

TURKS AND KURDS OPEN OFFENSIVE IN MOSUL OIL REGION

Threatened War in Near East Has Already Begun in Mosul Region, According to Meager Reports.

By United Press
LONDON, Jan. 2.—War in the Near East, feared as a result of the breakdown of the Lausanne conference, may already have begun, according to reports reaching London today.

No official word of actual hostilities has been received, but various dispatches reported a revolt in the Mosul vilayet, where Kurds and Turkish tribes were said to have burned British airplane hangars. Mosul is the second most important British air base in Mesopotamia.

The Daily Mail today said such an uprising against the British was reported from Angora, the Turkish nationalist capital.

Officials suggested the reports might be nationalist propaganda, but admitted Mosul was seventy miles from the nearest rail head and that official confirmation might be slow in arriving.

British nationals and Maltese who have been living in Constantinople are hastily evacuating the former capital. Nearly two thousand departed for Malta on New Years day and all others have been ordered out as a precautionary measure.

Other reports from Angora declared the Kemalists were agitated over the situation at Lausanne and had adopted a more aggressive attitude than ever. The Angora assembly was to hear a report from Ismet Pasha today, which was not expected to ease the bitter tension.

Britain strengthened her Mediterranean fleet over the week-end.

BRITAIN IS FIRM, DESPISE WAR THREATS

By United Press
PARIS, Jan. 2.—Despite threats of war, reported uprisings in Mesopotamia and defiance of the Angora government, Great Britain today determined to make no concession to Turkey demands regarding Mosul and the straits.

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TENANTS OCCUPY ROOSEVELT BLDG.

Modern Office Structure Is Rushed to Completion.

Tenants were moving into the new Roosevelt building, northeast corner of Illinois and Washington Sts., today. Interior and exterior decorators were busy rushing office rooms to completion so they could be opened this week.

Officials of the rental department of the building said that many applications for rooms had been received. It is expected that most of the building will be ready by the middle of January. Scaffolding on Illinois St. has been removed, giving pedestrians use of the sidewalk for the first time in several months.

Retail shops will occupy most of the first four floors of the building. Other floors are being leased for general office use.

The building will cost \$750,000. It is equipped with the latest fixtures and equipment of modern office buildings. One freight and three passenger elevators have been installed.

FOREIGN HOUSE GIVES PROGRAM

Balkan Community Holds New Year Celebration.

Fully two hundred neighbors of the Foreigners' House, conducted by the American Settlement at 617 W. Pearl St., attended the New Year's entertainment given there last night.

Music by a five-piece Serbian orchestra, featured a program of instrumental numbers. Ralph W. Hills led community singing.

Judson Stark and Harry Mason, instructors in the night school conducted by the board of school commissioners at the Foreigners' House, spoke briefly. No charge is made for the course, they explained, except that a deposit fee of 50 cents is required and later returned. The neighborhood is largely Serbian, Roumanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian.

Judge James A. Collins, president of the American Settlement, formerly known as the Immigrants' Aid Association and the Cosmopolitan Community Center, arranged the entertainment and also addressed the guests.

Folk dancing in the Serbian fashion concluded the program.

STRAUS CO. EXPANDS

T. P. Burke, vice president and resident manager of the S. W. Straus & Co., brokers, announced today that the organization will acquire more floor space in the National City Bank building, where it is now located, and that the personnel will be enlarged during the year. With the new year the company entered on its forty-first year.

ROOMER SKIPS OUT

Police today ordered everybody out of a building at 439 N. Pennsylvania St., when they discovered the foundation had been cracked by excavation for a new building just north of it.

TWO OVERCOATS STOLEN

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PARKED CAR STOLEN

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CAVALRY TROOP IS SENT TO MER ROUGE DISTRICT

Reign of Terror Expected to Be Aimed at State Witches.

By United Press
MER ROUGE, La., Jan. 2.—Militia on duty here was strengthened today to guard against an expected reign of terror aimed at persons who have exposed activities of bands, murderers and terrorists.

A cavalry detachment entrained at Jennings today to augment the large force preserving peace in Moorehouse Parish. The orders were issued following the kidnapping of Harold L. Teegstrom, a State witness by a hooded mob Friday midnight.

Federal secret service agents entered the fight against masked terrorism, following the kidnapping of Teegstrom.

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Teegstrom, bookkeeper at the Carson plant at Spyker, borrowed a change of clothing and \$40 from a neighbor after being kidnapped by a score of masked men Friday night. He told the farmer he was leaving the community until after the public hearings at Bastrop Friday, authorities learned.

Federal agents were convinced the kidnapping and coercion was done by friends of men involved in the reign of terror.

TRIAL OF HERRIN CASE RESUMED

Defense Will Attempt to Impugn State's Testimony.

By United Press
MARIETTA, Illa., Jan. 2.—Williamson County returned its attention to the first Herrin massacre trial today.

After recess of more than a week, Circuit Judge D. T. Hartwell was to order continuance of the case for the defense when court opened this morning.

Farmers and miners, who had returned to their work during the holiday adjournment of court, crowded their way into the courtroom to hear testimony in the defense of the five men accused of murdering Howard Hoffman during the rioting at the Lester strip mine last June.

Counsel for the defense appeared in court early. They were apparently eager to present their case to the jury. Efforts to impeach some State's testimony will be made by the defense, Kerr declared just before court opened today.

WOMAN WIELDS KNIFE ON HUSBAND, POLICE CHARGE

Dora Anderson, colored, 1509 Asbury St., was arrested after she returned home in a drunken condition and attacked her husband with a knife, according to officers who stated that at police headquarters for assault and battery. Intent to kill also was charged against the woman.

FIGHTERS BREAK GLASS

A tall man landed an uppercut on the jaw of a short man last night. The short man fell against the front door of the Troy restaurant, 219 N. Illinois St., breaking the glass. Miss Nell Stalls, manager, called police, but the fighters had disappeared.

CLOTHING STOLEN

A burglar entered the home of D. M. McRoberts, 2828 N. Delaware St., by using a skeleton key. The thief carried away a suit of clothes valued at \$25, five shirts valued at \$15, and a traveling bag valued at \$20.

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Arliss Uses a Revolver as Nicely as He Does a Fork; Tarkington Hands the 'Bird' to Main St. Hypocrites

By Walter D. Hickman

MELODRAMATIC DEATH may be administered with such artistry and cunning that it would be a pleasure to be the one so dispatched.

That was my thought while seeing George Arliss as the Raja of Rukh shoot to "death" Major Antony Crespin in the third act of "The Green Goddess."

When that little job was over, the Raja calmly announced that when the sun goes down he will dispatch two others to the great hunting ground.

Feel the cold chills race up and down your spine? Sure you do and that is just what Mr. Arliss, William Archer, the author, and Winthrop Ames, the producer, desire.

The more chills you have and the closer you hang onto your seats, the more pleased the three gentlemen will be. "The Green Goddess" is pure melodrama all dressed up like a Tiffany diamond and illuminated by the very finest acting of a finished actor, George Arliss.

also have a little skit about a sister act that has become too old to be a regular sister act.

The act is amusing, but at the same time there is something just a little pathetic about it. Wonder what has become of all the other old time sister acts?

The headliner this week is De Lyda in a musical comedy that is a take-off on the popular Cinderella comedies of the "Irene" and "Sally" types. Miss Alda makes a beautiful appearance and her singing and dancing are especially fine. Still one of the most strenuous endings that you will see for a long time is accomplished by Tierney and Donnelly as a part of this act.

Houston Ray, pianist and composer, has an unusual act in which he combines with good effect motion pictures, a Duo-Art reproducing piano and his own playing. The audience called him back for more and more. Edally and Allen Cross, a singing team, also received a large measure of applause.

Other acts included Mary Gauthier and company with a dancing pony, Harrison Greene and Katherine Parker in a comedy act, and the four American aces in a casting exhibition somewhat above the ordinary. The program also included the usual news real topics of the day and Aesop's fables. (By Observer)

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Movie Actors Play All Roles in Variety Sketch at Lyric

The lurid melodrama wave is sweeping both the stage and the screen.

Another contribution to this sort of entertainment is being offered at the Lyric this week under the title of "Twenty Minutes in Chinatown."

The cast is made up of regular movie actors who are appearing in person. W. A. Carroll, who is in the cast, has been in the movies for fourteen years. Fred Gambold, a former Indianapolis man, has played in pictures for nine years. Others in the cast include Harold Holland, John Howard, Charles H. Edler, Maud Trimble and Lillian George.

Arliss is so grand in his killing scenes that I envy those who are about to be "killed." Never have I seen a more polished shooting. I am not joking. I am paying a mighty high tribute to my favorite actor. Even we who write of the stage have our favorites. I for one admit it. That is where I am different. I am not ashamed.

Arlliss Now Enjoys His Most Popular Success

In this department, I said that Mr. Arliss was always the artist. That I repeat. I feel the meaning of those words more than ever after seeing him lift an ordinary melodrama to the peak of magnificence.

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