

RUMORS TURKEY SEEKING PEACE PERSISTENT

MORE HUN BRUTALITY IS REVEALED

Report on Treatment of British Prisoners in Southwest Africa Brings to Light Shocking Conditions.

London, April 21.—A Reuters despatch from Capetown, dealing with the report of a commission of inquiry into the treatment of prisoners of war by the Germans in Southwest Africa, follows:

"A sensation has been caused by the publication of the official report of the commission of inquiry into the treatment of prisoners of war by the Germans in the Southwest African campaign, revealing another story of the shocking treatment of British prisoners and showing a complete lack of organization or control.

"Food rations were coarse and became so insufficient that men were reduced to waiting in line to drink the blood of slaughtered oxen and to boiling the soft parts of hides to extract nourishment. They were scantily clad and hardly treated, some being sent on long railway journeys clad in a tunic, a short loin cloth and sandals and helmet, a spectacle, says the report, for women natives who saw them on the road."

The German governor, Selts, ordered them placed in trucks during their transit. One officer, Captain Gray, was held in solitary confinement for six months in a small cell of filthy sanitary conditions and infested with vermin and threatened with confinement in a dark cell if he dared to look out of the window.

"When officers complained to Gov. Selts he told them they ought to be thankful for what they got. The ill-treatment was not confined to war prisoners. British civilians who were political prisoners, with women and children, were confined in common jails, sleeping ten in a single cell, with locked doors, resulting in sickness and dysentery owing to the disgusting sanitary conditions.

"The report was discussed in the

Turkish Agents Sounding Allies on Peace Prospects

London, April 21.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Saloniki says: "I learn that intermediary agents are sounding allied circles in more than one quarter on behalf of the Turkish government in order to find out what chances there are of separate peace. So far, I am informed, such offers have led to nothing, but the disaster in Asia Minor may cause them to take a more direct form."

Berlin, April 21, via London, 4:10 p.m.—The war office announcement of today says that on the Verdun front stubborn infantry fighting is being carried on. The statement follows:

"Western front: In the Meuse region (Verdun front) stubborn infantry fighting developed in conjunction with a great increase of activity on the part of the artillery on both sides. West of the river the French made an attack, with large forces, against La Morle Heights (Dead Man's Hill) and to the east thereof. In general these attacks were repulsed with sanguinary losses to the assailants. The fighting is still going on for a small portion of a trench in the vicinity of Cuverville woods, which the French penetrated. To the right of the Meuse efforts of the enemy to recapture the stone quarry south of the village of Haudremont were entirely fruitless. South of Fort Douaumont fighting developed at close quarters during the night around some French trenches, and is not yet ended. A repetition of the enemy's infantry attack against our lines at Cuverville wood failed at the very outset on account of our strong and concentrated artillery fire.

"In the Vaux sector, on the Woivre plain, and on the heights southeast of Verdun, very lively artillery activity was the rule of the day on both sides, as heretofore.

"An aeroplane of the enemy fell to the earth in flames in Pamin wood, south of Vaux.

"The assembly members demanding that the guilty German officers be brought to justice. Gen. Louis Botha in reply, deprecating any revenge. He said that he had already protested to the German authorities, and was in communication with the home government, and adding that happily the prisoners had been released and were no longer suffering."

WAR SEARED SERBIA AND HER BRAVE RULER

Prince Alexander a True Patriot and Serbian Citizen. HAS BIG PLACE IN HEARTS OF PEOPLE.

Prime Minister, Nicolas Pashitch, a Living History of his Country's Progress—More than Once Helped Frustrate Bulgaria's Schemes.

(By Alfred Stead.)

The arrival in London of the Prince Alexander of Serbia, who has been instrumental in the frustration of the Bulgarian plans. His early political career was fraught with many adventures: at one time he was forced into exile, twice he was condemned to death. He was never deterred by his persistent work towards the realization of his ideals.

With the advent of the Karaorge dynasty to the throne, M. Pashitch became the dominant figure in the country. None understand better the psychology of the Serbian peasant, and in Serbia all the population is peasant at heart, and thus he was able to wield through an assembly a dominating political party, which, with rare exceptions, held the reins of power incessantly. The quiet determination with which he pursued his policy, and the more showy and flashy activities in others were unable to do. Year by year his services became more indispensable to his country, until finally the great war of today found him in practically supreme control.

Serbia is the most democratically constitutional country. The rights of the minority in Parliament outweigh the majority, and hence national progress is retarded by a terrible and prolonged delay. To steer a national policy through Parliamentary shall require tremendous courage on the part of the Prime Minister. To see M. Pashitch in the national Assembly was a revelation in Parliamentary statescraft. Without undue apparent effort the Serbian Prime Minister brought about a coalition with Great Britain, broke away from commercial dependence upon Austria, doubled the area of Serbia, and raised Serbia into the comity of nations.

And today, this brave old man, after all the hardships of the war, is the most optimistic of all the Prime Ministers of the Allies. He has seen war, he has suffered privation more than any other Prime Minister, and he is the most confident of ultimate victory. It is so small thing for an old man of over 70 to share in the hardships of the long drawn-out retreat, where the most eminent leaders of the world have starved with the rest. No statesman has a deeper or more accurate knowledge of Balkan affairs, and it is to be hoped that his link to this country will be taken advantage of to set on foot the foundations of a serious Balkan policy.

COL. ALLISON MAKES DENIAL

Says He Will Appear at Shell Commission, Davidson Committee or Accounts Committee When Wanted.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., April 21.—Col. J. Wesley Allison, who was in consultation here today with his solicitor, Geo. F. Henderson, of Ottawa, says he will appear for examination when wanted by the fuse commission, the Davidson committee or the public accounts committee. In an interview Allison denies having made any profit out of the munitions transaction. So far as his solicitor will allow him to talk he makes a general denial of the Kryn charges, and disclaims all knowledge of the alleged deals with Yockum, Pignani, Dusick, et al. Allison claims to be a very sick man and looks the part.

Spreading Good News Broadcast.

WANTS EVERYBODY TO KNOW DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS CURED HIM.

Louis Champagne, after a long period of sickness and weakness, says he found new health in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Millerand, Ont., April 21st.—(Special)—Strong and hearty again after a long period of weakness and ill health, Louis Champagne, a well-known resident of this place, is spreading broadcast the good news that he found new health and strength in Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"For a long time," Mr. Champagne states in an interview, "I suffered from kidney disease and backache. My appetite was uncertain, and I got up in the morning with a bitter taste in my mouth. There were flashes of light before my eyes and I had a dragging sensation across the loins. My limbs were heavy and I was always tired.

"Then I decided to try Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I am glad to be able to say that two boxes made me well. I can now do my work as usual, and I am in good health and strength."

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from rust. They had given up all efforts to keep even a little of the mud or it lapped itself about them everywhere—and they were "left up" with it.

But with the dawning of Sunday there was a change. The fog disappeared. The sky, lowering and dark for so long, turned into an expanse of purest blue. A large rising from God knows where on that dismal war-seared plain rose high over the trench and sang, and sang and sang blithely. The screaming of the shells, the roar of the guns seemed silenced by the song. The men looked up and listened, pausing in their work, pausing even in taking their hasty meal. It was a wonderful song. The trench-stained men were transported of Ireland, and listened as they had so often done to the skylark on high.

For a long time no word was spoken; it seemed as though the men feared that even a whisper might stir the song. So they just looked at the bird hovering high in the blue sky, and listened. Then suddenly the bird sank down to the ground, shell-ploughed earth, as if assisted with having sung its Sunday message over the trench.

A Great Little Bird.

Then Murphy spoke. A big rough fellow to look at but "with a heart in him" as is sometimes said. "Paddy, that's a great little bird." The other men said, "Aye, so it is," and went about their work. Later on a man who had been looking into the little periscope on his bastion turned, and said excitedly, "The spring is here—the grass is growing out there like anything!" And they all peeped over the parapet.

It was true. In the bleak and ruinous stretch of ground, called "No Man's Land," between their own wire entanglements and the enemy's, the grass, in spite of all, was sprouting, fresh and green. It sprang up around old bully beef tins and old jam tins. It sprang up and nestled around an old broken bayonet, and grew about as though it meant to cover it, an empty shell-case. The men suddenly seemed to realize that, in spite of all the death and desolation and the ruined walls of the town near by, there are new life and hope in the air and all about, a life that even great guns could never destroy—the life of God.

It was wonderful and pathetic, too, how these Irishmen were cheered by the simple discovery that spring had come and the grass was sprouting. A few forlorn trees behind the trench, their topmost branches broken and laid by shells, were also budding, "in spite," as Private Kelly said, "of even the devil himself!" The snow, the rain, the camp clothes, the mud—everything miserable seemed to be forgotten in the trench that Sunday morning.

Direct Taxes on States Empire Germany's

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Amsterdam, Holland, April 21, via London (The Standard).—An interview with Dr. van Loon, German finance minister, in which he forecasts great not only for the German empire, but for the world empire. He expressed the belief that it may be possible to levy direct taxes upon the states, noting that the German constitution does not prohibit the prolongation of the war, Dr. Van Loon's recognition of hard facts.

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YESTERDAY'S CASUALTIES

Sunday morning. The mist rose lazily from around the trench as the dawn broke. For now that a week the weather had been vile. Snow and sleet, rain and fog. The men in the trench had been "fed up" with it. Their clothes were damp through and through, and they found it next to impossible to keep their rifles free from rust.

Toronto: John McClelland, St. Thomas, Ont.; Dan McCormick, Barry, Mass.; Lieut. Thomas Harold Parker, Toronto; Herman Joe Simons, Tweed, Ont.; Alexander Thomson, Toronto; Reinhold Sanford, Toronto; Pioneer Howard Wells, Gettison street, Halifax, N. S.; Corporal A. Williams, Martintown, Ont.; Lieut. George Craig Wright, South Hamilton, Ont.

Mounted Rifles. Wounded—Lieut. Geo. Morrice, 60 Hazen street, St. John, N. S.

Ottawa, April 21.—The following list of casualties was issued by the militia department this afternoon:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pioneer Samuel Clarence Uell, Huntville, Ont.; S. Young, South Hamilton, Ont.; Lieut. Died of Wounds—Lance Corporal Green, Bowen Island, B. C.; Patrick Larvin, Dover, N. H.

Missing—Sergeant Thomas Henry, Fort Henry, Mich.; Arthur H. Taylor, Togo, Senegal.

Wounded—James Heathkin (address not given); Arthur Littlejohn, Brimley, Ont.; Alfred Thomas Wilson, Wexford, Ont.; Donald Wood, Belleville, Ont.

The midnight list is as follows:

Infantry.

Killed in action—Pioneer Allan Duncan Leslie Winnipeg; Pioneer James William Boyce, Toronto.

Died of wounds—Lance Corporal Edward Fleming, Owen Sound, Ont.; Lieutenant—Frederick Gordon Reynolds, Montreal.

Wounded—Roland Lewis Bridges, Toronto; Captain William Robert Caldwell, Preston Plains, Ont.; Lieut. Wm. Archibald Cameron, 35 Macdougall street, St. John, N. B.; John O. Chalmers, Montreal; Corporal Harold Clark, Victoria, B. C.; Wallace Clarke, Toronto; Sergeant William T. Gault, Toronto; Fred Moore Johnston, St. John, N. B.; Arthur Holmes Hamilton, N. S.; Matthew Watson Johnston, Victoria, B. C.; David Jamieson, Toronto; David Jamieson, Toronto; Fred Moore Johnston, St. John, N. B.; James T. Keen, Buffalo, N. Y.; Corporal John Duncan Kennedy,

FIRST SIGNS OF SPRING IN 'NO MAN'S LAND'

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Plans and profiles with the specifications can be seen at the office of the company at Fredericton, N. S., where form of tender may be obtained.

Tenders for each section are to be accompanied by a certified cheque on a chartered bank for the sum of \$100,000 (one hundred thousand dollars) made payable to the order of the Saint John and Quebec Railway Company, which cheque will be returned to the respective contractors whose tenders are not accepted. In case of the acceptance of any tender such cheque will be retained as a guarantee for the due completion of the contract.

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