

TWO PARTY LEADERS IN TOILS AS RESULT OF ASSASSINATION

Letter From Leader of Portuguese Republicans Alleged To Have Been Found on the Assassin of President Paes.

LISBON, Dec. 15.—(Havas Agency).—Dr. Brito Camacho, leader of the Unionist group in the Portuguese Chamber of Deputies, and Magalhães Lima, leader of the Republican party, have been arrested.

Magalhães Lima was taken into custody because, it is alleged, a letter addressed to him was found on the person of the assassin of President Paes.

THE "DISASTROUS" GALLIPOLI VENTURE REALLY A SUCCESS

It Annihilated the Flower of the Turkish Army and Kept Bulgaria From Hostility During Six Critical Months, and Probably Saved the Allies' Cause.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—(British Wireless Service).—Lieut. Gen. William R. Birdwood, commander of the Australian and New Zealand troops, and formerly commander of the British expeditionary force at the Dardanelles, and Winston Spencer Churchill, who as first lord of the admiralty at the outbreak of the war was officially identified with the Gallipoli operations, were the guests of honor at the annual dinner of the Australian and New Zealand Club, held at the Ritz hotel, London, on Monday.

It is obvious that we were unable to achieve the military objective at which we aimed, but I am confident that when history comes to sum up the operations of this world-wide war, the Gallipoli venture will be found to have been a success. It was at Gallipoli that the flower of the Turkish army was annihilated. Our forces were striking so close to the centre of the Ottoman empire that it was only natural that the Turks should send their best troops to meet them, and reinforcements were dispatched to what was called the slaughter-house. That was indeed, a fitting tribute to what troops who never had too much ammunition to spare, and those who fell did not die in vain.

Mr. Churchill said: "Although we did not succeed in gaining astonishing results, the event would have followed from success, the event was one which from almost every point of view was fruitful, and played a definite part in the attainment of the final result. The heart and soul was taken out of the Turkish army by the British-Australian force which landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Turkey's Strength Shattered. "Never again was the Turk able to send such a large force to the front. His accumulated military strength as ruptured and shattered there, and that we had to deal with afterwards. Other theatres were the remnants, broken and discouraged by the main blow which had been struck at him.

In the second place, the fact that Bulgaria was prevented from joining the war of our enemies from March until September, 1918, is one of the most significant, the fact is not even yet possible to judge. What the effect would have been on the Russian situation, beginning to crumble; on the Bulgarian situation; on the Greek and Albanian situation; if Bulgaria had perpetrated her act of madness six months earlier than she did is almost incalculable. The first British army in the Balkans had changed over before we had that million men available to take their part in the struggle, might well that a disaster of an irrevocable character would have overtaken our cause."

TAKES OVER LAND.

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 17.—It was announced by the minister of lands that the Provincial Government has taken over some 25,000 acres of land in the southern Okanagan.

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CIRCUMSTANTIAL WEB GROWS, BUT PLEA IS ALIBI

Milo H. Piper Persists Another Used His Name in Marrying.

SIGNIFICANT ADMISSIONS
Michigan Man Arrested in Hamilton Owns to Traveling With Victim.

MUSKOGON, Mich., Dec. 16.—Milo H. Piper, brought here from Hamilton, Ont., face a charge of slaying Miss Freida Weichman, a Chicago book-keeper and golf player, to whom it is alleged he was married, although he had a wife and child here, was questioned for two hours this afternoon by Prosecuting Attorney Brook and other officers who have worked on the case for the last two years.

Piper admitted, according to the prosecutor, that he had traveled about the state with Miss Weichman, introducing her as his wife. He insisted, however, that he knew nothing of the girl's death, and maintained that a man he knew as John Sheldon had used his name in marrying her at Kennesaw, Ind., in March, 1918.

He also admitted, the prosecuting attorney declares, that he left Grand Rapids with Miss Weichman in September, 1918. It was in May, 1917, that the body of a woman identified as Freida Weichman was unearthed at a lonely spot along the railroad tracks in Eggleston Township near here.

Later this afternoon Piper and the officers started for the spot where the body was uncovered by a construction gang.

Three Officials Objected To Have Not Been Discharged.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—The Montreal police and firemen who struck last week are now contemplating another strike, because the three officials of the public safety department, Director Tremblay, Assistant Director Mann and Chief of Detectives Belanger have not been discharged as promised.

40,400 CASUALTIES
AMONG U.S. TROOPS
NOT YET REPORTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Gen. Pershing called the war department today that unreported deaths in action among the expeditionary forces should reach the number of 40,400, and that of severely wounded by December 27.

The number of unreported casualties in process of verification at the central records office of the expeditionary forces on December 14 was 40,400. These include all "unseen" cases under observation, the general said.