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Armed Conflict In Balkans Threatened, Greeks Announce

35 DEAS FACTORY BLOWS UP

TROOPS ARE CENTERING BALKANS

Rumors of Impending Armed Conflict are Heard in Athens.

Excitement Caused

Gonatas Government Resigns—Awaiting Arrival of Venizelos.

(British United Press.) Athens, Jan. 2.—Rumors of impending armed conflict in the Balkans were renewed today.

Authoritative quarters learned that 7,000 members of the Bulgarian Comitatj were concentrated in the Bulgarian districts of Radomir, Cusandil and Petrotz, threatening an invasion of Greco-Serbian Macedonia.

The report added to excitement here caused by the strained relations between Greece and Romania, following expulsion of the Greek King and Queen.

The Gonatas government resigned today, as did Colonel Piliavos, commander of the military district which has virtually controlled Greek affairs for some time.

The resignations took place simultaneously with the convening of the new assembly.

Are Awaiting Venizelos

(Athens, Jan. 2.—(British United Press.)—Pending arrival of Ex-Premier Venizelos, due here today the Greek National Assembly postponed until Saturday decision as to what shall be the next Government.

The new assembly met Wednesday without awaiting Venizelos' appearance, but confined its activities to wild cheers for a Republic. Colonel Plastiras, head of the Military Directorate and Premier Gonatas handed in his resignations, the former explaining that the Government now handed the reins of Greece into the hands of the people.

Several disturbances marked the opening session. Republican deputies were the aggressors in most of these.

GOVERNMENT MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

Premier and Attorney-General Missed Train Connection—May Arrange for Opening

Frederickton, Jan. 2.—The meeting of the Provincial Government which was to open this morning was delayed until this afternoon because Premier Veniot and Attorney-General Byrne had failed to make train connections at Moncton last evening and had to return to Newcastle and come across via the Canada Eastern division of the C. N. R. They did not arrive here until a little before 2 p.m.

It is expected that the first steps in preparation for the approaching session of the Legislature will be made and that the government will also receive the first official intimations as to the report which the auditors will make upon the Comptroller-General's report for the fiscal year which closed on October 31.

It is said the present expectation is that the first Thursday in March is the earliest date at which everything can be in readiness for the Legislature opening. March 6 is therefore the date which has been tentatively fixed for the opening.

Among the delegations will be one from the Senate of the U. N. B. who will ask that the provincial grant to the state university be increased from \$25,000 to \$40,000 a year.

Woman Writer In U. S. Gets Divorce

Providence, R. I., Jan. 2.—Nina Wilcox Putnam Sanderson, a prominent writer, better known under her pen name of Nina Wilcox Putnam, was granted a divorce yesterday from her second husband, Robert J. Sanderson, on the ground of neglect to provide for her maintenance.

Judge Finds Hobo Is Boyhood Chum

Warren, Ohio, Jan. 2.—"Do you remember me, Ike?" Police Judge Sidney Jones asked a prisoner he was interrogating in court here.

"No, I don't, you honor," he replied.

"Are you sure?" insisted the judge.

"Slowly an incredulous smile crept over the prisoner's face. 'You ain't Sid Jones, are you?'" he asked.

"Yes," he replied.

"You were in my class in high school. Now they faced each other—sid on the municipal bench and Ike at the bar, listed as a vagrant. It was their first meeting since the Jones family had left the old home town when the two were still high school boys."

He had been married and was father of a daughter when the strike occurred in Martins Ferry in 1909. This was indirectly responsible for the divorce which followed.

Then Ike became a drifter, finally landing in Warren, drunk on "cheap heat."

Discovering that Ike's trade was that of a roller in a steel mill, the judge released him with an admonition to keep away from booze.

PARLIAMENT MAY MEET ON FEB. 14

Cabinet Possibly Will Decide Today—Several Appointments to Be Made.

Ottawa, Jan. 2.—It is not unlikely that the meeting of the cabinet which has been called for today will determine the date of the opening of Parliament.

The official information of the date has been given, but Feb. 14 has been mentioned as possible. As the Premier is known to favor winter sessions, it is thought that the Government will call Parliament as soon as a general election program has been decided upon, and get down to business without delay.

Thirty days' notice of the opening must be given. Several appointments may result from the meeting today. It is certain that an appointment to the vacant post of auditor-general will be made soon. There is a vacancy in the Supreme Court of Canada, in addition to one or two other judicial vacancies.

Gets 33 Pearls In Oyster Pattie

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 2.—Thirty-three pearls in one oyster pattie was the bewildering find with which Ernest M. Allen, son of the supreme court registrar, began his New Year's morning. The restaurant in which he was supping soon afterwards ran out of oysters.

Wire Briefs

Washington, Jan. 2.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Monday, December 31.

Berlin, Jan. 2.—The butchers of Berlin have taken over the care of 400 destitute men, women and children and agreed to feed and house them this winter.

London, Jan. 2.—The Daily Telegraph's Sydney correspondent cables that the Australian Labor Party has acquired the Sydney Daily Mail, which was established about two years ago.

Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 2.—Between 5 and 6 inches of snow had fallen up to early this afternoon in a storm which started this morning and gave no indication of stopping at 2 p.m.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Among the latest personages of note to succumb to the spell of winter sports are the King and Queen of the Belgians, who passed through Paris incognito last night on their way to Chamoni.

REBELS PLAN ADVANCE IN MEXICO

Military Leader of Rebellion Leaves to Take Charge of Army.

FIGHTING REPORTED

Government Troops Under General Caraveo are in Big Battle.

(By Canadian Press.) Vera Cruz, Jan. 2.—The general advance of the rebels on Puebla and Mexico City will begin today, according to an announcement made by insurgent headquarters. General Sanchez, military leader of the rebellion, has left this city to take command of the troops massed on the Vera Cruz frontier.

In conjunction with Gen. Maycotte, he will direct the forward movement.

Federal and insurgent forces are reported to have been fighting yesterday around Puebla. The Obregonists have advanced to Tehuacan after a series of unimportant skirmishes.

Gen. Moran has assumed charge of the operations which have as their object the capture of Tampico.

Statement From Embassy

Washington, Jan. 2.—Official advice to the Mexican embassy on military and other developments in connection with the revolution in Mexico are summarized in the following statement from the embassy:

"Government troops under General Caraveo engaged in battle and completely dispersed rebel forces commanded by General Figueroa, forcing them to evacuate Barranca Blanca and Zacualpa and to retreat to Cerro Alto, Gen. Almazan's division is closing in on the rebels and has occupied positions in the south."

"President Obregon returned to Mexico City from Ilopango, and it is stated that he will return to the city from next week, the statement continues. 'Farmers in the petroleum region of Panuco, Vera Cruz, have volunteered their services to the Government to fight the rebellion in that state.'"

"Rebels under Gen. Carranza clashed with members of the Atotonilco Jalisco, special defense at a point near the Zaguilan road and were severely defeated."

MUNICIPALITIES GET LARGE SUMS

Receive Nearly Million From C. in Liquor, Motor and Betting Money.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 2.—Almost a million dollars has been distributed by the British Columbia government to the municipalities in connection with the last week. This is \$1,735,000 increase over the distribution made at the end of last year.

The money distributed during last week was made up as follows: Liquor profits for six months ended Sept. 30, \$466,461; share of motor tax profits for the last twelve months, \$228,668; share of taxation on race track ending \$223,871.

TO CALL ON M. P. TO GIVE SUPPORT

Home Bank Depositors Decide Upon Campaign to Cover All Canada.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The general committee of the Home Bank depositors yesterday decided to launch a country-wide campaign for support of members of parliament for their approval of a share for both depositors and shareholders. Meetings are to be held from Montreal to Vancouver at central points and members of parliament are to be asked to address the gatherings.

A petition to the Dominion Government, urging the re-compensing of depositors will be taken to Ottawa. Copies will be circulated in all parts of Canada and not only depositors, but the general public will be invited to sign.

It was announced that between \$25,000 and \$30,000 had been subscribed by depositors to meet the expenses of the campaign.

Puts Out Fire; Then Is Married

Boston, Jan. 2.—After rescuing her wedding trousseau from a menacing fire that destroyed a palatial wedding cake, nuptial decorations, and the furniture in the parlor where she was to be wed a few hours later, Miss Lillian A. Bush of 423 Dudley street, Roxbury, carried out her wedding plans and became the bride of Walter R. Delvalent at an impromptu ceremony in the parlor of a friend.

Despite the fact that the wedding band itself was lost for a time in the fire, but was later discovered in a pile of debris by a houseman from English st., the 19-year-old bride was determined to go on with the nuptials.

In the parlor of Mrs. Hanna Ryan, who lives directly under the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Bush, parents of the bride, the ceremony was performed. Rev. Warner F. Godkin, rector of the Church of the Ascension, Roxbury, officiated. Carl Delvalent, brother of the groom, was best man. Immediately after the ceremony the couple left on their honeymoon tour for parts unknown.

The fire which caused damage estimated at \$500 to the furnishings of Mr. and Mrs. Bush was started by an overturned stove. It ignited the woodwork and spread quickly through the walls and ceilings.

FORMER DOCTOR OF HALIFAX IS DEAD

J. S. Carruthers Was Lieutenant-Colonel and Was Overseas in War.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2.—Lieutenant-Colonel J. S. Carruthers, who died of pneumonia in Vancouver yesterday, was a former resident of this city. He practiced medicine here for nine years prior to his entering the Canadian expeditionary force. He was born in Pictou, N. S. In 1916, when the St. Francis Xavier University Hospital unit was formed at Antigonish, N. S., he transferred to the unit there as C. O. M. C. with the rank of major.

On the conclusion of his service overseas he returned to Halifax, where he replaced his father, Rev. Dr. James Carruthers had removed, and took charge of a hospital. Sewers on the outskirts of Paris were choked.

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Will Pick Word to Stir Law Scoffer

Boston, Jan. 2.—A single word that would "stir" awake the conscience of the lawless, scoffing drinker was sought in a contest arranged by the Quincey King of Quincy, which closed with the opening of the New Year. A prize of \$200 was offered for the selected epithet, which, according to the terms of the contest, must express the idea of lawless drinker, menace, scoffer, bad citizen or what the biting power of "scab" or "slacker."

Three judges will consider the words submitted and announce their finding on January 16, the fourth anniversary of the adoption of the 18th amendment. Mr. King is prominent in anti-saloon leagues in the state.

Geddes Leaves to Sail For America

London, Jan. 2.—(British United Press.)—Sir Auckland Geddes, who has tendered his resignation as Ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, left for Southampton today to embark for New York on the Majestic.

Geddes said he would go to Washington immediately and remain there about a fortnight, clearing up his affairs before turning the embassy over to Sir Esme Howard, the new Ambassador. Former Senator Kellogg, new American Ambassador to the Court of St. James, said farewell to Geddes at the railway station.

Fund For Quadruplets' Bank Book Nears \$60; Two More Days to Aid

The fund to start a bank account for the four new babies at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mahaney, St. James street, had nearly mounted to \$60 at noon today. There still remain two days in which to contribute \$1 to this excellent movement.

One contribution today, in sending in his dollar, writes, "I should be glad to subscribe a larger amount to any fund for the babies."

Another sends with his dollar a picture from a magazine showing the snow-covered roof of a house with the stork juggling the chimney bringing a baby to the home. Santa Claus has arrived at the same time and is waving a welcome to the newcomers. A plus sign with the figure 3 makes the application to the St. John event.

Those who wish to add a dollar to the fund here are asked to send it to the city editor of The Times tomorrow or Saturday as the list will be closed on Saturday. Further acknowledgments are here made: Dr. R. W. Garrett, Kingston, Ont., has dug up the record of quadruplets born here on August 14, 1898, to Mr. and Mrs. William Bowman. About 12 years ago a woman in London, Ont., gave birth to four babies at one time, but they all died from being exhibited to the hundreds of people who came to see them.

RAILWAYS IN FRANCE ARE CLOSED

Rising of River Seine is Holding Up Traffic to Paris.

TRAINS RE-ROUTED

Three Feet of Water Fills Foreign Office Cellars in City.

By WEBB MILLER. United Press Correspondent.

Paris, Jan. 2.—Authorities ordered the Gare D'Orsay railway station closed today as angry waters from the flooded River Seine invaded the big railway terminal. Swirling torrents invaded the railway tracks outside the station, shunting off hundreds of trains which daily pass in and out of the yards.

Traffic from the Gare D'Orsay was routed by the Austerlitz station. Authorities forecast the maximum height of the flood will not be reached before Saturday. They expected an additional rise of 80 inches before the week-end.

Meantime plans are made to close the inundated cellars, causing further dislocation of railway traffic. At ten a.m. the brown waters were creeping upon cellars of the foreign office and had reached only a few inches of the doorsteps of the famous Quai D'Orsay. The cellars of the foreign office already were flooded.

Tram lines to Afortville, Vitry and Boulogne were interrupted. Hundreds of inhabitants of Beaumont, Auvers, Sur Oise, Champagne, Cergy, Iles Adam and Jouy Lemoigne evacuated their homes. All the affluents of the Seine continued to rise.

In Neuvers several districts were submerged. Sewers on the outskirts of Paris were choked.

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LIES IN STATE

Body of Lieut-Gov. of Quebec Will Be Buried on Saturday.

Quebec, Jan. 2.—Arrayed in his coffin, the body of the late Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, who died yesterday after an illness of but three weeks, now lies in state in Spencerwood where it will remain until Saturday morning at 8 o'clock before being transported to the Seminary Chapel where the funeral service will be held.

The late Lieutenant-Governor will be given a state funeral and interment will take place at Beloeil. Premier MacKenzie King and members of the Federal Cabinet, in addition to Premier LaSalle and the Provincial cabinet will attend the funeral.

Gasoline Tank of Dixmude Is Found

Paris, Jan. 2.—A gasoline tank being found on the dirigible Dixmude has been found at sea, according to a wireless message sent out by the Bleriot, Lunis, Naval Station and picked up at Toulon, says the correspondent of Echo de Paris at that place. The newspaper's informant adds that the office of the port admiral at Toulon is unable to confirm the news and that he forwarded it with all reserve.

The tank, according to the radio message, was inscribed with several sentences written in pencil.

Charity Stamps To Help German Poor

Berlin, Jan. 2.—Charity stamps are being issued by the Ministry of Post to help finance the feeding of the poor. They will be sold at twice their value and will be issued in denominations of 5, 10, 20 and 50 gold pennings. "Deutsche Nobilitat" (German Relief) will be printed across the face of the stamps.

May Write Book About Canada



London.—Megan Lloyd George is going to write a book about Canada and America. Yes—about the newspapers and cities and American boys and girls and things.

This isn't official. It's just "Megan-official." Ever since the 21-year-old daughter of Britain's most famous statesman returned home from her trip to America with her distinguished father and all she has been dodging reporters who have been trying to put this question to her.

Speeding Toboggan Jumps Chute; Riders Thrown and Two Are Killed

Saranac Inn, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Nate Shelly, president of the Shelly Togg Company of this city, was instantly killed and his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Shelly, died an hour later of injuries received yesterday when a toboggan on which they were coasting left the chute at tremendous speed and overturned. Alice, 16, Mrs. Shelly's daughter, suffered from shock, but was only slightly injured. The toboggan slide descends a twenty foot embankment to the ice of the lake.

The Shelly toboggan, travelling at great speed, dashed down the chute, struck the ice of the lake, bounded from the chute and overturned. The passengers were thrown in a heap. Shelly's neck was broken and doctors say he died instantly.

Mrs. Shelly, injured internally, was given first aid treatment by doctors in the party, but died in the camp lodge an hour later.

Yawns Jaw Out of Place 5 Times

Boston, Jan. 2.—Every time Mrs. Estia Silva, 45-year-old widow, who keeps house for her brother at 685 Massachusetts avenue, gives a hearty yawn her jaw-bone becomes dislocated from its socket, and she must hasten to seek surgical aid to get the bone back in proper place.

Christmas Day this happened. Five times since then she has been obliged to receive aid to close her teeth together. Doctors at the hospital believe it will be necessary to perform a minor operation before the jaw joints will be in as good working order as they were in previous days.

Weather Report

Toronto, Jan. 2.—The disturbance which was west of the Great Lakes yesterday has increased in intensity and is now passing eastward over Ontario and the middle states. A moderate snowfall has occurred in Ontario and western Quebec. The weather continues very cold in the western provinces.

Forecasts: Gales; Much Colder

Maritime—Heavy southeast shifting to westerly gales, snow and rain, Friday westerly gales becoming much colder.

Gulf and North Shore—South-east shifting to westerly gales, snow, Friday strong westerly winds, fair becoming very cold.

Toronto, Jan. 2.—Temperatures: Highest today 8 a.m. Yesterday night

Stations 8 a.m. Yesterday night

BODIES ARE SEEN WITHIN RING OF FIRE

Lives Wiped Out by Terrific Dust Explosion Near Peoria.

100 ARE INJURED

Fire Breaks Out and Keeps Rescuers From Bringing Out the Dead.

(By Canadian Press.) Peoria, Ill., Jan. 3.—Thirty-five persons are believed to have been killed and more than a hundred others injured in a terrific dust explosion early today at the starch plant of the Corn Products at Peoria, Ill.

The explosion occurred at 3.45 a. m. and at 7 a. m. the Peoria fire department was reported to have the fire virtually under control and none of the other buildings of the big plant appeared in danger.

The Peoria hospital was filled with injured and others rushed to Peoria as fast as they were removed from the wrecked plant.

Fire broke out after the explosion. Rescuers could see the bodies of approximately 35 victims lying in the ruins, but the flames prevented attempts to reach them.

It was estimated it would be several hours before the ruins could be penetrated and the bodies removed.

Seven Bodies Recovered

At 10 a. m. seven bodies, six of them identified had been recovered.

At that hour two buildings of the big plant were in ruins, building number 33, the starch power house, where the blast occurred, being reduced to a mass of smouldering debris and building number 27, the starch house, still blazing, its walls standing but giving off heat so intense that no efforts could be made to search for bodies.

Built 24 Years Ago

The Corn Products plant was the principal industry of Peoria. It was built 24 years ago by the Illinois Sugar Refining Company, but about 18 years ago was sold to the Corn Products Co. and since has been enlarged many times. The plant was said to be equipped with all the known safety appliances and the explosion was the first serious accident since it was built.

At 9 a. m. with the estimates of doctors on the dead running as high as thirty-five, six of the dead had been identified. Fire kept rescuers from removing bodies which could be seen and it is feared many bodies will be entirely consumed.

The identified dead are: George Hartman, Lee Harding, Louis Schmidt, Wm. Hummer, John Hooper, Wm. Vogelsang.

Many Are Mangled

Eighty injured, many of them badly mangled, had been removed from the wreckage by eight a. m. and taken to hospitals in Peoria and Peoria. Two hundred and fifty men were working in the plant at the time of the explosion.

Leave Life Belts; Two Are Drowned

Detroit, Jan. 2.—Fred Wilmar of Detroit and Michael Blatner, address unknown, were drowned, and Leslie Knaggs of London, Ont., was rescued here last night after a launch in which the three men attempted to cross the Detroit River was sunk by floating ice and quickly sank. Wilmar and Blatner jumped without adjusting their life preservers. Knaggs put his on.

Will Try Again To Build Cabinet

Tokio, Jan. 2.—After announcing earlier his inability to complete a ministry, Viscount Kiyoura, who was summoned Tuesday by Prince Regent Hirohito to form a cabinet to succeed that of Premier Yamamoto, was reconsidered and accepted the task of forming a new cabinet.