RUSS TAKE ERZERUM

GRAND DUKE REPORTS GREAT VICTORY OVER TURKS TO THE CZAR.

BATTLE LASTED FIVE DAYS

Fate of Turkish Army of 160,000 Not Reported So Far—Enver Leads in Both Sides Heavy—Two German Commanders May Be Lost.

London, Feb. 17.—Led by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian army of the Caucasus has captured the city of Erzerum, Turkish fortress of Erzerum, in eastern Asia Minor.

The following official statement was given out in Petrograd:

"Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed to the Emperor as follows:

"God has granted to the brave troops of the army of the Caucasus such great help that Erzerum has been taken after five days of supreme forced assault.

"I am inexpressibly happy to announce this victory to your Imperial majesty.

The blow is the most serious yet struck at Turkey. Early relief of the British forces now shut in Mesopotamia, including the betrayed garrison of Kut-el-Amara, is expected.

The fall of Erzerum is expected to open the way for a crushing advance by the Russians through eastern Armenia in the direction of Sivas following a movement itself might be important. By this eastern-ward drive the Russians are said, hope to bring Turkey to her knees.

160,000 TURKS TAKEN

More than 160,000 Turkish troops were locked up in Erzerum with the retirement of the fortress, according to all dispatches from the Russian headquarters. Field Marshals von der Goltz and Limon von Sanders directed the Turkish defense of Erzerum.

The Russian campaign was unparalleled in military history. The advance was pressed across a bleak and rugged country over mountains and through narrow defiles in Arctic cold. Russian official reports state that in places the soldiers fought their way waste through snow fifteen feet deep and in a temperature of 25 degrees below zero.

Note Says Turks.

The grand duke's message was received shortly after a report from the headquarters that nine of the defending forts of Erzerum had been taken with the bayonet. The soldiers swept up the mountain sides in the snow through gaps made by the heavy guns.

Grand Duke Nicholas took command on the Russian southern front less than four months ago. Immediately the Russian forces, which had been inactive, began to develop the offensive which has resulted in the fall of Erzerum.

The grand duke is considered by military experts to be one of the greatest strategists developed by the war. He is a cousin of the czar and was commander-in-chief of the Russian army. He directed the successful retreat of the Russians from Galicia and the Austro-Germans during the Austro-Germans' drive westward, which threatened to drive saving his armies from what threatened to be disaster.

Erzerum is the chief town in Asiatic Turkey, and one of the most important roads and strategic lines in that country.

Its capture is expected to open the way to Constantinople.

The town is also important as a military depot. Its present capture by the Russians is the third within a century. It was captured in 1829, it was taken by the Russians during the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-78, and it has now fallen into the hands of the Russians.

It has a population of about 41,000, and lies at an altitude of 6,252 feet in the Euphrates valley. It was first held by the Turks in 1517.

VOTE DOWN WAGE INCREASE

Mine Operators Agree to Joint Conference With Miners at Mobile, Ala.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 16.—The strong demands for increased coal prices from western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois began to have effect into a new scale to take the place of the one that expires March 31 was referred to a subcommittee by the operators' committee. The miners' committee declined to make any counter proposition pending the action of the operators' committee.

Additional troops and 15 machine guns were dispatched to the border from Fort Robertson, Thomas and Logan. Guards at the power houses, pumping stations, railroad yards and bridges were doubled.

21 ARE KILLED IN MINE FIRE

Dozen Workers in Montana Copper Shaft Also Are Missing—Rescuers Lose Their Lives.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 16.—Twenty-one workers were killed in a fire in the air shaft of the 2,000-foot level of the Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining company, and fifteen others are missing. Two of the dead are William Hickey, assistant superintendent, and Neil Brennan—were overcome by smoke and gas while engaged in rescue work on the 500-foot level.

He Spoke Right Up.

"It is said," he remarked, reflectively, "that when a man's hands are growing larger—"

"Stop!" she returned, haughtily. "I'm," he asserted. "And the worst of it is that there is every likelihood that this tendency will continue."

"Yes?" she said, in the same haughty tone. "Yes," he repeated. "You see, gloves don't wear out and hence, and other agents that reduce have recently taken up the manufacture of it." "Is that so?" she said, with a glance at her own dainty hands. "You'd better spend quickly if you want a small one." He realized that it was the opportune time to adjourn, and he spoke promptly.

No Art in Her Make-Up.

He—Don't you think she's rather artless?

She—Yes. In her make-up she reages entirely too much.

Explained.

"Maude sings entirely by ear."

"I thought she couldn't make such frightful noises with her mouth."

WILSON ENTERS RACE

GIVES CONSENT FOR USE OF HIS NAME IN THE OHIO PRIMARY.

COMPLIES WITH NEW LAW

President in Letter to Secretary of State Declares That He Is Unwilling to Engage in Contest, But Declares Voters Be Indicate Wishes.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson formally gave his consent that his name be used as a candidate for renomination. In a letter to Secretary of State Hinkle, made public, the president stated that he was not willing to enter a contest for the renomination, but was ready to permit the use of his name in the coming primary in order that the Democrats of Ohio might make known their preference.

The president made known his position in order to comply with the Ohio primary law, which requires candidates for delegates to the party conventions to make known their first and second choices before February 20 and also requires that the candidates for delegates have the consent of their choices to make use of their names. The president was formally notified of the requirements of the law and had written to Secretary Charles G. Hildebrand, secretary of state of Ohio, as follows:

"I am listening to you a letter to the occasion of which I dare say will be quite obvious. Friends of this state have called my attention to section 4911 of the general code of Ohio as amended in 1914 with regard to primary elections and have requested that I take no action or willingness to have my name used. I accordingly take this method of sending you the inclosed letter as formal permission under the statute." Text of President's Letter.

The letter of the president inclosed was as follows:

"While I am entirely unwilling to enter into any contest for the presidential nomination of the Democratic party, I am willing to permit the use of my name that the Democrats in Ohio may make known their preference in regard to that nomination.

"In order, therefore, to satisfy the technical requirements of the statutes of the state of Ohio, I hereby consent to the use of my name as a candidate for the presidency by any candidate who seeks to be elected a delegate to the national Democratic convention which is to assemble in June next."

POLICE FIND BIG BOMB PLOT

Disclosed in Chicago by Arrest of Italian Held as Accomplice in Proposed Soup Conspiracy.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Investigation of the penitentiary at Joliet to affect the release of Frank Abbonizio, among whom are some of its friends, was one of the plans of the alleged anarchistic plot police officers, of which Jean Crones is accused to be a member, according to information that became known here. The suggestion was found in one of the letters discovered in the room of John Allegrini, the Italian held here.

That Chicago anarchists, though not numerous, had taken their part in the present step in the general attempt to bring about the overthrow of the United States government was disclosed by the arrests.

Among the efforts of John Allegrini, the anarchist confidant of Crones, the alleged possessor of Archbishop Mundelein's handwriting, was the discovery that planned crimes that reduce the without cruelty of life and limb, make the poisoning of a hundred barrels of soup a mere detail.

Allegrini has been formally arrested charged with conspiracy to blow up the federal building.

Allegrini and Crones were members of a committee of fifteen who met in secret to plan the destruction of the penitentiary.

Plans and specifications of the Chicago buildings were marked for early destruction.

TWO PENSION BILLS PASSED

One Measure Applies to Spanish War Widows and Other to Indian Campaign Veterans.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Two pension bills passed the house, proposing in all the addition of more than $12,000,000 annually to pension expenditures. One would grant pensions to Spanish war widows and minor children of officers and enlisted men who served ninety days or more in the army, navy or marine corps during the war with Spain, or in the Philippine insurrection. The other bill would give $20 a month to survivors of Indian wars.

WILSON PETITION PUT ON FILE

Charles Bieschenstein, Democratic Committeeman for Illinois, Acts.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—Charles Bieschenstein, Democratic national committeeman for Illinois, filed tonight with Secretary of State Lewis Emmerson a petition placing the name of President Wilson before the state primary election for president with Secretary of State Emmerson. The petition contained more than 4,000 names.

Designed for Desert Travel.

Though the cowcatcher will always be a necessary adjunct to the locomotive, a new design of desert arrow, and will be used on the sands, in consequence, in those parts where the spread of the news in every direction is of the first importance. The cowcatcher is also authorizing were also authorizing the construction of the road to a direct life have to be taken into account. There are the foot and sandrifts. The first named have but two arms, pointed, with the steering

ENSIGN R. D. KIRKPATRICK

Ensign Robert D. Kirkpatrick, who pleaded guilty of neglect of duty in connection with the loss of the navy's battle code book from the submarine F-4, is a nephew of Rear Admiral A. G. Berry.

ELIHU ROOT HITS WILSON IN SPEECH AT GOTHAM

Sees Wrong Action in Mexico and Denounces Russian Invasion of Belgium.

New York, Feb. 16.—Former Senator Elihu Root's severest speech and temporary chairman of the state convention, was delivered tonight at the Republican national convention, assisted to President Wilson a foreign policy as the state issue in the forthcoming national campaign. The speech was devoted almost entirely to an attack upon Mr Wilson's record in his dealings with Mexico and the European belligerents.

If that section of the Republican party of which Mr Root is the acknowledged leader takes its cue from his speech it will work at Chicago for a straightout platform declaration. For Mr Root s strongest invective was reserved for a denunciation of the invasion of Belgium and a declaration that the president was responsible for having failed to protest against that invasion.

In regard to the Lusitania case Mr. Root accused the president of a "policy of threatening without willing" and "words without deeds."

The very thing which our government had warned Germany she must not be "too exact," Germany did of set purpose and in the most contemptuous and shocking way. Then, when all America was stirred to the depths, our government answered with another note to Germany.

Mr. Root charged that under this policy, acted only at prodding war, the American people were "blindly stumbling along the road that, continued, will lead to inevitable war."

As to Mexico he accused the president of having interfered in her internal affairs to destroy Huerta and set up Carranza, but without taking any action to safeguard American life and honor.

Mr. Root proceeded to assign the Democratic party for its tariff policy. He declared the present prosperity was only temporary and was due to war conditions and that the country was in worse plight than any possible protective tariff.

GUARD ON CANADA BORDER

Officials Fear Invasion by Germans—Towns Under Military Rule.

Niagara Falls N. Y., Feb. 14.—Military orders were issued during the day in Niagara Falls, Ont., warning citizens to remain indoors after 10 o'clock the streets, and all strangers are closely questioned or shadowed by government agents.

Following the circulation of wild reports of plots for a German invasion, and the explosion in the Canadian munitions plant at Toronto, which destroyed munitions were taken to prevent any possible bomb movement on Dominion properties.

Additional troops and 15 machine guns were dispatched to the border from Fort Robertson, Thomas and Logan. Guards at the power houses, pumping stations, railroad yards and bridges were doubled.

AMBASSADOR MARYE TO QUIT

Washington Report Says U. S. Diplomat Petrograd Has Broken Down Under War Strain.

Washington, Feb. 16.—United States Ambassador George T. Marye at Petrograd, it was learned here today, has broken down as the war strain. He has decided to take a rest cure from the diplomatic service. Confidential advices received on Tuesday say that the new ambassador either already has resigned, or will do so in the immediate future.

JOHN GRANT LYMAN

"Dr." John Grant Lyman, who is being sought by the federal authorities on a charge of swindling investors in mining stocks out of $300,000 or $400,000 by illegal use of the mails under the name of John W. Folsom, is declared to be one of the cleverest mail-order swindlers in the country, and besides is believed to have been acting as a German agent.

GERMANS DEFEAT ALLIES ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Berlin Announces Gain of 700 Yards in Champagne District—Teutons Capture Serbian Trenches.

London, Feb. 14.—Furious fighting is general along the western front and particularly in the Champagne, the German war office announced the repulse of a French attack in the Champagne district in Champagne, south of Souie Marteau Py. At this point 240 officers and men were taken prisoner.

The French official report does not mention the capture of these positions but says five successive infantry attacks in an effort by the Germans to recapture positions recently taken in Champagne were repulsed. The same statement admits the Germans penetrated a French trench near Souesse, but they subsequently were ejected.

London, Feb. 13.—Nearly half a mile of Serbian trenches in the Kosmaj region were captured by the Germans, according to the official statement issued today by the German general staff. In addition to 3 guns the Germans captured 6 machine guns and 700 prisoners, including 20 officers and two doctor of the British at Tyres.

The French war office announced the loss of 200 yards in the Vosges, and a counter-attack in the region of the Hartmannsweilerkopf, in which the French recaptured the entire position they had lost.

NINE DIE IN THEATER FIRE

School Children Lose Lives During Panic at Opera House at Mexia, Tex.

Mexia, Tex., Feb. 17.—Nine persons were killed and more than a hundred others injured when a fire here destroyed the Queen theater, in which 400 public schools were holding an art exhibit, the pictures and property of the students were destroyed by the flames which swept the building.

The dead: Har Cox, Oscar Johnson, Lucille Lawrence, Paul Yeldell, Shay Hart, Fred C. Burton, A. B. Weatherly, Mrs. Ed Hall and an unidentified negro, name unknown; little son of Professor Burton.

Most of those burned to death were children caught in the panic. Professor Burton and Superintendent Weaver are badly injured in the fire, it is said.

Among the injured were: Mrs. John Burton, Mrs. Ed Hall, Mrs. Weaver and a Mrs. Lyle. These were all suffering from burns other than twenty persons were badly burned.

The Queen theater, Bank building, and Forrest's drug store, Edyth Clothier building.

AMERICAN CLUB IS BURNED

One Man Killed and Many Injured in Toronto, Four—Police Say Arson Was Motive.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—One man was killed and two others were injured in a fire which wrecked the six-story structure which was the home of the Toronto Athletic club. Hundreds of persons were made homeless.

Reports, as yet unconfirmed, were that the blaze was the result of an incendiary plot. The American club having recently been the scene of a number of fires, police say.

A man believed to have been P. I. Hamilton of Dallas, Tex., was found and located just inside a window on the third floor.

The interior of the building was destroyed and the roof fell in. The property loss was placed at $200,000.

COAST TONG WAR BREAKS OUT.

San Francisco.—Two attempts at murder, regarded by the police as a prelude to a tong war, occurred in Chinatown, one fatality, last night, with the spread of the news in every part of the city where there is a Chinatown. Police authorities were alert. Chang Sing Lung, said by police to be members of the Hop Sing Tong, were the victims of the shooting in Portland. Chang probably will die. A member of the Bow Lowng Tong was arrested, charged with the shooting.

ANOTHER NOTE FROM SWEDEN

APPEALS TO AMERICA FOR AID IN PROTEST AGAINST ENGLAND'S NAVAL TACTICS.

Secretary Lansing Informed Minister He Could Not Answer Note at Present Time.

Wagers Newspaper Union News Service.

Washington.—Another note from Sweden has been addressed to the state department through Minister Ekengren, asking the United States for co-operation with the Swedish government and other neutral nations to maintain the preservation of the rules of international law governing the protection of neutral commerce. The communication, Action is proposed particularly against Great Britain because of the interference of mail by that country and other aggressions against trade regarded by Sweden as unwarranted. Secretary Lansing informed Minister Ekengren that he could not answer the note until the controversy with Germany over the submarine issue was settled. This latest communication addressed to the state department was signed by Mr. Ekengren, was presented by the minister on Feb. 11, and has been advanced and discussed from that time. Up to the present time the fact did not become known.

LARGE FORCE OF SECRET MEN.

Chicago.—There was no abatement in the search for the secret service supposed prisoner of University club bombing suspects, and the arrest of John Allegrini, the Italian held here as the man who sent the confession with Germany's name over the typewriter on which he was found. This latest communication addressed to the state department was signed by Mr. Ekengren, was presented by the minister on Feb. 11, and has been advanced and discussed from that time. Up to the present time the fact did not become known.

PRESSURE BECOMING STRONGER.

Natchez, Miss.—Repeated appeals were received from Tensas parish, La., for food and boats needed for the relief of refugees from the overflowed Mississippi bottoms in Louisiana, and other counties in Mississippi, in answer Natchez, Jr. Judge and Vidalia dispatched all available boats and food supplies.

CINCINNATI MARKETS

Corn—No. 2 white 75½@76c. No. 2 yellow 75½@76c. No. 3 mixed 75½@76c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed 51½@52c. No. 3 mixed 51½@52c.

Rye—No. 1 timothy $2.25. No. 2 timothy $2.20. No. 1 clover mixed $10@10.50. No. 2 $10@10.50. No. 1 $14@14.50. No. 2 $13@13.50. No. 1 $11@11.50. No. 2 $10@10.50.

Hay—Spring barley $10.50c, per ton. Mill feed—Bran, $23.50@24.50. Middlings $24@25. Red dog, $30@31. Chop, $26@27.

Butter—No. 2 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 3 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 2 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 3 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 2 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 3 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 2 white Northwestern 32@32½c. No. 3 white Northwestern 32@32½c.

Eggs—Prime firsts 47½@48½c. Firsts 46@47c. Ordinary firsts 44@45c. Seconds 42@43c.

Cheese—Ohio flats 25@25½c. Ohio daisies 24½@25c. Ohio twins 24½@25c. Ohio Young Americas 24½@25c. Ohio longhorns 24½@25c. Ohio limburger 24½@25c. Ohio brick 24½@25c. Ohio Swiss 24½@25c. Ohio Swiss 24½@25c. Ohio Swiss