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TUESDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 15 1916

PROBS- Southerly winds; mostly fair and milder; local snowflurries. USSIANS CAPTURE ERZERUM FORT AFTER BIG EXPLOSION

Austrians and Bulgarians March Against Italians at Avlona 574 Men Offered to Enlist in Toronto Yesterday

Part of Defences Shattered by Explosion, Falls Prey to Besieging Army.

FALL OF TOWN NEAR

Pursuit of Flying Turks Nets Russians Guns, Munitions and Prisoners.

ial Cable to The Toronto World. LONDON, Feb. 14.—The Russians have captured one of the forts of Erzerum, according to an official report received from Petrograd tonight. This fort was the one damaged by an explosion that followed a bombardment by the Russians. Having gained a footing in the defences of that Armenian stronghold, it is expected that the Russians will effect its complete reduction in the course of a few days, unless the garrison is able to put up a better defence than present appear-

the Caucasus some time ago, have just

Russ n Fleet Aids Army. A semi-official stat ment issued at

cent activiti s of the Russian Black bank "Wedn s ay end Thur day several vessels froght speces fully with Turkish coast batteries near Vitzeh, Sea fleet says: "Friday shins which were sun ort-Russian troops 'es r ved and four wooden bridges."

taken multiplied by ten or fifteen.

British and Belgian Governments Co-operate to Prevent Waste

LONDON, Feb. 14, 6.45 p.m.—It is officially announced that in order to secure better co-ordination of appeals in behalf of the Belgians and to prevent waste of public generosity, effort and the misapplication of funds obtained in response to such appeals. obtained in response to such appeals, the Belgian and British Governments have decided to make arrangements giving official recognition only to appeals approved by the two govern-

AUSTRIANS PUSH ON

Elbassan Occupied by Bulgarian Forces on Way to

APPROACH NEAR AVLONA

Coast.

Strong Italian Force Reported as

Ready to Check Invaders.

LONDON, Feb. 14.-A wireless despatch from Berlin reports the occuindicate that it can do.

Russian troops engaged in purpation of Elbassan in Macedonia by Bulgarian troops, and says that the merous prisoners. The statement does of supering a warm reception. The Town to exercise fuller and more effectual to exercise fuller and more effectual use of our sea power in the war."

It is believed in some quarters that advices received earlier had reported advices received earlier had reported of commodities of commodities.

The Austrians report that their troops in Albania have reached the lower Arzen River and that the Serblans have retreated to the southern manded that Great Britain

At Saloniki the British and Turkish coast batteries near Vitzeh, troops as far forward as the Bulgarian Baron Beresfor between Capes Laros and Noronieit frontier. Bulgarian troops in Albania which he wrote: batteries to silence. They captured Fierl, 16 miles from Avlona, while an have met has been brought about a Turk sh sailing ship with a crew of Austrian force is reported at Tirana, 25 men and sank eight supply ships. 20 miles west of Durazzo. The Italians are said to have sent a considering an offensive movement by the able force to Avlana and to have large es r ved two stone forces confronting the Austrians on the Durazzo sector.

: WAR SUMMARY:

Today's Events Reviewed

CO FAR as infantry fighting was concerned, it was calm in the

western theatre of the war yesterday, with the French artillery

launched against exposed trenches in the past few days have gained

them but little in the ebb and flow of trench warfare, and an examin-

ation of what they have amounted to is sufficient to show that the

reports have been grossly exaggerated. Since an attack great or small

anyway only draw one or two lines from the official recorder of the

daily events of the war, the wily German, in order to get as much

publicity from his actions as possible with the minimum expenditure

of effort, selects a small, exposed front-line trench of about a quarter

of a mile in length, throws several hundreds of shells into it with his

big guns, attacks it with his infantry, if they can sneak up without

being taken in the open by the French artillery and wiped out, and if

by good luck he temporarily occupies a little section, he announces it

in his official bulletin with a statement giving the number of prisoners

The German is endeavoring to advertise as much as possible the

great strength of Germany with the least expenditure of men possible,

n order that his deeds may figure in his own and the allied bulletins

on the war, and thereby impress the uninformed with the notion that

Germany is still powerful, is still defiant. Then will come by a cir-

cuitous route a feeler to theh French or Russians for peace. This

method of working the political end to the comparative neglect of

he military end of the question has been constantly on the increase.

The mendacity of German official reports is again revealed by the

Micial statement of the British war office of last night, in which Sir Douglas

Haig disposes of the claim that forty British troops were captured in a

minor engagement near Pilkem. What actually occurred is, that the Brit-

sh pursued a German party back into its trenches, and in the fighting they

had eleven men missing, eight of whom are believed to be killed, so that if

the Germans took three wounded men prisoner, it was the most that they

did. But neither the French nor British high command counts wounded in

the official announcement of prisoners taken. Only the Germans resort

asts the more exaggerated the German bulletins will become.

This mode of operation is simply on a par with his aerial raids.

thundering as before. The repeated attacks which the Germans

BELGIAN RELIEF FUNDS BLOCKADE NUI

British Government Asked to Carry Out More Aggressive Policy.

ENEMY GETS SUPPLIE

Baron Beresford Says Navy Could Have Ended War Before This.

LONDON, Feb. 14.-Demand for a more rigorous blockade by the British navy was made at a big meeting to day, over which Baron Devonport chairman of the port authority London, presided.

Thomas Gibson Bowles and others, the following resolution was adopted amid great enthusiasm:

"That this meeting of citizens of London, viewing with grave alarm the enormous quastity of commodi-Albanian inhabitants decorated the tles reaching the enemy thru the tity of munitions as well as taken numerous prisoners. The statement does Bulgars a warm reception. The Town of say where these successes occur-

declared, must be absolutely effective. Mr. Bowles said the country deuse her sea power in accordance with the the law of nations, but effectively, everal French are reported as extending and, if necessary ruthlessly, in order with their positions and as throwing their to cause the enemy distress. Baron Beresford sent a letter in

"Every difficulty and disaster we ourselves thru want of foresight. Public agitation will probably compe the government to make fuller and more efficient use of our sea power to end the war. If we had made all goods entering Germany contraband

RELATIONS OF AUSTRIA

Complaint Made That Removal of Hungarian Flag Was Ordered.

DELIBERATE INSULT?

figures as an attack in an official communique, the Germans have Count Tisza Said Not, But Did adopted the expedient of creating a big racket with the expenditure Not Deny Specific of as little effort as possible. Instead of beating his head against the Charge. bars of three or four or five or ten miles of trenches, which would

BUDAPEST, via London, Feb. 14 11.30 p.m.—Count Michael Karolyi president of the Hungarian Independ lated the government concerning a major having ordered a company of Hungarians to remove the Hungarian

flag during a march. Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, answering the interpellation sail the incident was explainable on the ground that had been described The could be no talk of an insult to the Hungarian flag, as the Austro-Hun-garian war minister had by express order permitted the use of the flag by rovise that it must not be larger than

the regimental flag.

The premier rebuked Count Karolyi for his instruction that the higher military authorities were prejudiced against the Hungarian flag and read a letter from Field Marshal Archduke Frederick, commander-in-chief of the Austrian army, praising the sacrificial spirit and bravery of the Hungarian troops Count Tisza also said that he It will go on increasing to the end of the war. The longer the war that Emperor Francis Joseph was that Emperor Francis Joseph was filled with joy over the heroic deeds of the Hungarian nation, but was grieved when he learned that certain nisunderstandings had arisen.

> NEW ZEALAND'S BARRIER AGAINST GERMAN GOODS

WELLINGTON, via London, 4, 9.59 p.m.-The New Zealand Govnment has recommended that 50 per cent. extra duty be levied on all Ger-man goods after the war.

MORE TEUTON PLOTTERS

Investigation Which Centred in San Francisco is Broadening Out.

WASHINGTON. Feb. 14.—A. B. Bielaski, shief of the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, said today that an investigation into alleged plots to blow up munitions plants and wreck Canadian railways, which centred in San Francisco, had not been concluded and that other arrests may be expected. He declined to say where the investigation now was being directed. Previous inquiries led to the indictment of Franz Bopp, German consul general at San Francisco, C. C. Crowley, a former detective, and many others.

DIFFICULTIES WITH U.S. AT END, BERLIN'S VIEW

Lokal Anzeier Thinks One More German Note Will Bring Amity.

U. S. HAS NOT DECIDED

After addresses by Lord Devonport, Effort Will Probably Be Made to Make Entente Allies Agree.

> BERLIN, via London, Feb. 14.—According to brief statements in The Lokal Anzeiger and The Tageblatt, the communication received Friday from Count Von Bernstorff, the German am-bassador at Washington, gives promise of an impending settlement of the Lusitania confroversy, the German and American standpoints, it is asserted, having been brought materially near-

the German troops that are being dessathed to Turkey are for the purpose
of bolstering up the Turkish defence
in Syria, but it is believed that they
will arrive too 'ate for that purpose.

advices received earlier had reported
that reported that reported that the austrians and Bulgarians
begin and had occupied Elbassan.
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were reaching the enemy, and that
the neutrals were "having the time of
their lives."

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The Austrians report that their
The blockading of the enemy, he
will arrive too 'ate for that purpose. The Tageblatt, more cautious, says that an agreement has been reached

on the main point at issue, but that probably sometime, will elapse before formula is definitely fixed. The Associated Press is assured in high quarter that the situation is very favorable and that perhaps it will be possible to conclude the negotia

tions in the next German note. U. S. May Decide Today.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14 .- The Ber in memoranda, bearing on the arming of merchant ships, which were studied by Secretary of State Lansing today do not, it is said, necessarily call for an answer. They probably will be brought officially to the attention of the cabinet at its meeting tomorrow and some definite policy in regard to them may be decided on.

The state department, it is said, will continue its efforts to have the entente allies agree to the suggestions con-

tained in its memorandum suggesting the disarming of merchant ships. Various high officials believe that the alies finally will agree to adopt the suggestion of the United States. GIFT OF MACE OFFERED BY MAYOR OF LONDON

Sir Robert Borden Reads Offer in Ottawa House of Commons.

By a Staff Reporter. of London had notified him that the lord mayor and sheriffs of London desired to present a mace to the Canadian House of Commons, to replace the one lost in the fire. The prime minister said that he understood that a new mace had already been ordered, but that he would confer with the Speaker and the officials of the house before sending a reply. Hon. William Pugs. ley suggested that it might be a good

thing to have one in reserve. The prime minister also erad a report from the joint librarians of parliament which stated that the loss to the library in the fire had been much exaggerated. A valuable collection of Bibles and ecclesiastic literature, and number of other volumes had be-n ourned but they could nearly all of them be in time replaced. Some damige had been done by water but what that would amount to had not yet been determined.

COLD WEATHER FOR FURS. The wintry weather of the past few

days has added new zest to our furwe are daily establashing new

selling records his parents.

for business Mr. Pears Every garment and piece of fur in the Dineen show rooms, as well as furs which are being made up in the facwhich are being made up in the fac-tory, must be cleared out in prepara-tion for the new season's Gusiness, Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

MADE IN TORONTO MONDAY GERMANS STOP SOON TO BE ARRESTED NEW RECORD FOR RECRUITING

Five Hundred and Seventy four Offered, Including Three Hun ired and Eight at Sportsmen's Rally in Massey Hall.

All Toronto one-day recruiting rec. total of 574 young men offered to join the colors. It was an increase of 30 as compared with the previous high record of 544, set on Monday, Jan. 24, when the 109th Regiment opened its ecruiting depot.

The big enlistment total yesterday was caused by the fact that when an appeal for men for the Sportsmen's Battalion was made at Massey Hall last night, it was responded to by 308 Following is the tabulated result of

yesterday's enlistments: Recruits at Main Armories: Men accepted, 160; rejected, 43; total 203 201st, 13.

At 109th Regimental Armories: ords were broken yesterday when a Men accepted, 32; rejected, 31; total Men offered at Sportsmen's rally (last night) 308

> strengths:

The new recruits actually attested vesterday were credited as follows: To the 134th Battalion (48th), 28; 166th (Q.O.R.), 28; 169th (109th Regiment), 32; 170th, 12; 180th, 34; 198th, 8;

BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCE PLACED IN HANDS OF VISCOUNT FRENCH by the French artillery, and did not

Government Will Not Create Aviation Ministry, But point north of Goescinghe, in Belgium. Will Make Whitehall Headquarters of Air Department.

favor of creating an uvia

charged with the defense of the government against air attack. It is stated that the government, instead, has charged by Arthur, Neville Chamberlain, Lord Mayor of Birmdecided to institute a great air depart-ingham, to whom he gave an ou line ment, with headquarters at Whitehall, under Field Marshal Viscount French, ed areas. Headquarters, under Field Marshal Viscount French, who will be solely responsible for air defense. It is expected that either Premier Asquith or A. J. Balfour, first lord of the admiralty, will explain the proposed plans to parliament today or tomorrow.

Field Marshal French will have companded that the aircraft artillery and soon as an order arises.

mand of all the aircraft artillery and soon as an order arises. SIR SAM HUGHES AND HIS whom eight are believed to have been killed. These men were lost in pursuing the Germans back into their WEATHER HAS CLEARED KUT IS STOUTLY HELD

Report to Sir Percy

Lake.

LONDON, Feb. 14, 10.50 p.m.-Ac- Special to The Toronto World. cording to a British official statement LINDSAY, Feb. 14.—Sir Sam issued tonight late advices have been Hughes, K.C.B., M.P., minister of received from the commander of the militia and defence, arrived in town troops in Mesopotamia, Lieut.-Gen. Sir early this morning by special train, Percy Lake, to the effect that the traveling in his private car "Roleen." weather has cleared and that he has He left for Bobcaygeon, where he adweather has cleared and that he has He left for Bobcaygeon, where he ad. The French, attacking the German reports dated Sunday from General dressed a monster gathering. It was positions south of Frise on the Aymer, in command of the relieving the minister's first visit to Bobcay- front south of the Somme, occupied

eGneral Aylmer reports the situation unchanged, and General Townshend reports the flight over Kut of an aeroplane, which dropped two bombs without damage.

PUBLISHER BEFRIENDS

Lieut. Edwin Baker Will Have a Chance to Take Technical Training.

KINGSTON, Feb. 14. — Thru the efforts of Mr. Pearson, publisher of the Pearson's Magazine, Lieut. Edwin Baker, son of John Baker, Collins Bay, who lost his eyesight while fighting Fifteen Members of Clique Bore with the Canadian Engineers in France, is allowed to continue his studies in electrical engineering.

During the past month Mrs. Baker has received encouraging letters from her son, and also a letter from Mr. clearing sale, and Pearson. Lieut. Baker has learned to use the typewriter, and for that reason he is able to type his letters to

Mr. Pearson has taken a great inmanagership of an electrical engineer-

Generals Aylmer and Townshend War Minister Spoke at Bobcaygeon, Omemee and Other

OTTAWA, Feb. 14.—In the house of forces and General Townshend, whose geon since being knighted, and the commons this afternoon, Sir Robert troops are beleaguered in Kut-el-constituents gave him a right royal Borden read a cable from Sir George Amara. caygeon, he addressed another meet- chine guns. It is estimated that ing at Omemee this afterno n, and will also speak at Oakwood and at ing the advanced trenches taken by Little Britain. He is accompanied the Germans at a point east of the BLIND CANADIAN OFFICER section. The latter will give demonstrations at all the above points.

This was the coldest day of this

> this morning, while at Coboconk it was 26 below. IN PLOT TO POISON

20 degrees below zero at 6 o'clock

Grudge Against Church and Churchmen.

directing the search for Jean Crones, the missing assistant chef who is suspected of having poisoned the soup served at a banquet to Archbishop Mundelein here last Thursday, said to night that the search has developed the existence of a gang of 15 anterest in the future education of Lieut. archists, whose grudge lay principally terest in the future education of Lieut. Additional terms of the church and churchmen. Baker, which is shown in the fact that against the church and churchmen. Baker, which is shown in the fact that against the church and churchmen. Baker, which is shown in the fact that against the church and churchmen. cial course in either salesmanship or of the members, and that detectives seized the other day a few hundred have been instructed to search for yards of trenches west of the Mesni!

French Artillery Continues Effective Shelling of Positions of Enemy.

FOE REPORT DENIED

Encounter.

> LONDON, Feb. 14.—German attacks on the French positions completely died down today in the western theatro of the war, their infantry attempting to debouch only in one place from the Terny road on the left bank of the venture to come on.

The French guns exploded a German and they effectively shelled a salient in the German line on the Vauclero plateau. Intense artillery actions, but nc infantry attacks are reported in Champagne. The Germans carried out a violent bombardment on some trenches from which the French had LONDON, Tuesday, Feb. 15.—It defensive aircraft, except the water dislodged them at a point east of Sapplanes which will continue under admiralty control, their business being to deal with enemy warships. evacuated them in the night. French batteries in the same region took un-der fire German reinforcements which were endeavoring to advance in small

parties from Niederlang.
British Not Captured.
A British official statement issued onight denies the capture of 40 British in Flanders as reported in the German official statement of Sunday. It records many engagements in the air and much activity of the Germans along La Bassee Canal. The text fol-

lows:
"The German wireless reports that forty British prisoners were captured in the fighting near Pilkem. We have eleven assing from this fighting, of whom eight are believed to have been

"Yesterday there were seventeen RETINUE REACH LINDSAY fights in the air. As a result of one of these, a large hostile double engine machine was driven down in the

enemy's lines. "The enemy has been very active mining south of La Bassee Canal. Seven mines were exploded by him in the past 24 hours. South of Fosse the mine explosions were preceded by a heavy bombardment and followed by a small infantry attack. A few men immediately driven out by hand gren-

ades.

Minor Actions During Night. Continuance of minor actions on small sections of the 500-mile battlefront is reported in the afternoon statement of the French war office, trenches, and captured a captain and about 70 German survivors of the welcome. Besides speaking at Bob- fighting, together with several malosses of the enemy on this front were considerable, Before evacuatby a number of officers of the 109th.

Battalion; also by the bugle and mines which were exploded after the machine. brass bands, and the machine gun Germans had entered the trenches. Tho the enemy lost heavily in the explosion he still clung to the trenches into which he had penetrated, but he winter, the thermometer registering was unable to advance. The Germans also secured temporary possession of 200 yards of trenches at a point east of Seppois in Alsace, but they were immediately driven out by a counter. attack. Violent bombardments are

proceeding in this region.

German Version.

The German version of the fighting in Champagne says that 700 yards of French trenches were taken at a point northwest of Tahure and seven officers and 300 men were made prisoners. Near Abersept, the Germans claim the occupation of 200 yards of trenches CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—Capt. Nicholas with the capture of a few dozen Hunt of the detective bureau, who is Frenchmen, two machine-guns, and

three mine throwers.

A report published here says that
the "nibbling" of the past two weeks
is believed to have resulted in the infliction of casualties of 75,000 to 100,-000. The fighting is going on at many points of the line with the Germans attacking, altho usually the encounters have been precipitated by the French, where in Champagne

(Continued on Page 2, Columns 2 and 3.) Send in Your Sox to The World Today---It's the Last Chance!