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RUSSIANS DRIVE DEFEATED TURKS INTO ERZERUM

Germans Unable to Cope With Canadian Artillery

CANADIAN GUNS' ACCURATE FIRE CAUSING HAVOC

Many Direct Hits Scored Attest Superiority Over German Artillery.

RULE NEUTRAL ZONE

Enemy's Patrols Avoid "No Man's Land"—Sniper Riel Killed.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—Major-General Sir Sam Hughes, minister of militia, has received the following official communique from the Canadian general representative in France:

Canadian General Headquarters in France, via London, Jan. 21.—During the period of Jan. 7-18 there has been no material change in the general situation in front of the Canadian corps. The weather has shown decided improvement and there have been several days of brilliant sunshine.

The outstanding feature of the period has been our artillery activity. Our guns have maintained their superiority. On the fronts of both the first and second divisions we have successfully bombarded German machine gun emplacements, mine shafts and trenches. Combined shins have been carried out by our field batteries and heavy artillery against various fortified points in the enemy line.

Scored Direct Hits. An aeroplane ranging for one of our batteries reported that a direct hit on an emplacement of an enemy eight-inch gun caused serious damage. On Jan. 7 our siege batteries registered several direct hits on an enemy mine shaft. Timber and corrugated iron were seen to fly in all directions.

On the same day 18 heavy projectiles were dropped into the German fire trench, causing great havoc, and on the 14th instant, our first artillery brigade completely demolished a German machine gun emplacement. On several occasions the enemy has bombarded sections of our front line with trench mortar bombs. Our retaliation has been effective. On the afternoon of the 14th, in front of our second division, we destroyed by trench mortars, fire a hundred yards of overhead cover, which consisted of a row of trench steel plates and a row of

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GERMAN SPY WHO ESCAPED



Ignatius T. T. Lincoln, whose real name is Ignatius Treblich, the self-confessed German spy, who escaped from custody in New York and is still at large.

NATURAL GAS EXPLODED ONE DEAD, OTHERS HURT

John Belfort of Walkerville Killed—Two More May Die.

WINDSOR, Jan. 21.—John Belfort, aged 40, is dead, one man and woman may die and several others were seriously injured by an explosion of natural gas, which wrecked a four-family tenement on Walker road, Walkerville, this morning. Investigation revealed that the cause of the explosion was a leak in the gas main 15 feet away under the frozen ground to the house, and the explosion resulted when a match was struck to light a lamp.

Torpedo Boat is Sunk Hydro Aeroplane Also

British Submarine Got Two Austrian Craft in the Upper Adriatic.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Co. from Rome says a British submarine has sunk in the upper Adriatic an Austrian hydro-aeroplane, and also an Austrian torpedo boat, which went to the rescue, taking the crews of both craft prisoner.

ALLIES' SYNDICATE TO CORNER GRAIN MARKET?

Big Move to 'Cut Off' Enemy's Supply Entirely is Reported.

BUCHAREST, Roumania, Jan. 21.—(Via London).—An Anglo-French corporation, with a capital of 480,000,000 leu (about \$96,000,000) has been formed to buy up all available grain, so that the central powers will be unable to import needed supplies. It is not known what use will be made by the allies of the proposed purchase.

HIGHER TARIFF JUSTIFIED BY REVENUE GAIN

Scott of South Waterlop Able Defender of Government's Measures.

PUGSLEY'S RETRACTION

Hepburn Clearly Disproved Charge That He Acted as Middleman.

NEED IS IMPERATIVE

Asquith Says Foreign Supplies Cannot Take Place of Home Output.

ONE LONDON ALDERMAN WOULD UNSEAT ANOTHER

Hunt, as Member of Fair Association, Alleged to Be Ineligible.

MANITOBA REFERENDUM ON TENTH OF MARCH

Voters Given Opportunity to Declare Themselves on Prohibition Issue.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 21.—The prohibition referendum will be taken on Friday, March 10, and the afternoon of that day will be declared a legal half holiday.

ALLIES PRESS DEFEATED FOE IN KAMERUNS

Germans Fleeing Precipitately, But Retreat May Be Cut Off.

PRISONERS LIBERATED

French Columns Hope to Prevent Enemy From Escaping Into Muni.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A British official statement issued tonight on the operations in Kamerun, on the west coast of Africa, follows: "After the occupation of Yaunde on Jan. 1, the entente allied columns which were despatched in an endeavor to cut off the enemy's retreat, reached Kolimaka on the Nyong River. On Jan. 8, they released a number of allied prisoners, both military and civilians.

"By the 18th, reports received from Colonel Mayer and Hayward state that the Germans evacuated Ebolowa and Akono-Linga and that the German governor, Ebermaier, and the German commandant, Zimmermann, escaped into Spanish Muni. "Fighting is also reported further south close to the German-Spanish border where two small French columns advancing from the coast and from the French Congo are trying to prevent the escape of the Germans into Muni."

FARMERS' BANK ISSUE TO BE REINTRODUCED

Lemieux Asks if Government Intends to Bring Up Compensation Question.

TWO BOYS RESPONSIBLE FOR BIG FIRE AT GALT

Pleaded Guilty to Setting Fire to Dickson Park Grandstand.

PERSIA NOT SUNK BY AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN SUB

At Least, So Vienna Has Informed United States Ambassador There.

FIRST RECRUIT YESTERDAY



STANLEY H. HICKS, 842 West Bloor street, 27 years old, married, English (16 years in Canada). He joined the 166th Queen's Own Overseas Battalion.

DRIVE UP TIGRIS STILL IMPEDED BY HEAVY RAIN

Great Losses Incurred in Fighting to Relieve Kut-el-Amara.

TURK GENERAL KILLED

Advance Continues Despite Four Feet Rise in Level of River.

LIEUT.-COL. BEDELL REACHES BROCKVILLE

Officer Fresh From Firing Line Will Command Battalion.

KINGSTON BOY MISSING

Kingston, Jan. 21.—Roland Randall, a young Kingstonian, has been missing for five weeks and it is feared that he was drowned.

RETIRED BROKER DIED SUDDENLY

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 21.—John Wright, aged 76, well-known retired stock broker, dropped dead today of heart failure. He was a native of England and lived here for 46 years.

ERZERUM TOWN NOW BESET BY RUSSIAN ARMY

Turkish Troops Effectively Pursued in Mad Flight to Stronghold.

MANY TAKEN PRISONER

Ground of Caucasus in Route of Fighting Covered With Booty.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Jan. 21.—The Russians in their pursuit of the defeated Turks in the Caucasus battle front, have driven large forces of the enemy into the fortified town of Erzerum and they are about to invest it. The most of the fleeing Moslem have thrown away their arms and accoutrements in their mad rush for safety from their pursuers. Many guns have been taken and the resistance of a Turkish rear guard was beaten down without delay and the survivors fled without stopping for 20 miles.

The Russian official report on the Caucasian operations says: "The 'Caucasus front' in the east region the Turks attempted on a wide front to drive back our troops, but we repulsed them with heavy losses. Our pursuing units captured, after a fight, the town of Hassan Kalah, (20 miles east of Erzerum), and then drove the fleeing enemy as far as the forts of Erzerum, sabering or taking as prisoners over fifteen hundred Turks and capturing a gun, much ammunition and a large camp of tents. The Turks are retreating precipitately in all directions to the shelter of the Erzerum forts, leaving in their hands magazines, guns and large quantities of supplies. Everywhere abandoned cartridges and weapons litter the ground and stragglers crowd the roads. On the southern shore of Lake Van our troops drove the Turks to the west of Vastan. South of Lake Urmiah we have again routed a Kurdish detachment, driving it back beyond the River Demagata."

BRITISH VICE-CONSUL ARRESTED AT SOFIA

Protests of American Charge d'Affaires Were Without Any Effect.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Rome says: "A message received here from Sofia by way of Bucharest says that British Vice-Consul Board has been arrested by the Bulgarian authorities, despite the protest of the American charge d'affaires, in whose room he had taken refuge."

CRUISER AND MONITOR DRIVEN OFF, SAY TURKS

Constantinople Gives Usual Version of Encounter in Dardanelles.

PAY OF SOLDIERS WILL BE PARTLY HELD BACK

Discipline and Men's Interests Will Be Served, Says Militia Department.

MEN'S HAT DAY AT DINEEN'S

Saturday is men's hat day at Dineen's. All the best makes of English stiff and soft felt hats—as well as the cloth caps that are most particularly suited for wear in rough weather—Dineen's men's hatters, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

WAR SUMMARY: Today's Events Reviewed

THE Cameroon is the second last colony of Germany to be reduced, Southeast Africa remaining still to be plucked. When this territory was annexed by Germany in 1884, the new masters, with characteristic Teutonic pedantry, changed the spelling of the name to "Kameruns." It has a coast line of 200 miles, and it is situated on the Gulf of Biafra, West Africa. Its area is 191,130 square miles, and its population is 3,500,000. Its trade was worth nearly \$6,000,000 a year. Cocoa and tobacco are grown and rubber and timber are exported. A flourishing trade is also carried on in ivory and palm oil. Taken altogether, the possession is a valuable one, but, lying as it does under the equator, it is impossible for white colonists.

The latest official word received from the campaign in this possession, as given out by the British War Office last night, is that the German troops, having been cornered, are attempting to escape into Spanish territory, and that British and French flying columns are endeavoring to head them off. Some of the enemy have already crossed into neutral ground. The campaign was begun against this German colony at the outset of the war by a British naval expedition. British sailors encountered many difficulties in coping with the obstacles supplied by tropical rivers and armed German merchantment, but with their customary resourcefulness they triumphed over all hardships. After the navy had cleared the way the army followed.

When the war broke out, the Germans, with their usual want of foresight, hanged an important native chief. His relations were naturally outraged, and in revenge they did signal scouting service for the British expeditionary force in the earlier days near the coast.

The Russians continue their victorious advance in the Caucasus, and they have pursued the fleeing Turks to the gates of Erzerum, Petrograd officially announced last night. The enemy made an attempt to stand against his pursuers on a wide front, but the Russians carried everything before them, inflicting heavy losses on him. The advanced guards of the czar captured after a fight the town of Hassan Kalah, 20 miles east of Erzerum, and chased the Turks into the forts

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