

## TURKS CHECK BRITISH ARMY

3,000 Killed in Attempt to Relieve Kut-el-Amara

### AIR RAIDS ON ALL FRONTS

Germany, Begin Offensive in Champagne, Taking a Small Frontage. Montenegrins Disarming. Says Vienna—Conscription Passes Second Reading in British House of Lords. British Steamer Sunk.

Constantinople, Jan. 26.—The British army of General Aylmer, which was marching upon Kut-el-Amara, in Mesopotamia, to relieve the force of General Townsend, has been defeated in battle by the Turks in the Tigris valley, losing 2,000 in killed. It is claimed the British are still twenty-one miles from Kut-el-Amara.

Upon request of General Aylmer the Turks granted a day's truce to bury the dead.

Montenegrins Disarming. Berlin, Jan. 26.—An official statement issued by the Austro-Hungarian headquarters staff says:

"All foreign reports stating that the fighting has been resumed in Montenegro are pure inventions. The report that King Nicholas has left his country and his army is confirmed.

"Up to the present it has not been ascertained in whose hands the real government of Montenegro rests, but this is completely without importance, so far as the military result of the Montenegrin campaign is concerned.

"The disarming of the Montenegrin army is progressing without interruption.

Press dispatches from Sofia state that Macedonians are volunteering in great numbers for service in the Bulgarian army. At least 1,500 volunteered.

The number of those who desire to serve is so large that many applications have been declined.

Germany Begin Offensive. Paris, Jan. 26.—A terrific offensive movement has been launched by the Germans in northern France and Belgium, but where the allied lines gave way the Germans were unable to sustain their gains.

In the district north of Arras the Germans attacked on a front 1,500 yards wide. These attacks followed a series of mine explosions. The Germans were able to occupy some of the craters, but were driven out of the others.

In Belgium the Germans penetrated the French lines at one point but were later driven back.

Conscription Passes Second Reading. London, Jan. 26.—The military service bill passed its second reading in the house of lords after a speech made by the Marquis of Lansdowne, minister without portfolio in the British cabinet, dwelling on the necessity of enacting the measure.

Dealing with its effect on industry, Lord Lansdowne admitted that the weakening of the industrial army obviously affected Great Britain's financial position, but he was quite opposed to any suggestion that Great Britain might have been content to supply her great navy and munitions of war to her allies besides placing Great Britain's credit at their disposal.

Aid Accorded For Armenians. Viscount Bryce, formerly British ambassador at Washington, asked the government of the United States to take steps to send relief to the Armenians who, he states, have been driven by the Turks into the deserts of Syria and Mesopotamia.

A Berlin dispatch forwarded from Amsterdam by the Central News says that great damage was done by an explosion in a paint factory at Offenbach, Germany. It is said a number of persons were killed.

Dunkirk, in northern France, has been shelled by German aeroplanes. Two enormous aeroplanes of the Fokker type were in the squadron that attacked the city.

The French base hospitals are at Dunkirk.

The Dominion liner Norseman has been sunk by a submarine.

Assassin's Accomplice Dead. Vienna, Jan. 26.—The Serbian anarchist, Nedjeljko Gabrinovic, who was sentenced to twenty years' imprisonment for complicity in the assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand, heir to the Austrian throne, has just died in prison. Gabrinovic threw a bomb which injured several persons in an automobile behind that in which the archduke was killed.

The assassination of Archduke Francis Ferdinand on June 28, 1914, precipitated the European war.

French Airmen Busy. Salonika, Jan. 26.—Sixteen French aeroplanes again bombarded Ghevgheli and Monastir, killing and wounding more than 100 persons and causing heavy damage to Bulgarian camps. One hundred and eighty explosive and incendiary shells were thrown on Monastir and 300 on Ghevgheli. Monastir has been partly destroyed by the bombs.

Kentucky Votes Down Prohibition. Lexington, Ky., Jan. 26.—The state senate voted down the state-wide prohibition bills, 20 to 14.

## Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Paw Knows Everything. Willie—Paw, what is the difference between fact and fiction?

Paw—The same difference that there is between a woman and her photograph, my son.

Alv—Willie, you go and stuff some cotton in your ears.

Fact. Though man on fortune oft depends, And his hopes never diminish, The destiny that shapes our ends Won't let us see our finish.

Officer, Call a Policeman! "What are long felt wants?" asked the book.

"Weather strips," replied the cheer ful idiot.

Oh, Shux! He thinks he is a funny scout. But he will come to woe. Said I, "The furnace has gone out!" Said he, "Where did it go?"

The Wise Fool. "There's nothing as tough as having a lot of debts that you can't pay," observed the sage.

"Oh, yes, there is," corrected the fool. "Then what is it?" asked the sage. "Having a lot of debts that you simply have to pay," replied the fool.

Ouch! Said Mr. Kannew to his son: "You've been bad. You say things I know are untrue. So we'll go out to the woods, and I'll paddle my own Kannew."

Is That So? (Cincinnati has 115 moving picture houses, 22 hotels, 84 saloons, 250 churches, 33 hospitals, 1,200 groceries and one Luke McLuke. One's enough. We have to work part of the time.—Newark O's Advocate.)

We Could Write a Head on This, but We Won't. Up in Missouri Miss Rummage has lately become the bride of Mr. Saje. One ought to be able to find a few little bargains around there in the course of time.—Fort Smith (Ark.) Times-Record.

Names Is Names. Rhoda Ford, Henry Grievous, Mary Helps and I. Steel all live in Springfield, O.

He Looks Like Napoleon, Only Worse. Dear Luke, Is Luke McLuke a handsome man? Does he resemble clerk or duke? This is what we want to know. Just how does old man Luke McLuke? —Anxious

Things to Worry About. The blow fly has a strong sense of smell.

Help! "There's com in raising beer," said I to my friend, Mr. Young. "Oh, no, there ain't," was his reply. "I tried it and got stung."

Our Daily Special. It doesn't take a white lie long to get dirty.

Luke McLuke Says: As soon as a woman discovers that her complexion is wearing off she goes out and buys a complexion that will rub off.

Nature's intention is to let the woman have the good looks and the men the brains. But even nature sometimes gets things hauled up. Once in awhile you will find a horse faced female who knows more than thirty men and once in awhile you will find a pretty man who has to take a brain tonic every time he tries to roll a cigarette.

Of course it is an awful jar for a bride to wake up and realize that the paragon she married is nothing but a pinhead, but that is no reason why she should look like her own mother's sister five years after the day she combed the rice out of her hair.

The man who wouldn't lend you 10 cents when his stomach is empty will usually cheerfully part with \$10 after he has had a good dinner.

Most of us imagine that if we were only fixed like other people we wouldn't have a blip of a thing to worry about.

In these suffragette days a man isn't half so afraid of a woman who has a past as he is of one who thinks she has a future.

When mother wants the furnace to have a good cleaning she stops father when he is on his way down the cellar steps and tells him not to bother rubbing out of the cellar windows at the girl who lives next door. And father gets so mad that he rattles every thing but the grates and the lining out of the furnace.

The old fashioned man who used to get his embalming fluid after he died now has a son who pays 15 cents a throw for it while he is alive.

When it comes to sympathy we don't care how much we have going out and how little we have coming in.

After all a man is only a boy who has lived long enough to realize that there is enough pie and ice cream in the world to go around.

And when you come to think it over it isn't the reefs that make kissing dangerous.

It is funny how scared a man can be of germs when he is asked to use a cup attached to a water fountain. But he never bothers about germs when he bubbles a glass of beer in a saloon.

## JAPS CALL U. S. ARMY A 'JOKE'

Society Seeks to Inflame People Against Americans

### WOULD DYNAMITE CANAL

Authority For Propaganda Is Order Headed by Members of Tokio Cabinet, Charging Inhuman Treatment of Japanese in California—Tells How to Seize Philippines and Hawaii and Descend on Pacific Coast.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 26.—Dr. Carl Duesing, a university professor in Midgeburg, Germany, in a letter received by his brother, Dr. Hermann Duesing of this city, tells of a book published in Japan by the Japanese League for National Defense, which advocates war with the United States, and calls the army of this country a "joke." The Lokal Anzeiger of Germany is said by Professor Duesing to have printed a part, translation of the book.

"The Japanese League for National Defense lately has published a little book which carries the title 'The War Between Japan and America.' More than one million copies of this book have been sold and distributed broad cast throughout Japan.

"On the front page you see the picture of a victorious Japanese battleship in front of which the Stars and Stripes are disappearing in the water.

Premier Fathers Propaganda. "The highest officials of this Japanese League for National Defense are the prime minister, Count Okuma, Count Yamagata and the Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Kato. These names should suffice to show the importance of this book.

"The first sentence on the first page reads: 'The hearts of sixty million of Japanese, all loyal subjects of the mikado, are inflamed with courage, and are stormy like the strong winds of the Heavens, insisting that a war be begun against the United States which will prove to be the baffling American that the Japanese people do not know defeat and that her soldiers cannot be beaten.'

"The chief causes for this proposed war are given as the inhuman treatment of the Japanese immigrants and the hostile legislation of the United States. Japan ought to occupy California, Hawaii and the Philippine islands, according to the book.

"In all these places we have cutless spies to get information of military importance for the great day. Eighty thousand Japanese live in the Hawaii, all trained reservists, each with his special instructions, and all know their duty.

"The Panama canal could be rendered useless for months with one single ship full of explosives. After that our troops would have taken the Philippine islands and Hawaii long before the American fleet would be able to arrive in the waters of the Pacific ocean. From these islands it is not far to California. We could also count on the aid of assistance of Mexico."

"The United States army is called a 'joke' by this book. Japan could send 12,000,000 soldiers to the front all trained militarywise. Japan prepares incessantly for the war, it continues.

CONGRESSMAN MANN URGES DEFENSE BILL Better Prepare Than Repair, Is Key-note of Speech.

Washington, Jan. 26.—Representative Mann of Illinois, the Republican leader, in the course of a speech in the house expressed the opinion that the United States is likely to be called to defend itself at the close of the present war. He urged congress to make large appropriations for the army and navy and enact legislation which will enable American industry to supply all the government needs in the event of war.

Mr. Mann, who has heretofore opposed increased armaments, spoke with great deliberation, and as he argued that the question of national defense by treated in a nonpartisan way he was applauded by members of the house.

"We can better afford," said Mr. Mann, "to spend hundreds of millions of dollars, or a few billions of dollars, in ample preparation for trouble, and avoid it, if possible, than we can to await trouble and then spend untold billions before we are finally victorious, as we would be."

Mr. Mann dwelt with emphasis on his argument that the government should not use its industrial resources against possible times of trouble. He said it was the duty of congress to enact without delay legislation that would establish industries on a basis that would make this country absolutely independent for all supplies in case it should ever be called to defend itself.

FLOODS ARE RECEDING Illinois Farmers Go On Horseback to Care For Livestock.

Moline, Ill., Jan. 26.—Farmers of Rock river bottoms are obliged to do chores while riding on horseback because of high waters caused by ice jams in Rock river.

Many rural homes are isolated and live stock is reported to have perished. The waters are receding.



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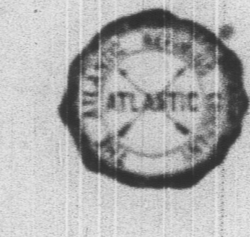
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