

WILL HELP RESCUE GIRLS IN HAREMS

Beautiful, Refined Girls Who Speak English Cry and Bemoan Their Fate, Says Member of Relief Expedition

Pittsburgh, Feb. 19.—"To help rescue the thousands of girls scattered in Moslem harems from one end of Turkey to the other is one of the reasons that I am going back to Turkey," declared a member of the expedition for Armenian and Syrian relief before he sailed for Turkey.

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The principal feature is German disarmament down to the requirements of an international police not exceeding twenty-five divisions, of about ten or twelve thousand men each, or a total force of approximately 250,000 men. Other restrictions will cover protection of armaments of all kinds and the complete disappearance of the enemy's submarine equipment.

Peace by Summer While such a plan is necessarily elastic, owing to the range of subjects, unforeseen circumstances and enemy opposition, yet it is the plan those in chief influence hope to see carried out as a result of the systematic procedure now being organized.

Three Chimney Fires in Few Hours Cause Work For Firemen, Loss Slight

A chimney fire which started in the Alva Hotel, corner Blackberry and Grace streets, this morning caused considerable excitement among patrons of the restaurant, who were eating their breakfast. The chemical apparatus of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company from the passenger station close by, was manned by workmen from the station, and put the first stream of flame to rest. City fire companies arriving on the scene quickly extinguished the flames. A cook in the kitchen, known as "Mike" was slightly burned about the hands.

Two other chimney fires occurring within a few minutes early last evening caused considerable work for fire companies of the central district, without causing much damage to property. The first was in the Elkstone apartments at 901 North Front street, and the second was at 130 Indian street, where three families lived. Mrs. Charles Vogelsong, Peter Watson, and Mrs. Ella Cameron live on the three floors.

Nearing Jury Locked Up at 1 A. M.; Unable to Reach a Verdict

New York, Feb. 19.—After deliberating thirteen hours without reaching a verdict, the federal jury which has been considering the case of Scott Nearing, former University professor and the American Socialist Society, charged with violating the espionage act, was ordered locked up at one o'clock by Judge Mayer.

Rivers and Harbors Bill Passed by Senate, Goes to Conference

Washington, Feb. 19.—Without a record vote, the Senate last night passed the annual rivers and harbors bill, carrying appropriations of \$32,000,000, or \$6,000,000 more than the original House measure. The bill now goes to conference.

WAR COUNCIL HEARS CLAIMS OF SMALL POWERS

Serbian, Slovene and Croatian Submit Their Territorial Aims

Paris, Feb. 19.—The Supreme Council of the great powers yesterday heard the portrayal of Serbia's claims. Some of the representatives of the council, however, remained away, feeling that the time for talk was past and that the present need was action for getting back to a peace basis.

This movement is taking form in the most responsible British, American, Italian and French quarters, and promises to yield definite results within the next few days. The first stage will be in the permanent armistice plan, which Marshal Foch will present within a fortnight, taking the place of the short term armistice announced yesterday.

SEES BIG AID TO POLISH NATION IN NEW ARMISTICE

Polish Commissioner to U. S. Pleased With Inclusion of Posen

Washington, Feb. 19.—Inclusion of Posen and a considerable portion of German Poland in the new Polish sphere under the terms of the armistice just accepted by the Germans will materially aid in the work of building up the Polish nation, says a statement by John P. Smulski, Polish commissioner to the United States.

1,000 Barrels of Oil Destroyed by Fire

Warren, Pa., Feb. 19.—Four condensers and four stills of the Superior Oil Works here, containing 1,000 barrels of oil in the process of refining, were destroyed by fire last night. An explosion preceded the fire, which was spectacular, the flames leaping high into the air.

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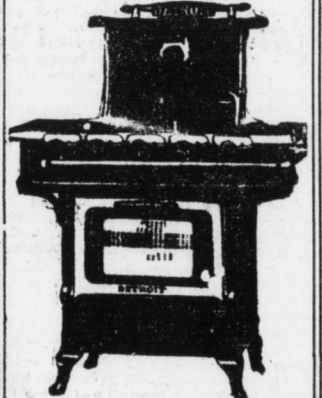
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