

WITHDRAWAL FROM SUVA A GREAT FEAT OF WAR

UNDER EYES OF TURKS AND IN RANGE OF GUNS BRITISH LEFT SUVA WHILE ENEMY SLEPT

ACCOMPLISHED DURING "WEE SMA" HOURS OF MORNING, ACCORDING TO PREARRANGED PLANS OF LORD KITCHENER, TURKS WERE COMPLETELY HOODWINKED—POURED HUNDREDS OF SHELLS INTO BRITISH POSITIONS IGNORANT OF FACT THAT EVERY BRITISH SOLDIER WAS SAFELY OUTSIDE BAY IN THE TRANSPORTS.

London, Dec. 30.—The Renter correspondent at British headquarters at the Dardanelles, under date of Dec. 21 sends the fullest description yet received from any source of the departure of the British forces from the Suvla and Anzac zones. While he evidently has been permitted to send only the most general details the despatch adds considerably to the information heretofore available.

Turks' Skepticism Helped British. "The probability of a withdrawal had been reckoned with by the British troops for many weeks. Field Marshal Earl Kitchener had made careful personal arrangements and kept his counsel, but everybody else was not so discreet, and there really was little excuse for the Turks failing to realize what was in the wind. They were actually counting on the difficulty and danger of the operation as likely to deter the attempt."

"The question of what portion the less would be had been carefully weighed by the British higher command. That the thing could be done without loss entered nobody's mind. The problem was to withdraw several divisions and their equipment occupying a front of 20,000 yards front and hardly anywhere more than about 500 yards, and at some points not fifty yards from the enemy's trenches and embark them from the beaches, which nowhere were beyond field gun range of the enemy, and at many places were actually within rifle range.

"The Turks occupied the higher ground all around. Nearly the whole Suvla position was visible to them, and the main embarking beach could be overlooked from Sniper's Ridge, 1,100 yards away.

"During the days preceding the withdrawal, the Turks kept up the usual daily quantity of shells at the usual intervals and the British gunt replied. On Sunday this fire was as usual.

"Sunday night the greatest activity began secretly in the British camps. By four o'clock in the morning every body was off but the parties sent in to search for stragglers, who were taken

strategical centres of the army that at first, eight you might suppose that it has been evacuated for a long time. It seems as you enter it to be a typically peaceful provincial town of Russia with nothing about it to inspire an idea of war.

"The reality is the centre from which all orders are prepared and sent to all parts of our gigantic front. We are working day and night, the senior officers as well as the assistants, and in order to be able to do so we are divided into day and night sections. Very often, nevertheless, you have no rest during your short vacant hours.

The Simple Life. "There is no distraction of any kind, neither theatres nor cinemas, and the only music is that in our common mess during dinner. There is no possibility of recreative reading. Our literature is the reports of military dispositions and great budgets of cuttings from the world's newspapers in connection with the war.

"A notable feature of the life in our headquarters is that from the chief down to the last man all the staff shows extraordinary coolness and confidence, and this important quality of the main centre is characteristic of the whole army. In such an atmosphere, surrounded by an absolute calm, the brains of our army are working, and only in such circumstances could the titanic scheme which is before us be completed.

"Our life is simple and austere. Alcohol, wine, beer, spirits, all are strictly taboo—a dramatic contrast to the sea of champagne which flowed with the MacArthurian army in 1907. "We are fully informed about the actions of our gallant allies, and thanks to the priceless service of the British Navy, we are in permanent touch with their headquarters, and we rejoice to understand that our allied strategical organization is gradually approaching that centralization which is so important to the common harmony of action."

Centralization. "You have expressed your admiration in regard to the information which our Press issues concerning the operations of our army. It is the truth. These communications are good and complete. We have an important section in our headquarters charged with the duty of supplying the Press with full reports about the situation in the battlefield. We do not hide our defeats, and we describe moderately and without exaggeration our successes. We are not averse to publish, and the censor in Petrograd cannot alter or suppress anything which has been issued by headquarters. We feel that it is desirable that the public should know the truth, and that is why the Russian newspapers are so well supplied with information about military matters.

"We are absolutely safe in regard to the supply of ammunition, and since we have behind us reserves more numerous than the world has from any possibility of again being surprised by the enemy as we were in April, when the phalanx of Mackensen attacked us at Danajetz. There cannot be any surprise for the Russian army now, because we are ready for every movement and able at any place to meet the enemy. You will see that the Russian army will surprise the whole world."

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WEDDINGS. Murray-Steeves. A quiet wedding took place last evening at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. H. H. Nobles, 41 Cobden street, when Miss Angelina M. Steeves and Peter Cairns Murray, both of the city, were united in marriage. The bride was gowned in white satin and wore a white plumed hat with white veil and carried a shower bouquet of roses. The couple were unattended. They will reside in this city.

AUSTRIAN REPLY TO SECOND AMERICAN NOTE

Bulletin—London, Dec. 31.—The Austrian reply to the second American note on the Ancona, which the Austrian government has been published for not sufficiently taking account of the fierce dismemberment, which renders the dismemberment very difficult.

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"The Austro-Hungarian government too, can positively concur in the principle that enemy private vessels, and those which are not to be destroyed before the persons aboard are secured."

"The assurance that the United States government attaches value to the maintenance of the existing friendly relations between Austria-Hungary and the United States is warmly reciprocated by the Austro-Hungarian government, which now as heretofore, is anxious to render them relations still more cordial."

"The Austro-Hungarian government then communicates the result of the inquiry into the sinking of the Ancona, which was recently concluded. The commander of the submarine, the note says, allowed the steamer passengers to take to the boats and the torpedoed vessel in such a manner that it would remain afloat as long as possible, to enable the passengers to disembark—an object which would have been obtained if the passengers had not been forsaken by the crew."

"Fully appreciating the attitude of the commander, who had in view the rescue of the passengers and crew," says the note, "the Austro-Hungarian naval authorities have arrived at the conclusion that he apparently neglected to take sufficiently into consideration the panic among the passengers which rendered disembarkation more difficult, and the spirit of the regulation."

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THE CASUALTY LIST. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The following is the midnight list of casualties: Third Battalion. Accidentally wounded—Chas. E. Blandford, Toronto. Died of wounds—Alexander A. Murray, Oakville, Ont. Wounded—Geo. Webb, Montreal. Killed in action—John M. Stokney, St. Clair, Florida. Previously reported missing, now officially reported killed in action—John J. Flynn, Hamilton, Ont. Severely wounded—Charles McIner, England. Seventh Battalion. Killed in action—Harry L. White, New Westminster, B. C. Wounded—Wm. McAdam, Scotland. Tenth Battalion. Wounded—Denis W. Houseman, England; James Gilchrist, Scotland. Sixteenth Battalion. Dangerously ill—Peter Burich, Montreal. Seventeenth Battalion. Seriously ill—Wm. A. Bennett, Windsor; Donald D. McPherson, Glen William, P. E. I. Nineteenth Battalion. Seriously ill—Corporal Joe Pearson, Hamilton, Ont. Wounded but on duty—Edward F. Cheant, Toronto. Wounded—Henry Scott, Scotland. Severely wounded—James Smith, England. Thirtieth Battalion. Wounded—Wm. Forster, Hazeldean Edmonton, Alb. Thirtieth Battalion. Dangerously ill—Albert Dundy, Guelph, Ont. Thirtieth Battalion. Died—Benj. Wright, England.

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Constantinople, via London, Dec. 30.—The following official statement on operations in the various theatres of war was issued today by the war office: "The battle near Kut-el-Amara continues at intervals. At the occupation of Shark-Said, we took 480 tons of petroleum and posing belonging to the British."

Dardanelles front: December 27 and 28 our artillery, replying to the fire of a hostile cruiser and torpedo boat, silenced the guns of those vessels, which without effect had directed their fire against Anafarta and Avburnu, and compelled them to withdraw.

"Near Seddul Bahr, on the 27th and 28th there was violent grenade fighting and cannonading on the right wing and in the centre. During the afternoon two cruisers shelled our right wing, but ceased firing because of the counter-action of our artillery, and withdrew. One of the cruisers had been hit. During the forenoon our artillery brought down an aeroplane that was flying over Yen Shehr and Kum Kaleh. It fell into the sea in the vicinity of Tekke Burnu and Seddul Bahr."

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Canada's War Provided Early N. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Minister of Finance stated that the finances of the Dominion for 1915, were most satisfactory, and that of February had exceeded his best estimate borrowings for war expenditure, the did not arise at present as the recent war demands and the surplus cash and revenue would our expenditure until early next would consider what further funds were them.

PERSONNEL NEW INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION. Sir Chas. Fitzpatrick represents Bryce, Great Britain—With U. S. and British O. Washington, Dec. 30.—The entire personnel of the International Commission which will represent Great Britain and the United States in any dispute which arises under the so-called investigation peace treaty, negotiated by former Secretary Bryan, now has been chosen and soon will be announced formally.

SOLDIER HURT BY PREMATURE EXPLOSION OF HAND GRENADE. Toronto, Dec. 30.—While a bombing party was under instruction at expedition camp this morning Sergeant Jeffrey of the 74th Battalion, was severely hurt about the face by the premature explosion of a hand-grenade. A spark fell on the face right at the insertion and the bomb exploded at once.

M'NAMARA'S ACCOMPLICE GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE. Los Angeles, Calif., Dec. 30.—Mathew A. Schmidt was convicted tonight of first degree murder as the accomplice of James B. McNameara, in the blowing up of the Los Angeles Times building three years ago. The specific charge was of having murdered Charles Hagerty, one of the 38 victims of the Times explosion. The jury was out 46 minutes. The jury fixed Schmidt's punishment at imprisonment for life.

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