troops with a considerable force of artillery from Asia Minor on the Gallipoli peninsula and it is expected that these will resist any attempt to land.

The Greek navy apparently has accepted the challenge hurled by the Turks in the recent order to the sultan's warships to concentrate in the Dardanelles. The approach of both fleets to the historic straits indicates that the first important naval engagement of the Balkan war may be expected in a short time.

### Negotiations in London.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The British government has placed the historic St. James palace at the disposal of the peace plenipotentiaries representing the Ottoman empire and the allied Balkan nations for the purpose of holding their conferences.

The meeting of the diplomats, which is arranged for next Friday, December 13, is looked forward to with great interest here and the general hope prevails that the outcome of the negotiations will be a settlement of the Balkan question, which has troubled Europe for so many years.

The delegates named by the different countries to act on their behalf at the conference are:

For Turkey—Tevfik Pasha, Turkish ambassador in London; Niximil Pasha, Turkish ambassador in Berlin; Rechad Pasha, Turkish minister of commerce.

For Serbia—G. Novakovich of the Serbian Treasury department; A. Nikolic, speaker of the Serbian Parliament; General Hoyovitch.

For Montenegro—Ex-Premier Mlynskovitch, M. Frolitch, formerly Montenegrin minister at Constantinople; Daut Yevovitch, chief of the Montenegrin cabinet.

For Bulgaria—Dr. Guechoff, prime minister; Dr. S. Danef, speaker of the Bulgarian Chamber of Deputies, and General Savoff or General Fitcheff.

Greece Undetermined.

It has not yet been determined whether Greece will send plenipotentiaries to participate with the representatives of its allies in the peace negotiations to be held here. In fact, a report published this morning says it will enter into separate peace negotiations with Turkey in one of the European capitals, probably Vienna.

For the moment, however, it is in a different position from that occupied by Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, as it has not officially agreed to the terms of the armistice signed a few days ago.

### Cholera Causes Havoc.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7.—Cholera is causing great havoc in the native quarters of the Turkish capital. It was officially admitted today that over 1,000 cases have occurred during the last twenty days and that half of them have been fatal. This total, however, is expected to be much below the real figure, and the opinion is generally expressed that the authorities are minimizing the outbreak.

The prefect in a proclamation issued today refers to the great proportions of the epidemic and warns the public that failure on their part to notify a case of cholera to the authorities will be punished by fine and imprisonment.

### Warning Sent to Greece.

ROME, Dec. 7.—Both Italy and Austria-Hungary have notified Greece that they cannot allow the Albanian city of Avlona or the surrounding country to be occupied by the epidemic.

### The Weather.

For Nebraska—Fair and colder. For Iowa—Generally fair; colder.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday, Dec. 7. 5 a. m. 25, 6 a. m. 25, 7 a. m. 25, 8 a. m. 25, 9 a. m. 25, 10 a. m. 25, 11 a. m. 25, 12 m. 25, 1 p. m. 25, 2 p. m. 25, 3 p. m. 25, 4 p. m. 25, 5 p. m. 25, 6 p. m. 25, 7 p. m. 25, 8 p. m. 25, 9 p. m. 25, 10 p. m. 25, 11 p. m. 25, 12 m. 25. Comparative Local Record. 1912, 1911, 1910, 1909. Highest yesterday, 42; lowest yesterday, 24; mean temperature, 33; precipitation, .00. Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal: Normal temperature, 32; deficiency for the day, 7; total excess since March 1, 10; normal precipitation, .40; deficiency for the day, .40; total rainfall since March 1, 2.59; deficiency since March 1, 3.63. Deficiency for cor. period, 1911, 15.25; deficiency for cor. period, 1910, 14.37. L. A. WELSH, Local Forecaster.

## GRIDIRON AT ARMAGEDDON

Famous Club Fights Battles of Campaign Over at Banquet.

### HAS FUN WITH ITS GUESTS

Undertone of Sympathy for Vanquished is Accompanied by Homely Advice and Warnings for Victors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—The landslide of 1912: how it happened and the futility of an attempt to reorganize the "G. O. P." on the old lines were the themes upon which played the wit and humor of the Gridiron club at the annual fall dinner tonight. Events of political importance and actions upon which turned national issues were treated in a spirit of levity and fun. Underlying each jest and quip and skit were touches of human sympathy and kindness for the victims of the November avalanche, as well as some bits of homely advice and warning for the victors that kept everybody in good humor.

Not even his late political enemies failed to welcome the pathetic tribute to President Taft in the song rendered by the Gridiron quartet, appealing to him, "Not to forget us when you go away." The president sat and listened with the members of his cabinet scattered about the banquet hall.

The fun started early. It was discovered that the usually immaculate hall was not as tidy as it should be, and a "white wing" was sent about gathering all sorts of litter. This turned out to be "campaign rubbish," and each find brought forth a ripple of applause. He pulled out from the bandstand a pair of moose horns, and the club members tossed into his bag some worn-out souvenirs of the campaign. Such were the "Last Positive Predictions of Senator Dixon and Charles D. Hilles," "That Smile That Wouldn't Come Off," "The Bluff at Big Business," "O. K.'d by Bill Bryan," a couple of old empty wallets, one marked, "C. P. T." and the other "G. W. P.," the peace treaties, the commerce code and the "Hopes of Henry Cabot Lodge for the Chairmanship of the Foreign Relations Committee."

New Members Initiated.

Unlike other clubs, the Gridiron club initiates its members in public, and this time it acquired two worthy young journalists in novel fashion. Hobbling into the hall on crutches, bandaged, hats knocked in and clothes disheveled, came caricatures of President Taft. "Uncle Joe" Cannon, "Nick" Longworth, Murray Crane and Representatives Suloway, McKinley and DeLoach. "Some of our landladies," who declared their purpose to reorganize the republican party, rallying around the states of Utah and Vermont. The messengers from these states each announced their four votes in a limerick, Vermont declaring:

In the Green Mountain state, recollect, Old Taft won out by a neck; And New York we elected him; If they had not neglected him In forty-six states, by heck! The messengers, it was discovered, were (Continued on Page Nine.)

## Mystery of Double Tragedy Probably to Remain Unsolved

CATLETTSBURG, Ky., Dec. 7.—With the death last night of James York, the man involved in the hotel tragedy, the opinion prevailed today that the mystery that has surrounded the case may never be solved. That Minnie Turner, the woman found dead in the hotel, Ida Guillette and York were poisoners there appears to be no doubt, but how or when is not known.

The testimony at the corner's inquest yesterday that a beer bottle found in the room was not there when the room was assigned to the three guests, but was taken to the room by one of the trio, appears to indicate that the poison or poison that caused the death of Miss Turner and York was contained in it.

The Guillette woman still adheres to her story that she has no knowledge of how or by whom her companions met their death. She declares that neither of them conveyed the beer bottle or any receptacle to the room.

## Wilson Will Get Two Electoral Votes in California

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 7.—Roosevelt carried California by 174 votes although he will have but eleven of the state's thirteen electoral votes. The other two will be cast for Wilson.

These figures are final but will not be made official until the returns from Los Angeles county have been formally audited by Secretary of State Jordan. Jordan announced today that he would certify the result to the governor immediately upon the completion of that audit next week.

The Roosevelt plurality is based on the totals of the two electoral candidates receiving the highest vote. They were A. J. Wallace, republican, 28,630; Thomas Griffin, democrat, 28,432. Griffin ran 785 votes ahead of R. F. Delvalle, the other democrat elected, who, in turn, was but three votes behind Ralph Bull, the election successful republican. The high man of the two defeated republicans ran fifty-seven votes behind Delvalle.

## Storage Eggs Take Big Drop in Chicago

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Another avalanche of cold storage eggs was thrown on the market today and the price dropped from 12 to 13 cents, wholesale. This was in addition to a decline of 2 cents yesterday, when more than 500,000 eggs were sold at a loss to speculators. When the market opened yesterday there were 1,075,000 cases of eggs in storage. The transformation of the Butter and Egg board into an open market is said to have precipitated the selling.

## TEACHERS TO RETURN LINCOLN CLUB'S CASH

Executive Committee of Association to Register List of Members.

### REGISTRATION LIST IS PADDED

Investigation Discloses Methods Used to Secure Members.

### MONEY PAID IN LUMP SUM

Thousand Names Added to List Within One Hour.

### BLANKET RECEIPT IS GIVEN

Return of Money Cancels Membership of Those Teachers for Whom It Was Paid Who May Not Vote Upon Location.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—The executive committee of the State Teachers' association at noon today passed a resolution directing the treasurer to return all money paid by any commercial club for the registration of teachers.

A committee composed of Messrs. Arnot of Schuyler and Bishop of University Place was appointed to further investigate charges made of similar methods.

Discrepancies in the list occasioned the investigation which began at 4 o'clock, and after a short adjournment, extended till long past midnight, when another adjournment was taken until 8 o'clock Saturday morning. The apparent abnormal registrations in eleven counties, Gage, Fillmore, Franklin, Hamilton, Butler, York, Saline and Jefferson gave rise to the investigation. Gage showed an increase of 147 over last year and York 300, while the others of the eight counties gained in similar proportion.

In direct contrast, other counties in all parts of the state showed much smaller gains, for instance Dodge increased but seven, while Washington, directly north of Douglas, showed an increase of twenty.

Other facts brought out were that of the 5,389 registered, less than 4,500 badges were issued to members, and as the badge was the only means of admission, it was taken to mean that 1,000 or more teachers, who were registered, did not attend the sessions.

It also developed that 1,000 or more registrations were turned into the treasurer between 5 and 6 o'clock on Friday afternoon, the closing day of the association. The fact that these registration cards, which included teachers from the various counties were written in a similar penmanship with an indelible pencil also increased the suspicion aroused.

When asked to explain these seeming discrepancies, Treasurer Woodard, while an unwilling informant, gave many statements bearing directly. He said the young woman, who had turned in the cards, was working under his direction, but that the association was not asked to pay for the cards. Also that he had been asked for registration cards by a representative of the Lincoln Commercial club, and that the registrations had been paid in cash by an individual who was afterwards asked to appear before the committee and explain where he received the money.

On further examination, the individuals implicated gave conflicting testimony, and after a motion was made to refuse all registrations irregular, a recess was taken until Saturday morning.

E. V. Parrish of the Omaha Commercial club was questioned regarding the activity of the club in registering teachers. He said that during his connection with the club not one dollar had been paid for the registration of any member to any association.

Omaha Vindicated.

E. V. Parrish, publicity manager of the Omaha Commercial club, who was one of the principal witnesses for Omaha, in reference to the outcome of the investigation, said:

"The finding of the committee was a complete vindication of all charges that the superintendent of the Lincoln schools made to the effect Omaha had resorted to unfair methods.

"I was called before the committee and told them that during my connection with the Omaha Commercial club unfair methods had never been employed. I told them I would pay the expenses of an investigation of the Commercial club's course and furnish them the books.

"In the past frequent charges have been made that Omaha resorted to unfair methods, but when called upon to substantiate these charges there has never been a iota of proof offered."

## Colorado Banker and Pioneer Suffocated

FORT MORGAN, Colo., Dec. 7.—M. L. More, wealthy banker and Colorado pioneer, was suffocated early today by a fire that destroyed the home of his son-in-law, J. H. Roediger.

More was awakened by his daughter as soon as the fire was discovered, but the flames cut off his escape. His body was recovered by firemen. More was 79 years of age.

Other members of the family escaped, Miss Eva West, housekeeper, being severely injured by jumping from a second story window. The origin of the fire is unknown. Loss, \$15,000.

## Panic in Small Theater

CHICAGO, Dec. 7.—Fire in a recent moving picture theater in the downtown district caused a panic among the 200 men, women and children attending the performance. Mrs. P. R. Boyle, the pianist, remained playing "Rag Time," though almost overcome by smoke, and calmed the crowd so that no one was seriously hurt.

## Voices on the Air

DO YOUR CHRISTMAS BUYING EARLY



## TAFT FAVORS NEW SYSTEM OF CREDITS

Chief Executive Addresses Twenty-Six Governors at White House.

### CHEAPER MONEY FOR FARMERS

President Thinks European Plan by Which They Get Money at Low Rates Can Be Adapted to Conditions Here.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—President Taft in a speech to twenty-six governors today urged the adoption of uniform state legislation, which would make possible in this country the adoption of a system of rural credits and low interest bearing loans to farmers, similar to that in vogue in many European countries.

"We are not going to adopt a system over night," said the president. "It is going to take a considerable time before the country shall receive the benefit of it, but the earlier we begin the agitation the earlier we shall achieve the purpose we have in bringing the matter to the attention of the public.

"There is no subject," continued the president, "of greater importance to the people of the United States, than the improvement of agricultural methods, the keeping them up to date in all agricultural communities, the securing of profitable men of the country to farming as a lucrative profession and the lowering of the cost of producing agricultural products and the lowering of their prices to the consumer.

"We have great capital in this country and we have farming property that is producing products of immense value. It would seem clear that with these two elements it would be possible to introduce a third, by which the farmers engaged in producing the crops should be able in view of the value of what he produces, and the value of the land on which it is produced, to obtain money on the faith of the land and the faith of the product, which will enable him to expand his acreage and better his methods of cultivation and production.

"Experience of Europe.

"An easy exchange between capital and farmers with proper security has been established in European countries, where the rate of interest has been lowered so the farmer is practically on the same basis of advantage in the borrowing of money as the business man. If this can be done abroad it can be done here, and if abroad we find that government institutions adapted to form the conduit pipe made to the effect Omaha had resorted to unfair methods, why should we not adopt them here?"

While conditions in this country and Europe were somewhat different, the president said, by modification of the European plan the idea could find a proper place in the United States.

Committee to Draft Bill.

The following committee was named today to draft uniform rural credit legislation to be recommended to the states: Governors O'Neal, Alabama, chairman; Johnson of California, Plaisted of Maine; Foss of Massachusetts, Bradley of Missouri, Harmon of Ohio, Mann of Virginia, McGovern of Wisconsin and Carey of Wyoming.

On motion of Governor Hadley resolutions of thanks to President Taft for his active interest in the idea were unanimously adopted.

## Lutheran Educators Elect Officers

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 7.—Dr. Charles G. Heckert, president of Wittenberg college, was elected president of the Lutheran Educational conference at the close of the educators' conference sessions today. The Rev. Dr. J. A. W. Haas, president of Mohiamburg college, Allentown, Pa., is the retiring president.

## FIRST MRS. BOYCE SUES TO SET ASIDE DIVORCE

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram.)—Arguments were presented in the supreme court today in which Mary J. Boyce, first wife of William D. Boyce of the Saturday Blade, asks to have set aside the divorce granted in this state August 14, 1908, on grounds that no residence was ever established and that no notice was given. Virginia Lee Boyce, the wife, by a marriage following the divorce, asks to intervene in the case.

## TRY-NEW-LIFE LURES MANY SUFFERERS TO WASTE THEIR MONEY

Alleged Cure-All Merely an Electric Massage Instrument of Little Merit.

### EXTRAVAGANT CLAIMS MADE

Promoters Set Up to Cure All Manner of Ailments.

### MACHINE WILL CURE NOTHING

May Help Local Pain, but Does Not Remove Cause.

### DOCTORS DENOUNCE THE CLAIMS

Omaha Physicians of Standing Say the Imposition is Pure Fake and on the Suffering People.

Medical science is being baffled again. Once more a cure for all, or nearly all, the ills that human flesh is heir to has been discovered. No matter how long or how hopelessly one has suffered, perfect health now is within his reach. Twenty-five dollars, or thirty-five at most, is all that stands between the invalid and rugged strength.

The new buffer of medical science is the Hamilton-Beach Sales company, 1315 City National Bank building. The marvelous instrument by which wonderful results are accomplished is "Try-New-Life."

Surely it is "marvelous," "wonderful." The Hamilton-Beach Sales company and the Hamilton-Beach Manufacturing company say so. They say so with a sincerity that makes one feel they have an abiding conviction of the truth of their statements.

What a Name Does.

But for a handsome little brass plate which is attached to "Try-New-Life," it would be an ordinary electric massage machine. But this handsome little plate bears the name "Try-New-Life" and the name of the Hamilton-Beach Manufacturing company.

As a matter of fact the label doesn't have much of an effect upon the machine. It is an ordinary electric vibrator and the label is put on, just as it was before. It cannot cure disease; it can afford little relief even of a temporary sort; but the sales experts and canvassers who are "working" Omaha with the little instrument are finding victims daily.

Disguised under a catchy name, the old electric vibrator is being sold like hot cakes to the gullible in Omaha and its suburbs. The purchasers think they are buying health, when, as they shall know in time, they are paying salaries for high priced young men, the kind of young men of whom people say, "He can sell anything."

Literature of the Lure.

Literature claiming "wonderful," "marvelous," "astounding," "astounding" results from "Try-New-Life" freely is circulated by the selling organization. Just as extravagant claims are made verbally by the clever salesmen when they meet sufferers face to face.

According to the glib ghost stories that roll like oil from the tongues of the clever young men who are "working" this territory, "Try-New-Life" is the panacea for everything from backache to bronchitis, from catarrh to constipation and cold feet, from dandruff to dyspepsia, from facial neuralgia to falling hair and floating kidney, headache to hemorrhoids, gutter to gout, paralysis to pimples.

Even locomotor ataxia and spinal curvature yield to "Try-New-Life," so the literature says and so the agents say. The agents will swear to it.

"Specialists" in Background.

Leading New York physicians and specialists pronounce it the greatest help that suffering humanity has ever known, and it is being universally adopted by the medical profession," says the nicely printed booklet, which anyone may have for the asking. The statement of the leading physicians and surgeons are conspicuous by their absence. The young men cannot tell you who they are, but they are sure they "pronounce," "Try-New-Life" the greatest help that suffering humanity has ever known.

"If you are suffering from any cause whatever you are unkind to yourself if you do not learn the wonderful health and strength-restoring power of "Try-New-Life," goes on the booklet.

"If you can avail yourself of the opportunity (Continued on Page Nine.)

## Remember there's practically no end to the use you can make of a want ad in The Bee.

This paper's army of readers has various needs—an infinite range of wants to fill. Something of yours that you would rather have cash for is just what many of them have been waiting to buy at a reasonable figure.

It may be office fixtures, automobile or something about your home that is no longer in use. No matter what—if it's useful somebody wants it and is watching The Bee classified columns for your offer.

Put it there—in tomorrow's Bee. Phone on Sunday and after 6 to Tyler 1,001, at other times to Tyler 1000.

Young Men Are Active.

Aside from the business men of South Omaha who are said to favor consolidation now on account of the increased value it would be expected to give to real estate, there is a younger element of politicians in South Omaha, who, it is said, will be strong for consolidation if for no other reason than to get the present city hall ring out of office in South Omaha, as the younger set cannot hope for any office there. Among this younger set is counted the membership of the Young Men's Wilson-Marshall club, organized during the fall with L. B. Casey as president.

South Omaha attorneys have looked (Continued on Page Two.)