



BRITISH FORCE IN MESOPOTAMIA IS GIRDLED BY TURKISH ARMY

Detachment at Kut-el-amara Is Surrounded Completely While the Main Army Is in Full Retreat Before Overwhelming Numbers; 10,000 Men Are Covering Withdrawal; May Mean Abandonment of Attempt

TRANSPORT SUNK DURING EVACUATION

Reported Ship Filled With Allied Troops Went Down Off Gallipoli; Teutons Announce New Offensive Against French in the Champagne With Cap of Several Hundred Yards of Trenches, 434 Prisoners and Many Guns

Berlin, Jan. 10 (by wireless to Sayville).—The British army in Mesopotamia, has now been surrounded completely by the Turks, according to Constantinople advices given out to-day by the Overseas News Agency. It is said the Turks have advanced to the main defenses of the British.

The main British army in Mesopotamia, according to these advices, is in retreat, 10,000 men having been left in Kut-el-Amara to cover the movement.

Recent dispatches have indicated that the British expedition in Mesopotamia was confronted by Turkish forces of superior size and that it would have difficulty in maintaining itself at Kut-el-Amara. The defenses of the city, in fact, were attacked by the Turks some time ago, resulting in severe fighting, but the British were able to repulse the assault.

The retreat from Kut-el-Amara—

Sleet and Rain Causes Little Inconvenience

Sleet and rain, which fell for a short time this morning, coating the sidewalks with thin ice, caused much trouble for Harrisburgers. Only one mishap resulted in a hospital case. George Miller, of New Cumberland, fell while crossing Market Square this morning, receiving a lacerated scalp which was treated at the Harrisburg Hospital.

PROGRESSIVES MEET

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 10.—Several members of the Progressive national committee arrived to-day to attend the meeting called for to-morrow at which the place and time for holding the national convention will be decided upon.

STABBED IN FIGHT

Joseph Lukic, 231 Frederick street, Steelton, is being treated at the Harrisburg Hospital for two stab wounds of the left shoulder and left arm. Lukic was admitted yesterday morning. He told the physicians that he had been arguing and then got into a fight. He would not name his assailant. He will recover.

OVERCOME BY GAS

While working in a boiler of the Harrisburg Light and Power Company this morning, William Belford, 123 Monroe street, was partly overcome by gas. He was rushed to the Harrisburg Hospital in a semiconscious condition. He will recover.

MISS FISHER UNDER KNIFE

Margaret Fisher, aged 17, 237 Boas street, was operated upon for appendicitis at the Harrisburg Hospital this morning.

THE WEATHER

For Harrisburg and vicinity: Unsettled and warmer to-night; probably light rains; lowest temperature about 36 degrees; Tuesday partly cloudy and somewhat colder.

For Eastern Pennsylvania: Rain and warmer to-night; Tuesday cloudy and colder, probably with north portion; moderate to fresh southwest to northwest gales.

The river and all its tributaries will probably continue to fall except possibly the upper portions of the North and West branches, which may rise somewhat or remain nearly stationary. A stage of about 6.2 feet is indicated for Harrisburg Tuesday morning.

General Conditions: Pressure is high along the Atlantic coast and in the Northwest. A storm of considerable energy is central over the Lake Superior region and another over the Pacific slope. Rain, snow and sleet have fallen generally west of the Rocky Mountains, in the Ohio and St. Lawrence valleys.

Temperature: 8 a. m., 30. Sun: Rises: 7:27 a. m.; sets, 4:58 p. m. Moon: First quarter, to-morrow, 11:45 p. m. River: Stage: 6.8 feet above low-water mark.

Highest temperature, 28. Lowest temperature, 17. Mean temperature, 22. Normal temperature, 29.

THREE KILLED BY TERRIFIC BLAST IN POWDER MILL

Many Others Injured When Mysterious Explosion Occurs at Du Pont Plant

DENY REPORT OF PLOT Officials Say Rumors Are Unfounded; Steamer in River Is Damaged

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—Three men were killed and a number injured in an explosion of smokeless powder early to-day at the plant of the Du Pont Powder Works at Carney's Point, N. J.

The cause of the explosion is not known but, according to the superintendent, there is no suspicion that the blast was due to outside agencies. The report that arrests had been made were denied.

The dead are: John Walsh, Nyack, N. Y.; Richard J. Larney, Philadelphia, and T. H. C. Wynne, address unknown.

The superintendent of the plant said the victims were employees but that they had no business in that part of the works where the explosion occurred. The blast was a terrific one and was felt 25 miles away. Wire communication with the plant was cut off by the shock with the result that the wildest rumors prevailed until daylight cleared up the extent of the accident. The property loss is small as the explosion occurred in a small building of No. 1 plant of the works. It was some distance from the main buildings.

One of the reports in circulation was that government agents and secret service men from the Du Pont police force had been watching suspicious persons who went to the plant from Wilmington, Del., by boat, and that two, carrying a box of explosives, had been arrested. C. B. Landis, a

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Wilson May Put Defense Plan Personally Before Country in Speeches

Washington, Jan. 10.—President Wilson possibly may put the question of national defense before the country in a series of speeches as one means of getting the necessary legislation through Congress.

The President to-day received several invitations to speak at banquet meetings here, in Baltimore and New York within the next month and other invitations are known to be coming. Officials intimated to-day that the President might take advantage of the invitations to lay the Administration plan for national defense directly before the people. As soon as the submarine controversy is entirely cleared up the President intends to devote his whole attention to getting the national defense plans through Congress. Beginning to-morrow Edgar Hughes, secretary of the frequently with House and Senate leaders on the subject.

County Commissioners Organize as Board of Revision and Appeal

Dauphin county's new board of commissioners to-day formally organized as a board of county tax revision and appeal for 1916 by electing President Charles C. Cumber, chairman, and Chief Clerk Edward H. Fisher, secretary.

The commissioners immediately began the business of assessing the tax assessment books. On January 19 the appeals will begin and until that time the commissioners will pare down the assessed values wherever the various principals of the schools, that it is possible that a morning talk will be arranged for.

Dr. Seton's talk will be of double interest to the youth of this city in that he was the prime mover in the inauguration of the Boy Scout movement in America. In the evening the ninth annual Teachers' Association lectures will be ushered in with Seton's address on "In Search of the Caribou." In this address he will tell of his 2,000 mile trip by canoe to the arctic plains. The lectures will be illustrated by stereopticon.

Thousand School Children Will Hear Seton Talk on Wild Animal Life

Fully 1,000 of Harrisburg's school youngsters from the grammar and primary grades will pack the auditorium of the Technical high school next Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, to hear Edgar Thompson Seton talk on "Wild Animals." His address, which will be exclusively for the city school children and no adults will be admitted. So great has been the demand for tickets from the various principals of the schools, that it is possible that a morning talk will be arranged for.

30,000 SKATERS CHASED OFF NEW YORK LAKES

New York, Jan. 10.—Thirty thousand skaters, roughly estimated, were chased off Van Cortland Park lakes in this city yesterday. A squad of policemen patrolled the ice and conducted regular beats between the various erected for the purpose of preventing the hordes of eager red-cheeked girls and youths from risking their lives on the unsafe ice. The minions of the law had considerable difficulty keeping the vast stretches of ice clear, but all accidents were prevented.

SONG WRITER DIES

New York, Jan. 10.—Samuel Lucas, author of the song, "Grandfather's Clock," and known as one of the most original entertainers on the American stage for nearly half a century, died to-day.

SHE WILL DO "THE DANCE OF THE VASES" AT CHARITY BALL TO BE HELD JANUARY 20



Miss Katherine Noland, of Baltimore, who will do a weird dance at the big Charity Ball to be held January 20 in the Chestnut Street Auditorium.

COSTS MORE TO CURE GRIP ON WAR'S ACCOUNT

Cost of Many Prescriptions Doubled by Pharmacists of City

Increases in the prices of drugs have caused a general rise in the cost of many prescriptions filled by druggists in the city. In some instances the prices of prescriptions have doubled.

Pharmacists in explaining the situation to-day said that some of the drugs used in medicines have increased from 100 to 1000 per cent. owing to the war and the big demand for them in foreign countries. Disinfectants, bromides for nervous disorders and the old cold cure, quinine, are included in the list of goods advanced in price.

Moth balls, still widely used in the Springtime when the winter clothes are buried in big chests, now retail for 25 cents a pound in the city. Before the war any amount of them could be bought for five cents a pound. Lanolin used in many ointments, and facial massage creams for milady, has advanced about 500 per cent.

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GROWTH OF BANKS IS UNPARALLELED

First Year Under Federal Reserve System Shows Increase of \$1,743,878,648

Washington, D. C., Jan. 10.—Development and growth never paralleled in the financial history of any country" is the way John Skelton Williams, Comptroller of the Currency describes in his annual report to Congress, the operation of the national banks under his charge, during the period from October 1914 to November 1915, the first year under the Federal Reserve system. The report was to-day presented to Congress.

Mr. Williams gives a comparative statement of the condition of the national banks to back up his statement. He shows that net resources of the banks increased in the year \$1,743,878,648, that deposits increased \$2,981,550,164 and that loans and discounts increased \$917,450,502. Available cash increased in the same period \$82,000,000 and on November 10, 1915, the reporting national banks had excess reserves of \$891,000,000.

"The reserves held by the national banks November 10, 1915," says the report "exceeded by \$587,000,000 the greatest reserves ever held at any time prior to the passage of the Federal Reserve act. Loans and discounts amounted to more than the total loans and discounts of all banks, including national, State, savings and private banks and loan and trust companies—as late as the year 1902."

Savings Grow Mr. Williams says that the "banking power" of the United States—the capital surplus, circulation deposits, etc.—of all reporting banks, national and otherwise with an estimate of the figures for nonreporting banks, amounted in June 1915, to \$25,397,100,000, an increase in a year of about \$1,057,100,000. Savings bank depositors increased by 176,256 during the year ending last June with total deposits of \$4,397,706,013 an increase of \$61,114,163. The average deposit, however decreased from \$444.26 to

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NEGOTIATIONS IN LUSITANIA CASE NEARING CLOSE

Count Von Bernstorff and Secretary Lansing Hold Confidential Meeting

Washington, Jan. 10.—Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, and Secretary Lansing, had another conference on the Lusitania negotiations to-day which both agreed should be described as confidential.

The ambassador expects to confer with the Secretary again inside of a week and not again on the subject. That fact is taken by those conversant with the status of the case to mean that Germany and the United States have approached a point in the negotiations where only one more exchange between Washington and Berlin will be necessary before the long controversy is ended.

It was stated authoritatively to-day that the next step of the United States will be to ask all of the allies of Germany to agree that no vessels carrying Americans be attacked until passengers and crew have been placed in safety.

START TO PROBE YOUNGSTOWN RIOT

More Than 200 Are Arrested and Held to Await Action of Grand Jury

Youngstown, Ohio, Jan. 10.—The grand jury to-day began an investigation into the riot in East Youngstown Friday night. More than 200 men have been arrested and a majority of these will be held pending the outcome of the probe which will be made under the direction of A. E. Henderson, prosecuting attorney of Mahoning county.

The gates of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company plant which has been tied up because of a strike of laborers, were reopened to-day and preparations are being made to resume operations. Many former employees reported for duty and were at once put to work. The exact number to return was not made public. The furnaces are still banked, but workers were assigned to cleaning up and making repairs. No disturbances were reported.

Both regiments of the Ohio National Guard which was quartered on military property since their arrival early Saturday were removed last night. For the present they will continue to occupy their trains near the plant, but will be removed to quarters in other parts of this city and East Youngstown as soon as arrangements can be made.

Frederick C. Croxton, mediator, sent here in an effort to settle the strike, continued his conference with representatives of the companies and employees to-day. Mr. Croxton conferred yesterday with James A. Campbell, president of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company. He also plans to discuss the situation with T. J. Brady of the Republic Iron and Steel Company whose employees are also on a strike.

HARDSCRABBLE VIEW REVISION GAIN TO CITY

\$1,311 Less Damages Allowed Than Under Original Schedule

COURT GETS REPORT TO STUDY CITY LAWS Will Remain on File 30 Days For Filing of Exceptions

Recent revision of the original schedule of benefits and damages incident to the condemnation of "Hardscrabble" reduced the amount of damages allowed from \$107,105 to \$105,794.

The change rounds to the city's advantage to the extent of just \$1,311, as the municipality's share of the assessment is reduced from \$64,064.70 to \$62,753.70.

No change in the original sum assessed as benefits against the property owners on the east side of Front street from Herr to Calder, was made. The benefits assessed total \$43,070.30.

Figures Go to Court The new figures incident to the elimination of the "Hardscrabble" district—the section lying on the west side of Front street from Calder to Herr—was presented to the Dauphin county court this morning by Attorney Paul G. Smith, chairman of the board of viewers. Serving with Mr. Smith were James D. Saltsman and Karl Steward.

The report was confirmed temporarily. It will remain on file thirty days. In this time formal exceptions can be filed. If these be based on technical grounds aimed to set aside the whole viewing proceeding, then the report cannot be confirmed absolutely within thirty days, but must lay out pending the result of a hearing on the objections if the objections be based on the

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Want Pensions For Widows and Orphans of Spanish Veterans

Harrisburg Camp, No. 8, United Spanish War Veterans, has decided to put forth efforts to have Congress grant pensions to widows and orphans of Spanish war veterans.

Interesting addresses were a feature of a meeting of Harrisburg Camp No. 8, United Spanish War Veterans, held in the camprooms, 294 North Second street. A large class was ushered in by Captain E. Laubenstein.

Patriotic addresses were made by Captain Laubenstein, William Messinger, George Drake, H. E. Gabril and others. Each member pledged himself to bring in one or more recruits by June 1.

O. P. Beckley Speaker at Rotary Club Luncheon

O. P. Beckley, as the guest of Samuel Eby, was the speaker at to-day's noon luncheon of the Harrisburg Rotary Club at the Senate Hotel. Mr. Beckley, head of the Harrisburg Bag and Box Company, was chairman and among the guests who were called on for short speeches were J. S. Brown, of the Boston Rotary Club; S. M. Palm, Thomas Kahres, E. E. Sanford, L. D. Green, William Kenny and Messrs. Hess and Tate, general salesmen of the New Idea Hosiery Company.

Mr. Beckley, in his address, subject the dignity of labor and the value of fellowship and co-operation.

Unfilled Tonnage of U. S. Steel Shows Big Increase

New York, Jan. 10.—The unfilled tonnage of the United States Steel Corporation on December 31 totaled 7,806,220 tons, an increase of 616,731 tons over November.

The unfilled orders of 7,806,220 tons reported to-day represent the largest total reached by the steel producer since January 31, 1913, when the aggregate was 7,827,368 tons.

ADA REHAN, ONCE MOST BEAUTIFUL WOMAN, DIES

New York, Jan. 10.—Ada Rehan, the actress, died at the Roosevelt Hospital Saturday. She was taken to the hospital December 31. Several days later she underwent a serious operation. She never recovered from the effects. She was 55 years old. Ada Rehan was once noted as the most beautiful woman on the American stage.

PHILADELPHIAN DIES IN SOUTH

Savannah, Ga., Jan. 10.—C. H. Clarke, a well-known resident of Philadelphia, died suddenly yesterday at Pineclad Club, Garnett, S. C., according to information reaching here to-day.

JUDGE NOYES DEAD

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 10.—Judge George H. Noyes, 67, well known in legal circles throughout the country, died suddenly at Clearwater, Fla., according to a telegram received here to-day.

THE DAY IN CONGRESS

Senate—Met at noon. Foreign relations committee granted hearing for Tuesday to women's peace party.

CUSSING MUST BE STOPPED BY POLICE—MEALS

If the Cops Must Swear, Let 'em Do It in Private, Says Mayor

TO STUDY CITY LAWS Possible That Meals Will Establish School For Patrolmen

Swearing while on duty will mean punishment for attaches of the police department.

"I expect every employe under me to be a perfect gentleman," said Mayor E. S. Meals to-day. Asked if any special set of rules would be provided for employes of his department, the mayor said:

"There will be some organization after January 15. Just as soon as I have the new force working, every man will be told his duty. You can't be a gentleman and swear in public. Of course I realize that there are times when a man MUST swear. He can do it quietly."

Another thing that will be required of patrolmen, will be a thorough knowledge of city ordinances. Mayor Meals said his patrolmen must know the laws. "You can't enforce ordinances if you are not acquainted with the provisions of the city laws," he remarked. Mayor Meals has not decided whether there will be a school established for the patrolmen. He is of the opinion that it would be a good thing to have someone instruct the officers on important ordinances.

MAYOR WILL MARRY FOLKS BUT HE'S NOT ANXIOUS

"I am not a marrying Mayor," said Harrisburg's executive to-day, when asked if he would make a practice of marrying couples, as he has a right to do under the law.

"I had but one marriage to perform during my previous administration. I will not make any couple unhappy if they ask me to unite them in marriage, but I do not propose to make a practice of it. If a couple happens in during my office hours, I will do my best to make them happy."

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TWO LICENSES TRANSFERRED

Transfers of two hotel licenses were approved to-day by the Dauphin county court. The privilege held by William H. Dreibler at "Shell's Tavern," East Hanover township, was transferred to Chester S. Boyer, Grantville. A similar privilege held by Uriah U. Bollinger at Coxestown Hotel, Coxestown, was turned over to Frederick Bossinger.

BRITISH LOSE 3,000 IN ATTACK, REPORT

Amsterdam, Jan. 10, via London, 4:53 P. M.—A British force which apparently was on the way to reinforce the British at Kut-el-Amara on the Tigris river, lost three thousand men in an attack on Turkish positions at Sheikh Said, according to a semiofficial statement received here to-day from Constantinople.

Harrisburg — Peter Gubics was arrested this morning in Steelton by Chief of Police Longnaker and Detective Gibb, of that place, just one hour before the time set for his wedding. Gubics was arrested on serious charges preferred by a girl in South Bethlehem. He got out on bail and was married nevertheless.

FEDERAL PURE FOOD LAW UPHELD

Washington, Jan. 10.—The Shirley amendment of 1902 to the Federal Pure Food Law was upheld as constitutional to-day by the Supreme Court.

TURKS WERE IN RETREAT

Boston, Jan. 10, 3:53 P. M.—The Turks in Mesopotamia were reported to have been driven back on January 9 with the British pursuing them. The news was announced in the House of Commons to-day by the British Secretary for India.

Washington, Jan. 10.—Admiral Winslow reported to-day to the Navy Department the surrender near Esperanza, 300 Major Indians and Villa troops to General Diegues. The Villa troops were commanded by General Juan Ruelas and the Indians by Chief Bachamo.

London, Jan. 10, 3:40 P. M.—Sir Percy Lake has been appointed to command the British forces in Mesopotamia in succession to General Sir John Eccles Nixon who has been compelled by ill health to return home, it was announced in the House of Commons to-day by J. Austen Chamberlain, Secretary for India.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Hull Ruby Farley, Chambersburg, and Effie Elizabeth Holtz, Shippenburg, Donnie Clinton Stewart, Lakewood, and Ida May Bents, Pittsburg, Philip Eberly and Esther B. Specht, Dietrich, Herman William Holtz and Catherine Irene Hummel, East Hanover, were granted marriage licenses to-day.

TEN PER CENT. WAGE INCREASE FEB. 1 FOR PA. STEEL EMPLOYEES

Officials Now Working on New Schedule; Jump in Pay Effects Labor and Salaried Men, Except Where Recent Readjustments Were Made

EFFECTS 6,000 MEN AT STEELTON MILLS Boost in Line With Company's Plan of Sharing Increased Profits With Employes; Cambria Adds \$600,000 to Its Annual Payroll

Wages of practically all employes of the Pennsylvania Steel Company at Steelton will be increased February 1. It was learned from usually well-informed circles this morning.

Officials are now working on a new wage schedule which will become effective at that time. This schedule, it was said, will grant an increase in pay of approximately 10 per cent. on the present labor rate and a somewhat similar proportion in the higher rates, except where readjustments have recently been made.

The proposed increase will affect about 6,000 men and will add thousands of dollars to the company's payroll. The increase is in line with the

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