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Massacre of Christians By Turks Reported

Saloniki, March 8.—Thousands of Christians are fleeing from the towns of Western European Turkey into Bulgarian territory to escape massacre by the Turks.

Refugees who arrived here today, asserted that massacres started in the interior towns so soon as the Ottoman troops were withdrawn to concentrate along the Dardanelles and that everywhere Christians were being tortured or slain.

According to unverified reports which the fugitives brought, eighty Christians were slain at Tekke, while Christian homes at Ortaja, Maltepe and Tehene have been pillaged and burned.

PREDICT BOMBARDMENT OF CONSTANTINOPLE BY APRIL

Believed That Dardanelles Will be Forced Within Fortnight -- Allies' Shells Start Fires in Smyrna--Terror in Capital, Government to Leave on Thursday

London, March 8.—With inexorable precision and without haste, the attacks of the Anglo-French fleet against the Turkish coast defenses continue, according to despatches from Athens.

It is predicted now that the Dardanelles will be forced within the next fortnight, and that, before the beginning of April, the British and French warships will be hammering at the gates of the Golden Horn.

It is reported from the island of Tenedos, in the Aegean Sea, that shells fired from the fleet against Smyrna, set the city on fire in several places. Many of the shells fired by the warships against the Turkish shore batteries fell into the city and exploded in the streets of Smyrna digging enormous holes and battering down many buildings.

Sofia, March 8.—The Turkish government will be removed to Asia Minor on Thursday, according to a message brought here from Constantinople by courier today.

It is stated that ex-Sultan Abdol Hamid has been removed to Konia by the Young Turks to prevent a revolution aiming to restore him to the throne and that the defense of Constantinople has been entrusted to German officers.

London, March 8.—According to the latest advice received here, says a Reuters despatch from Sofia, the sultan and the government are still in Constantinople. The government is prepared to cross to Asia Minor at any moment, but the sultan is in favor of remaining in the capital.

It is understood that it has been decided to entrust the defense of Constantinople exclusively to the Germans, under command of General Liman von Sanders, instructor of the Turkish army, while Behl Bey, the prefect of police, will be invested with the general control of the city, with powers equivalent to those of a viceroy.

Measures of precaution already have been adopted to prevent the capture of the city. It is reported that all the troops at Adrianople and Demotica have been hurriedly despatched to the Gallipoli peninsula.

Terror in Constantinople
London, March 8.—The Daily Mail's correspondent in Sofia, Bulgaria, sends the following despatch:

"Refugees from Constantinople indicate that the populace is greatly alarmed at the allies' attempt on the Dardanelles, and refuse to believe the government's assurances of safety in Constantinople, which is crowded with refugees from the Maritima coast. The authorities are suspicious of all foreigners and Christians, even Germans being in a precarious position."

"The authorities are seizing all the gold in the possession of individuals, firms and banks. There is fear of massacre. The vicinity of Constantinople is being constantly strengthened with trenches and fortifications."

A Turkish Report
Constantinople, March 8.—An official announcement here says that two more of the allies' warships have been badly damaged at the Dardanelles and that the Turkish batteries are successfully defending the straits though the Anglo-French fleet is maintaining its bombardment.

Russians and Turks
Petrograd, March 8.—The following official communication was issued last evening:

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Inspected Interned German Steamships
New York, March 8.—Mr. Malone, collector of this port, said last night, that the customs inspectors who on Saturday boarded the interned German steamships Vaterland and George Washington at their piers in Hoboken, found their condition satisfactory to the government.

Prayers for Peace
A letter from His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc including the Pope's peace prayer was read in the Catholic churches of the city and diocese yesterday. His Holiness has appointed March 21 as Peace Sunday among Catholics and in all the Catholic churches there will be special services of intercession on that day.

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New York, March 8.—Harry K. Thaw may testify in his own defense at his trial for conspiracy in escaping from the Matteawan Hospital for criminal insane, which was set for today before Justice Page in the supreme court. It is said that Thaw is anxious to testify.

Maritime—Northeast winds, some light local snow but mostly fair and moderately cold today and on Tuesday.

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WILL COMMAND FRENCH CANADIAN REGIMENT



Major Archambault of Montreal who has been appointed to command the new French Canadian Regiment to be raised for overseas service.

GERMANS IN FULL RETREAT; CZAR'S MEN PURSUING

Driven From Forest of Augustow and Suffer Heavily

COMPLETE VICTORY

Russia Again Nearing Frontier of East Prussia — Grand Duke Nicholas Doing Good Work Elsewhere — Great Masses of Troops

Petrograd, March 8.—The Germans are in full retreat from the forest of Augustow and the Russians pursuing them are nearing the frontier of East Prussia, according to official reports received today.

Heavy losses are being inflicted on the German rear guards. Pierce fighting has been in progress in the Augustow forest for ten days, but this has terminated in a complete victory for the Russians, the second they have won in that region since the war started.

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They made two assaults upon this line on Sunday, but were repulsed in both attempts to carry it by storm. The Oswiec fort on the south bank of the Bobr silenced two of the heavy German batteries.

Though the Germans have massed large forces for the attacks upon the north bank of the Pilica River, they have thus far failed to make any marked gains while at some points vigorous Russian counter attacks have carried the front line a mile into the German lines. The battle-front here is about seven miles long.

The Germans appear to have brought up about five corps or 200,000 men, according to Warsaw advices. Austrian troops have also made their appearance in this region. To oppose the German assaults north of the Pilica, the Russians have more than 800,000 men available immediately with great reserves ready at Inragorod and Warsaw.

Reports from the southern war arena assert that Austrian losses in the last month total hundreds of thousands.

German Minister Recalled
London, March 8.—An Amsterdam despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says that Baron von Muller, German minister to The Hague, has been recalled to Berlin.

SECOND ONE TO DIE FOR THIS MURDER
Winnipeg, Man., March 8.—Jacob Kustis has been sentenced to be hanged on June 9, for the murder of Mike Kucak. A Malakof was previously sentenced to die for the same murder.

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PEOPLE OF ATHENS CRY OUT FOR WAR WITH TURKEY

Demonstrations in the Streets Today Show Feeling is For Fight—Two of Former Cabinet Reject Seats in New Government

Athens, March 8.—Popular demonstrations favoring war with Turkey took place in Athens today. Eleutherios Venizelos, who resigned as premier because King Constantine would not accept the cabinet's decision to open hostilities, was widely observed when he appeared at his office to conclude some unfinished business, while M. Zaimis, who has been asked to form a new ministry, was jeered and hissed as he went to the royal palace for a conference with King Constantine.

A great crowd surrounding the parliament building shouted "down with Turkey" and "we want war," as the members of the chamber of deputies arrived for today's session.

Because of the resignation of the Venizelos cabinet, the session was brief. M. Zaimis, a former premier, and now head of the national bank, is reported to have asked the minister of finance and war in the Venizelos cabinet, to retain their posts, but the premier of the portfolios was rejected. A guard was placed about the Turkish legation today. Sali Bey, the Ottoman minister abandoned his daily ride and kept close to the legation.

London, March 8.—Special despatches from Athens to the morning newspapers express doubt whether M. Zaimis will be able to form a stable government for Greece. He is the governor of the National Bank of Greece and is not definitely attached to either party.

The despatches assert that popular opinion seems to incline in favor of the policy of M. Venizelos and the correspondents express the belief that under these circumstances Venizelos will prevail and that the crisis will subside as rapidly as it arose.

It is further asserted that for three days Athens daily has been expecting a declaration of war. The factor which changed the situation was the allies' favor of Greece's participation in the war, taking the ground that no breaking up of the Ottoman empire should be permitted to take place without the collaboration of the Hellenic troops.

London, March 8, 12.10 a.m.—A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Athens says the Greek press, in its comment on the operations against the Dardanelles, has declared itself in favor of Greece's participation in the war, taking the ground that no breaking up of the Ottoman empire should be permitted to take place without the collaboration of the Hellenic troops.

Fear Equal Fight With England's Ships; Germans To Try To Save Their Fleet

Talk of Plan to Remain Hidden Till End of War and Then Begin to Make Great Navy That Ever Existed

London, March 8.—A Daily Express despatch dated Amsterdam on Sunday says:

"Before long there will be a general shuffle of positions in the higher command of the German navy. Admiral Von Tirpitz and his master are not satisfied with the doings of Admiral Von Ingenol, commander in chief of the battle fleet. They ascribe to his lack of foresight, the loss of many German ships."

"That was the question discussed recently at a naval council in Berlin, to which Germany's best admirals had been summoned. No communication was made to the press regarding the outcome of the council, but it is understood from a trustworthy source that Admiral Von Ingenol's policy of seeking battle was strongly condemned by the admirals' opponents."

It may be taken for granted that the German fleet will never again attack England's ships in anything like an equal fight, but will remain hidden until peace is declared and then Germany, with what is left of it, will endeavor to build the largest fleet that ever existed and hopes thus to challenge England's fleet within fifteen or twenty years.

HORN WEEPS AS HE IS HANDCUFFED

Taken to Bangor Today—War May Be Over Before Canada Gets Him

Machias, Maine, March 8.—Werner Horn, a German, who attempted to blow up the bridge at Vanceboro, was taken to Bangor today for arraignment before a United States commissioner on a federal indictment charging violation of the laws regulating interstate transportation of explosives. Horn was arrested on the expiration of a sentence yesterday, on the expiration of a sentence of thirty days in the county jail for damaging property at Vanceboro.

United States Marshal John S. Wilson deemed it advisable to handcuff Horn to a deputy. The prisoner protested and wept when the shackles were fastened. Horn and his custodians were due to reach Bangor at noon.

Council for the prisoner was prepared to request a continuance of the proceedings before the commissioner.

Referring to the action against Horn, a Portland, Maine, letter says:

"The entire proceeding is regarded here as actually in his interest because it will mean that he will be held in Massachusetts long enough to have the war over before there is any chance to ask for his extradition to answer to a charge of having attempted to destroy the international bridge at Vanceboro."

TELEU MISSIONS
At a meeting of the Baptist ministers this morning, Rev. W. Camp read a paper on "The Teleu Mission and Its Problems." The paper aroused favorable discussion. Rev. A. J. Archibald presided.

The new American steamer Pacific, which sailed from Portland, Eng., on last Friday, and for which some fear was felt, arrived on Saturday at Massachussetts in the Netherlands.

Allies Carry Fighting To Germans All Along Line

Another Strong Offensive Begun — Enemy Compelled to Give Way in Vosges Region

Paris, March 8.—Another strong offensive movement has begun by the allies all along the line. In official despatches the operations of the Germans in every sphere are spoken of as counter attacks. Another desperate struggle has developed in the Vosges Mountains east of the Pass of Bonhomme and not far from Hartmannswiller Kopf. Fighting in that region extends over a ten mile front with heavy infantry and artillery engaged.

Advices from Belfort say that the French operations in the Vosges are uniformly successful. The Germans, being outnumbered, have been compelled to give ground, despite their stubborn resistance. The Germans are reported to have lost 500 men in killed, wounded and captured during the last two days of fighting north of Arras.

Fighting for trenches continues in Champagne, north of Les Hautes, Perthes and Beauséjour. The Germans in that region, upon being compelled to abandon a piece of forest which they had been using as an artillery support, set the woods on fire, and the flames swept over a big area.

Information received here from Siles, Holland, by way of London, indicates a renewal of hostilities on a big scale along the west Flanders front. It is said that the sound of terrific firing can be heard at Siles, coming apparently from the vicinity of Ypres. Many train loads of wounded German soldiers passed eastward through Roulers.

WOULD START IN STANLEY WARD

Town Planning Expert in Conference With Local Commission—Tonight's Meeting

The desirability of guarding against further mistakes before beginning to remedy those already made was emphasized by Thomas Adams, a noted town planning expert, in his conference with the St. John Town Planning Commission this morning.

The discussion was chiefly of a preliminary character and Mr. Adams does not seem to expect to get very far on this visit but he promised to return at any time he was wanted to assist the commission in working out their plan.

Mr. Adams, who is chairman of the town planning branch of the Dominion Conservation Commission, arrived in the city on Saturday and on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday went over the city and its environs to familiarize himself with the situation.

The meeting with the town planning commission was held this morning in city hall. Mayor Frink presided and there were present, besides Mr. Adams, the other members of the commission, Commissioners Wigmore and Potts, W. F. Burditt and R. T. Hayes.

A list of questions had been prepared to ask Mr. Adams but most of these he brushed aside for the present with the explanation that they were of a detailed character which could be taken up later to better advantage.

His remarks were of a general nature and his chief point was the need of laying the foundation for the work before commencing on the superstructure. He said that it was much easier to prevent mistakes than to remedy them and suggested that before attempting to improve conditions in the central part of the city where changes would mean great expense, the commission should prepare a scientific plan for the development of the unoccupied land within the city limits.

He pointed to the large area in Stanley ward included in the district bounded by a line from the One Mile House to the Kennebec falls at Drury's Cove and thence around the river to In-diantown and suggested this as the scene of their first activities.

Housing problems as well as town planning were given passing attention and Mr. Adams took occasion to remark that the three story wooden tenements were fire traps and a type which should be discouraged.

Mr. Adams was the guest of honor at a luncheon in the Union Club. Those present, in addition to the members of the town planning commission, were the other city commissioners, the three city engineers, the representatives of the city and county in the legislature, the president of the Board of Trade and representatives of the city newspapers.

Mr. Adams met again with the town planning commission in the Board of Trade rooms at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon to continue the discussion on local problems. This evening at eight o'clock he will give an illustrated lecture in the assembly hall of the High School under the auspices of the Canadian Club. This meeting will be open to both ladies and gentlemen.

BURIED TODAY
The funeral of Miss Mary A. Chapman took place this morning from the Mater Misericordiae Home. The body was taken to St. John the Baptist church, where requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. W. Donahue. His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc gave final absolution. In the sanctuary were Rev. J. J. Walsh, V.G.; Rev. A. J. O'Neill of Silver Falls; Rev. William Duke, Rev. M. O'Brien, Rev. Hector Belliveau and Rev. Miles P. Howland. The body was then taken back to the home to await the arrival of a nephew of Miss Chapman, who is coming from San Francisco. Interment will take place in St. Stephen.

The death of Miss Chapman occurred yesterday morning at the Mater Misericordiae Home, after a week's illness from pneumonia. Miss Chapman, who was sixty-nine years old, was a native of St. Stephen, and a sister of the late Rev. Mgr. W. F. Chapman, V.G., for whom she had acted as housekeeper for many years. After her brother's death she took up her residence in the Home.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Johnson took place this afternoon from her late residence, Waterloo street. Ven. Archbishop Raymond officiated at burial services, which were conducted by Rev. W. H. Barrabough, and interment took place in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. C. E. Parise took place this afternoon from her late residence, Waterloo street. Ven. Archbishop Raymond officiated at burial services, and interment took place in Fernhill.

The death of Helen Whitefield Parker, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Parker, occurred on Friday at her parents' residence, 20 Frederick street. She was in her fourth year, and had not been ill long. The funeral took place this afternoon from St. Goodrich street. Rev. F. S. Porter officiating at the services. Interment was made in Fernhill. Rev. W. F. Parker and Mrs. Parker, of Fredericton, Mrs. J. H. McDonald, of Fredericton, and Mrs. A. C. L. Tapley, of Halifax, arrived in the city this morning to attend the funeral.

The Great Mosque of Constantinople, Built Nearly 1,500 Years Ago



Greatest among Constantinople's 379 mosques is that of Agia Sofia, formerly the Church of Saint Sophia, which is 250 feet by 235 feet in size and was begun in the year 532. It was built in five years. Its shape is that of a cross. The dome in the centre rises to a height of 180 feet. In 1453 Mohammed II changed the church into a mosque.

Weather Bulletin

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, H. F. Stuart, part, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A shallow disturbance is now centred off the Middle Atlantic coast, while an area of high pressure covers the country to westward of the Great Lakes. Fair weather prevails in nearly all parts of the country.

Mostly Fair

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