



RELIEF COLUMN SIX MILES FROM TROOPS AT KUT

Tigris Campaign Follows Gallipoli as Source of British Anxiety

BIG BATTLE PENDING

Latin Hegemony of Adriatic Menaced by Teutons' Coastal Campaign

LONDON, Jan. 11.—One of the columns of the British relief expedition in Mesopotamia, sent from Imam Ali-gar to save General Townshend's army in Kut-el-Amara, has arrived within six miles of Kut-el-Amara, it was officially announced in Commons today by J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary of State for India.

Mr. Chamberlain's statement follows: "British cavalry has located the enemy six miles east of Kut-el-Amara."

The foregoing announcement indicated that the Turks have fallen back about 16 miles on the southern bank of the Tigris before the advance of the British forces under General Campbell.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Not since the Boer war has a British force at Ladysmith been a British force at Ladysmith. For that reason news of the progress of the relief expedition is being awaited with the greatest anxiety.

The latest dispatches indicated that the relief forces, under General Aylmer and General Campbell, were at grips with the Turks in the bend of the Tigris, east of Kut-el-Amara.

Though details are almost completely lacking, it is believed here that the Turks encircled the British right at Kut-el-Amara, throwing a strong force between the garrison and the river Tigris. Constant reports such an enveloping movement in progress a week ago. If this is true the British are in a most difficult way eastward through this force to save the garrison from capture.

With Kut-el-Amara as its center a great battle is in progress between British and Turkish troops in Mesopotamia not far from the site of the original Garden of Eden.

The latest official dispatches from Sir Percy Lake, the new commander of the British troops in the Persian Gulf sphere of operations, stated that the relief forces marching to succor British troops besieged there were advancing.

About 20,000 Turks are opposing the advance of the relief column up the Tigris Valley, and further difficulties have been placed in the way of the English by torrential midwinter rains which have flooded the Tigris River.

Great hordes of Mohammedan tribesmen have joined the Turks, some of them coming from Arabia. The English are well supplied with artillery and machine guns, instruments of war which the Turks have in meagre numbers.

TO THE CITIZENS OF AMERICA THROUGH THE EVENING LEDGER

The present wave of prosperity which has gripped the United States from east to west and from north to south is unparalleled in the history of nations. We are hearing of it from every side. Since we visited your great country we see the evidence of it on every hand.

Roaring furnaces, belching out endless ingots of steel. Railroads taxed far beyond capacity. Myriads of ships, leaving your ports laden to the water's edge with the products of field, furnace and loom.

Your granaries bursting with unheaped quantities of grain. Cotton bales piled mountain high. Your banks choked with plethora of gold which is being increased by millions of dollars by almost every steamship that touches your shores.

Your laborers all employed at good wages. The republics of South America waiting their turn at your avenues of commerce, till you can supply their hundred necessities.

And peace within your borders—at peace with all the nations of the world.

What more can a nation desire? We congratulate you.

ERNESTO QUESADA, Chairman Argentine Delegation.

'I LOVE HIM NOW,' CRIES GIRL AFTER LOVELORN DOCTOR TRIES SUICIDE

Pretty Miss Rose Beck Responds to Suitor's Affections After Latter Is Taken to Hospital

WILLING TO MARRY HIM

A journey to "the threshold of the Great Beyond," as he phrased it in an impassioned farewell note to Charles his lover, was a bride for Dr. John Kirby, 27 years old, a young Virginian, who tried to commit suicide early today in his room at 723 Green street, after the double blow of rejection and a "poison pen" letter.

The love which was denied him has flamed up in the heart of pretty 18-year-old Rose Beck, of 1218 North Howard street, because of his love "in life and in death." Her heartstrings were touched by the tragedy of his love which sent him near to death, and now she says she'll marry him when he recovers.

The young man was found in his room this morning by Charles's ex-neighbor, with whom he boarded, unconscious from il-luminating gas. The cracks and crevices of door and windows were carefully plugged. He was hurried to the Roosevelt hospital.

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JURORS VISIT SCENE OF MOHR MURDER, BUT WIFE REMAINS BEHIND

Auto in Which Doctor and Companion Were Killed Placed Where Found and Tragically Re-enacted

NEGROES REFUSE TO GO

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 11.—Wading ankle deep in mud, the jurors in the trial of Mrs. Elizabeth Mohr were shown today over the scene in the slaying of Dr. Charles F. Mohr and the shooting of Miss Emily C. Burger, his pretty housekeeper.

The four-passenger touring car in which the pair were seated when shot from ambush was there in almost the exact position it occupied on the night of August 21. A fence post on the opposite side of the Noyes-Washington road was marked with white paint by the State and pointed out as about the position of the slayer.

The fence is set on an artificial ridge about 18 inches high. It is the State's claim that the negroes, Spellman and Brown, in wait behind the ridge for George Henis, Doctor Mohr's negro chauffeur, to stop the car by prearrangement, pretending to look for engine trouble.

DIRECTORS OUST ALFRED I. DU PONT FROM HIS POST

Plaintiff in Big Powder Suit Removed From Vice Presidency

ACT OF RETALIATION

Company Makes Public Announcement to Contradict Statements

By a Staff Correspondent

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 11.—Alfred I. du Pont, who joined forces with Philip F. du Pont in a suit to force the du Pont Securities Company to turn over stock valued at more than \$50,000,000 to the E. I. du Pont de Nemours Company, has been ousted by the directors of the latter company as vice president and a member of the Finance Committee.

The action came to light today when the directors of the publicly department, gave out a short statement contradicting statements made in the morning newspapers that Alfred I. du Pont was "vice president" of the powder company. The directors of the company met yesterday and, it is understood, after a stormy meeting voted that Mr. du Pont be removed from the vice presidency. Whether he will remain on the board of directors has not been divulged, but the enormous stock holdings of Mr. du Pont, it is believed, will prevent his removal from that body.

The action of the directors came like a thunderbolt to the thousands of employees of the company and to the social world which revolves around the du Pont family in this city. Whether Mr. du Pont filed his intervention suit prior to the directors' action or immediately afterwards could not be ascertained. At any rate, Mr. du Pont openly threw down the gauntlet to Pierre du Pont, president of the powder company, and a stockholder in the du Pont Securities Company, by siding with the members of the family who seek to force the return of the \$50,000,000 in stock which they allege in the suit filed in the United States District Court.

The first information regarding the change came today in the statement given out by Mr. Landis, as follows: "The statement made in the morning newspapers in connection with the suit against the du Pont Securities Company that Alfred I. du Pont was at the present time a vice president of the company and a member of the Finance Committee are incorrect. Mr. du Pont was a vice president and member of the Finance Committee, accredited to these offices at the fourteenth annual meeting of the Finance Committee held at the Hotel Marlborough on January 10, 1915. The first information regarding the change came today in the statement given out by Mr. Landis, as follows:

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CITY OFFICER PRAISES CHARITY SOCIETY WORK

Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Health and Charity Director, Speaks at Exhibit

Praise for the work done by the Society for the Prevention of Crime was expressed today by Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director of the Department of Public Health and Charities, at the society's educational exhibit at the Widener Building. More than 10,000 persons already have visited the exhibit.

"One of the most important fields of medicine is that which deals with prophylaxis, the prevention of disease," Dr. Krusen said. "All medical men have been profoundly impressed that prevention is much better than cure, no matter how brilliant the curative method discovered may prove to be. So it is in the treatment of the disease of poverty, a condition often produced by physical incapacity, social improvidence and moral delinquency."

Miss Ella F. Harris, of the social service department of the Philadelphia Hospital, urged municipal funds for outdoor relief work among the poor. Director Wilson, of the Department of Public Safety, and Dr. Charles H. Frazer spoke on "The Family and State Charities."

GRAVE SITUAZIONE NEL MONTENEGRO

L'Avanzata Austriaca Verso il Lovcen e Durazzo Pericolosa Anche Per l'Italia

Telegrammi da Roma dicono che la situazione nel Montenegro e grave e che le truppe di re Nicola non potranno resistere molto a lungo alla pressione delle forze austriache di invasione che mirano a scendere a Durazzo e a conquistare il Monte Lovcen che domina Cattaro.

Il generale Cadorna annuncia che i serbi non hanno ancora conquistato la situazione nel Montenegro e che occorre prevedere danno materiale e materiale per parte austriaca. Le forze austriache perche' possano impedire che gli austriaci si arrampichino sulle balze del Lovcen e di altri punti strategici del Montenegro.

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GIRLS PLAN Y. W. C. A. OPENING

Abington Association to Move Into New Wyncote Building

SCION OF RICH FAMILY SOUGHT AS 'RAFFLES'

Morris L. Pepperman, Jr., and Chum Accused of Burglaries

A WEST PHILADELPHIAN

Young Morris Pepperman, of 5315 Larchwood avenue, West Philadelphia, and his friend, Kenneth Burgess, were such good dancers and so good-looking that nobody dreamed of connecting either of them with the series of burglaries in and about Mahwah, N. J., which is just across the State line from Suffern, N. Y.

Pepperman is the nephew of W. Leon Pepperman, millionaire, who is vice president of the Interborough Rapid Transit Company, of New York, and no one in Mahwah doubted the story he told about his alleged involvement in the burglaries. So they were social favorites until the burglary in Councilman Dator's house on December 31.

Today there are warrants out for the arrest of both young men, who are now believed to be on the way to South America. Pepperman-Morris L. Jr.—is the son of Morris L. Pepperman.

Pepperman is the original simon-pure type of "raffles" for whom the police and newspapers have been looking ever since Horning wrote his immortal book. He did not really "need the money," there being millions in the family and his father being well to do. If he stole the jewels and silverware of Mahwah's fashionable household, in which he had been entertained, and converted them into money, as he is accused of doing, it was for the fun of doing it rather than to eke out the humble \$10 a month he got in the company's office, where he was "learning the business."

DELIGHT OF TOWN

He left his home in West Philadelphia two years ago to attend the office of the American Brake Shoe and Foundry Company. He was a popular figure in the town.

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PRESIDENT AND BRIDE INVITED TO ATTEND BANQUET HERE

Pennsylvania State Society to Fix Date at Guests' Convenience

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The President and Mrs. Wilson today were invited to attend the first annual banquet of the Pennsylvania State Society of present and ex-officials of the State. The invitation was extended by Senator Penrose and Representatives Butler and Steele. Mrs. Edward T. Stotesbury extended the invitation to Mrs. Wilson.

DIRECTOR WILSON SHIFTS ALL POLICE CAPTAINS IN CITY

Complete Revolution in Places Occupied by Division Chiefs Ordered by Department Head

HINTS AT MORE CHANGES

All the police captains were shifted today by Director of Public Safety William H. Wilson.

"Will there be any more shifts?" he was asked, and he made this significant reply: "Only captains today."

The Director said the shifting implied no reflections on the captains themselves. "They're just shifted; that's all," he said.



LILLIAN O. PYFER

Woman who shot John Ulrich, former Philadelphian, in his office in Joliet, Ill., yesterday, and then killed herself.

ULRICH SAYS HE WILL RETURN TO FAMILY IF HE SURVIVES WOUNDS

Philadelphian, Who Was Shot in Joliet for Former Choir Singer, Wants to Join His Children

MR. PYFER LOST FORTUNE

"If I live I am going back to my wife and four kids."

John Ulrich, who left his family four years ago to elope with Mrs. Lillian O. Pyfer and lived with her in Joliet, Ill., made this statement today as he lay between life and death in a hospital in that city. Mrs. Pyfer, who shot Ulrich yesterday and then committed suicide, was known as "Mrs. Robert," and as the wife of Ulrich, who was known in Joliet as "John Robert."

His wife, Mrs. May Ulrich, who lives at 215 Fumston street, West Philadelphia, was told of her husband's statement today.

"Will you take your husband back if he gets well?" she was asked. She started to answer and then hesitated. "I don't know," she said finally. "I don't know," she said finally. "I don't know," she said finally.

Ulrich, who had never been much of a success at business in this city, acquired wealth in Joliet. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ulrich were considered an ideally happy couple when they first took up residence in the Illinois town, but this did not last long.

Ulrich soon showed that he wanted to return to his home in Philadelphia. He was sending his wife an allowance every week for the last two years.

He often wrote to his wife, never admitting in so many words that he was living with Mrs. Pyfer until last Friday, when he wrote that the woman was coming to Philadelphia and warning his wife that she might expect a visit from her.

"Mrs. Pyfer Jealous" Mrs. Pyfer had become insanely jealous of the man whom she had taken away from his wife. She knew he intended to go back to his wife. She did not know how to keep him.

She finally decided on what to attempt to keep him hers in death and this is the explanation of the shooting in Joliet yesterday.

Ulrich's identity was never revealed until he thought he was dying and said his real name was not "Robert," and told about his wife and his plan to join her.

Pyfer a Politician Samuel M. Pyfer and his pretty wife lived in 1911 at 235 Beulah street. He had a saloon at 5th and Wolf streets. He made money so rapidly that his fortune was probably greatly exaggerated.

He was a search which, even took him to Europe. He visited every part of this country, but he never departed to visit Joliet, where Ulrich was in the manufacturing business and was doing well. He was known in Joliet as "John Robert," that is, he used his first two names, dropping the third.

Two years after Mrs. Pyfer's disappearance, her husband, despairing of finding her, sued for divorce. He filed his

THE WEATHER

Here we are, ladies and gentlemen, another one of those weird days, must not the least spark of joy in life at all, at all. With splendid pneumonia weather the order of the day, grip, temporarily routed by intercity cold spells, back to the job, not to mention the genial presence of tonsillitis, influenza, ordinary colds and kindred maladies, life in the trenches is not to be despised. Did you choose his activities from the slaying in every pocket, and the most popular diversion at an afternoon a little leap off the Walnut street bridge. Let's plume overcome you altogether, however, we recommend a little trip to the beach. The casual optimism of one friend, "I'll be back in a week or so on the merits of the \$1000 car he is trying to sell to the man with \$435 in his pocket and no credit in the world," and another, "Marvelous."

For a cheer-up, try it.

LOS AND FOUND

WATCH—Lost, lady's gold watch, ballials R. on back, with silver fob and guard at bottom. Found between 10th and Walnut Sts. by Edward J. Hagan. Reward, \$10.00. Hagan, 1111 Locust St. Phone 2111.

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