

GERMAN ADVANCE CHECKED IN REGION OF NIEMEN RIVER RUSSIANS ASSUME THE OFFENSIVE ALONG FRONT EXTENDING 25 MILES

GERMANS COMPELLED TO RETREAT ALL ALONG THE LINE AND LEAVE LARGE NUMBER OF PRISONERS — EFFORTS OF SIX ARMY CORPS BROUGHT UP BY VON HINDENBERG PROVED FUTILE

Paris, March 2.—There was given out in Paris this afternoon a review of recent military activities in the eastern area of the war, which reads as follows:

"The situation in Russia—The German offensive movement in the direction of the Niemen river appears to have been definitely checked. On the left bank of the stream the German forces hold a line running approximately from Pillwizki to Mariampol, to Simno, fifteen miles west of Ollta; to Sereje, southeast of Simno, to the bend in the Niemen to the north of Rodno, to Chatabine, in the Upper Valley of the Bobr.

"In the vicinity of this last mentioned place and on the southern boundary of the forest of Augustowo there have been during the last few days several violent engagements which have resulted to the advantage of the Russians. The attacks delivered by the Germans on Osowetz and in the region of Jedwabno, to the northeast of Lomza, have not resulted successfully.

"In the region of Przasnysz the Russians, after having driven back the attacks of the Germans, undertook a vigorous offensive along a front extending for about twenty-five miles. This movement was crowned with success. Kranetz and Przasnysz were recaptured, and the Germans were compelled to retreat along this entire front, leaving numerous prisoners in the hands of the Russians.

"All the engagements undertaken by the enemy along the front which extends from the junction of the Szura river to the Carpathians, as far as Mount Lupkow, have resulted fruitlessly and the situation here remains virtually without change.

"All the recent attacks of the Austrian and German forces, which were particularly severe in the direction of Kosyuki and Rozniatow, have been repulsed with heavy losses. Judging from other sources also it would seem that the progress of the enemy in this vicinity has been definitely checked.

"To organize the forces with which Field Marshal Hindenberg undertook this offensive movement, which today stands checked, the Germans brought three army corps from the southern part of the eastern front; two others from stations in the interior of the country, and one from the French front."

Petrograd, Mar. 2.—The following official communication from general headquarters was issued tonight:

"On the front between the Niemen and the Vistula our troops continued their offensive on March 1. To the north-west of Grodno our troops are making successful progress. The enemy, offering stubborn resistance, has fallen back beyond the line formed by the villages of Markowce, Ratzel and Rakowice.

"The enemy is continuing the bombardment of Osowetz with shells of very large calibre.

"Between the Pissa and Rosozka rivers our troops are developing their offensive and are approaching the road between Mysynleo and Kolno.

"In the region of Przasnysz the enemy, pressed by us, is retiring precipitately on Janow and Miawa. Our troops are also carrying out successful operations in the sector nearest the Vistula, in the region south of Radsanow.

"On the left bank of the Vistula there has been no change.

"In the Carpathians, the Austrians, bringing up large forces of artillery, essayed a vigorous attack, but without result, against a district extending over forty miles between the rivers Ondawa and San.

"On the day before, columns of Austrian infantry were concentrating with in rifle fire of our positions. Their first attacks were directed on the night of Feb. 28 and at dawn, against the region of Tvorilena, where, however, the Austrians suffered enormous losses. In the centre, in the neighborhood of Raba and Radziszow, an extraordinarily stubborn and furious battle ran along the entire day of the 28th, the desperate attacks of the enemy often ending in hand-to-hand fighting. The losses of the enemy were very great. All the slopes of the mountains were strewn with Austrian dead. Many of the enemy's units were exterminated, to the last man.

"In the district north of Stropko the enemy on the night of March 1st, delivered six attacks in massed formation, but these, on every occasion, dispersed by our rifle fire and machine gun fire. After having repulsed the sixth attack, our infantry charged with bayonet and finally overthrew the Austrians, who dispersed from our positions.

"The total number of prisoners taken by us in the last few days is about 1,000.

"A new attack upon Hill No. 992 was repulsed and the enemy, who invaded Eastern Galicia, checked.

"On the roads leading from Halicz to Stanislaw the Austrians suffered a considerable defeat, after which they fell back. Near Slicze we captured 17 officers and 1,250 men, with four machine guns."

GERMANY FINDS SUBMARINE BLOCKADE BLUFF DON'T WORK

Ready to Modify It—Will agree to halt and investigate Merchant ships under certain conditions, also willing to consider abandoning use of Floating Mines.

Berlin, March 2, via London.—In its reply to the American note concerning the German naval zone, the German government agrees that, under certain conditions, its submarines will halt and investigate merchantmen, and will proceed against only such vessels that are found to be carrying contraband, or are owned in nations hostile to Germany.

The reply declares Germany's readiness to accept virtually all of the American proposals, except the one which would restrict the use of anchored mines to purely defensive purposes. The German government expresses the belief that belligerents cannot afford to abandon entirely the use of anchored mines for offensive operations. It is willing to consider the abandonment of floating mines.

In case German submarines take action, after investigation, against merchantmen carrying contraband or owned in hostile countries, it is agreed

STEGLER PERSISTS IN HIS FIRST STORY

New York, March 2.—Richard P. Stegler, the German naval reservist who is under indictment on the charge of conspiring to obtain illegally an American passport, was taken today to

CAME THROUGH WAR ZONE FLYING ALLIES' FLAGS

The Cameronia from British ports, and the Chicago from Havre, ran submarine blockade successfully.

New York, March 2.—Two trans-Atlantic passenger liners flying flags of the Allied forces, and leaving the home ports after the German war zone declaration was put into effect, arrived here today. The ships were the British steamship Cameronia, of the Anchor Line, from Glasgow and Liverpool and the French Line steamship Chicago, from Havre. Both ships carried a large number of passengers. Captain Wadsworth, of the Cameronia, said that he left Liverpool for New York at 11 a. m., February 20, proceeding at full speed out of the Mersey, only slackening his speed sufficiently for the Liverpool pilot to board the tender that had come up alongside. All lifeboats were swung from the davits, ready for an emergency, until the British coast was left well behind.

Officers and passengers on the Chicago said that nothing unusual was seen after they left Havre. The ship was escorted by several destroyers until she was well out to sea.

THAT SILENT TRIP OF BRITISH TO THE PERSIAN GULF

Article in Swiss Journal gives account of Indian Expeditionary Corps landing on shores of Gulf and attacking Turks.

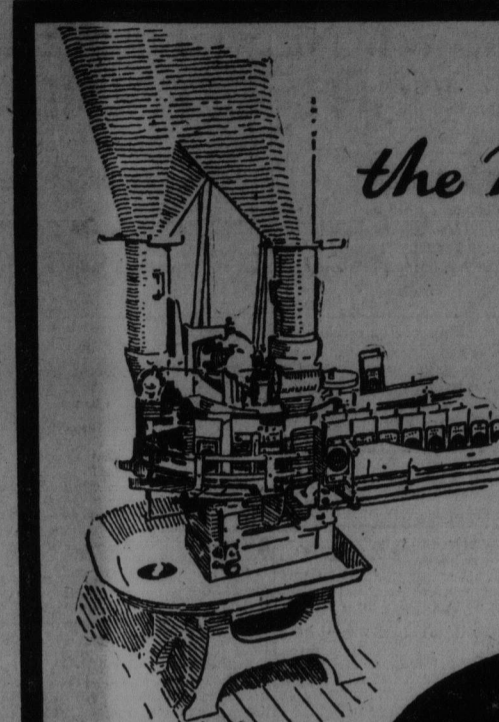
Geneva, Switzerland, Mar. 2.—In a leading article the Journal of Geneva deals with the little that is known of the expeditionary force landed on the shores of the Persian gulf by Great Britain and its importance in the general strategy of the world war. "Concerning events in Mesopotamia," says the paper, "there has been no information from an Ottoman source. A few short soberly-worded English telegrams announced the commencement of operations. We know that an expeditionary corps from India landed on the shores of the Persian gulf, beat the Turkish garrison at Fao, occupied Basrah and, at the time when telegrams ceased, had reached the confluence of the Tigris and the Euphrates.

"The English correspondent of the Corriere della Sera states that the capture of Basrah and of Kutah, and the mastery of the waterway leading to Baghdad form the beginning of that settling up with Turkey which has been promised with such quiet assurance by Mr. Asquith. . . . In Europe may consider the English trenches and destroyed villages of great importance, Asia, on the other hand, was stirred to the depths, by the news of the occupation of Basrah, an occupation accomplished by Indian troops, Muhammadans who fought and beat Turkish troops at Fao, in spite of the holy war and of the green standard.

"The English papers, however, do not mention the capture of Basrah, as well as the effect which such an event will have throughout the Muhammadan world, for oil in modern war is as important as coal.

It further states that it would feel no surprise at the sudden announcement of the occupation of Baghdad. "The English papers say nothing on the subject; that is the English method which prefers action to words. In the middle of October Enver Pasha and Talaat Bey signed an agreement with Baron von Wagenheim by which they promised to take the offensive in the Caucasus against the Russians, and in Egypt against the English. Great Britain said nothing, but she silently prepared in India an expeditionary force which started directly to the Young Turks began to execute their mad scheme.

"Constantinople desires before all things to take Egypt from Great Britain. The answer of Great Britain is the capture of Mesopotamia. . . . But the British expeditionary force is not directed merely against Turkey. Its chief object is to strike a blow at Germany, by the capture of the Baghdad railway which in German hands was to form the direct route from Europe to India, foster the German colonization of Asia Minor and take much



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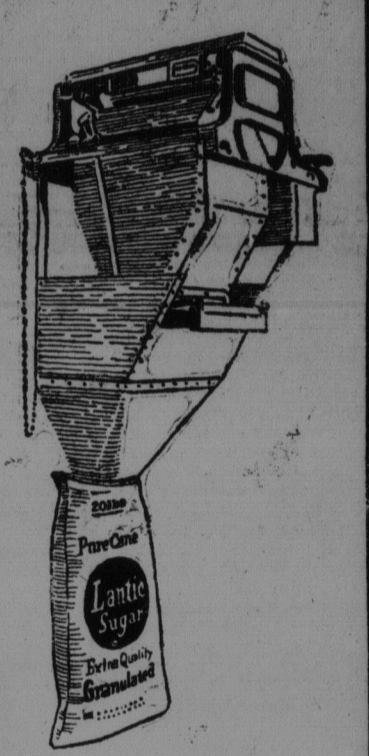
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AMERICAN SHIPS OFF THEIR COURSE, SAYS GERMAN EMBASSY

Followed instructions of British warship and met with disaster, Germans claim.

Washington, March 2.—A statement issued by the German embassy here today announced that the American steamers Evelyn and Carib, recently sunk by mines in the North Sea, were lost because they failed to heed "advice contained in the notices to mariners."

The statement follows: "The American ships Evelyn and Carib were lost in the North Sea because of their importance from the Suez Canal. If Great Britain obtains the upper hand in these regions, it is not necessary to point out what will be the value of her success. It may also have another interesting consequence, Russia, in the case of victory, dreams of possessing the Dardanelles and thus gaining free access to the Mediterranean.

"Would Constantinople be annexed? This is too premature a question. Constantinople might be declared an independent city. This scheme would no longer be opposed by Great Britain who, as possessor of the Baghdad railway, would not need to protect Constantinople from the grasp of Russia."

—Christian Science Monitor.

BERLIN ADMITS RUSSIANS ARE AGAIN ON OFFENSIVE

Berlin, March 2, by wireless to Sayville.—The activities of the forces on the extreme north and south of the eastern battlefield are steadily acquiring greater importance. The Russians and the Germans and Austrians appear to be concentrating their efforts in these regions.

Reports from the German and Austrian military indicate that the Russians are bringing up reinforcements north of the Vistula and Narew line of fortifications, and also in southern Galicia. These reinforcements are so extensive that the Russians have been

able to assume the offensive at different places. Whether, after taking Przasnysz, the Russians have contented themselves with holding it, or are advancing, is not yet known here. It is regarded as improbable, however, that a Russian column would be able to penetrate any great distance from Przasnysz.

Operations in the Carpathians are proceeding slowly, with bitter fighting. Having made gains in the Argonne and near Malincourt, the Germans appear to be resuming their operations around Verdun.

DEATH OF WELL KNOWN SUSSEX RESIDENT

Special to The Standard. Sussex, March 2.—Alexander Reardon, an old and respected resident of Sussex died this morning, aged 73 years. He is survived by his wife, eight sons and two daughters. The funeral will take place from his late residence on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The remains will be taken to St. Francis Xavier church where Requiem High Mass will be celebrated, at which Rev. Father McDermott will officiate. The deceased, in his younger days took much interest in running horses and was well known by Maritime Province horse breeders.

WILL SHARE IN PRIZE MONEY

Officers and crew of British warship present at destruction of armed hostile ship will get share of prize money.

London, March 2.—The officers and crews of British warships present at the capture or destruction of any armed hostile ship will share in the distribution of prize money, calculated at \$25 for each person on board the enemy vessel at the beginning of the engagement. This order-in-council was promulgated today.

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