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RUSSIANS AND RUMANIANS RECAPTURE BRAILA

Italians Win Victory Over Large Force of Rebels in Tripoli

FOE OUTRAGES EXCEED THOSE OF DARK AGES

French Government Lifts Veil From Proceedings in Occupied Territory.

TROOPS BEAT WOMEN

After Massacre, Town Has Seventeen Men Left Out of Thousand.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Scenes which are rivaled in frightfulness only by the outrages perpetrated on conquered cities in medieval times are described in a statement made public by the French Government, from semi-official Belgian sources, based on testimony concerning the continued deportations from Belgium by the Germans. The statement follows:

"The Province of Luxemburg primarily is an agricultural province, having practically no industry. Relief committees and municipalities had begun since the beginning of the war to construct public works like roads, sewers and aqueducts employing all able bodied men.

"The work was stopped last autumn by the German authorities.

"Here's what happened in Virton, the principal town of the south province. The townsmen and the men of a dozen surrounding villages were ordered to report at 7 o'clock at St. Joseph's College. The appointed day broke cold, raining and snowing, with the cannon thundering toward Verdun. At the appointed hour the streets near the college were thronged. Each man, sack on his back, was accompanied by women and children, who were kept at a distance by the Uhlans' sabres.

"The men presented identity cards showing their names, age and profes-

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GERMAN NOTE MAKES UNFOUNDED CHARGE

British Government Never Determined Not to Oppose Way Thru Belgium.

London, Jan. 18.—A foreign office communication issued today, referring to the statement in the German note of Jan. 12 to neutrals in effect, "it is known that in 1887 the British Government was determined not to oppose on these conditions the claiming of the right of way thru Belgium," says this statement is absolutely devoid of foundation and is categorically denied.

Arrived Last Night.

The Vancouver-Toronto express, derailed west of Schreiber on Wednesday afternoon, got into Toronto at 12.30 o'clock this morning with a big load of passengers. They were less than nine hours late and spoke appreciatingly of the way the officials of the company had handled the wreck and got the passengers thru.

BRITISH ENLARGE GAINS IN FIGHTING ON ANCRE

Field Marshal Haig Reports Making Further Progress North of Beaucourt-sur-Ancre—Canadians Explode Mine.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Jan. 18.—The British are continuing their local attacks against German positions on the ridges about Serre and Beaucourt-sur-Ancre and they have made further progress in night operations north of this last place. The Germans today admitted losing ground in this region, but they assert that they evacuated it without loss.

The Canadians in front of Cite Calonne followed up their big raid of yesterday by exploding a mine with great effect on the enemy.

South of Sailly-Saillisel the British report activity by the artillery of the foe.

The report from British headquarters in France issued tonight reads:

"Further progress was made during the night north of Beaucourt-sur-Ancre as a result of the successful local operations reported yesterday. In connection with the raid northeast of Cite Calonne we sprang a mine with good effect. The enemy's defences east of Bois Grenier and east of Ploegsteert were bombarded during the day.

"The enemy's artillery was active south of Sailly-Saillisel and east of Bethune. On other portions of our line the artillery activity on both sides was normal."

ITALIANS BEAT REBELS IN FIGHT NEAR TRIPOLI

Insurrection in Ally's Colony Runs Into Disaster While on Way to Attack Zoara, Near Tunis Frontier.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Tripolitan rebels lost 1,000 men in a fight on January 16, with Italian troops between the City of Tripoli and the frontier of Tunis, according to a despatch to the Havas Agency from Rome, dated the 17th, quoting an official communication issued by the Italian war office as follows:

"Five thousand rebels advancing to attack Zoara, in Tripoli, were intercepted by Italian forces on the 16th, and completely defeated after fierce fighting. The rebels lost 1000 men."

FARMERS OBJECT TO LOSING HANDS

Action of Authorities in Conscripting Skilled Labor Starts Controversy.

WILL ENLIST WOMEN

British Government Plans Employment of Girls on Military Basis.

London, Jan. 18.—The government's decision to call half the skilled agricultural workers to the army and replace them by men who are now scheduled for sedentary work, or women, has evoked a flood of angry protests from the farmers and a deal of sharp press criticisms on the unwisdom of such a course at a moment when the national interests imperatively demand that the utmost possible amount of foodstuffs should be home produced, and when the public is being exhorted to devote its whole energies in this direction.

These critics argue there has been another contest between the board of agriculture and the war office, in which the war office won. The government's decision is regarded as an

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FAMINE'S RAVAGES IN SYRIA TERRIBLE

Thousands Dying and Countless Hundreds Driven Insane by Sufferings.

MANY END OWN LIVES

Hordes Seen Daily in Jerusalem's Streets Searching Thru Offal Heaps.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

Rome, Jan. 18.—Thousands of people are dying of starvation in Syria; countless hundreds are insane from their sufferings thru the pangs of hunger; still other hundreds have taken their own lives, rather than live on to endure still more dreadful agonies, while in Jerusalem, the fearful scenes so vividly described by the historian Josephus, during the days of the siege of the Holy City by the Romans, are daily witnessed, as the people, in order to still the cravings of hunger, search the streets for offal or anything with which to fill their stomachs.

It was officially stated here tonight, thru the medium of the Congregation De Propaganda Fide that 110,000 have died of hunger in Syria within the last few weeks.

Many End Lives.

In Beyrout alone, hundreds of the inhabitants have been picked up on the streets in the last stages of exhaustion, while those who have committed suicide because of starvation are numberless.

In Jerusalem, men, women and children are seen daily, searching the streets and refuse heaps outside the city, greedily devouring oven earth and filth in their desperation.

Guarded by the troops of the Sultan, herded like cattle in places all too small for their numbers, thousands of refugees have been sent into the principalities of Syria from the outlying districts, in order that closer watch might be kept over them.

This, as well as the fact that practically no food is being brought into the country, is the cause to which this condition is attributed.

DEMAND REPRISAL FOR SPRUCE LOGS EMBARGO

U. S. Protective Tariff League Shows Antagonism Towards Canadian Interests.

New York, Jan. 18.—A resolution passed at the annual meeting of the American Protective Tariff League here urged congress to adopt measures authorizing reciprocal restrictions and prohibitions against Canada, because of the action of the Dominion Government in prohibiting the export of spruce logs to the United States.

The various industries identified with the league were asked to appoint committees to prepare data which might be used "as a basis for an adequate protective tariff."

RAIDER MOEWE CREDITED WITH LATEST PIRACY

Vessel Said to Have Made Dash From Kiel Under Danish Flag.

NO U.S. SHIPS ARE SUNK

Steamer Yarrowdale Has Not Yet Arrived at South American Port.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 18.—The British steamer Yarrowdale with the crews of eight ships sunk by the German raider, in the Atlantic, arrived Jan. 16, at Sao Vicenti, Cape Verde Islands, according to reliable information received here.

It has been stated in unofficial despatches that the Yarrowdale had on board 400 men of the crews of sunken ships.

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 18.—It is considered almost certain here that the German sea raider, which has been creating havoc among entente shipping in the south Atlantic, is the Moewe, the German armed raider which captured the Appam and sank numerous entente ships in Atlantic waters a year ago.

The American consul at Pernambuco has cabled the embassy here, confirming the landing of several Americans from vessels which fell victim to the raider. He added that no American ships had been sunk by the German croft, and that all the American sailors landed were men from the crews of foreign vessels.

Skipper's Wily Ruse.

According to reports from an authoritative source, the Moewe is understood to have sailed from Kiel under the Danish flag, carrying a cargo of hay on the bridge, in order to conceal her armament. When last seen the Moewe was painted black with white markings. Her armament included four torpedo tubes in service and several tubes in reserve. She is believed to have carried a mine laying apparatus.

The raider also carried a large number of auxiliary plates, which would permit her commander to change the appearance of the bridge at will. In addition, she had collapsible funnels.

The vessel, now believed to be the Moewe, was repainted several times, and under the last coat of paint were observed traces of the Danish flag which had been painted on the hull.

Yarrowdale Still Missing

As yet there is no news of the British steamer Yarrowdale, which, under command of German officers, was reported yesterday to be proceeding for port with a number of the shipwrecked crews aboard. The steamer Hudson Maru, which arrived at Pernambuco with survivors aboard, will remain there as a war prize under the jurisdiction of the German minister. The Brazilian naval authorities consider the Hudson Maru a German vessel.

It is expected that the steamers Drina and Samara, which were reported to have fallen victims to the German raider, will reach port at the end of the week, coming from the north. The Germans are circulating fantastic reports, to which the steamship companies and maritime authorities give no credit.

SPARED SPANISH STEAMER.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 18.—Captain Ruiz of the Spanish steamer Adelina, arriving here from Liverpool today, reported that while in the Florida straits at 4 o'clock Monday morning a mysterious vessel came up close to his ship and then moved away when satisfied that the Adelina was a Spanish vessel.

Captain Ruiz could not say whether or not the strange vessel was armed.

GREAT BRITISH LOAN PROVES BIG SUCCESS

Quarter Billion Dollar Issue Will Be Largely Over-Subscribed.

Special to The Toronto World.

New York, Jan. 18.—At the close of business today it was stated at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. that subscriptions to the underwriting for the $250,000,000 British loan far exceeded the amount of the issue. The statement also was made that subscriptions for the bonds by investors, institutions and banking houses already had been large notwithstanding that the books have not yet been opened. The indications are that the bonds will be largely over-subscribed, and it is intimated that an even larger amount could readily have been disposed of had the bankers decided upon a larger issue.

A public offering will be made shortly, the price being on a basis to yield exactly 6 per cent. on the investment.

ALLIES RETAKE BRAILA IN RUMANIAN ADVANCE

Russians Secure Important Railway Centre for Coming Operations to Regain Bucharest.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Jan. 18.—Braila is once more in the hands of the Russo-Rumanian forces, according to a wireless press despatch from Petrograd which announces the recapture of that town today. Braila, a town of 58,000 inhabitants, fell before Von Mackensen's advance a fortnight ago. It is twelve miles to the southwest of Galatz, the chief port of southern Rumania, and the town which, it was thought, would fall before the German drive. The Russian counter-drive, which started two days ago, however, has repulsed the Teutonic advance and makes it seem certain that the Russo-Rumanian armies will not be driven across the Sereth, into Russian territory.

Braila's importance lies in the fact that it is on the main railroad line which connects Galatz with the Rumanian capital, and also with Ploeschti, Buzeu and other large interior towns.

GERMANY MASSES MEN TO FIGHT SWITZERLAND

Concentration of Teutons Near Basle Frightens Newspapers of Geneva—May Plan Attack on French in Alsace.

London, Jan. 18.—Swiss newspapers assert that masses of German troops are concentrating near Basle, says the Exchange Telegraph's Geneva correspondent. The Swiss general staff is convinced that an invasion of Switzerland is contemplated with a view to freeing Alsace from the French invader.

Serious attention is being paid by British military experts to the possibility of Germany violating the neutrality of Switzerland. The concentration of large German forces in the region of Lake Constance gives color to this impression, which is strengthened by the fact that Switzerland has just mobilized the entire second army division and all those portions of the fourth and fifth divisions which had not previously been called to guard the frontier.

Switzerland undoubtedly is well prepared to resist vigorously if any invasion is attempted.

CONTROL OF GREECE BY FOUR ENTENTE POWERS

Delegates From Britain, France, Russia and Italy Given Broad Authority—Allies May Soon Disembark Troops at Itca.

Athens, Jan. 18, via London.—Control by the entente allies in Greece will be exercised by delegates from all the four powers, Britain, France, Russia and Italy, Russia is sending a special officer here for this purpose. He will replace the Russian military attache who has been ordered to active service.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The text of the recent allied ultimatum to Greece, presented to the state department for its information today by Charge Vouros, of the Greek legation, reveals that the allies notified the Athens Government in the communication "that military necessity may lead them shortly to disembark troops at Itca for passage to Salonica."

This portion of the ultimatum, not mentioned in press despatches coming to this country thru the allied censorship, is regarded here as highly significant, possibly forecasting a much greater concentration of allied troops in northern Greece for a drive against the Berlin-Constantinople Railway.

It conforms to the expectation held in several quarters here that the Balkans soon are to become the theatre of a more active campaign by the allies.

Must Disarm Civilians.

Another demand made by the ultimatum and not mentioned in the first announcement cabled to this country would require the Greek Government to guarantee that no civilians hereafter shall carry arms.

Officials of the Greek legation announced today that a petition signed by more than three hundred corporations and labor unions of Greece appealing to the United States to intervene to raise the allied blockade of Greek ports had been presented to American Minister Droppers at Athens. The legation's officials said they had reason to believe that the allied censorship had prevented press despatches regarding the petition from reaching the United States.

HEAVY ARTILLERY DUELS MARK FRENCH FRONT

Chief Storm Centres Are Vosges, Lorraine, Soissons—Belgian Guns Active.

Paris, Jan. 18.—The communication issued by the war office tonight reads:

"Artillery duels of rather serious character took place in the Vosges, in Lorraine and in the region of Soissons. Calm prevailed on the rest of the front."

The Belgian communication says: "There were artilleryactions on both sides in the neighborhood of Ramscapelle, Dixmude and Het Sas. Spirited fighting with bombs occurred in the direction of Steenstraete."

ENTENTE ALLIES' REPLY LIKED BY SWITZERLAND

Geneva, via Paris, Jan. 18.—The courteous, even flattering, reply from the entente allies to the Swiss note supporting President Wilson's enquiry of the belligerents regarding their war aims has given much satisfaction at Berne. At the same time, however, it is considered a hint that in the future any step towards peace would be considered premature and unwelcome.

It is now known that the federal authorities took their step under pressure of Swiss public opinion in favor of peace, as the Swiss Government continues to receive numerous petitions from home and abroad.

AMBASSADOR GERARD'S RESIGNATION OFFERED

Recent Indiscreet Speech Exposes Hapless Diplomat to Two Fires.

London, Jan. 18.—According to a despatch received here today from Rotterdam, Ambassador Gerard is alleged to have offered to resign his post if President Wilson did not approve of his speech in Berlin at the banquet tendered to him by the American Association of Commerce and Trade.

The despatch says the ambassador sent a special message to Washington with an explanation of his speech and his offer of resignation if the explanation was unsatisfactory.

Another Exchange Telegraph despatch says that the German newspaper, Deutsches Tages Zeitung, challenges Mr. Gerard to either apologize for his speech or resign.

This is the second time that the German Conservative newspaper has violently attacked Gerard for his alleged indiscretion in lauding the present German Government officials.

Earl of Elgin, Canadian Born, Dead After Notable Career

London, Jan. 18.—Victor Alexander Bruce, ninth Earl of Elgin and Kincardine, died today.

The Earl of Elgin was born at Monklands, near Montreal, in 1849, while his father was governor-general of Canada. He was Viceroy of India from 1894 to 1899 and secretary of state for the colonies from 1905 to 1908.

He was direct descendant of King Robert Bruce of Scotland.

ALLIES THROW FOE BACK ON RUMANIAN LINE

Russians, Reinforced, Approach Recently Lost Town of Braila.

WIN ON RIGHT ALSO

Teutons Suffer Reverses on Both Flanks—Lose Dead and Prisoners.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

London, Jan. 18.—The success of the Russians and the Rumanians in driving the Teutonic forces back on both wings as shown in the official communications, and the reported evacuation of Braila by the Teutons in preparation for a retreat have come so suddenly on previous news of Teuton advances as to lead to the expectation of a big allied counter-offensive. It is believed here that the sudden change was brought about by the opportune arrival of bad weather and Russian reinforcements and that as a result the troops of the enemy were unable to offer a strong resistance.

Latest news from Petrograd received by wireless indicates that the Russians who recaptured Vadeni on the road to Galatz have followed up their advantage and that they are now marching on Braila. Situated without defences on an open plain, it is not believed that the Teutons will be able to defend the town, but that they will abandon it before the oncoming Russian soldiers.

Take Foe on Heights.

In the region of Prislea, near the River Kasino, the Rumanians in their advance trapped a great many Teutons on a height which they had occupied, surrounded and captured them together with four machine guns.

In the Transylvanian Alps the Teutons attempted to attack the heights south of the River Oituz, but they were checked by the Russian fire.

The Rumanians also repulsed a German attack southwest of Monestar-Kachinul, on the Kasino. On the remainder of the front there was a heavy exchange of fire.

The Germans claim that between the Suchitza and Outna valleys they launched a surprise attack and captured 231 prisoners and one machine gun. Von Mackensen reports the shelling of Tultcha and Isakoha in the Dobrudja by Russian artillery during several days.

PRUSSIAN DIET TRIES TO KEEP COURAGE UP

Vigorous Prosecution of War and Greater U-Boat Activity Urged.

London, Jan. 18.—At today's sitting of the Prussian Diet, says Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent, a number of speeches were delivered and great enthusiasm was shown in favor of the vigorous prosecution of the war and increased submarine activity.

Paul Breitenbach, Prussian minister of public works, said the rejection of Germany's peace offer had evoked a feeling that it was now a battle to the utmost for the fatherland, adding that perhaps the heaviest fight was that of "truth against enemy lies."

BRITISH NOTE STRONG VIEW OF WASHINGTON

Germany Practically Forced to State Terms of Peace to World.

Special to The Toronto World.

Washington, Jan. 18.—The British note elicited no official comment from the state department today, but privately it was declared to be the strongest document that has come from the British foreign office during the war.

There is no doubt that it will greatly strengthen the allies' case with the American Government. It renders almost imperative a second note from Germany making some proffer to make public her terms of peace, as requested by the president's note.

MEN'S FURS AT DINEEN'S.

All during the January clearing sale of furs at Dineen's, men have been taking a more than ordinary interest in the bargains that are offered. Fur-lined coats and fud coats, motor robes, gauntlets and caps reduced from 20 to 50 per cent. Coats also for chauffeurs and drivers priced as low as $27.50. Every article carries the Dineen unqualified guarantee, and every article sold is from the regular stock of excellent new season furs. Dineen's, 140 Yonge street, and 20-22 King street, west, Hamilton.

WAR SUMMARY

THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

IN France the British are continuing their relentless pressure against the Germans, in the Ancre Valley, north of Beaucourt-sur-Ancre, and, by local operations, they made further progress in night attacks. This is one section of the front where fighting can proceed on almost any day by reason of the high and dry ground. Before Cite Calonne the Canadians keep extremely alert and after their big raid they sprang a mine in this vicinity with discomforting effect for the enemy. The British have evidently taken over the section of the French battlefront north of the Somme, for Sir Douglas Haig reports that the German artillery was active south of Sailly-Saillisel. The retention of this village of Sailly-Saillisel makes the German hold on Mount St. Quentin and Peronne insecure.

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In their ultimatum to the royal government of Greece the allies say that military necessity may lead them shortly to disembark troops at Itca for passage to Salonica. Itca is conveniently situated for the handling of troops from the west. It is on the Gulf of Salona, an arm of the Gulf of Corinth, and it is about ninety miles west of Athens and about 120 miles southwest of Salonica. It is believed that the allies purpose reinforcing their armies in the Balkans with the object of attacking the Berlin-Constantinople railway. It is also believed that the demonstration in the Balkans will be made in much greater strength so as to insure success. If this is the policy of the allies they will probably time their blows to coincide with the Russo-

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