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GERMAN CRUISER SUNK IN THE BALTIC WHILE COAST PORTS ARE SHELLED AGAIN

French and Serbians Defeat Bulgars Near Strumitza BERLIN REPORTS THAT RUSSIAN FORCES ARE ON BULGARIAN BORDER

RUSSIANS ARE OPERATING ON BULGAR FRONT

Berlin's Announcement of Capture of Russ Munitions So Indicates.

GERMANS OVER DANUBE

Advances at Other Points Claimed in an Official Statement.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Official statement from Berlin are to be accepted, Russian forces are already operating against Bulgaria. The German statement is that the army of Gen. Bownand-Jeff has captured a Russian munitions store near Prahovo on the Danube, northwest of Negotin, and has occupied the western bank of the Timok River.

Available maps do not show a place named Prahovo on the Danube in this region, but there is a Pravo and a Kladovo on the Danube to the north of Negotin. Heretofore there has been no suggestion that the Russians were attacking Bulgaria, except by bombardment on the Black Sea and Aegean Sea coasts.

Crossed the Danube.

The Danube has been crossed near Orsovo and the Slava Bozija Hill captured, Berlin claims. The statement also says: "East of Lucavica the army of Gen. Von Koevess, of Field Marshal Von Mackensen's group, drove the Serbians back in a westerly direction. The army of Gen. Von Gallwitz has taken the southern bank of the Jasenica River near Palanik. Further east, it has reached the Raknac line north of Petrova-Ranovaca in spite of very violent resistance on the part of the Serbians. The number of Serbians buried by our troops testifies to the heaviness of the losses sustained by the enemy."

KAISER RENEWS DVINSK ATTACK

Illoukust Captured by Germans in All Day Street Fighting.

FOE CHECKED ON AA

Repulse of Left Wing Holds Up German Drive on Riga.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Continuation of the fierce fighting for Riga and a repulse of the German offensive in the Dvinsk region are recorded by the official report of the Russians, received from Petrograd tonight. The Russian repulse of the German left wing in the Riga district on the right bank of the River Aa, while in the centre the enemy captured the village of Repe. The Russians caught the enemy with their artillery north of Repe and inflicted enormous losses on them by a sustained bombardment. The Dvinsk was captured by the Germans on the night of Oct. 23, and the fighting in which they sustained severe losses. The Russians have not given up the struggle and it is being continued in a heavy district. Fighting here was preceded by a violent fire from the German man guns. Extreme violence has characterized the artillery engagements on both sides in the Riga sector also. South of Dvinsk the Russians began a series of attacks which gained them several advantages. The bulk of the fighting took place east of Lake Pruth and south of the Dvinsk. After the Germans had carried the village of Krumpke, the Russians counter-attacked and drove them out from the enemy in this district by hand fighting. West of Postava the combat has been resumed. It is presumed that their object is to prevent the Germans from continuing their advance into the Riga sector. The Germans also claim that they took nearly 3000 prisoners at Illoukust, probably wounded, which the Russians were unable to remove. South of the Pinsk marshes and the Pruth River, the Russians are conducting their independent attacks with considerable local success. It is presumed that their object is to prevent the Germans from continuing their advance into the Riga sector. The Germans also claim that they took nearly 3000 prisoners at Illoukust, probably wounded, which the Russians were unable to remove.

MURDERED BY THE GERMANS



Sketch of Miss Edith Cavell, drawn by a lifelong friend, Miss E. Montgomery.

"AND SHOT THE WOMAN THRU THE HEAD"

"Miss Cavell was to have been shot by a firing party in a garden surrounded by a high wall. She was led in blindfolded from a house near by, and walked bravely to meet her fate. Thirty yards from the rifle party, however, her strength gave out and she tottered and fell to the ground. The officer in charge of the firing party walked up to her as she lay motionless, and, drawing his revolver, took aim from his knee and shot the woman thru the head. The shooting shocked the whole Brussels community, who speak of it as the bloodiest act of the whole war."—From a special Daily Mail cable despatch to The Toronto World.

NO PARALLEL TO CAVELL CASE IN BRITISH ANNALS

No Women Accused of Military Offences Ever Executed in Britain.

NEW GERMAN HORROR

Calculated Indifference to Inquiries of Ambassadors Almost Incredible.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Sir John A. Simon, British home secretary, and former attorney-general, in the course of an interview today, declared that the fate of Edith Cavell, executed by the German authorities at Brussels, had, and could have, no parallel in the records of Great Britain's treatment of persons accused of military offences.

Even in cases of clearly proven espionage, Great Britain has, according to the home secretary, meted out to women no sentence of death. "No woman," said he, "who has been tried for any military offence in this country, has suffered the death penalty since the war began, or has ever been sentenced to death. In this country a woman, whatever her nationality, is always tried by a civil court."

Net Sudden Discovery.

The secretary explained that evident differences existed in conditions in Belgium and in conditions in England, and that in occupied territory like Belgium, the administration of the law was expected to be slightly different. "But," he continued, "the Cavell case was not some sudden discovery calling for a drumhead court-martial on the field of battle. This was Brussels, where the Germans claim to have established an orderly government community."

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FRENCH TROOPS WITH SERBS FOE BEATEN NEAR STRUMITZA

NEW RECRUITING SCHEME PROVES ENTIRE SUCCESS Earl of Derby Quoted as Saying He Will Have Adequate Number of Men by End of November.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Horatio W. Bottomley, Liberal member of parliament, speaking at Hackney last night, said that he had discussed the new recruiting scheme with the Earl of Derby, who told him that his experience already had convinced him that the voluntary system would be saved. The Earl of Derby added, according to the speaker, that this was something to be proud of, and that he confidently anticipated that by the end of November he would have sufficient recruits to meet all requirements.

GERMAN CRUISER SUNK BULGAR COAST SHELLED

British Submarine Operates Successfully in the Baltic as Allied Fleet Shells Bulgarian Ports.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 24, via London.—A British submarine operating near Libau attacked and sunk a German cruiser of the Prinz Adalbert class, according to official announcement made tonight. The Prinz Adalbert is an armored cruiser 303 feet in length and with a displacement of 8355 tons. She carries a complement of 557 men. The Russian naval department has issued the following communication.

"On the afternoon of Oct. 21, a squadron of British and French warships and the Russian cruiser Askold, bombarded the Bulgarian coast, directing their fire on observation posts for batteries that had recently been erected and the port of Devedegatch. Their fire appears to have caused great destruction in the ammunition stores, military magazines and other buildings. The station and railway bridge were also bombarded. The enemy did not reply.

"On the same day a detachment of the allied fleet led by the Askold bombarded the military establishments at Porto Lagos." "In the operations of the Baltic fleet, our landing party, near the Town of Domness on the coast of Courland, at the entrance to the Gulf of Riga, on Oct. 22, defeated the German force protecting that point and captured prisoners and material. A German officer and 42 men were found dead on the battlefield. We lost only wounded."

ITALIANS WIN MUCH GROUND IN ADVANCE ON CARSO FRONT

Two Thousand Prisoners and Much War Material Taken in Progress Upon San Merlino—Monte Nordic and Fort in Cordovale Valley Stormed.

ROME, Oct. 24.—Considerable progress was made by Saturday noon with the new general offensive of the Italian army, undertaken with the object of relieving the pressure on Serbia and of invading Austria, the war office reporting the capture of Monte Nordic by assault, in the western valley of Lake Garda, the storming of a small Austrian fort in the Cordovale Valley, and the converging on the Schludernbach, thru the pass between the height of the Botte and the head of the Rienz, and the making of an advance along almost the whole Carso front, especially towards San Merlino, with the capture of 2000 prisoners, including 60 officers. In the Carso fighting seven machine guns were taken, as well as a large quantity of munitions and other war material. Successful raids were also carried out in Carnia. An important success was won in the Selsera Valley, where 420 Austrian dead were buried. Along the upper and middle Isonzo, Italian troops also made progress on Little Javorok, on the Santa Luci hill, east of Flava, and on the Oslavia hill, and they repulsed two violent counter-attacks against Mrzil, taking 151 prisoners, including two officers.

ITALIANS' GENERAL ADVANCE SUCCEEDS ON WHOLE FRONT

"CAVELL DAY" WILL BE SET ASIDE IN BRITAIN Nation Collectively Will Pay Homage to Memory of Nurse.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The National Liberal Club is initiating a movement for the setting aside of a day to be known as "Cavell Day," on which the nation collectively would pay homage to the memory of Miss Edith Cavell, the English nurse executed in Belgium.

BEEF TRUST IS TRYING TO PREVENT BUTCHERS Who Use Civic Abattoir From Getting Contracts to Supply Meat to Soldiers.

Contracts are to be let today for the supply of meat to the troops who will spend the winter in Toronto. In this connection, Controller John O'Neill stated to The World last night that an effort was being made by the beef trust to prevent any contracts going to the butchers who do business with the Toronto Municipal Abattoir. "The people of Toronto will not stand for any interference by the beef trust," said the controller. "The men who do business with the civic abattoir are entitled to any business they can get, and the civic abattoir also is entitled to any business it can get, and no one should be allowed to stop butchers who use the civic abattoir from getting contracts to supply meat to the men who will be wintered in Toronto."

C. N. R. PARTY WILL ARRIVE TOMORROW ARMY SERVICE CORPS NOW FULLY OFFICERED

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—It was announced tonight that no further applications for commissions in the army service corps will be received as this non-combatant branch of the service has been filled up. However, it is stated that there are vacancies in the infantry and the department is always pleased to receive such applications.

Village Nine Miles From Bulgar Stronghold Captured—Allies May Land Forces at Porto Lagos, on Aegean Sea—Sofia Claims Uskup Has Been Taken.

NIGHT, Friday, Oct. 22, via London, Oct. 23, 1 a.m. (delayed).—An official statement says: "Toward Krivolak the battle has been joined by the French troops, who are fighting with us."

LONDON, Oct. 24.—Official announcement from Paris today that French troops have effected a junction with Serbian troops after crossing the Greek frontier, and that French forces have defeated the Bulgarians about nine miles south of Strumitza, comes as an offset to the claim from Sofia that Uskup has been wrested from the Serbians.

A despatch from Athens to the Hava News Agency of Paris says it is understood at Saloniki that the entente allies plan to make a landing on the Bulgarian coast in the Aegean Sea, at Porto Lagos.

The French official statement says: "The debarkation of French troops at Saloniki continues regularly and under the best conditions. The French troops who crossed the Greek frontier have effected a junction with the Serbian troops."

"On October 21 our troops had an engagement with the Bulgarians in the direction of Radevo. That village, which is a Bulgarian town (approximately 8 miles) south of Strumitza, remains in our hands. Our losses were very small."

Successful Flank Attack. A heavy flank attack on the Krivolak-Strumitza front, made by French troops, has completely checked the Bulgarian attack on the Serbian Town of Veles (Kopriv), on the River Vardar, according to unofficial advices from Saloniki.

Bulgarian forces have completely conquered Uskup, according to an official communication issued at Sofia on Saturday, and received in London today.

Uskup is the chief Serbian town on the railway between Nish and Saloniki.

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RUSSIA SEEKS HEAVY CREDIT

More Than Two and One-Quarter Billion Dollars Required.

TO REFORM SYSTEM

Plans for Tea, Sugar and Match Monopolies Being Framed.

PETROGRAD, Oct. 24, via London, 2:55 p.m.—An imperial ukase issued today authorizes the Russian minister of finance to transact on foreign markets credit operations amounting to 5,500,000,000 roubles (\$2,275,000,000) and also to issue abroad the necessary bonds in pounds, francs and dollars.

Explaining his plans to a representative of the press, Pierre Bark, the finance minister, said the whole fiscal system of Russia would be reformed on the basis of the income tax, which already had been approved by the duma, and now was under consideration by the council of the empire.

All textiles, he said, also will be taxed, which will bring into the treasury \$75,000,000 annually.

Schemes for creating tea, sugar and match monopolies are being worked out.

Finances Healthy. The question of a six per cent. internal loan shortly will be determined, as the Russian money market is rich in resources, the profit of which, said the minister, will be found in the recent official statement that current deposits in private banks had reached the marvelous total of \$2,000,000,000, and that the increase in deposit accounts for the year ending in September amounted to \$350,000,000, while the savings bank deposit monthly increase was \$25,000,000.



Men's Stylish Overcoats.