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RUSSIANS PRESSING ADVANTAGE GAINED AT ERZERUM AND CLOSE IN ON TURKS RAPIDLY

Turkish Forces Operating Along Black Sea Coast Will be Entirely Cut Off and Main Turkish Armies Will be Surrounded—Turkish Troops Which Came to Relief of Erzerum Walked Into Trap—Had no Suspicion Fortress Had Fallen—Turks Find Themselves in Precarious Condition as all Roads are Gradually Falling Under Russian Control—Retreat of Turks Everywhere Impeded by Deep Snow and they Lack Food and War Supplies

PETROGARD, Feb. 21.—The Russians are pressing the advantage gained at Erzerum on both flanks—the right along the Black Sea coast by the co-operation with sea and land forces, they are driving the Turks from one position after another to the east of Trebizond, and it is expected their activity against that important seaport will not be long deferred. In the last two days the Russians have occupied Widge and pressed forward ten or twelve miles westward. Their fleet has destroyed in succession several shore batteries, which might have been of assistance to the Turks. By keeping well advanced land forces and by destroying the bridges over several streams in the path of the retreating Turks, they have rendered their retreat more difficult. The fleet has been working so close to the shore that warships have been reached by rifle fire from the Turkish troops on the other hand they have spread confusion in the ranks of the Turks by dropping shells among them.

On the left flank, after the occupation of Koph the Russians pushed on for Mush and Aclat, the latter on the north shore of Lake Van. From Koph to Mush, 60 miles over mountain roads, they fought several battles and occupied Mush by storm. The Turks fled southward toward Diar-beke. The next objective of the Russian Army is the possession of Diar-beke. It is only a day's march to the Bagdad railway and is the last remaining communication into Syria. The rapid Russian offensive beyond Erzerum is believed here make a retreat probable of the Turkish forces operating along the Black Sea coast and those troops which were active in the Mush district before the occupation will be entirely cut off from the main Turkish armies and surrounded. This fate has already overtaken the Thirty-fourth Division of the Tenth Corps, which was ordered from Ort to Erzerum before the fall of that fortress. As telephonic communication between this group of Turkish forces and the garrison at Erzerum had been entirely destroyed by the Russians the Thirty-fourth Division marched serenely into Erzerum without any suspicion that the fortress was then on the point of surrender. These troops reached Erzerum from the north-west at the very moment the Dve Boina line of forts fell into the Russians' hands and the army which they had come to assist was in full retreat. The road over which they had passed was instantly occupied by Russian cavalry and they were completely surrounded and there was no alternative but to surrender with arms, equipment and artillery. It is regarded as almost inevitable that the Turkish corps retiring along the Black Sea coast, under the destructive fire of the Russian fleet and the pressure of the Russian armies, may be caught in the same sort of a trap as the Turkish troops falling back from Widge to Mush Khanah. They have a greater distance to go than the Russian troops which are advancing from Erzerum to cut them off. On the Turkish right flank, where the Ninth corps is operating, the Turks find themselves in the same precarious position, since all the roads in their retreat north are gradually falling under Russian control. The retreat of the Turkish armies everywhere is impeded by deep snow and they are without food and lack war supplies. There seems to be little possibility of their offering even a

CONQUEST OF KAMERUN BY ALLIES NOW COMPLETE

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The complete conquest of Kamerun, the German colony of Equatorial Africa, was officially announced this afternoon. It was officially announced in London on Feb. 17th that the commander of the Entente forces in Kamerun reported that the conquest of this German possession was complete, with the exception of an isolated position at Mori Hill. This position, according to an announcement from Berlin on Feb. 18th, was being tenaciously defended by German forces under Captain von Raben, who, shortly after the fall of Jaunde, in the southwestern part of the colony, had succeeded in sending to the German Governor of the Colony, a letter, which declared that the native soldiers under his command had declared that they preferred to fight to the last with Capt. von Raben, rather than surrender. Mori Hill is in the northernmost section of the Colony.

The German forces in southern Kamerun crossed the border into Spanish Guinea, and were interned on Feb. 6th, their retreat following the British occupation of Jaunde on Jan. 1. This completes the conquest of the Kameruns by the Allied forces.

BULGARS TO QUIT WAR—SEEK PEACE?

LONDON, Feb. 19.—Troops are not available to replace the Turks, withdrawn from Bulgaria, and it is considered likely that it will be deemed unsafe to weaken the forces concentrated opposite Salonika. Furthermore, owing to Roumania's probable intervention in the war during the next month, the Austrians have already massed strong forces along the Carpathians and in the Transylvanian Alps as well as in the Danube. Bulgaria, therefore, is unable to rely on Austro-German aid against the threatened Russo-Roumanian attack from north and the Anglo-French offensive from the west.

King Ferdinand, duly realizing the imminent peril, has determined to save his country at any cost, even at that of seeking a separate peace.

Doctors and Surgeons Who Can Be Spared Will Mobilize

LONDON, Feb. 21.—The approaching mobilizing of physicians and surgeons is forecast in a circular issued by the Local Government Board. The Local Authorities points out the necessity for making provisional arrangements to enable every medical man below the age of 45 who can be spared without injury to the civilian population to place himself at the disposal of the authorities and take a commission in the Army or Navy if required.

IGNATIUS CAUGHT

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, former member of the British Parliament, and self-confessed German spy, who escaped on January 15th from the custody of Deputy United States Marshal, was re-arrested to-night in front of a Broadway restaurant. He was taken to the Raymond Street jail, Brooklyn, where he had formerly been a prisoner.

ENTIRE SERB ARMY IS NOW SAFE

PARIS, Feb. 21.—The last Serbian soldiers remaining in Albania have now been landed at Corfu, says a despatch from Corfu under date of Friday. The despatch adds the entire Serbian army is now out of danger.

temporary resistance of any strength to the Russian advance.

Hun Raiders Pay Another Visit to Kent

Also Visit Lowestoft—Total Casualties Are Two Men and One Boy Killed and One Marine Wounded—Germans Were Pursued but Managed to Escape

LONDON, Feb. 21.—An official statement says that four German aeroplanes made a raid over the East Southeast coast at noon to-day. The first raiders were two biplanes which appeared over Lowestoft at 10.55 a.m. They circled over the South side of the town for five minutes and dropped bombs. About five minutes after they rose to a great height and seemingly vanished. At 11.10 a.m. two seaplanes were again over the town and then vanished eastward again. Altogether 17 high explosive bombs were dropped, there were no casualties, considerable damage was done to two dwelling houses. Two naval seaplanes went in pursuit of the raiders without result. Meanwhile two other German seaplanes were seen making for the Kentish coast. The first passed over the Kentish Knock Light vessel dropping bombs in that vicinity. The last raider made straight for Walmer, reaching that town at 11.27 a.m. and flying less than 2,500 feet dropped six bombs and then turned sharply to the east. Two bombs that fell destroyed many roofs and broke windows in the neighborhood, one fell close to a church, blowing out windows as the congregation was singing the "Te Deum." The third bomb fell on the roadway—running along the beach killing one civilian and injuring one marine. The total casualties were two men and one boy killed, one marine wounded. Two of our aeroplanes which went up from Dover pursued the raider but apparently could not overtake him.

State Control for Industries At End of War

Cambridge, Eng., Feb. 21.—In a speech here last night the Right Hon. Edwin S. Montagu, Financial Secretary of the Treasury, declared that after the war conditions under which the nation will then have to live will necessitate a complete change of its fiscal system. In a large measure state ownership or state control of industries will be undertaken; these questions the speaker said are bound to assume tremendous importance, both Liberals and Conservatives should preserve an open mind concerning them.

RIVER MEUSE OVERFLOWS LIEGE INUNDATED

Amsterdam, Feb. 21.—The River Meuse has overthrown its banks over a stretch of country in the neighborhood of Liege, and a number of villages north of the city and part of the city itself are inundated.

TURKS CLAIM BRITISH ATTEMPTS TO CROSS TIGRIS BELOW KUT-EL-AMARA REPULSED

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 21.—An attempt by the British forces in Mesopotamia to cross the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara was repulsed after a battle of three hours, the War Office announces to-day. The British, in their retreat were pursued to their second line of entrenchments.

NEW VOTE WILL BRING TOTAL OF BRITISH EXPENDITURE UP TO 2,083,000,000 POUNDS STERLING

Great Interest Awaits Asquith's Speech in Financial Circles—Financiers Say Strain Will be Felt For Next 30 Years—General Feeling is That Public Will Unite in Making Success of Government's Efforts to Pay its Way—National Returns Are Some 35 Million More Than Expected

LONDON, Feb. 21.—Financial circles are keenly interested in Premier Asquith's coming demand for a new appropriation of £420,000,000 for war purposes, bringing the total British expenditure up to £2,083,000,000. It is expected when the Premier speaks on this subject on Monday in the Commons he will also make reference to the new war loan which is doubtless in prospect. It is generally thought that the rumored additional £600,000,000 pounds national debt will not cause much disturbance in the money market. Financiers, says the statement, recognize that payment of interest amounting to approximately £150,000,000 annually will involve a great strain on national resources for the next thirty years, even if nothing is later added to the burden. Discussing the prospects of the coming loan a statistician asserts that consensus of opinion among bankers is that it should either be free of income tax altogether or that a maximum figure for tax should be laid down in terms offered. Among the general public the view prevails that the nation will unite in making a success of the Government's efforts to pay its way. This feeling is strengthened by the apparent national prosperity disclosed by the estimated national revenue returns which amount for the year to about £340,000,000 for the year or £35,000,000 more than was originally expected.

BRITISH STEAMER ASHORE

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British steamship Cymric Castle is ashore on a reef off Mombasa, British East Africa.

The passengers have been landed.

Labour Leader Urged Strike Faces Trial

Case Has Created Great Interest in Trade Union Circles—Men Are Liable to \$25 Fine Daily While Remaining on Strike

LONDON, Feb. 21.—In the first strike prosecution under the defence of the Realm Act, Thomas Rees, Secretary of the London District Engineers Society was charged in the police court yesterday with impeding and delaying the production of war material by ordering munition workers, who are members of his Society to strike. The suit created great interest in Trade Union circles, as the decision will affect a large number of workers. Several men employed in a factory in Woolwich district were ordered to leave by Rees, as the rate of pay for night work was only one and one quarter time instead of one and one half time, that being the amount paid in the London District.

Owners of Appam Seek Regain Possession of Ship

Washington, Feb. 21.—Attorneys for the British owners of the liner Appam now at Hampton Roads as a prize of war have brought Admiralty proceedings under prize laws to regain possession of the ship.

FARMERS APPEAL AGAINST ENLISTMENT OF HELPERS

London, Feb. 21.—The first military tribunal was held at Kirby Stephen on Saturday and according to an account published in a weekly despatch, the session lasted five hours, the court room was crowded with farmers appealing against the enlistment of shepherds, ploughmen and cowmen, many farmers threatened that if men drafted they would sell their stocks and abandon their farms. After severe examination the majority of farmers helpers were held to be necessary to west moreland agriculture and exempted from military service.

MAGNITUDE OF WORK DONE BY NAVY OUTLINED BY ADMIRALTY

When War Broke Out There Was 116,000 Officers and Men—This Number Has Been Increased to 320,000—Authority is Granted For Further Increase of 350,000, Besides 67,000 Naval Reservés—Large Number of Men Engaged in Dock Yards, Supply Ships, Mine Sweepers and Colliers, Oilers, Etc.

London, Feb. 21.—The magnitude of the work going on in the Navy is shown in a letter from the Admiralty to Sir Gilbert Parker in answering inquiries in the Commons on the number of people engaged in all branches of the navy and navy work. The letter stated the navy proper had 146 thousand officers and men when the war broke out, which number has been increased to 320,000, with authority granted for further increase of 350,000 officers and men, besides 67,000 naval reservés. There are also 85,000 men engaged in work at royal dockyards and other naval establishments and several times that number at Admiralty work under contract and sub-contract, besides the latter specific men are engaged in getting coal for the fleet and dockside workers, civilian crews of colliers, oilers, mine sweepers and supply ships; and in addition men and women are engaged in making clothing and preparing food for the fleet.

Thomas J. McNamara, Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, adds: "If asked to put this matter in a

Hamburg Merchants Want Peace

London, Feb. 21.—The Copenhagen correspondent to London Daily Telegraph says that he learns from trustworthy sources, that more than five hundred prominent men including the heads of business houses, senators, and ship owners, of Hamburg, Luebeck and Bremen, have petitioned the Government to begin peace overtures with a view to ending the war within the next three months, otherwise it is asserted the Hansa Bund will be ruined.

Residents Rush to Points of Vantage View Hun Raider

Walmer, England, Feb. 21.—The residents of Walmer were startled this morning by series of loud explosions at daybreak. Many persons rushed to points of vantage in time to see a small aeroplane at an altitude of perhaps one thousand feet.

Four bombs were dropped, the cluster landed within a circle of hundred yards, killing one man and one boy. Two British airmen were observed to almost immediately raise in pursuit after the dropping of the bombs; but the raider made his escape. Raider was not over town more than a minute, there was a momentary stoppage of service in the church near which the bombs fell; many members of the congregation left the building, but the service was resumed and carried through.

One victim was a paper boy, who was on his rounds with Sunday news; he was instantly killed. Another victim was a man of 29, who has not been identified. Some bombs fell in the roadway, making large holes. The whole affair was over so quickly that most people hardly realized what had happened. Some of those in the church say the building was rocked with the concussion of the explosion. The bombs were heard all over Walmer and surrounding district, but there was no panic. A dramatic narrow escape of a boat which had taken a pilot aboard near Walmer was told by the occupants of the boat. Three bombs fell into the sea directly over the boat, causing a tremendous upheaval of water.

Bulgars and Greeks Again Clash

London, Feb. 21.—Two patrols of Greeks and Bulgarians fought a sharp engagement near on Thursday after the Bulgarian patrol had crossed the frontier, according to a Saloniki despatch to Reuter's Telegram Coy. The Bulgarians were forced to retire, leaving two killed. One Greek soldier was wounded. According to the same despatch, General Sarrail, the French Commander-in-Chief in the Near East, has gone to Athens where an audience with King Constantine has been arranged. The greatest importance is attached to this visit which it is believed will mark important developments between Greece and the Entente Allies.

NICHOLAS LEFT TIFLIS FOR ERZERUM

PETROGARD, Feb. 21.—Grand Duke Nicholas, Commander of the Russian forces in the Caucasus, has left Tiflis for Erzerum.

sentence I should say that for every man in the navy, of whom there are something like 300,000, there are certainly two persons and possibly even three at work on ships in construction, repairing and contributing to the general efficiency and fighting ability of the fleet. In the aggregate more than a million persons are engaged in various branches of naval work thus shown."

Huns to Deliver a Heavy Blow In France

London, Feb. 21.—A despatch from Cnbertelli in Paris says the arrival of the Kaiser last week at Charleville in French Ardennes, where the German General headquarters on the western front are located, leads color to the belief entertained by all French military critics that the Teutons are about to deliver a heavy blow in France.

Reports that the German Crown Prince has massed 100,000 reserves and huge number of heavy guns to support an attack on Verdun, are credited, but it is believed that this strike will be in the nature of a big diversion while another great force attempts to blast its way through the French defenses.

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DAMAGE TO LOWESTOFF BY RAIDERS NOT SERIOUS

Lowestoft, England, Feb. 21.—The damage done here by recent air raiders was not very serious. One bomb demolished the roof of a saw mill and another unroofed a private house, the third smashed the windows in a hotel, while the fourth smashed the windows in a church without injuring any of the worshippers; another bomb fell squarely into the bedroom of a workman's house, but injured nobody. Several bombs fell harmlessly into gardens of vacant lots.

It's sometimes easier to settle down than it is to settle up.

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