

# Turk Troops Persecute and Massacre Christians; American Mission in Danger

## HARRISBURG



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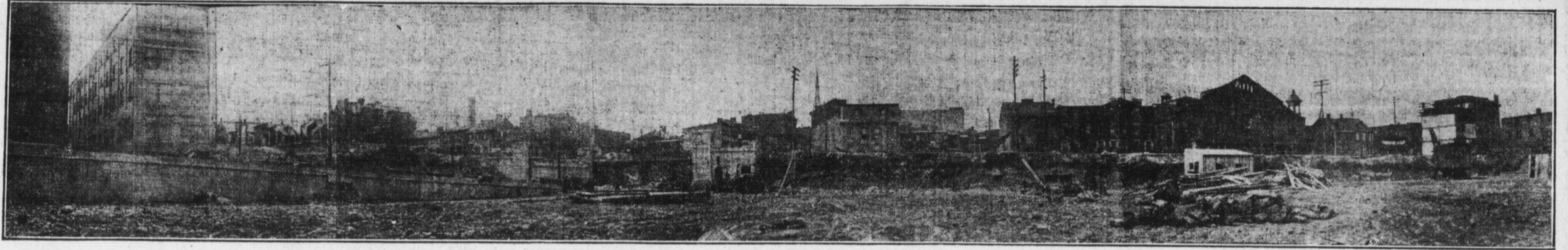
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Panoramic View of Great Excavations For Proposed Pennsy Freight Station Site in South Harrisburg Finished Today, Biggest Job of Kind Since Enola's Hills Were Leveled



### NEW FIRM TO BRING 100 EMPLOYEES HERE

Modern Building of Big Implement Company Will Open April 1  
STRUCTURE COSTS \$175,000  
Has Floor Area of 90,000 Square Feet; Equipment Is of Most Modern Pattern

The opening of the new branch office and warehouse building of the Emerson-Brantingham Company at Tenth and Market streets on April 1 will bring about a hundred employees and salesmen to Harrisburg who formerly were stationed in Waynesboro.

The building is of reinforced concrete, constructed under the Kahn system, and cost, with the land, about \$175,000. It is absolutely fire proof, fitted with steel automatic fire doors, reinforced concrete staircases, two electric elevators, trolley systems on all warehouse floors, and covered switch tracks with a capacity of three cars. The total floor area is 90,000 square feet, including the showroom of 18,000 and offices of 4,000 square feet. The heating, electric and sanitary arrangements are the latest patterns.

An average number of 108 men have been working daily on the building since August 1, 1914. 246 carloads of material have been used, including 5,800 tons of crushed stone, 3,600 tons of sand, 9,000 barrels of cement, 351 tons of steel, 80,000 bricks and 7,000 square feet of glass. The capacity of the structure is 750 pounds per square foot.

Public Inspection  
Doors will be thrown open to the interested people of Harrisburg for a complete inspection and at a later date the management will have a formal opening which will bring hundreds of dealers throughout the East to the city.

C. E. Crowell, of Waynesboro, will be the manager and will have charge of the force of salesmen handling the light line of agricultural implements in eastern territory as well as a crew of repairmen for light repairs and a corps of warehouse men in charge of repair parts and new machines.

The Emerson-Brantingham Company has its headquarters at Rockford, Ill. It maintains thirty-two branches about 250 travelers in the United States and Canada, also a foreign field force and sales agency, although this department is somewhat handicapped at present on account of the European situation.

Company Has Eight Factories  
The company operates eight factories, among them three in Rockford, one of which is the implement works, the most modern plant of its kind in the world, with a capacity of 4,000,000 worth of implements yearly; the carriage works which produces about 20,000 vehicles annually; and the gas engine works, able to turn out about \$1,000,000 worth annually; at Chicago Heights, Ill., a large and well equipped factory for the manufacture of hay tools, spreaders, etc.; the wagon works at Batavia, Ill., turning out about 10,000 farm wagons annually; tractor works at Minneapolis, Minn., which at this time is running at its utmost capacity; the Reeves works, at Columbus, Ind., and the Geiser works, at Waynesboro.

WANTS TO LECTURE  
S. P. Watts, local manager of The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania, will give an illustrated lecture this evening before the businessmen's association, of Newport, his subject being "The Growth of a Great Modern Industry."

### THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled weather to-night and to-morrow, with light rain or snow, probably rain turning to snow; colder Friday.  
For Eastern Pennsylvania: Unsettled to-night and Friday, probably light rain or snow; colder Friday; moderate west to north-west winds.

River  
The main river and the lower portions of the North and South branches will rise slightly to-night and Friday. Other streams along the system will probably remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 4.5 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Friday morning.

General Conditions  
The disturbance that was central over Ontario, Wednesday morning, is passing down the St. Lawrence Valley, followed by the high pressure area from the Northwest, which has increased greatly in strength.  
Temperature: 8 a. m., 38.  
Sun: Rises, 6:03 a. m.; sets, 6:21 p. m.  
Moon: Full moon, March 31, 12:38 p. m.  
River Stage: 4.5 feet above low-water mark.  
Yesterday's Weather  
Highest temperature, 50.  
Lowest temperature, 36.  
Mean temperature, 43.  
Normal temperature, 41.

### WORK ON C. V. BRIDGE TO START IN MONTH

Several Hundred Men Will Be Given Employment During the Summer  
TRAFFIC WILL NOT BE DELAYED  
Structure to Cost \$700,000, Will Be Built of Reinforced Concrete

Work on the new Cumberland Valley railroad bridge across the Susquehanna at Mulberry street will be started by the Robert Grayce Contracting company, of Pittsburgh, within the next thirty days, the first span over Front street and the concrete work now being done is under the direction of the railroad company and does not come under the contract let last week for the bridge proper.

The whole improvement will cost more than \$700,000 and several difficult engineering problems must be solved. The structure will be of concrete and steel two tracks wide. While the down stream half of the bridge, one track wide, is being constructed, trains will be operated as usual on the old steel bridge, which has been moved far enough out of the regular alignment to permit. With the completion of the lower half traffic will be handled over the single track laid on the new structure and the old steel bridge will be torn away to allow the building of the upper half of the bridge.

Several hundred men will be put to work as soon as the contracting company gets its material on the ground and this number will be increased.  
GENERAL DE LARUE KILLED  
By Associated Press  
Paris, March 25, 5:25 A. M.—General Rene Joseph De Larue, chief of the force of salesmen handling the light line of agricultural implements in eastern territory as well as a crew of repairmen for light repairs and a corps of warehouse men in charge of repair parts and new machines.

### DECIDE TO ACCEDE TO BISHOP'S RULING

Fifth Street Congregation Abandons All Hope of Retaining Rev. B. H. Hart

At a largely attended meeting of members of Fifth Street Methodist Episcopal Church in the assembly room last night it was unanimously agreed that in the best interests of the church, as well as those of the outgoing and incoming pastors, the change which Bishop Burt made at the conference at Shenandoah be allowed to stand.

After a full and complete review of the entire situation by the Rev. B. H. Hart it was clearly shown that no good could possibly come from further protesting. According to a statement made by the Rev. B. H. Hart to-day, the members of Fifth Street Church desire also to give the widest publicity possible to the fact that under no circumstances must their actions be construed as a protest against the appointment of Dr. E. A. Pyles.

It was fully expressed that if a change had to be made, the choice of the Fifth Street members would have been the Rev. Dr. Pyles. It was also stated that he was as strongly entrenched in the hearts of the people of Pine Street Church as was the Rev. B. H. Hart in Harrisburg, and that the people of Williamsport were as anxious for his return as the Fifth Street people for the return of the Rev. B. H. Hart. While criticism of Dr. Burt was everywhere heard at last night's meeting, the agreement was unanimous that his wishes be obeyed.

### FIREBUG STARTS BLAZE IN INSTITUTE AT FREELAND

By Associated Press  
Hazleton, Pa., March 25.—Saturating the floors, steps and many of the books with oil and starting five incipient blazes in different parts of the building and opening some of the windows to give the blaze a good draft, a firebug early to-day attempted to burn down the Freeland Mining and Mechanical Institute, a night and day school for anthracite employes established by the late Eckley B. Cox, the coal operator. Entrance was gained by cutting a window. Footprints on the floor indicated that the firebug is an adult. Several fires of supposed incendiary origin have occurred recently at Freeland.

### 'NITROGLYCERINE' FOR THIRSTY COAL MINERS

Bootleggers Carry Wagon Load of Liquor Bearing Danger Sign Into "Dry" West Virginia  
MANY PARALYZED WITH FEAR  
After Disposing of 20 Gallons of "Red Eye," Driver Sells His Horses and Wagon

By Associated Press  
Fairmont, W. Va., March 25.—Representing that their wagon was loaded with nitroglycerine, bootleggers succeeded in hauling a load of liquor from Oakland, Md., to Grafton, W. Va., without being arrested for violating the State's liquor law. Drivers of passing teams stood nearby paralyzed with fear as the outfit passed with its reckless driver bounding about on the seat, whipping the horses and with the wheels thundering over the rocks. They did not stop until they had arrived at a coal mine near Grafton, where 20 gallons of liquor on board were quickly disposed of. The driver then sold the team and wagon.

### Abolition of Slavery Will Benefit Americans

San Antonio, Texas, March 25.—That the abolition of slavery in Yucatan will more than repay the trouble and annoyance to sisal dealers in the United States is decided by General Carranza in a message from Vera Cruz received here to-night. Carranza is quoted as saying the reported scarcity of labor in Yucatan was not due to the war conditions, but to the fact that owners of large plantations disposed of their slaves and in many instances sent them out of the country to save them from falling into the hands of the Carranza troops.

### TAKES APPOINTIVE POWER FROM MAYOR

Habgood Bill Puts Selection of Sealer of Weights and Measures Up to Council

A bill vesting in councils of third class cities power to appoint sealers of weights and measures, who are now named by mayors, was introduced in the House to-day by Mr. Habgood, McKean. The bill also provides for a share of expenses to be paid by the county. The appointment of a sealer is the only patronage left to a mayor in third class cities.

Members Chided  
The House session was marked by so much inattention on the part of members that Speaker Ambler several times reminded the members.

### Masked Men Hold Up Rob Lodge Organizer

Samuel Koon, organizer for the Knights of the Golden Eagle, with headquarters in Harrisburg, was held up at Mt. Wolfe, Monday night. A masked man pointed two revolvers at Koon's head while another with a black cap over his face went through his pockets.  
Mr. Koon was on his way to the railroad station after attending a lodge session. He had \$22.50 in cash in his pockets and gold lodge emblems valued at \$25. The highwaymen took everything but a dime which was in a coat pocket. The robbers made their escape.

### Juvenile Prisoner Makes Escape Second Time

"In again, out again," is a game played successfully by Clarence Ross, a colored boy, aged 12 years. Ross broke out of a cell in the basement of the police station again last night, climbed out of a window, lifted a cellar grate, and made his escape.  
Ross is charged with the larceny of several bicycles and was to have been tried in juvenile court to-morrow. The boy escaped in a similar manner Monday night, but was recaptured.

CITY EDITOR KILLED  
By Associated Press  
London, March 25.—Joseph LaLere, who resigned as city editor of "L'Abbeille," a French daily newspaper here, to enlist in the French army, is dead from wounds received near Craonne, according to cable advices received by his father here.

### GRADING OF FREIGHT SITE NOW COMPLETED

Brown-King Co. Removes Great Shovels, Motor Trucks and Teams From S. Second St.  
TO PUSH CONCRETE WORK  
Traffic to Present Transfer Sheds Won't Be Interfered With

Grading of the site for the great Pennsylvania railroad freight transfer station in South Second street—one of the biggest operations of the kind undertaken in this section since the hills about Enola were leveled to make way for the construction of the freight classification yards—was finished yesterday by the Brown-King Construction Company.

Less than a year ago the block bounded by Mulberry, Third, Meadow Lane and Second streets, was a thickly populated, thriving section of the South Harrisburg business district; to-day the same block resembles a portion of the Panama Canal operations.

From a small ridge of earth that once marked Meadow Lane's busy highway to the 15-foot high embankment that supports the Cumberland Valley tracks in Mulberry street, and from the lone little freight office building at Third and Meadow Lane to the high concrete wall that divides South Second street's driveway from the proposed station plaza—some 20,000 tons of earth had been scooped by giant steel hands of steam shovels while a train of a dozen motor trucks, daily bore the material from the ground.

Equipment Comes and Goes  
Except for the removal of the eight or ten thousand yards of earth that constitute Meadow Lane, the job is entirely completed and the Brown-King Company has sent away one of the big steam shovels, all the trucks and some thirty odd double-horse teams.

The remaining earth it is understood will be removed by the city and there are some gas line connections to be made and as the main extends

### ALL WEST END NOW BOOSTS PLAYGROUND

Twenty Petitions Urging Council to Buy Old Polyclinic Site in General Circulation

West End citizens are voicing unqualified approval of City Commissioner M. Harvey Taylor's proposed purchase of the Fourth and Emerald street plot for a permanent playground site for the upper end of the city and it is understood that City Council will be fully and enthusiastically acquainted with that sentiment at Tuesday's meeting by a score or more of petitions.

More than twenty petitions are now being circulated throughout the West End endorsing the selection and urging council to pass the ordinance finally when it appears on the second reading calendar Tuesday. At least a thousand signers will have their names attached to the prayers.  
Because of the short interval between now and the next session of council, it is doubtful if it is said, if a meeting of the West End Improvement Association can be held to formally approve the measure as a body. The special committee named by

### Woman Crazy From Lack of Dope Tries to Kiss Men

Temporarily deranged because she could not secure her accustomed amount of dope, Emma Houser, a young girl, created considerable excitement on a city street car when she attempted to kiss the male passengers. She was taken to jail and after two days' treatment pronounced cured.  
Richard Lawson, found at Wormleysburg in a dazed condition, has also been cured at the jail. Colonel Hutchison favors a special department at the county jail for the treatment of ferals.

### CONSPIRATORS FOUND GUILTY

By Associated Press  
Reading, Pa., March 25.—The jury in the case of David G. Rothensies of Delhi, N. Y.; Charles A. Stephens of Philadelphia, and Fred G. Anderson of Baltimore, Md., charged with a conspiracy whereby investors from all over Eastern Pennsylvania in three local insurance companies lost \$840,000, came into court this morning and rendered a verdict of guilty. The companies referred to were the Corporation Funding and Finance, Reading Mutual Life and Reading Life Insurance companies.

### TERRIFIC BATTLE IN CARPATHIAN PASSES

Reports From Berlin and Petrograd Concerning Fighting Incomplete  
180,000 RUSSIANS ARE FREED  
Turk Forces Are Fortifying Their Positions Near Adrianople

The battle in the Carpathians has developed into the most important phase of the land fighting now in progress on either front. Reports from Berlin and Petrograd are incomplete and thus far there are no definite indications which side is gaining the upper hand in the encounter which may decide the mastery of the Carpathian passes, the gateways to Hungary. Estimates of the number of Russians freed by the fall of Przemyśl run as high as 180,000 and it is expected that this force will now be sent to the foothills of the Carpathians in western Galicia, to assist the Russian army there.

A dispatch from Athens says the Turks are fortifying positions near Adrianople in fear of an attack by Bulgaria. Heavy artillery has been brought in and a new army is being trained by German officers.

Fighting in Belgium is becoming active once more and it is suggested in London that the Germans have determined on another attempt to break through the allied lines on this situation. Belgian soldiers attempting to

### DUM DUM BULLETS NOT MADE HERE

Washington, March 25.—The German embassy's second charge that dum dum bullets are being shipped from the United States to the allies has not been substantiated by an investigation by army ordnance experts and the State Department has so informed the German ambassador.

### CONSTANTINOPLE READY TO SURRENDER

London, March 25, 4:45 P. M.—The Evening Chronicle publishes a dispatch from Bucharest, Rumania, saying the Turkish government recently decided to surrender Constantinople and the Dardanelles to the attacking fleet. The surrender was all but arranged, the Chronicle says, when at the last moment it was blocked by Germany.

### TENNESSEE NEAR ALEXANDRIA

Cairo, Egypt, March 25, via London, 5:30 P. M.—The American cruiser Tennessee, which had been in the eastern Mediterranean for several months for the purpose of protecting American interests during the war, is expected at Alexandria in a day or two, on another of her trips from the coast of Asia Minor.

### FOUNDRY AND MACHINE ELECTS

Harrisburg—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Company held this morning resulted in the re-election of the following: Christian W. Lynch, president and general manager; B. E. Taylor, secretary and treasurer.

### TWO GIRLS COMMIT SUICIDE

Washington, Pa., March 25.—Mary Coyle, aged 19, of Bentleyville, and Margaret Berger, aged 20, of McKeesport, inmates of the Western Pennsylvania Industrial School at Morgantown, committed suicide together during last night. The girls, who were trustees, secured the poison from the matron's locker and were dying when found.

### BRITISH REFUSE AMERICAN REQUEST

London, March 25, 3 P. M.—The British government has refused the request of the United States that an American consular officer be permitted to take station at the port of Kirkwall, in Scotland, to report on American cargo ships detained there.

### MARRIAGE LICENSES

Elmer F. Plank, Philadelphia, and Mary L. Lerew, city, Pietro Piccolo, city, and Lucy Seever, New York, Ross E. Hepford and Hilda E. Hassler, Unglestown, Roy D. Flower and Jennie H. Blough, Derry, it waship.

## 25,000 CHRISTIANS PUT TO DEATH BY BARBAROUS TROOPS

Assyrian Males Tied in Groups of Five, Marched to Cemetery and Killed, Girl Babies and Old Women Executed While Young Women Were Carried Away as Slaves; Orthodox Bishop and Four Clergymen Among Dead; American Mission in Danger

By Associated Press  
Tiflis, Wednesday, March 24, 1 P. M. via Petrograd, March 25, 10 a. m., and London, 12:10 P. M.—Telegrams and letters reaching here from Urumiah, in Northwestern Persia, describe the situation of the American Presbyterian mission stationed there as desperate. Turkish regular troops and Kurds are persecuting and massacring Assyrian Christians.  
Harry P. Packard, the doctor of the missionary station at Urumiah of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, risked his life in a successful effort to prevent a frightful massacre at Goozapa, where three thousand Assyrians made their last stand. They had fought for three days and all their ammunition was gone. At this juncture Dr. Packard unfurled an American flag and advanced between the saving of all but 200 of the Assyrians who had been burned in a

Fifteen thousand Assyrian Christians have taken refuge under the protection of the American mission station, while two thousand are at the French mission. A despatch received at Tiflis from Urumiah declared that seventy Turkish regular troops had entered the mission, hanged the orthodox bishop, Mar Ella, and four orthodox clergymen, and beat and insulted a missionary named Allen. Shortly before sixty refugees had been dragged from the French mission and executed in spite of the tearful pleas of the nuns.  
At Gulpashan, the Kurds were particularly cruel. This was the last of a total of 103 Assyrian villages to hold out and it was occupied a month ago. The Kurds ordered all the Assyrian males into the streets, tied them in groups of five, marched them to the graveyard and killed them barbarously to the last boy. Girl babies and

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