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Enemy Rushing Troops Back To West To Meet Attacks of British and French

Paris, Feb. 25—German troops released by the German victory over the Russians in East Prussia, are pouring back into Belgium to strengthen the German line in the theatre of war. It is reported from Amsterdam that many troop trains passed through Belgium toward Liege and Brussels during the night, bound for West Flanders.

MELTING SNOW UNCOVERS THE BODIES OF 2,000 WAR VICTIMS

Russians Have Further Success to Their Credit in the Fighting in Carpathians

Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 25—Continued successes for the Russians in the battles which continue to rage furiously in the Carpathians are described in despatches to Swiss newspapers.

The Austro-German forces are said to have lost 3,000 more men at Dukla Pass, while melting snow at Usok Pass revealed the bodies of 2,000 Austrian and Russian soldiers.

Petrograd, Feb. 25—The escape of two regiments of the 29th Russian division, who were surrounded during the retreat from East Prussia, is recorded in an official communication given out by the general staff last night.

It is said that the Germans are making continuous attacks all along the front from the Bobr district at Jedabno, as far as the Vistula in the region of Bodasow. Minor successes for the Russians in the Carpathians are claimed as the result of desperate fighting.

Fighting is becoming very intense in the Prasnys region on the left bank of the Vistula. There has been desperate fighting East of Lough Pass in the Carpathians. Russian troops have had several successes in the region of Munkacs. At daybreak on February 22, near Zawadzka, they captured three lines of German trenches on a height which is a most a sheer precipice.

Berlin, Feb. 25—The town of Prasnys in Russian Poland, was yesterday taken by storm by German forces, according to an official announcement here. The Germans say they captured 10,000 Russian prisoners.

TURKS REPULSED BY THE RUSSIANS. Petrograd, Feb. 25—The general staff of the army of the Caucasus reports: "We made progress on February 22 in certain regions in engagements of secondary importance against the Turks. In the region of Trans-Choruk, the Turks attempted an advance movement, which was repulsed with heavy losses."

Gold From Berlin. Amsterdam, Feb. 25—The Telegram says it has learned that a special train bringing \$4,000,000 in German gold from Berlin to this city.

Belgian General Dead. Brussels, Feb. 25—General Tilly, a noted Belgian officer, who was one of the leading figures in Belgian colonial development, died yesterday.

WORD FROM CARAQUET; IN THIS AFTERNOON. A wireless to Wm. Thomson & Co. this morning said that the West Indian steamer Caraquez would arrive in port this afternoon at two o'clock. At that hour she was not in sight but the fact that she is on her way allayed fears for her safety. The name of the Caraquez had been whispered. She was due on Tuesday morning, and the cause of her delay is not known, but it is thought to have been a result to an accident to her machinery. She has on board mail, passengers and a large supply of sugar for the Atlantic Sugar Refinery, besides general freight. Upon her arrival in port she will tie up at the sugar refinery wharf and discharge the sugar.

The admiralty announced yesterday that they had no tidings of the converted merchant cruiser Clan MacNaughton, last heard from on Feb. 8, and which, it is feared, has gone to the bottom with some two hundred and eighty men, of whom two hundred and sixty were Newfoundland royal naval reservists.

Phelan and Phelan's WEATHER BULLETIN. Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—The centre of disturbance is now near the middle Atlantic coast, and rain has fallen from the Great Lakes eastward. Fair weather prevails in the western provinces.

Clearing. Maritime—Strong winds and gales from southeast with rain; Friday, westerly to northerly gales, clearing and turning colder.

New England forecasts—Fair and colder tonight and Friday; first west gales.

Self-Confessed Spy Tells Story of Plot

Germans' Plan For Raid on British Dreadnoughts

SENSATION IN NEW YORK

Stegler About to Sail on Mission to England as American Citizen But on Protest of Bride, Who is Southern Girl, He Changes Mind and Reveals Plot

Stegler, a native of Germany, who has signified his allegiance to the United States by taking out his first citizenship papers, was arrested yesterday on charge of obtaining a fraudulent passport, and was committed to the Tombs.

Papers found on Stegler bear the signature of Captain L. Boyd, naval attaché of the German embassy, and personal New York representative of Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador.

Stegler made a statement to the federal authorities that Captain Boyd had asked him to go to England as an American citizen and locate a fleet of British dreadnoughts believed to be hiding in St. George's Channel. He was to cable the information to New York, when it was to be transmitted to the wireless secret German bases in the North Atlantic.

Acting on Stegler's report, German submarines were to make a daring raid on the British first line of naval defence. The plan had been thought out to the minutest detail, Stegler said, and he was about to take passage on the Lusitania, when his love for the country of his adoption and the protests of his American bride, made him suddenly change his mind. Facing about, he decided to turn over all his evidence to the United States authorities.

Stegler said that if it had not been for his wife, a southern girl, he would have gone abroad as a German spy. The matter will be laid before the state authorities at Washington for investigation.

Another Arrest. Richard Madden, a steamer, alleged to be involved with Stegler, was arrested yesterday. Stegler is accused of having used Madden's name to obtain the passport. Madden is alleged to have provided the use of his name for a consideration. Madden was held in \$15,000 bail for examination on March 8. At the time of his arrest he had in his possession one of Stegler's cards. He tried to tear this up, but was prevented.

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GERMANS SINK ANOTHER; THE BRITISH STEAMER DEPTFORD GOES DOWN

Sunk Off Scarborough -- Eleven is the Toll to Date -- Similar Operations in Adriatic and Mediterranean Likely

London, Feb. 25—The military observer attached to the British headquarters in the field states, in a report given out by the official information bureau here, that a diary found on a German officer captured at Cunchy, France, contained an order stating that no prisoners were to be taken by the front line when making an attack.

"The phrase was ambiguous," the report continues, "and did not necessarily mean anything more than that the attacking line was not to stop to make prisoners. But it allows another interpretation which, in view of efforts made to inflame soldiers against the English, might easily have been adopted by the men of the particular regiment referred to."

The second week of Germany's submarine campaign opened today with the loss of another British ship. Previously ten vessels, seven of them British, had been sent to the bottom. German apparatus is preparing to extend the field of these operations, for three submarines have been sent to Pola, presumably for use in the Adriatic and Mediterranean.

The American proposals for cessation of this form of warfare, and the admission of foodstuffs to Germany, are before the German and British governments, but there are no indications whether they will find acceptance.

London, Feb. 25—One sailor lost his life, when the small steamer Deptford, 230 feet long, and 1,208 tons, was sent to the bottom in twenty minutes either by a German torpedo from a submarine or coming in contact with a mine in the North Sea at three o'clock yesterday morning, at a point off Scarborough. The fifteen other members of the crew were saved and were landed at South Shields early this morning.

The engineer of the Deptford says he was on duty in the stockhold at the time the explosion rent the Deptford in twain. He says he saw a flash of blue flame shoot up from the bottom of the ship and through her deck. The force of the explosion threw him down violently and stunned him. He managed to reach the deck, however, as the vessel was heeling and just as the lifeboat was being launched.

It was the carpenter of the Deptford who lost his life. After hours in an open and leaking boat in a snowstorm, which caused them to suffer severely, the men say they signalled a steamer, but no notice was taken of their appeal. Later, however, they encountered the steamer Fulgens which picked them up and brought them into South Shields.

Some members of the crew say they saw the wake of a submarine after the Deptford was struck.

London, Feb. 25—The small British coasting steamer Western Coast has been sunk by a mine or torpedoed in the English Channel at a point off Beachy Head. The crew was landed at Portsmouth to-day.

Uncertain Whether Mine or Torpedo. New Haven, Conn., Feb. 25—Members of the crew of the Rio Parana brought here by a torpedo boat, after their ship was sunk, said they were uncertain whether the vessel was destroyed by a mine or a torpedo. They had no warning of the impending disaster.

German Submarines to Austria. Geneva, via Paris, Feb. 25—Three new German submarines arrived by rail-road yesterday at Pola, the chief naval station of Austria-Hungary, according to a telegram to the Tribune, and will soon begin operations not only in the Adriatic but in the Mediterranean. A despatch from Munich says that Germany is arranging to send several other submarines to Austria.

Get Reward of \$1,000. Paris, Feb. 25—French marine insurance companies have turned over to minister of marine Augagneur, \$1,000 to be given to the crew of the ship of the second light squadron which sank a German submarine at Boulogne on Tuesday. The Marine des Armées has offered a prize of \$3,000 for the next Zeppelin brought down in France.

Washed Overboard; Swept Back to Deck Steamer at Halifax Brings Word of Fearful Voyage—Captain Nearly Lost Life; Sailor Drowned

Halifax, N. S. Feb. 25—After having passed through the worst hurricane he ever experienced in forty years at sea, Captain Pean of the steamer Florence Pile reached port this morning from New Orleans. The ship was badly damaged. Life-boats were smashed into kindling wood, and Second Mate Barber is suffering from a fracture of both legs, while Boatman Edwards has lost the use of both legs. A seaman named Gerking, who he resided for some time prior to engaging in the hotel business in Ashland, had been a factor in promoting many athletic events. He was generous and kind-hearted and well thought of among a large following. Heart trouble is thought to have been the cause of his death. Burial will be in Ashland.

GERMANY NOT LOOKING BEYOND NOVEMBER. Berne, Feb. 25—All the young men in Germany between seventeen and twenty who have failed to volunteer for the army and cannot give an adequate excuse, are now being called out to serve as untrained Landsturm. Boys and girls are to be employed in farm work this spring and summer and autumn in the East Prussian provinces, for which purpose they will be educated from school attendance. It is significant that this measure is to remain in force till November, in other words, till the end of the war as at present foreseen.

Police Court. In the police court this morning one man on a drunkenness charge was remanded and another was fined \$8 and two months in jail.

Fred Dyke, who was arrested on a drunkenness charge, and also using profane language, was fined \$8 and two months in jail for each offence.

Edward Redmond, arrested on drunkenness charge, was remanded at the request of Detective Killen. He only recently was released from custody on a suspended sentence, after being found in the store of Elmore & Mullin, South wharf.

John Campbell, who was arrested for begging money in Dock street, was sent for three months to the Municipal Home. Walter Cooper, arrested last night on a charge of drunkenness and threatening to split his wife's head open with a stove lifter, was remanded to jail, after his wife had given testimony.

DEATH OF VIOLET STEWART. The death of Violet Stewart, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Stewart, took place this morning at her residence, 87 St. Patrick street, after a short illness. She is survived by her parents, five brothers and two sisters. She was a bright girl beloved by all who knew her and her death will be heard with regret by many friends. The funeral will take place Saturday afternoon.

STREET SWEEPERS OUT. The street sweepers made their first appearance for the year this morning, at a season when the public works department is usually more concerned with snow removal.

MRS. SARAH E. MILLER DEAD IN 86TH YEAR. The death of Mrs. Sarah E. Miller, of Douglas avenue, took place this morning. She was a widow of Henry U. Miller, who died about seventeen years ago. Although a native of Maine, she spent the greater part of her life in St. John, and made a host of friends who will hear of her death with regret. She was in the 86th year of her age and is survived by one son, Harry, and eight grand children.

IS NOW IN CHATHAM. Mrs. Swift, who, with her little child, was delayed in St. John in passage from her home in Boston to visit her dying mother in Chatham, was brightened last night in being able to proceed there. She had lost her way what money she had brought with her. Her people in Chatham read in the Telegraph the news of her loss and wired her passage money.

TAKE INTEREST IN SHOOTING

St. John Developing Experts With Rifle and Revolver -- Nurse Who is a Good Shot

The city indoor rifle range is receiving steadily patronage these days and the number of visitors is steadily increasing. One of the most encouraging features is the marked improvement in the scores, some of those who started a fortnight ago with no knowledge of rifle shooting now scoring high averages.

Revolver shooting is also growing steadily in favor and similar improvement is being made. It has been decided that no boy or youth under twenty will be allowed to use the revolvers and it has been decided that no young boys will be allowed in the range at night unless accompanied by an older person.

As the interest grows it is probable that a league of several teams will be organized and a tournament arranged for. At present the range is open from nine a. m. to noon; one to six p. m. and from seven on.

The fire will be out for their rifle practice this evening and the keen competition among the men leads to an expectation of high scores.

In addition the men and boys who are patronizing the range there are several taking an interest in the shooting and are making excellent scores. Miss A. N. Powers, who is going to the front as a nurse with the next contingent, has been shooting regularly and has shown rapid improvement, her latest scores being remarkably good.

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TURKS MASSACRED MANY ARMENIANS. Horrors of Occupation of Ardahan Among Greatest of War -- Hurled Into Abyss. Petrograd, Feb. 25—Only now are the details becoming available of the horrors perpetrated by the Turks during the occupation of Ardahan, near the trans-Caucasian frontier. The Times correspondent, carefully counting the corpses that at first the enemy confined themselves to pillage and slew only fifteen or twenty, and then, when news of the Russian occupation of Ardahan was received, local Mussulmans threw off the mask, and the same evening organized a systematic massacre, and 150 Armenians were led into the street and shot, or had their throats cut.

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