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RUSSIA REJECTS PEACE OVERTURES FROM TURKEY

Russian Troops Were Welcomed by French on Landing at Marseilles HEAVY FIGHTING RAGES ON BRITISH FRONT ABOUT YPRES AND ST. ELOI

RUSSIA SPURNS TURKISH OFFER TO SIGN PEACE

Czar's Government Decides to Extinguish Moslem Empire.

ALREADY DEFEATED

Latest Victory Permits Making Clean Sweep Thru Asia Minor.

PETROGRAD, April 20, via London, April 20, 6:18 p.m.—The fall of Trebizond has given rise to a fresh crop of rumors that Turkey is approaching Russia with peace overtures, but it is authoritatively stated in official circles that no such proposals will be considered for a moment by the Russian Government.

Voicing a conviction that Turkey is a defeated nation and not in a position to make any terms, the Petrograd Gazette declares:

"We may now consider one of our enemies finished. The taking of Trebizond has so disorganized the Turkish defensive plans that all that remains for her is to lay down her arms and ask for mercy. She already has sought ways to a separate peace, but has met with the absolute refusal of her opponent, who is determined to close no separate agreements. Turkey's hour has struck, and it is not improbable that she will in the near future entirely disappear from the map."

No longer impeded by Turkish odds, has not yet seen the note, as pressure on the coast, the Russian armies west of Erzerum have begun a swift advance on Eshiruz and Erzerum.

ST. THOMAS MEN ENLIST.

Special to The Toronto World. ST. THOMAS, Ont., April 20.—Three well-known young St. Thomas men, namely, Jack Houston, Harley Farnford and Clifford W. Baker, have enlisted with the mechanical transport overseas service and will leave for Ottawa this week to join that corps.

Houston was teller in the Imperial Bank; Baker an employe of the civil service. All three young men were members of the collegiate cadets and of the 25th Regiment, St. Thomas.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

YPRES was the centre of a great combat the night before last, when the Germans took the offensive and captured a trench and two craters, but on the whole met with a severe repulse. The attacks of the enemy converged on four points in the British line—St. Eloi, the Bluff, Wietje and the Ypres-Langemark road, and he penetrated the British line, but was ejected everywhere except at St. Eloi, where he retains two craters, and on the Ypres-Langemark road, where he retains a trench.

The British army on the Tigris is safe enough and it inflicted heavy losses on the Turks in the recent fighting. An official statement, issued by the British general staff, states that previous to the recent counter-attack near Samnalyat the Turks left between 200 and 300 dead in the captured trenches. They also lost two field guns and five machine guns, and 180 were taken prisoner. Casualties among the British were comparatively few. After the counter-attacks on the British an aerial reconnaissance showed that a large number of Turkish ambulances was kept busy all day removing the wounded. If general anxiety were allayed about the security of Gen. Townshend in Kut-el-Amara in the matter of provisions, the position of the Turks in this theatre is quite serious, and the position of the British is remarkably good, except for the fact that their operations are held up by floods, for the Turkish army confronting the Tigris corps is fighting with a hostile fortress in its rear at Kut, and should it be defeated it will run grave chances of being destroyed. Turkish stories about alleged shortage of food in Kut-el-Amara are not to be taken very seriously.

Since the Russians, by the capture of Erzerum, have removed the heavy handicap of Turkish pressure from the Black Sea, they have set free their armies on a rapid march on Baidur in Erzincan, whose occupation will be the first step in the invasion of Asia Minor, and the advance on Constantinople. Turkey, Russia curty

The Crucifixion of Civilization

The action of President Wilson, backed by the nation, is a stinging blow to the German people. By the mouths of all their protagonists—statesmen, professors, preachers, journalists, they made appeal to the judgment of the United States and the decision is against them. The Prussians are adjudged as both the cause of the war and the exponent of the most inhuman methods in carrying on war; no regard for the ordinary delicacies of warfare, and these are such things as all history tells.

The brand of Cain is on the Kaiser and all his works! And the United States have found it out! Civilization and humanity have likewise branded every German with the mark of Cain. You can't seize the significance of this war in millions until you seize the atrocity of Cain's murder of his brother Abel. And to murder of brother add fiendishness, and then multiply it into the wholesale and barbaric slaughter in Europe and you have the glaring monstrosity of the Kaiser's crime and his people's direct share in it. The one Cain transpires into millions of Huns! And every one's hand is now against them!

These are hard things to say on the anniversary of the Great Agony and the Great Atrocity, but they must be read into the creed or there is no salvation! The Kaiser is both the Cain and the Judas of Civilization, and the fate of Judas will be his. "It had been good for that man if he had not been born."

WILSON NOTE HAS BEEN DELIVERED BY GERRARD

German Chancellor Communicates With Office From Army Headquarters.

LONDON, Friday, April 21, 3:05 a.m.—The American note to Germany was handed in at the German Foreign Office Thursday evening by James W. Gerrard, the American ambassador, says the Exchange Telegraph's Amsterdam correspondent. The chancellor, the correspondent adds, has not yet seen the note, as he is at army headquarters, but has communicated with the foreign office by telephone.

PORT ELGIN'S GOOD WORK.

PORT ELGIN, Ont., April 20.—In a one day's canvass Port Elgin raised for the Canadian Patriotic Fund \$5000 by voluntary subscriptions. The matter was placed before the people by a committee, which canvassed the citizens, going from house to house. There were a few large subscriptions, three being \$300 each. The balance of the fund was subscribed by the citizens, all cooperating splendidly.

FOES ATTACKED BRITISH FRONT AROUND YPRES

Retain Two Craters and Small Trench by Heavy Fighting.

MAIN ONSETS FAILED

St. Eloi Formed One of Storm Centres of Battle Line.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, April 20.—Quite heavy fighting round Ypres is reported by the British official communiqué to-night, ending in the repulse of a general attack by the Germans on the line from St. Eloi, to the Ypres-Langemark road, and with the loss of two craters at St. Eloi and a small trench on the foregoing road to the British. The Germans began the offensive by heavy bombardment and followed it up by a general attack, selecting as their principal goals St. Eloi, the Bluff, Wietje and the British defenses on the Ypres-Langemark road. In the fury of their attack they penetrated the British lines at several points, but were ejected from all but one of the trenches and two of the craters which they had entered.

It is believed that some of the Canadians were engaged at St. Eloi. The Germans also attempted to raid the British lines near Mamez, but they were checked before they reached the British trenches.

The British had the best of the minor activity among the British, and south of Givenchy-en-Gohelle, Official Version.

The official report on the fighting says: "Last night the enemy after a heavy bombardment attacked our line about Ypres at four points—St. Eloi, the Bluff, Wietje and on the Ypres-Langemark road."

"His infantry penetrated our line, but was repulsed everywhere except at St. Eloi, where he captured two craters, and on the Ypres-Langemark road, where he retains one trench."

"Near Mamez a hostile raid failed to reach our trenches. There has been some minor activity about the quarries and south of Givenchy-en-Gohelle, in which we have the advantage."

The German official report today claimed the capture of 400 yards of trench on the Ypres-Langemark road, and said that one officer and 108 British were taken prisoners.

REPUBLICANS ENDORSE ATTITUDE OF WILSON

New York Legislature in Resolution, Pledges Its Unqualified Support.

ALBANY, N. Y., April 20.—The Republicans of New York, in the closing hours of the 1916 session, tonight adopted a resolution pledging Wilson and Congress to President Wilson and Congress to support the necessary to maintain the nation's honor and its willingness to support the President in any exercise of authority for that purpose to the fullest extent of the resources of the state."

FOE'S FORTS DEMOLISHED BY ITALIAN ARTILLERY

Austrian Fortifications in Luzerna and Belvedere Heavily Damaged.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, April 20.—Siege and bombardment of the Austrian forts in Luzerna and Belvedere, between the Tigris and Euphrates, were continued by the Italians yesterday, and marked progress was made. A fire was started in the inhabited centre of San Marco del Corso by Italian artillery fire. That fire also exploded an ammunition depot southwest of San Marco. In the Col di Lana, the booty collected up to the present includes one heavy gun, four machine guns, hundreds of rifles, and large quantities of ammunition and provisions, and the Italians remain masters of the ground which they have won. Rain and fog have generally limited operations on the front, Rome reported today.

TWO HUNDRED KILLED IN A RIOT IN BERLIN?

Serious Clash Reported to Have Occurred While Liebknecht Was Speaking.

PARIS, April 20.—The Journal des Debats prints a Fourmier News Agency despatch received by way of Basle, Switzerland, alleging that a violent outbreak occurred before the Reichstag buildings during Dr. Karl Liebknecht's recent interpellation. It asserts that an enormous crowd had to be held back by troops, who finally fired upon the people, killing more than 200 persons. The despatch is not confirmed from any other source.

INGRAHAM TO ASSIST U.S. SECRETARY OF WAR

His Appointment Was Confirmed at Yesterday's Sitting of Senate.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—The senate today confirmed William M. Ingraham of Portland, Me., as assistant secretary of war. He will take office at once, succeeding Henry Breckinridge, who resigned with Secretary Garrison.

HON. J. D. HAZEN'S SON MET DEATH AT FRONT

Lieut. J. M. Hazen Cut Short R. M.C. Course to Join Artillery.

SIX WEEKS AT FRONT

Fatal Wound Was Probably Received in Engagement at Armentieres.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA, April 20.—Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of the naval service, received a cable today informing him that his younger son, Lieut. J. M. Hazen, had died of wounds received in action in Flanders. The cable was sent by Mr. Hazen's son-in-law, Major Malcolm McAvity, who is at the front.

There are no details, but it is probable that the fighting which cost Lieut. Hazen his life occurred around Armentieres, and that he was wounded yesterday morning. He died today. He never recovered consciousness after being wounded.

Lieut. Hazen was an undergraduate of the Royal Military College at Kingston, and was about 18 years of age. When war broke out he preferred to volunteer for active service rather than finish his course, and he enlisted with the artillery. He became attached to the 25th Battery of Canadian Field Artillery, and after a long period of training, went overseas in August last. He was only six weeks at the battle front. Mr. Hazen's elder son, Capt. D. King Hazen, is also with the overseas forces.

Mr. and Mrs. Hazen will leave for St. John tomorrow.

Lieut. Hazen is the first son of a member of parliament to lose his life in the war, although several have been killed. Two sons of W. S. Loggie of Northumberland, N.B., have been wounded; one son of Hon. Frank Oliver; one son of A. C. Boyce of West Algona, and one son of Dr. Michael Clark of Red Deer.

TORNADOES IN KANSAS CAUSE LOSS OF LIVES

Eleven Persons Are Reported Killed and Scores of Others Hurt.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 20.—Eleven persons were reported dead today and scores injured, several seriously, in a succession of tornadoes which swept through the central and western Kansas and Western Missouri last night. Property damage is believed to be heavy, also accurate information was unavailable early today. The storm areas centred north of Topeka and in a line running from the southwestern corner of Wilson County, in Kansas, across the Missouri line into the border counties.

DINEEN'S EASTER HATS.

Store closed today. Saturday is the big day for men's hats—open until 10 o'clock in the evening. More hats and better hats—more style and variety. Dineen's, 119 Yonge street. See display advertisement on page 2.

BIG RUSSIAN FORCE LANDED IN FRANCE TO HELP ALLIES

"HYPHENATES" WORK HARD TO INFLUENCE CONGRESS

Representatives of Districts With Large German Populations Receive Hundreds of Messages—Wilson Getting Flood of Congratulations.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Washington has been deluged with telegrams today. The great numbers which arrived at the White House congratulated President Wilson for his stand. Congressmen representing districts with large German populations received hundreds of messages from individuals and organizations protesting against any action by congress which might lead to war between the United States and Germany. Wm. Jennings Bryan, former secretary of state, who resigned because he thought the president's policy in the Lusitania case was leading to war, came to Washington today. He did not disclose his plans, but said he had come to render any aid possible to prevent trouble between the United States and Germany.

TURKS SUFFER BIG LOSSES IN MESOPOTAMIA FIGHTING

British Forces Severely Punished Enemy in Recent Counter-Attacks on Tigris River—Anglo-Indian Casualties Are Comparatively Small.

LONDON, April 20, 7:45 p.m.—The following British communication concerning recent fighting in Mesopotamia was issued this evening: "Further details of the fighting on the right bank of the Tigris River, April 16-17, previous to the Turkish counter-attacks, show that the enemy lost between 300 and 400 dead in the captured trenches and two field guns, five machine guns. Prisoners aggregating 180, including eight officers, also were taken. Our losses were comparatively small. "An aeroplane reconnaissance after the enemy's counter-attack, the night of April 17-18, disclosed the fact that a large number of Turkish ambulances were busy all day removing the wounded."

LONG CHAIN OF PLOTS AGAINST CANADA FOILED

Von der Goltz Had Designs Against First Contingent Transports.

Motor Boat Raid on Great Lake Towns Was One Plan Discussed.

DETAILED STATEMENT TO BE SECRET SESSION

Such Expedient Has Not Been Resorted to for Many Years.

LONDON, Friday, April 21.—The government last night issued a lengthy sworn statement by Horst von Der Goltz, the secret agent of the German Government, who is now in the United States in custody, giving full details of his activities in America. The statement begins with dates and names of places and of persons associated with him. The government prefaces it with a memorandum relating to von Der Goltz's identity and the manner of his arrest in England.

The memorandum says that when von Der Goltz was shown a cheque signed by Captain von Pape, the former military attaché of the German embassy at Washington which had been seized at Falmouth, he admitted his endorsement and asked to be allowed to make a voluntary statement. He was thereupon given writing materials, and spent the night of January 31 in compiling a statement which he afterwards avowed to.

The government's memorandum remarks: "Von Der Goltz's statement finds detailed corroboration in the von Pape cheque, which he cannot have known were in the possession of the British authorities."

Implicates Bernstorff. The statement of von Der Goltz as given out by the government is in part as follows: "On August 2, 1914, I left the Mexican Embassy in Mexico City."

Cabinet Harmony Restored. An official statement tonight declares that the settlement satisfies all parties.

Czar's Troops Heartily Welcomed as They Arrive at Marseilles to Proceed to the Western Front.

MARSEILLES, France, April 20, 5:40 p.m.—A strong force of Russian troops arrived here and began to disembark at noon today.

The transports bearing the Russian troops drew up to the quay at 2:15 o'clock. French troops, headed by the 6th Hussars and the 118th Territorials, lined the landing to extend the arrivals a welcome. The sailors of the French fleet in the harbor manned the yards, arms of their vessels and the hands of the fleet took up the Russian national anthem as the first transport, Latouche Treville, drew up. The Russian officers and sailors were lined up along the docks and on the bridges of the transports and the Russian bands played the Marseillaise. As the disembarkation began cheers went up from the Russians on the transports.

Gen. Lochwesy commanded the Russian forces. He was received with military honors by Gen. Menassier, governor of Marseilles, and Gen. Guerin, representing Gen. Joffre. A notable gathering of Russian and French officials joined in an exchange of salutations and the Russian and French soldiers let loose salvos of cheers, while the cannon roared in an exchange of salutes.

ENEMY REDOUBT TAKEN

Spirited Attack Won Positions Northwest of Vaux Pond.

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West of the Meuse, the artillery activity continued in the sectors of Hill 804 and Avocourt, and east of the Meuse there was a violent bombardment in the region of Donoust and Vaux. Some gusts of artillery fire are reported from the Woerwa.

FRENCH GAIN GROUND ABOUT MORT HOMME

Counter-Attack Retakes Trenches Lost Ten Days Ago.

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French batteries in the Argonne bombarded the German roads of communication behind their front and in the Malancourt wood.

MEXICAN OUTLOOK UNCERTAIN

Reported Movements of Carranza Troops Cause Concern.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Official advice to the state department today notes recent movements of Carranza troops from Chihuahua to the Parral region, caused concern among administration officials. The despatches expressed the opinion that the movement was intended as a hint to the American forces that they might expect at least a show of opposition if they sought to penetrate further into Mexico than their present position. It was added, however, that there was every indication that the movement was made without the knowledge or consent of Gen. Carranza or his war minister, Gen. Obregon.