

SEVEN THOUSAND ARMENIANS ARE MASSACRED

TURKS AND KURDS ARE KILLING THOUSANDS OF ARMENIANS IN NEW ATTACK IN ASIA MINOR

Mustapha Kemal Is Leading Troops in Slaughter Against Helpless Christian People—Assistance Is Required in Order To Prevent Extermination of 150,000 People.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—Seven thousand Armenians have been massacred in Cilicia in a new attack by Mustapha Kemal, in charge of Turkish and Kurdish troops. The attack is still in progress, according to advices received here by the Armenian National Union through official channels. The report, signed by the acting Armenian Archbishop of Smyrna and the president of the Armenian colony of Greece, states that the foe of the Armenians number 50,000 men, who have advanced to Bahtche and threaten to spread a reign of terror through the entire district.

3 TORONTO YOUTHS REMANDED TO BASTILE

While Record Is Looked Up by Police.

ONE CARRIES REVOLVER

Also Mask and Quantity of Cartridges—Walked To Hamilton.

Three 14-year-old youths from Toronto decided that life in the Queen City was not all that youth desired, and started out for London last Thursday. They arrived broke, and after looking over the London scene, they decided to return home. But when they were asked to return, they were told that they were not wanted in London, and were about to go back to their homes. But Special Officer Ernest Black of the G. T. R. wouldn't see things that way and brought them to the police station, where they appeared before Acting Magistrate P. H. Bartlett today.

SALARY OF OTTAWA'S MAYOR IS INCREASED

Four Controllers in Capital To Receive the Maximum Under Act.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—The city council last night, on the initiative of the aldermen, decided to increase the salary of the mayor from \$4,000 to \$6,000, and the limit allowed by the municipal act, \$2,500. The aldermen get \$300 per year, the amount being limited by the act. It is intimated that the board of control may reciprocate by asking legislation to permit a higher sum being paid to aldermen. Council also unanimously approved of application to the Ontario Legislature for a municipal optional proportional representation act for municipal elections. Consideration of the proposal to purchase the street railway system was deferred to a special meeting.

RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT SEEKING DAMAGES FROM LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD

Claim Is Made as Result of Explosion of Munitions.

New York, Feb. 17.—The former Russian imperial government is still a legal entity, according to a suit brought here in its name against the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company, seeking damages of a million and a half dollars for the loss of munitions and war supplies in the Black Tom Island explosion in 1916. Negligence on the part of the railroad company is alleged.

LORD READING IS NOW CONSIDERING OFFER OF U. S. AMBASSADORSHIP

Declines Appointment. London, Feb. 17.—Premier Lloyd George has offered the ambassadorship at Washington to the Earl of Reading, the former ambassador there, says the Mail. The earl has declined the appointment.

What's Doing Tonight?

THEATRES. Majestic—Lord Williams in "The Fortune Hunter," and vaudeville. Loew's—Enid Bennett in "Step-ling Out," and vaudeville. Grand—Marguerite Clark in "Luck in Pawn," and vaudeville. Patricia—"Should a Husband Forgive," and vaudeville.

OTHER EVENTS.

Union Lodge, 380, A. F. and A. M.—Emergency meeting. London Royal Arch Chapter meets at 7:45 p.m. in Masonic Hall.

GREATEST OF INDIAN SNIPERS FROZEN TO DEATH ON RESERVE

George Stonefish of Moraviantown Dies Near His Home.

OVERSEAS THREE YEARS

Credited With Sending Many a Hun "West" During His Service.

Moraviantown, Feb. 17.—George Stonefish, Canada's most noted Indian sniper for three years in France, was found frozen to death last night near his home on the reserve. Stonefish's dead body was discovered by neighbors, and the belief is that he was overcome in his exertions in wading through the huge drifts near his home. Stonefish was the first Indian to enlist after the outbreak of war, joining the Canadian army on August 6, 1914. In his capacity as a sniper he is credited with having killed hundreds of Germans, but himself came through three years of service without a wound. He was invalided home in November, 1917. His homecoming was made the event of the greatest celebration that the Indian reserve has ever known.

Prisoners Will Be Forced To Witness Murderer's Execution

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Prisoners in the Cook County Jail will be permitted to witness the execution of a murderer today. Jack O'Brien will be hanged on Friday for the murder of a policeman, and the prisoners in surrounding cells will look on the sheriff said.

NUMBER OF VETERANS OUT OF EMPLOYMENT SLOWLY DECREASING

133,925 Returned Men Have Been Placed in Positions.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Labor conditions throughout Canada are improving in accordance with the statistics of the federal employment office. The number of unemployed returned soldiers is slowly decreasing. The office reports that while 30,598 ex-soldiers were registered as unemployed certificates or renewals under the federal employment act were issued to only 12,215, or less than 40 per cent. To date 133,925 placements in employment have been recorded by the federal office. The service branch of the department of soldiers' civil re-establishment, which is in charge of the placement of returned soldiers, is doing a good work.

WOULD BE BAD MOVE FOR U. S. TO WITHDRAW FROM NATIONS' COUNCIL

Earl Curzon Deplores Publication of Sensational Articles.

London, Feb. 17.—Earl Curzon, secretary for foreign affairs, speaking at the dinner of the Primrose League here, deplored the publication of sensational articles concerning the withdrawal of the United States from the League of Nations. He said that the United States is a great power, and its withdrawal would be a bad move for the world.

FORMER PREMIER OF FRANCE ON TRIAL

Joseph Caillaux Charged With Conspiracy Against His Country.

Paris, Feb. 17.—Joseph Caillaux, former premier of France, was placed on trial today before the Senate, sitting as a high court of justice, charged with conspiracy against his country in time of war. There was a large attendance of senators, and the trial was of great interest.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER DIED YEAR AGO TODAY

Requiem Mass for Repose of His Soul Is Celebrated.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Today is the first anniversary of the death of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. A requiem mass for the repose of his soul was celebrated in the presence of many people at Sacred Heart Church. Bishop Gauthier was the celebrant, assisted by Mgr. Rouiller, Perreault, and others.

SICKNESS OF EMPLOYEES HAMPER STREET RAILWAY

Service Cut Today and Worst Yet to Come.

SPENT MILLIONS IN PLANES, BUT J. S. WAS NOT FACTOR IN AIR

Not an American-Built Battle Plane Ever Reached the Front.

OFFICIALS ARE BLAMED

Fatalities Among the Airmen From U. S. High Due to Insufficient Training.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—The war department spent \$1,051,000,000 for aviation during the nineteen months of the war, with the result that only 213 American-made planes, all of which were of the DH-4 observation type, reached the front. The aviation sub-committee of the House war department's expenditure committee so declared yesterday in its final report.

HOLLAND WILL REPEAT REFUSAL TO SURRENDER EX-KAISER; WILL AGREE TO KEEP HIM INTERNED

The Hague, Feb. 17.—Holland will answer the second note sent by the Entente with regard to the status of former Emperor William by reiterating her original position, refusing to surrender the ex-ruler, but acquiescing in the request to guard him closely. The Dutch answer will be dispatched within a few days.

STORM PARALYZES TRAFFIC ON BRANCH LINES OF RAILROADS

Western Ontario Completely Blocked by King Winter—May Be No Trains Before Thursday on Branches.

The storm which started last night and continued this afternoon seriously affected railway traffic throughout Western Ontario. Eight railroad lines in the London division are completely blocked today and with plows working to make a pathway through the huge drifts today, officials of the Grand Trunk and C. P. R. hoped to restore traffic by tomorrow. Unless the storm abates this afternoon, however, there is little hope of passenger trains being run before Thursday.

MARQUIS OF BLANDFORD WEDS DAUGHTER OF EARL

Ceremony Takes Place in Presence of King and Queen.

London, Feb. 17.—The Marquis of Blandford, son of the Duchess of Marlborough, was married today to the Hon. Mary Cadogan, daughter of the Marquis of Cadogan, at St. Margaret's Church, Westminster. The wedding was the most important social event of the kind since the marriage of Princess Patricia of Connaught to Alexander R. N. Hamilton a year ago.

JULES CAMBON PLACED ON THE RETIRED LIST

Paris, Feb. 17.—Jules Cambon, general secretary to the ministry of foreign affairs and former French ambassador to the United States, has been placed upon the retired list, according to the Journal Officiel today. He will remain a member of the French peace delegation.

THE WEATHER

LOCAL TEMPERATURES. Following were the highest and lowest temperatures recorded in London during the 24 hours previous to 8 o'clock last night: Highest, 12; lowest, 3 1/2 below.

TEXTILE MANUFACTURERS ANSWERING QUESTIONNAIRES

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—By Canadian Press.—Replies are coming in on every mail to the recent questionnaire of the board of commerce from textile firms in Canada. An extension of the time allotted in which the firms could supply the board of commerce with figures of cost and profits was granted by the board of commerce, and this period expires today.

BORDEN SAILS FROM ENGLAND ON 26TH

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Sir Robert Borden is sailing from England on the Carmania and is expected to arrive in New York on the 26th of this month. He will, it is anticipated, thereafter proceed south with Lady Borden.

THOUSANDS OF RAILWAYMEN TO LOSE JOBS WHEN AMERICAN GOVT. TRANSFERS CONTROL TO OWNERS

Services of Large Number of Men Taken On Under Government Supervision of Line s Will Be Dispensed With in Near Future.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—If the tentative plans of the railroad managers go through on the return of the railroads to private ownership on March 1st, it will clear the way for the dismissal of thousands of men added to the payrolls since the Government took over the carriers in December, 1917. The estimates of the number of men it will be possible to dispense with, without lowering efficiency vary from 100,000 by conservatives, to thrice that number mentioned by others. The program is to squeeze out whose employment can be credited up as a result of Government operation, and incidentally to what the railroad men say is the lowering of individual efficiency inseparable from Government ownership or control.

Whole Village Goes On Spree When Booze Is Washed Ashore

London, Feb. 17.—Virtually the entire male population of the village of Lagraña, near Perito, Spain, was in a state of "helpless intoxication" for three days recently, according to a Madrid dispatch.

ALLIED SUPREME COUNCIL'S REPLY TO WILSON'S READY TO SEND

Draft of Answer To President of U. S. Has Been Completed.

LET U. S. PUBLISH IT

Hopes Are Entertained For an Amicable Adjustment of Dispute.

ULSTERITES PLACE WREATH AT FOOT OF BUNKER HILL MONUMENT IN BOSTON

Boston, Feb. 17.—The Ulster delegation which is visiting the United States placed a wreath at the foot of Bunker Hill monument yesterday in memory of the Irish who fought in the American revolution.

G. W. V. A. COMMENDS ROWELL'S STATEMENT

Ottawa Veterans Approve Canada's Stand On League Vote.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—Regarding the speech delivered on Sunday evening by Hon. Newton Wesley Rowell, the following resolution was passed unanimously by the Ottawa branch of the Great War Veterans' Association last night: "That the Great War Veterans' Association, Ottawa Command, places itself on record as strongly approving the statement of the Hon. N. W. Rowell, K.C., acting minister of the department of external affairs."

D'ANNUNZIO DECLARES FUME ANNEXATION IS IMPOSSIBLE NOW

Poet-Soldier's Forces Still Retain Control of City.

WILSON'S CONDITION MUCH IMPROVED

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—President Wilson continues to show improvement and was up early today, shaving himself and going about his usual routine. Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, said.

ANOTHER VIEW OF CONDITION.

New York, Feb. 17.—The News, a daily illustrated paper published in New York, this morning printed President Wilson's picture on the front page with a sombre wreath around it.

NEGLECTED STOCK IS FINED

It was learned today that some of the firms have answered the questionnaire very fully.

Pressure is quite low in Ontario and Quebec, and highest in the North Pacific States. Light snowfalls have occurred from Saskatchewan to the Maritime Provinces. The weather has become very cold again over Lake Superior.