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ZIRZOW SAYS HE DID NOT TELL TRUTH

Flatly Contradicted Testimony He Gave in Police Court.

EXONERATES NERLICH'S

Less Serious Charge of Conspiring to Commit Indictable Offence.

Instead of being tried for high treason, punishable by death, Emil and Hedwig Nerlich faced the criminal justice court yesterday charged with the much less serious offence of merely conspiring to commit an indictable offence.

At the opening of the case, Mr. Hellmuth, for the Nerlichs, objected to the charge of conspiracy being tried first, as he contended that in the police court, because he had not been sworn as Germans are, by holding up two of his fingers.

After some debate between counsel, his lordship pointed out that the section did not say that "conspiracy to commit the offence" was treason and in his view it was not. The crown prosecutor accepted the ruling and the trial (Continued on Page 3, Column 5)

TURKS MASSACRED MANY ARMENIANS

Horrors of Occupation of Ardahan Among Greatest of War.

HURLED INTO ABYSS

Hundreds of Others Were Led Into Streets and Butchered.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. PETROGRAD, Feb. 22.—Only now are details becoming available of the horrors perpetrated by the Turks during the occupation of Ardahan, near the trans-Caucasian frontier. The Times correspondent of the Rusko Slovo learns that at first the enemy confined themselves to pillage and slew only fifteen civilians, but after Dec. 30, when news of the Russian occupation of Ardahan was received, local Mussulmans threw off the mask, and the same evening organized a systematic massacre, in order to make sure that entire families had been wiped out.

Old Turk residents who have been for years on friendly terms with Armenians slain in cold blood old acquaintances, carefully counting corpses in order to make sure that entire families had been wiped out.

Fifty Armenians were removed from Ardahan stripped naked and compelled to leap into the abyss of Jenendera (Devil's Gap) until one victim carried a Turk with him when the remainder were shot or massacred. At Tamov the women were carried into captivity. Turks did not permit the internment of corpses, which were left to be devoured by dogs till the arrival of Russians.

Canadian Artillery in Action

Infantry in Reserve Trenches

Captain W. D. Greer of Toronto Wounded By Bursting Shell—Princess Pats Return to Trenches and Repulse Heavy Attack.

BOULOGNE, Feb. 22.—(Via London.) The Canadian artillery has been in action, according to information received here from the fighting zone. The infantry are in the reserve trenches. A shell burst yesterday near a motor car occupied by officers who had taken up an observation post, and Capt. Greer of the Army Service Corps, Toronto, is reported slightly wounded in one arm.

The Princess Patricia, who have been in a rest camp for some time, returned to the trenches last week and repulsed a heavy attack by German Landsturm. The Patricia suffered only slightly.

Three complete brigades of artillery, consisting of about 9000 men, are with the first Canadian contingent. The brigades and batteries were officered as follows: First Brigade, staff officers—Lieut.-Col. E. W. B. Morrison, D.S.O., Ottawa, commanding; Major W. O. E. Dooce, Montreal, adjutant; Lieut. Moore Cosgrave, orderly officer; Capt. C. T. Evans, veterinary officer; Major John McCrae, medical officer. First Battery—Lieut.-Col. C. H. MacLaren, Ottawa, commanding; Lieut. C. H. Hanson, Montreal, adjutant; Fourth Battery—Major A. G. L. McNaughton, Montreal, commanding; Fifth Battery—Major E. G. Hanson, Westmount, Que., commanding; Sixth Battery—Major S. H. Anderson, Montreal, commanding. Ammunition Column—Lieut.-Col. G. H. McLeod, Sydney, commanding.

Second Brigade, staff—Lieut.-Col. J. J. Creelman, Montreal, officer commanding; Lieut. C. H. Hanson, Montreal, adjutant; Seventh Battery—Major A. G. L. McNaughton, Montreal, commanding; Eighth Battery—Major H. G. Caraculian, Hamilton, commanding; Ninth Battery (Toronto)—Major E. A. Macdonnell, Toronto, officer commanding; Capt. A. C. S. Wainwright, Toronto; Lieut. H. W. Moore, Toronto; Lieut. E. A. Greene, Toronto; Lieut. J. H. Scandrett, London. Ammunition Column—Capt. A. B. McEwen, London, commanding.

Capt. W. D. Greer was the senior officer from Toronto of the Canadian Army Service Corps. He was in charge of No. 12 Company of the Divisional Train. He has been connected with the Army Service Corps for eight years, and was "always a very painstaking and efficient officer." He first entered the service as a private in the Queen's Own, and was color-sergeant in "K" Company at the time Col. Mercer was captain of that company. When he joined the second contingent, Capt. Greer was assistant cashier of the Consumers Gas Company. His home is at 318 Cottenham street.

HOLLAND'S UNREST WARNS GERMANY

Blockade Has Stirred Public Feeling to Dangerous Pitch.

TROOPS MAKE READY

Movements Toward Border and Activity on Inundation Works Ominous.

Canadian Press Despatch. THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Feb. 22.—(Via London, Feb. 22, 12.53 a.m.)—A tense undercurrent of feeling has been running thru all classes in Holland for the past two or three days. This is attributed to public concern owing to Germany's action in not replying to the Dutch note of protest concerning the North-Sea war zone and nervousness as to what might result from the German blockade and submarine activity to serve as possible pretexts for an untoward incident at any moment.

Even the Dutch fishing boats, by governmental order, are to be painted in the national colors, while their crews have been advised to carry with them evidence of their nationality.

The continued movements of troops toward the various frontier points and the constant work of military engineers in inundation works have increased the uneasiness of the people. The newspapers generally refrain from commenting on the situation.

YOUNG MEN FROM 17 TO 20 ARE CALLED IN GERMANY

Must Serve as Untrained Landsturm, While Girls Will Be Put to Work on Farms.

Special Cable to The Toronto World. BERNE, Feb. 22.—All young men in Germany between the ages of 17 and 20 who have failed to volunteer for the army, and cannot give an adequate excuse, are now being called out to serve as untrained landsturm. The older boys and girls, with the consent of their parents, are to be employed on farm work this spring.

Dr. Clark of Red Deer asked how he proposed to have the men at the front set of the issues. However, there was one issue more than any other—how this government was treating them. He had a letter from the front which had reference to boots and they were well set of the issue.

Good News Coming

An Englishman just across from London and in New York, on Saturday stated that the British Government is keeping back a lot of good news; of German airships destroyed, of German submarine boats that never came back to tell their story, and of news that the allies will be joined by other countries on a date that has been fixed. One story is that a small tank steamer full of gasoline, flying the Norwegian flag, was captured off the English coast; the German crew on board was taken off, and an English crew put aboard; the boat that captured the tanker sailed away and left the latter floating about; in a few minutes a German submarine came to the surface, and seeing the tanker and the Norwegian flag still up, ran to her and exploded her.

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Zeppelin Bombs Killed

Five Civilians in Calais

French Official Announcement Says Damage to Property Was Unimportant—Points Along Railway Line Also Attacked With Little Result.

PARIS, Feb. 22.—(Via London, Feb. 22, 12.03 a.m.)—A Zeppelin airship bombed Calais this morning, according to an official statement issued tonight. It dropped projectiles which killed five persons, all civilians, and caused some unimportant property damage.

A despatch to the Havas Agency from Calais says that a German dirigible airship dropped a number of bombs today, which did slight damage to the Black Sea & Dunkirk Railway line, in the vicinity of Fontinettes. Train service over the line was immediately re-established. Two incendiary bombs damaged several dwellings in the village.

Fontinettes is a little over a mile south of St. Omer, which lies 20 miles southeast of Calais.

To Attack Constantinople

Russians Concentrate Large Forces at Odessa for Shipment to Midia to Attack Turkey's Capital.

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 22.—(Via London, 2.05 a.m.)—The Deutsche Tages Zeitung publishes an official despatch from Sofia, which says the Russians are concentrating large forces at Odessa in readiness to proceed for an attack on Constantinople.

Thirteen of Evelyn's Crew Fail To Reach Dutch Coast

THE HAGUE, Feb. 22.—(Via London, 2.08 a.m.)—Enquiry of the coast guard stations in north Holland has brought the reply that nothing has been seen or heard of that part of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, who were reported to have proceeded for Holland after the steamer was blown up. A very dense fog prevailed throughout yesterday and today along the coast.

The Dutch Department of Marine also is without information concerning the missing men of the Evelyn's crew. Up to midnight the thirteen missing men from the American steamer Evelyn's crew had not been reported from any point in Holland.

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Delbruck Declares Germany Can Fight World by Ignoring Rules.

SOLDIERS TO HAVE POWER TO VOTE?

Fripp's Proposal Not Apparently Favored by Liberal Members.

NO EARLY ELECTION

Rogers Hopes for Peace Before Government Goes to Country.

REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO SOUTHERN BELGIUM

Special Cable to The Toronto World. AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—German reinforcements are being moved up to southern Belgium and northern France from Louvain. Many troops are also being sent from the same point in a southern direction.

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