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TURKISH OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Claims to Have Captured Large Amount of Prisoners, Blankets, Stretchers and Many Motor Bombs—Says Turks Casualties Were Slight on the Caucasus

CONSTANTINOPLE, via London, Dec. 23.—The Turkish War Office gave out the following statement:—"Along the entire Northern front our troops are approaching the barbed wire, entanglements of the enemy trenches, on the Dardanelles front, near Seddul Bahr there have been temporary artillery and bombing encounters. Our artillery on the Anatolian coast of the Straits successfully bombarded Martaliman, and the landing places of Tekke Burnu, near Martaliman. We sunk two small boats, and near Tekke a small ammunition vessel. "In one section cleared of the enemy we found provisions of all kinds sufficient for an army corps for a long time; 1,000,000 sandbags; some thousand tents; 500 blankets; 400 stretchers; one motor, near Aglime Dere, and many mortar bombs hidden in the ground. On the Caucasus front the enemy attack in the neighbourhood of Id, in Turkish Armenia on Dec. 20 cost him eight officers and 3,100 men, while our losses amounted to only one third this number.

Allied Forces in Saloniki Soon Reach 200,000

PARIS, Dec. 24.—General Bonnat, a French military expert, examining in the intransigent, the situation at Salonika, mentions the German statement that the French and British forces in Greece now number 172,000 and men and are increasing and says the joint army will soon reach 200,000. They are occupying a semi-circle around Salonika, which itself is just beyond the range of the heaviest guns, that is those carrying shells eighteen to twenty-two miles. Fifteen days entrenchment have now given the defensive works a certain solidity so that two hundred thousand men with ample food and munitions supplies and reinforcements available by open routes should be able to resist an army consisting of two or three times their number.

Kaiser Again Reported Ill

Illness More Serious Than Reported From Berlin—Projected Visits to War Fronts Have Been Cancelled

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Despatches from Amsterdam and Geneva, agree that the Kaiser's illness is much more serious than is reported officially from Berlin. Great specialists have been hurriedly summoned to Potsdam and the Crown Prince has been recalled from the front. It is authoritatively stated that the Kaiser's projected journeys to the Western theatre of the war and to Constantinople have been abandoned. It is feared that his illness is due to a recurrence of the malady which proved fatal to his father.

STEPS OUTLINED RE-ORGANIZATION OF BRITISH INDUSTRIES AFTER WAR

Walter Runciman President Board of Trade, Says Nothing in Commercial Life Will Start off When War is Over in the Same Condition as When the War Began—We Are Not Going to be Especially Tender to Germans, Says Runciman

LONDON, Dec. 23.—As far as commerce is concerned, Germany is a beaten nation, and it is for us to see to it that she does not recover, Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, told the Commons this afternoon, reviewing the steps taken by the Board for re-organization of British industries after the war. There is scarcely a department in public life, Runciman said, about which we have not been thinking what likely will happen when the war is over, and how best to prepare for future contingencies. Nothing in commercial life will start off, when the war is over, in the same condition as when the war began; and in every one, relationship with the Central Powers and Zollverein is bound to conflict with our interests. After enumerating subjects, which the Board of Trade was specially investigating, among them being ownership of real property by aliens, Runciman instanced the danger of such ownership, stating that he knew one coal field in the Midlands, owned by Germans and trading under a British title, which now was idle, and that the British were prevented from exploiting the coal field. He added that this cannot continue after the war. The Board is taking great care to allow no German to stand in the way of Great Britain. We are not going to be especially tender to the Germans. Runciman specially referred to the German control of oilfield in Europe, remarking that this raw material was of such vital interest to Great Britain that the Board was taking steps to see how much of German control of this produce could be transferred to Great Britain, so that the latter's interest would be safe-guarded. Continuing, he said that German trade in South America and in the East has received a serious blow, and it is the duty of the Board to see that our business men have every advantage. Runciman referred to indications of a belief on the Continent, that Great Britain in this looking ahead, was inclined to think of the return of her commercial prosperity, rather than throwing ourselves heart and soul into the attainment of the main object. That is entirely untrue, he said. "I would not like it to be imagined in France, in Russia and Italy, that in preparing for future contingencies we are contemplating an early peace. There is no peace to which we could be a party if it would in any way conflict with the interests of our Allies."

EX-GERMAN GOVERNOR DEAD

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The death of the German General Karl Jung, at Thiancourt, France, is announced by the Lokal Anzeiger of Berlin. Death was due to apoplexy. General Jung was for a time Governor of East Africa, and subsequently commander of a brigade of infantry reserves.

RUSSIAN SHIPS UNDAUNTED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—It is authoritatively reported that two Russian torpedo boats pursued a Bulgarian torpedo boat on Tuesday to the Bay of Varna, where coast batteries opened fire on the pursuing vessels, says the Petrograd correspondent of Reuter's Telegram Company. The Russian ships left the zone of fire undamaged. During the raid two Turkish sailing vessels were sunk.

A HEAVY TOLL

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Great Britain's loss of officers and men at the Dardanelles, up to Dec. 11, was 112,921. This is the grand total of officers and men including naval lists of killed, wounded and missing. The number of killed was 25,379. An additional total of casualties with the number of sick admitted to Hospitals was 96,683. The losses were distributed as follows:— Killed, officers, 1,609; men, 23,670; Wounded, officers, 2,969; men, 72,222; Missing, officers, 337; men, 12,114.

DRASTIC CURTAILMENT OF RAILWAY PASSENGER SERVICE

LONDON, Dec. 23.—One effect of the war is seen in the announcement of drastic curtailment of the railway passenger service on all Scottish roads. Beginning January the number of trains in the day time will be reduced, and after 9 p.m. passenger traffic will be virtually suspended. This curtailment is necessitated by depleted staffs and shortage of engine power.

MUST GET PERMISSION FIRST

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An addition to the Defense of the Realm Act, gazetted to-day, prohibits the holding, without special permission from the Minister of Munitions, of any exhibition which might affect prejudicially the production of war materials. A British industrial exhibition, which was to display war materials and the method of their manufacture, was in process of organization for 1916.

RESPONSIBLE OFFICERS WILL BE PUNISHED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's sends the following:—"In reply to representations made to the German and Bulgarian Governments regarding the Koeritz incident, in which a Bulgarian detachment is alleged, in the pursuit of a small Serbian force, to have transgressed the Greek frontier, the Greek Government has received assurances that the Bulgarian officer responsible will be punished."

SKOULOUDIS ANXIOUS TO RESIGN

Greek Premier Finds Strain of Office Very Heavy—M. Gouranis, However is Not Anxious to Assume Reins of Government—Will Support Present Ministry

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Athens correspondent of Reuter's, writing under date of Tuesday, sends the following:—"The Cabinet is sitting in Council to-night and important decisions are expected. Premier Skouloudis finds the strain of office very heavy and is anxious to resign, now that the elections are over and there is a majority for M. Gouranis. The latter, however, at the present juncture, does not desire to assume the reins of Government, and would continue support of the present Ministry, composed of leaders of all parties. The Central Powers are concentrating their forces on the Gievgeli section in South-eastern Serbia and are expected to take the offensive this week."

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SITUATION ON GREEK FRONTIER IS STILL UNCHANGED

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Salonika correspondent of Reuter's in a despatch dated Tuesday says:—"The situation on the Serbian-Greek frontier is unchanged. There is no sign at present of an invasion of Greek territory by the Teutonic Allies, he states."

VIENNA'S GOOD SUPPLY

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—A Ministerial decree being issued forbidding the baking of rolls, biscuits and other fancy breads and permitting only the making of rolls of ordinary bread, does not apply to households.

OFFICIAL CASUALTY LIST FIRST NEWFOUNDLAND REGIMENT

(Received by Mail) NOT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. 36 Sergt. Albert S. Newman, 97 Cabot Street, Scabies, admitted to Hospital at Malta, ex hospital Ship Morea, Nov. 10.

351 Private William May, Botwood, Diphtheria, admitted to Military Hospital at Imtarfa, Malta, ex hospital ship Kildonan Castle, Nov. 13.

394 Private Thos. E. Rodgers, 42 Barter's Hill, Scabies, admitted to Hospital at Malta, ex hospital ship Morea, Nov. 10.

1279 Private Richard Eldridge, 35 Water St. West, Jaundice, admitted to Military Hospital, Citadel, Cairo, Nov. 13.

739 Private Willis White, Comfort Cove, N.D.B. Jaundice, admitted to Naerich Schools Military Hospital, Cairo, Nov. 13.

19 Corporal Ewan Hennebury, 59 Colonial St. Pyrexia, admitted to Greek Hospital, Alexandria ex Hospital ship Riva, Nov. 13.

110 Private Geo. S. Claridge, Brown Brickhill, Biltchey, Bucks, Eng. Seriously ill with dysentery, St. George's Hospital, Malta, Nov. 27th.

686 Lance Corporal William J. Snow, bullet wound through the neck. 925 Private William P. Prowse, bullet wound in left heel.

633 Private William Taylor, gunshot wound in left shoulder. 320 Private William J. Green, bullet wound in right forearm.

249 Private Arthur F. Jesseau, seriously ill of enteric at Malta, on Nov. 24th.

1263 Private Joseph Shelley, discharged to duty on Nov. 9.

748 Sergeant Joseph McKinley, discharged to Mustaphy Pacha Camp, Nov. 9.

530 Private Bernard Murphy, dysentery, in hospital at Malta, Nov. 10.

2nd. Lieut. J. E. J. Fox, progressing very satisfactorily and walking about, Nov. 27.

354 Private Herman Noseworthy, Transferred to All Saints Convalescent Camp ex St. Paul's Military Hospital, Nov. 15.

302 Private Harvey H. Small, gunshot wound in left arm and graze on back. At Giza, Nov. 13.

236 Private Arthur Webber, Convalescent Home, Montazah, Nov. 11.

461 Private Alexander Hennebury, discharged to Montazah Convalescent Hospital, Nov. 12.

WHY NATIONALISTS & LABORITES ARE OPPOSED TO CONSCRIPTION

Feeling Growing in London That Northcliffe is Using Lloyd George as the Monkey to Pull the Conscriptio Chestnuts Out of the Fire—This is Why Redmond and Thomas and Others Have Told Asquith They Will Not Support Conscriptio

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The New York Herald published the following cable from its London correspondent:—"Feeling is growing here that Lloyd George is being used by Lord Northcliffe as the monkey to pull the Conscriptio chestnuts out of the fire. His demand for 380,000 men to make munitions, before the figures of those who have enrolled under Lord Derby's scheme, to do the real fighting for the Empire are made public, has convinced the Liberal, Labor and Irish members of Parliament that Lord Northcliffe has made an impression upon the Government; and there are those who do not hesitate to say, that having failed with Carson, Northcliffe is ready to become the political godfather of the man whom his newspapers once denounced; if by doing so he can upstage the Cabinet. It is because of this report on every tongue, that Mr. Redmond, Mr. Thomas and others have warned the Government that the Labor and Irish parties will not submit to Conscriptio."

MADE A GOOD IMPRESSION

VIENNA, Dec. 23.—The New American Note regarding the Ancona, has made a good impression here, and an early answer may be expected. Work on it has already begun.

WILL GET GREATEST SURPRISE

New York Herald Says its London Correspondent Says Reports of Turco-German Invasion of Egypt is Regarded as Sheer Bluff

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The London correspondent of the New York Herald cables:—"The reports that Germany is concentrating great armies to attack and conquer Egypt and smash the Allies on all other fronts, are regarded here as sheer bluff. I am in a position to say, if the censor will permit it, that the Turco-German combination will receive the greatest surprise of the war—if its Egyptian plan of campaign is pursued. Moreover, I am able to tell you on unquestionable authority, that the descent on Varna is only a small part of the great campaign which Russia is almost ready to resume against the Austro-Germans."

MAY RELEASE INTERNED BRITISH OFFICERS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The newspaper "Rotterdammer" announces that the British officers interned in Holland may be released henceforth on parole.

CAUSED GREAT EXCITEMENT

TOKIO, Dec. 23.—News of the sinking of the Yaasaki Maru reached Tokio to-day and caused great excitement. Advice received here say she was sunk by a submarine near Port Said.

NAVAL RESERVIST BENNETT DEAD

Regret to inform you that Leo Joseph Bennett, Seaman Newfoundland R.N.R., is reported missing as a result of the Mine Sweeping Vessel "Lady Ismay," having been blown up by a mine on 21st December.

Bennett joined the Reserve on 9th November, 1914, and took passage to England in S.S. "Mongolian" on 17th December, 1914.

H. MACDERMOTT, Acting Commander.

British Policy in Balkans

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The policy of the British Government regarding the Balkans throughout, has been based on the aim of producing in these unhappy countries unity, instead of discord, said Lord Robert Cecil, Parliamentary Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs in the House of Commons this evening. Lord Robert stated the Foreign Office would shortly publish a White Paper giving the principles on which the blockade of Germany was based.

REPEATING THE GAME

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An Athens despatch says:—"The news of the landing of Russian forces at Varna has created a favourable impression here, and is correcting erroneous ideas of the Entente's leniency towards Bulgaria."

KINGS COLLEGE, WINDSOR, GETS NEW PRESIDENT

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—Rev. Dr. H. Y. Boyle, Dean of Divinity in Trinity University, Toronto, has been elected President of King's College, Windsor, Nova Scotia.

EARTHQUAKES IN GUATEMALA

GUATEMALA CITY, Dec. 23.—There have been twenty-three severe earthquakes in Guatemala the last two days. No serious damage is reported.

WANTS TO DEPOSE THE KAISER

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—A news agency despatch from Rotterdam today says a Christmas manifesto, calling upon every German soldier to quit the trenches and depose the Kaiser from the throne he has fouled was issued here to-day by an organization called the General Humanity League.

It was signed by Karl Bernstein and nine others.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The news of the Japanese liner Yaasaki Maru, previously reported as having been sunk in the Mediterranean by an Austrian or German submarine, was sent to the bottom without warning, according to the owners of the ship. The steamer carried 120 passengers and a crew of 160, all of whom were saved.

One American passenger, W. J. Leigh, was among the saved.

BORDEN ADDRESSES PILGRIM'S SOCIETY OF NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 24.—Sir R. L. Borden, Premier of Canada, addressed the Pilgrim's Society of New York at a luncheon here to-day on relations between Canada and United States and between Canada and Britain. Relations between the Dominion and the United States, Premier Borden believed were never more firmly founded on true understanding and sincere good will than at present, and as for Canada and the Mother Country, he said, they were never more united in ideal inspiration and effort as at present time.

The S.S. Greciana which left Liverpool for here on the 17th inst. should arrive here in a few days time.

The schr. Katherine V. Mills arrived here yesterday to Bowring Bros. to load codfish for Brazil.

MR. MORINE SENDS XMAS GREETING

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 24. W. F. Coaker, St. John's. A merry Christmas for yourself and colleagues and prosperous New Year for you and them and for all the members of the Union. May the coming year be a bright one in the history of the Colony.

ALFRED B. MORINE.

French Republic Confer War Cross on Czar Nicholas

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Emperor Nicholas of Russia has sent the following telegram to President Poincare of France:—"General Pau has handed me in your name the French Army War Cross instituted for military merit. On this occasion I wish to express my gratitude for the delicate thought of which I am deeply sensible. I beg you to make known to the glorious French Army that I am particularly proud of this cross as a token of confraternity of arms which has united my army with that of our Allies and France.—NICHOLAS."

President Poincare sent the following reply to the Russian Emperor: "I have transmitted the amicable message of Your Majesty to the French Army. It will go to the hearts of all our officers and soldiers, and I pray Your Majesty to receive an expression of their gratitude."

At the same time President Poincare forwarded the telegram of Emperor Nicholas to the French War Minister for communication to the Army.

OFFICIAL FRENCH

LONDON, Dec. 23.—At Hartmannswielerkopf the enemy regained some captured trenches. The French progressed further on the right of the position. The prisoners taken exceeded 1,300.

Russians have carried height west of Trembola, in Galicia. In the Caucasus, southwest of Oty, the Turks were defeated with heavy losses near Van. The Russians have occupied Bencr Pass. The enemy has not yet crossed the Graeco-Serbian frontier.

AUSTRO AEROPLANE NEAR SALONIKI

Paris, Dec. 24.—An Austrian aeroplane flew yesterday to little more than within three miles of Saloniki and dropped bombs on a village near the city, according to reports from Saloniki forwarded by Havas correspondent.

Athens, Dec. 24.—Another unconfirmed report from same source was to the effect that a Zeppelin had been seen flying over northern Greek territory.

THE KYLE'S PASSENGERS.

The Kyle arrived at Port aux Basques at 8 a.m. to-day, bringing Lieut. F. B. Collins, R. E. Allan, B. Paddon, Gladys Breckley, H. Foster, Mrs. H. Foster, Miss F. Bruce, F. Meisaac, Capt. J. Meikle, Geo. Paddon, F. Temp ley, W. D. Lake, H. Taylor, J. Kavanagh, J. Connors and T. Shortall.

The S.S. Neptune arrived at Hr. Breton yesterday and after discharging her salt goes to Sydney for coal for Tilt Cove.

SLICK STUNT

An ingenious scheme of the Germans to smuggle benzine into Belgium through Holland was disclosed recently when a Dutch customs officer cracked a cement block lying on a railroad truck; a stream of benzine poured out and the whole shipment of blocks was promptly confiscated by the Dutch Government. Tombstones consigned to Belgium and intended to mark the graves of fallen German soldiers have been found in some cases to be hollow and filled with oil.

THE DONKEY

A motorist, who was touring in Ireland, one day met a native who was driving a donkey and cart. Thinking he would like to have a little fun at the Irishman's expense, he began. "What is the difference, at between your turnout and mine?" "Oh, not a great deal," promptly responded Pat. "Shure, the donkey's in the shafts in the wan, and on the sate in the other."

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

LADIES, ATTENTION! A GIFT TO YOUR GENTLEMAN FRIENDS A GREAT BIG XMAS OFFER. FOR the next Ten Days we will give to every Purchaser of a tin V.C. Smoking Mixture, price \$1.25, a handsome covered Tobacco Pouch, price 50c. The regular price of these two articles being \$1.75. Our price for Ten Days only, \$1.50. To be had only at the ROYAL CIGAR STORE, Bank Square Water Street.