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THE TURKS KILL CHRISTIANS

Petrograd Dispatches Announce Killing of 10,000 Christians by Mohammedans Worst Butchery on Record.

CONFLICTING REPORTS AS TO PROBABLE EARLY CAPTURE OF POLISH CAPITAL—GERMANS SAY NOW IN TEN MILES OF FORTS, WHILE RUSSIANS REPORT REPULSE OF VON MACKENZEN'S ARMY—TURKEY AND ITALY ABOUT TO BREAK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND WAR BETWEEN NATIONS IS EXPECTED—IN SOUTH ITALIANS AND AUSTRIANS HAVE BOTH BEEN REINFORCED AND ARE FIGHTING WITH REDOUBLED FURY FOR POSSESSION OF GORIZA AND TOLMINA ON ISONZO RIVER

Turk Trenches Captured.

Mitylene, July 23.—The Allies have captured several Turkish trenches in the Archibaba region. The Turks lost heavily in killed, wounded and prisoners.

Italy Breaks With Turkey.

Rome, July 23.—The question of peace or war between Italy and Turkey now rests in the hands of Foreign Minister Sonnino. Following a four-hour cabinet meeting the minister was given full power to take whatever steps necessary to secure satisfaction for the misuse of the Italian flag by the Turks; and their failure to answer Italian protests. A break is momentarily expected and the newspapers are demanding immediate action.

TURKS BUTCHER CHRISTIANS.

Horrible Massacre of Armenians at Bitlis.

Petrograd, July 23.—More than ten thousand Armenians have been massacred by the Turks in the worst slaughter of Christians ever recorded, according to advices to the Novoevros. After looting, burning their houses and murdering the Christians at Bitlis the Turks gathered nine thousand men, women and children from the surrounding district and marched them thirty miles to the river Tigris where all were shot and the bodies thrown into the river.

BATTLE OF ISONZO.

Great Battle Between Austrians and Italians Has Raged Five Days.

Rome, July 23.—The fifth day of the battle on the Isonzo river for the possession of Gorizia and Tolmino found both sides reinforced and the fighting is more violent than ever. Feroocious hand to hand fighting is in progress near Plava. Ten forts crowning Mount Sabotina and Mount Podgora are being battered by Italian howitzers. Some trenches have already been captured.

Warsaw Surrendered.

Berlin, July 23.—Unofficial reports that Warsaw has fallen are in circulation here. Other reports say that negotiations for the surrender of the city are now going on.

American Ship Seized.

London, July 23.—A Berlin dispatch states the American bark Dunsyrezi has been seized by German warships and taken to Swinemund.

Russians Abandon Riga.

Copenhagen, July 23.—The evacuation of Riga by Russians is reported to have begun.

Germans Driven Back.

Geneva, July 23.—The Russians have driven Gen. Von Mackenzen's army back eight miles at Krasnostav, inflicting a loss of fifteen thousand, according to a Tarnow dispatch. The Austrians were also driven back five miles north of Wolika.

Germans Take French Trenches.

Paris, July 23.—The official report today admits the loss of a trench to the Germans. German attacks in the Vosges are determined. German attacks at other points along the front were all repulsed.

In Ten Miles of Warsaw.

Berlin, July 23.—The last official information given was that the Germans were within ten miles of the city of Warsaw and a battle was raging fiercely, with the Russians stubbornly resisting. A continuous rain of heavy German shells is falling on the forts.

GERMAN ADVANCE CHECKED.

Russians Putting up Stiff Fight in Poland and Galicia.

Petrograd, July 24.—The Russians

have checked the Germanic advance in Poland, and fresh troops are attacking the Austrians in Galicia to relieve the pressure at the northern end of the battle line. In violent fighting between the Bug and Vistula rivers the Germans smashed the wire entanglements six miles southwest of Ivangorod, but were hurled back with heavy loss. The Russian resistance all along the three fronts has been stiffened and furious assaults by the Germans are being repulsed.

Italian Successes Reported.

London, July 24.—A dispatch from Udine says that the Italians have captured Gorizia for which they have been fighting for the past five weeks.

AMERICAN STEAMER SUNK.

Wreck Occurred Off English Coast—Not Known Whether It Was Torpedoed or Not.

London, July 26.—The American steamer Leo Lanaw was sunk today off the English coast. The crew was saved. Whether the ship was torpedoed or struck a mine is yet unknown.

Ship Was Torpedoed.

London, July 26.—The Leo Lanaw was torpedoed Sunday by a German submarine. The crew was landed at Kirkwall. They were given time by the submarine to take to their boats before the ship was torpedoed. The Leelanaw was a nineteen hundred ton ship. Its home port was San Francisco and she was bound from Archangel to Belfast with a crew of thirty-two men.

SUBMARINE AT CONSTANTINOPLE

British Boat Sinks Three Ships in Harbor.

London, July 26.—The British submarine which penetrated into the harbor of Constantinople sunk two Turkish gunboats and a steamer, according to a dispatch from Athens. Another dispatch from Mitylene states that a Turkish transport was also sunk. Leelanaw carried a cargo of flax. A submarine commander declared this to be contraband and sunk the vessel after the crew took to boats.

WATCHFUL WAITING POLICY.

Germany Will Wait on United States to Make Next Move.

Berlin, July 26.—Watchful waiting has been decided upon as the new policy of Germany towards the United States. It is accepted as a fact that America will dispatch a note to England regarding the rights of neutrals. The foreign office is anxious to ascertain the tone of this communication before answering President Wilson's last note. The attitude of the newspapers is summed up by Die Post, which says, "we have but one answer to make to the United States, that is, no."

RUSSIANS REPULSE GERMANS.

Offensive Movement Threatened Von Hindenburg's Army With Disaster.

Petrograd, July 26.—Successful sorties by the garrison at Novo Gorgevsk has recaptured the ground taken by the Germans south-east of the fortress, the war office announced today. The operations of the Russians in this district are said to threaten with disaster Gen. Von Hindenburg's troops which crossed the Narv. This announcement brought the first hope that the German campaign against Warsaw from the North might result in failure. The latest reports indicate that Gen. Von Mackenzen's forces were not only defeated in the battle for the possession of the Lublin-Cholm railway, but that the Russians there have taken the offensive. The artillery duel at Ivangorod continues.

REFUSES LYONS' ASSISTANCE.

DOMINICK OBJECTS TO FORMER ATTORNEY GENERAL.

Proceedings Against Tax Commission Heard by Associate Justice Watts—Decision to Come Later.

Laurens, July 22.—The injunction proceedings in the cases of Peoples' bank of Greenville, the National Loan and Exchange bank of Greenwood and W. T. Bailey of Greenwood against the State tax commission, heard here this afternoon before Associate Justice R. C. Watts, took a rather sensational turn when Assistant Attorney General Dominick objected to the association in the case of J. Fraser Lyon employed by the governor and the chairman of the tax commission without consulting the attorney general's office.

The court sustained the position of the attorney general and Mr. Lyon took no further part in the proceedings.

The attorney for the complainants and the assistant attorney general presented voluminous arguments for and against the issuance of the injunction.

Judge Watts took the matter under advisement and stated that he would hand down his order as soon as practicable, intimating that it would be done within a few days. The complainants were represented by F. B. Grier of Greenwood and T. P. Cothran of Greenville. Mr. Dominick appeared for the State.

The incident of Mr. Lyon's elimination from the case at this time was the more dramatic because of its suddenness. Mr. Lyon had apprised the court of his commission in a few words when the assistant attorney general abruptly arose and made objection to the appearance of the special attorney in the case on the ground of lack of legal authority and the embarrassment it might cause the State's interest. Mr. Dominick made the point that it was prerogative of the attorney general's office to conduct the case and that outside legal services could be procured only upon the consent of that department. Mr. Dominick stated that the department had been employed in a study of the case and it was fully prepared to make the answer. Furthermore, he said, the attorney general's office was not in possession of the points that the special attorney might raise and that without this knowledge he would not be willing to risk the State's interest.

In making his ruling on the case Justice Watts cited the law that the attorney general's office was empowered to employ assistance whenever the occasion warranted and that without specific authority elsewhere it was the sole prerogative of the attorney general to employ help. Mr. Lyon thereupon raised the point of the special fund of \$2,000 appropriated by the last general assembly for legal services to be expended by the governor but Justice Watts was not impressed by this contention. Mr. Lyon made a request of the presiding judge that in writing the order in the case mention be made that he had appeared there as the representative of the tax commission and the governor. Mr. Dominick requested that it also be included in the order that the attorney general's office had not been consulted about the matter. Mr. Lyon arose and stated that in justice to himself he wished to have it included that Mr. Jones, the tax commission chairman, in retaining him had informed him that the attorney general's office had been consulted. Mr. Dominick replied pointedly that Mr. Jones had not requested that Mr. Lyon be employed. There was a dramatic silence followed shortly afterwards by a further statement from Mr. Dominick that both the governor and the chairman of the tax commission had been in his office and had asked his opinion as to the outcome of the case but had not made any request for legal assistance. Mr. Lyon's name had been mentioned, he said, as having been consulted about the merits of the case, but he unequivocally declared that no request had been made of the attorney general's office to engage Mr. Lyon in the case. Repeated references were made in the tilt about factional and political differences. Mr. Lyon stated that he was acting only in a legal capacity and was appearing upon what he considered proper legal authority and that his appearance in the case was not prompted by any potential or political considerations. The hearing of the case was not concluded until after 7 o'clock.

CARRANZA CUTS NATIONS.

WON'T DEAL WITH REST OF WORLD.

First Chief's New Step of Severing Communications Not Expected in Washington.

Washington, July 22.—Diplomatic advices reaching Washington from Mexico today said Gen. Carranza had given notice that he would not receive communications from or transact business with foreign governments which have no diplomatic agents accredited to his government at Vera Cruz.

Enforcement of such an order virtually would cut off the Carranza government from further communication with all the foreign nations which have ministers resident in Mexico City. Carranza is understood to regard Consul Silliman at Vera Cruz as a properly accredited agent of the United States.

The report created surprise in official and diplomatic circles, particularly in view of the general understanding that foreign governments were awaiting action by the United States toward Mexico City before recognizing any government in the republic.

It became known today that no decisive action in the Mexican situation is contemplated by the administration in the immediate future. In official quarters the opinion prevails that the military situation now is too uncertain for any new step and the outcome of approaching conflicts between Carranza and Villa forces in central Mexico is awaited with interest.

Mexico City remains cut off from communication and there have been no advices concerning the whereabouts of Gen. Gonzales, believed to be seeking to give battle to a column of Villa troops under Gens. Pierra and Natera near Pachuca. Neither has the state department any convincing news as to the exact conditions in the capital or whether the Zapata forces again are in active control of the city.

The department today sent a message to Gen. Carranza at Vera Cruz asking him to abide by the Scott agreement negotiated with his generals and those of Gen. Villa, providing that no military operations should be conducted along the border where lives of Americans would be endangered. Notice was given that the Americans regarded the recent attack on Naco as a violation of the agreement.

THE ORDUNA TO LIVERPOOL.

Ship Recently Chased by Submarines Starts Return Voyage.

New York, July 22.—With 195 passengers, including eight Americans, and ten thousand tons of general cargo, the Cunard Liner Orduna sailed today for Liverpool. There was no evidence that Capt. Taylor feared another German submarine attack. All baggage was examined, however, and the hand baggage brought by the passengers underwent a close scrutiny.

WON'T ACCEPT PLACE.

Palmer Declines Claims Court Judgeship.

Washington, July 22.—Former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania, whom President Wilson appointed last spring, as a judge of the United States court of claims, has decided not to accept the position.

MORE THAN 200 HOMELESS.

Flames Destroy 51 Small Residences in Meridian, Miss.

Meridian, Miss., July 22.—More than two hundred persons, mostly negroes, are homeless here tonight as the result of a fire which swept a suburb this afternoon, destroying fifty-one small residences. The structures covered four city blocks. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Hundreds of Women and Children Aboard Drowned

Loss Now Estimated Neighborhood of 2,000 Persons Vessel Sank Off Chicago Docks.

Extent of Horror Increases as Hours Pass and Bodies Are Steadily Brought to Surface by Rescuers—2,500 on Board and Greater Part of These Were Drowned—Three Hundred Bodies Recovered.

Chicago, July 24.—The steamer Eastland capsized in the Chicago river this morning, with nearly a thousand men, women and children aboard. First police estimates of the dead are four hundred.

The Eastland carried twenty-five hundred picnickers, mostly employees of the Western Electric Co., bound for Michigan City. As the boat left the Clark street dock some minor trouble with an air tube caused the passengers to rush to the north side. The vessel toppled over without warning. Several hundred who were in the hold were trapped like rats. Other passengers were thrown into the water without a chance to secure life belts. The river was filled with bobbing heads for a solid block. The iron keel of the boat showed above water and the police confiscated all implements in the neighborhood to drill through the bottom to reach those in the hold. Others rescued those in the water and clinging to the slippery hull. The first rescuers to penetrate to the hold brought out thirty bodies, many of them women and children. The accident happened at 7.40 A. M.

Probably 2,000 Perished.

Chicago, July 24.—Two hundred and seventy-five bodies have been recovered at 11.30 today. Many more are inside the vessel.

Today as the hours passed the extent of the horror increased.

At 12.30 Scuttler stated that the bodies were being taken out the sunken vessel so rapidly that the police had lost all account. He estimated that more than three hundred were recovered and that there were several hundred more in the hold. Coroner's physician Springer estimated that only five hundred had escaped. This would make the dead number two thousand, as Deputy Collector of Customs McCrary, who superintended the loading of the boat, stated that exactly twenty-five hundred persons, mostly women and children, were on board the vessel.

Inspectors to Make Inquiry.

Washington, July 24.—Officials of steamboat inspector service state that the Eastland was inspected on July 15th at Grand Haven, Mich., and reported "in good condition." Chicago inspectors have been ordered to make an inquiry into the disaster.

CABINET OFFICERS TO SPEAK.

Garrison and Daniels on Programme at Southern Commercial Congress.

Washington, July 24.—When the Southern Commercial congress, commemorating 60 years of peace in the United States, convenes in Charleston December 13 for a four days session, many notable men, including Secretary Garrison and Secretary Daniels will be present. The two cabinet officers, one from the North and the other from the South, will appear on the same platform.

Among the speakers will be Kai Fu Shah, the Chinese minister; Gov. Manning of South Carolina, Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia university; James Brown Scott, secretary of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace; Col. John Temple Graves and E. J. Watson, commissioner of agriculture of South Carolina.

KILLED BY COTTON BALE

Edgefield County Child Victim of Fatal Accident.

Edgefield, July 24.—Thursday the two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Winn, of the Rehoboth section of the county, was killed by a bale of cotton falling upon him. Several children were playing on some bales of cotton that were lying in the yard, and in some way one of them fell on the little fellow, resulting in injuries that caused death in a few hours.

SHIP WAS OVERLOADED.

STATE ATTORNEY ANNOUNCES THAT OVERLOADING WAS CAUSE OF TRAGEDY.

Large Number of Witnesses Examined and Evidence Will Be Taken Before Grand Jury—Believed That Several Hundred Bodies Still Remain in River—Children on Board Not Counted.

Chicago, July 26.—"Overloading was responsible for the Eastland tragedy," was the announcement of State Attorney Hoyne this morning after an examination of over a hundred witnesses. Evidence secured by him will be presented to the grand jury. As federal, city and State authorities carried on the investigation firemen and police continued the removal of the dead.

With more than eight hundred bodies recovered Coroner Hoffman stated several hundred still remained in the river. It is believed from other figures, however, that the death list is between a thousand and eleven hundred. Attorney Hoyne stated that many regulations had been broken. Policeman Fisher testified that the government inspector's register showed twenty-five hundred adults and did not count several hundred children aboard.

Acting Mayor Moorehouse has ordered that the Eastland be raised immediately. This will take three days.

Criminal Carelessness Charged.

Chicago, July 26.—Investigation into the Eastland disaster has brought out the startling statement from Assistant Engineer Snow and Fireman O'Dowd that they called attention of the officers to the list of the steamer, but were ordered to attend to their own business. Snow declares that when the list reached the danger point on the gauge he sent up signal after signal, but no attention was paid to them.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO CLEMSON.

M. M. Brice, H. L. Sanders and D. McLeod Some Appointments.

Among the scholarship awards as a result of the recent examination for scholarships to Clemson College are: From Sumter County—M. M. Brice, Wedgefield, and H. L. Sanders, Haggood, for four year scholarships and Donald McLeod, Sumter R. 4, for one year agricultural scholarship. From Lee County—W. T. McLeod, Jr., Lynchburg, and E. A. Welsh, Elliott, four years; H. H. McCoy, R. 1, St. Charles, one year agricultural scholarship; J. E. McCoy, R. 1, St. Charles, from State at large for one year; and Madison Strange, R. 1, Wilson, for one year agricultural scholarship from Clarendo county.

TO APPOINT PALMER.

President Said to Have Selected Counselor.

Cornish, N. H., July 25.—Appointment of Former Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania as counselor of the state department is expected within a day or two. Mr. Palmer is understood to be President Wilson's most probable selection.

NOTE PLEASES ENGLAND.

English Press Predicts That it Will Be Little Relished by Kaiser.

London, July 24.—The American note to Germany is acceptable to the British press. They declare the issue is put squarely up to Germany and will be little relished by the Kaiser.

Another Car of Cattle Goes North.

The Camden Beef Cattle Farms on Wednesday morning shipped another car load of beef cattle to Richmond, Va., from their siding at Lugoff. There were thirty-six head in the car, all in fine condition.—Camden Chronicle.