

TURKS WILL NOT ACCEPT LEAGUE MOSUL DECISION

Waiting On Arrival at Angora of Foreign Minister—Country Will Be Behind Kemal Pasha If He Decides For War.

By NEBLEY FARSON.
Special Cable to the London Advertiser and the Chicago Daily News.
Angora, Turkey, Dec. 23.—(Via London, Dec. 23.)—The decision of Turkey regarding the Mosul crisis awaits the arrival of Foreign Minister Tewfik Bey at Angora.

Angora is tense but calm. There have been no demonstrations. The Turks declare: "We will never relinquish our rights to Mosul." This might be interpreted as another Alake-Loraine. Because of the Kurdish question in Mosul and future British intrigues, the Turks say it would be suicide to accept the league's decision. They declare that General Laidoner, the Estonian, who investigated the question for the league, is a British tool.

If Kemal Pasha declares war on Great Britain the entire country will be behind him. Everybody realizes the consequences, but they are desperate. Meanwhile the diplomatic groups have gone to Constantinople for Christmas as usual.

NEEDY ONES AIDED BY MANY BODIES
Toy Shop in St. Thomas Fire
Hall Works Overtime To Bring Joy To Kiddies.

Special to The Advertiser.
St. Thomas, Dec. 23.—The men of the St. Thomas fire force are working overtime in an effort to have the toys ready for distribution Thursday afternoon and evening. The toy shop presents a happy picture. The auxiliary truck is decorated and will be pressed into service in distributing the Christmas cheer to the needy of the city.

At the chamber of commerce rooms all is a bustle. Two hundred and twenty Christmas baskets, containing vegetables, clothing and fruit are being packed, representing parcels of \$1,200 worth of goods. Mrs. W. F. Folland, Mrs. W. Collins, Mrs. R. J. Dunsmore, Mrs. D. Meadows, Mrs. J. Black, Mrs. B. F. Cascard, Mrs. Galloway, H. R. Holby, Mr. G. Gillies and D. H. McIntyre are among those engaged in the work.

The postoffice is handling a record quantity of mail. The change in the entrance to the postoffice, petitioned by the city council, and recently completed, has made handling the crowds a difficult matter for the city.

Santa Claus was busy this afternoon in the Tivoli theatre distributing presents to the children during a special matinee. They were contributed by Denny McGill, J. H. Gould, Liggett's Drug Store, Woolworth's and the children's aid society. The children's aid society announced donations amounting to \$571.29. The Christmas Community fund totals \$555.10.

Stanley Oliver, former popular organist of First United church, and now presiding over the organ at St. John's United church, Monday night, was presented with a cane at the close of a Kiwanis minstrel show staged by the Montreal club. Mr. Oliver was in the show, which brought \$10,000 to the club.

ARTHUR M'LURG DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS
Prominent Tea Merchant Had Been Resident For 34 Years.

For the past 34 years one of the most prominent tea merchants in this city, Arthur M'Lurg, aged 63 years, died at his late residence, 337 St. James street, early last evening. Owing to failing health, Mr. M'Lurg retired from business about two years ago, and since that time had been confined to his bed.

COOLIDGE BACKS FLIGHT TO POLE

Writes Sponsors of Project Praising Them For Initiative.

Special to The Advertiser.
Detroit, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge has endorsed the purpose of the Wilkins Arctic expedition, it became known here today, and has bespoken his personal interest in the project, which is sponsored by the American Geographical society, the Detroit Aviation society and the North American Newspaper Alliance.

The president's comment was made in a letter to William B. Mayo, general manager of the Ford Motor Company, who is president of the Detroit Aviation society and chairman of the board of control of the Detroit Arctic expedition. The letter was written from the White House on December 15. It reads as follows:

"My dear Mr. Mayo—I have your letter of December 11, signed by yourself and Mr. Frisbie, telling me that the Detroit Aviation society is planning to organize and privately finance an expedition to explore the land west of the north pole. It has aroused the keenest personal interest.

"America has always been in the forefront of Arctic exploration, and it is fitting that we should strive to set the first to open the unknown lands to the knowledge of the world. The importance to commercial aviation in the possible development of air routes across the Arctic region makes the proposed enterprise of particular value."

Sincerely yours, CALVIN COOLIDGE.

BLIND MINING GIRLS RECOVER THEIR SIGHT
Congenital Cataracts Removed From Eyes of Two West Virginia Sisters.

Associated Press Despatch.
Huntington, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Two mining girls, blind since birth, marched from the Huntington hospital today and marvelled at the sights they beheld.

Their sight had been restored, a Christmas gift from their mountain neighbors and a Huntington surgeon. The girls, Fay Cook, 17, and her sister Mayme, 24, suffered from congenital cataracts. In their remote mountain home of Logan, Logan county, they had about given up hope of ever gaining use of their eyes, and were educating themselves in the methods of the blind when kindly-disposed neighbors interested Dr. C. M. Haves of Huntington.

The doctor said he was willing to perform the delicate operations necessary. When the neighbors anxious to have the girls back home by Christmas, hurriedly subscribed to a fund to defray hospital expenses. The operation was a success.

SEEK TO HEAL BREACH IN QUEBEC TORY RANKS
Peace Parley Called at Which Mr. Meighen Will Attend As Leader.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Montreal, Dec. 23.—The Star in its news columns today says: "Immediate steps will be taken to bring about complete unity among all the Conservative interests in the province of Quebec, as a result of a meeting of defeated and successful candidates at the Plaza Viger Hotel and Montreal club yesterday."

BAKERY CAR CRASHES TREE, DRIVER IS BADLY BRUISED
Special to The Advertiser.
London, Dec. 23.—Harry Lankin, driver for George Strasser, local baker, was badly bruised and shaken up when his auto left the road about a mile south of Crediton, jumped a ditch and crashed into a tree. Lankin was pinned between the delivery body of the car and the steering wheel, and while no serious injury was done, he was rendered unconscious and suffered from bruises about the body. He was discovered by passers-by soon after the accident and brought home after medical attention had been given him.

BELIEVE SESSION TO BE SHORT ONE

Legislature Opens Feb. 10—Expect No Contentious Legislation.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—No legislation of a contentious nature is as yet upon the horizon for the approaching session of the Ontario legislature, which will convene on Feb. 10. Announcement of the opening date was made by Premier Howard Ferguson this afternoon following a lengthy cabinet meeting at which routine matters were cleared up preparatory to most of the ministers leaving to spend Christmas at their homes. The date chosen indicates that a short session is expected by the government, since Premier Ferguson times the assembling of the house with a view to Easter adjournment.

Statute Revision Work.
The work of the statute revision commission upon the assessment and municipal acts hold out the greatest promise of legislation for the chamber, while a consolidation of Consolidations of the mining and of energy.

Various highway acts also looms up the fish and game acts are also thought to be due, although no intimation has been given as to whether they will be undertaken.

One legislative project of great interest has already been presented by the premier, namely, a legislative basis for a farm colony scheme for caring for the feeble-minded of the province.

SMITH UNLIKELY TO GET FREEDOM
Stand of Nickle Likely to Influence Decision of Federal Authorities.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Ottawa, Dec. 23.—There is some doubt whether Peter Smith, former provincial treasurer, will be paroled soon, in view of the opposition of Attorney-General W. F. Nickle and the Ontario government.

NICKLE FORWARDS LETTER.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—The attitude of the Ontario government in regard to the suggested parole of Peter Smith, former treasurer of Ontario, has been conveyed to the minister of justice at Ottawa in a letter forwarded by Attorney-General Nickle today. The letter is said to be discouraging to the hopes of friends of Mr. Smith, who have been endeavoring to secure his release from Kingston penitentiary, where he is said to be in serious ill-health.

CUDDY CALLS SPOTTERS EVIL, BUT NECESSARY
System of Catching O. T. A. Offenders Unreliable, Ontario Police Aid Admits.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—"Liquor operatives are a necessary evil, as there is no other way of getting evidence of infractions of the liquor temperance act," said Alfred Cuddy, assistant commissioner of the provincial police, referring to a Port Arthur despatch to the effect that local hotelmen were considering making a protest against the methods of such operatives.

WHEAT PRICES GO SOARING AS U.S. CROP FIGURES CUT
Believed That United States Will Have To Replenish Stocks in Canada—Out of the Running As Competitor in the Export Markets.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Winnipeg, Dec. 23.—The holiday apathy on the local grain exchange was rudely shaken today, following the publication, after the market closed yesterday, of the United States department of agriculture estimate, reducing the wheat crop in that country by 25,000,000 bushels from the previous estimate.

NORTH HURON GOES TO KING JUDGE LEWIS MAKES RECOUNT

Final Result Gives Progressive 5,340 Votes, Conservative 5,170—County Judge Refuses Adjournment and Carries Out Supreme Court's Order To Count Disputed Ballots.

Special to The Advertiser.
Goderich, Dec. 23.—At noon today Judge E. N. Lewis proceeded with the rehearing of the North Huron federal election recount, and, carrying out the instructions of Mr. Justice Wright, declared a majority for J. W. King, Progressive, of 170.

On resuming his hearing his honor refused the request of George Spotton's attorney for an adjournment, and proceeded without arguments being heard to carry out the order of the supreme court of Ontario.

He opened the rejected packets of ballots from the polls of Nos. 2 and 6 of Grey and No. 7 Ashfield, and moved the counters from their 342 in all. Finding all these ballots other than the North Huron riding and same and counted them. In his declaration, which he handed to the returning officer, there were: King, 5,340; Spotton, 5,170.

Returning Officer C. A. Nairn will now deliver the final count to the chief electoral officer, Col. Duggan at Ottawa, closing the North Huron riding and electing the Progressive candidate. It is understood that on the opening of the Conservative candidate, is in his seat, the previous declaration by the returning officer being superseded by the new official count.

ENDED, SAYS MR. SPOTTON.
Canadian Press Despatch.
Toronto, Dec. 23.—As far as George Spotton, the Conservative candidate, is concerned, the fight for possession of the federal seat of North Huron ended today with the decision of Judge Lewis in the recount declaring J. W. King, Progressive candidate, elected. In an

interview here tonight, Mr. Spotton stated that the matter was closed. "We fought for the secrecy of the ballot," he said, "feeling that a ballot that was not secret was not a British secret. You will remember how we fought for the abolition of the old numbered ballot in the days of the Ross administration. Sir James Whitney gave us our sacred, secret ballot."

Double Error Found.
"With the present ballot, the same number which is opposite the voter's name in the poll-book is placed upon the counterfoil, and when the counterfoil is left on there is no secrecy. Yesterday I learned that in one poll the number was not placed on the counterfoil, and also failed to put on the number of those ballots. The secrecy was not violated."

Not Standing on Technicalities.
"If the numbers had been on the counterfoil in this one particular poll we known at the beginning of the recount of the double numbering of this one D.R.O., which still left the ballots of his poll secret, the fight would have gone this far. We have no desire to take advantage of any technicalities. 'I may add,' concluded Mr. Spotton, 'that when my opponent, Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, learned of this phase of the matter he heartily concurred in my view.'

COAST PROVINCE WANTS PEACE RIVER BLOCK
Would Be Used For Subsidies To Aid in Building Railway in Area.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Victoria, B.C., Dec. 23.—Offers will be made for the British Columbia government to secure possession of the Peace River block, it was stated here today.

STREET CAR CONDUCTOR REWARDED FOR HONESTY
Toronto, Dec. 23.—Albert Wadley, street car conductor, has been rewarded for honesty. Last August Wadley picked up a parcel in his street car containing \$15,000 worth of diamonds and handed it over to the lost articles department, by which they were returned to their rightful owner. Wadley has been presented with a diamond stickpin and a check by the owner of the diamonds.

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