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EARL KITCHENER AND STAFF PERISHED WHEN H.M.S. HAMPSHIRE STRUCK MINE

GREATEST SHOCK TO EMPIRE SINCE THE WAR COMMENCED CANADIANS AGAIN HEAVILY ATTACKED AT HOOGHE FEAR THAT GEN. MERCER IS KILLED

War Minister Was Proceeding to Russia With His Staff to Meet the Czar and Visit Russian Front, When H.M.S. Hampshire Struck a Mine or Was Torpedoed off the Orkney Islands and All on Board Perished.

GEN. MERCER'S NOT YET FOUND ALL HOPE GONE

RUSSIANS BRILLIANTLY BEGIN OFFENSIVE AGAINST TEUTONS

LONDON, June 6, 10.20 p.m.—The news that Earl Kitchener, secretary of state for war, and his staff, who were proceeding to Russia aboard the cruiser Hampshire, were lost off the Orkney Islands last night, was the most stunning blow Great Britain has received since the war began.

London some time before the newspapers could get into the streets. There was a crowd about the stock exchange which required police reserves to deal with. The police told everyone to move on; that there was no truth in the reports.

Kitchener's brain was largely instrumental in planning and launching. There is no evidence to show whether the Hampshire was submerged or struck a mine. Many ships have been passing between Russia and Great Britain over the same route since the port of Archangel was opened.

Belief at Ottawa is That He Lost Life at Zillebeke. PROMOTIONS ARE MADE Brigadier-Generals Lipsett and Hughes Will Head Divisions.

German Spies in Orkneys? New Order is Significant Suspicion That Earl Kitchener's Movements Were Reported to Enemy Strengthened by Official Announcement.

Czar's Army Captures Positions All Along Front from Pripet Marshes to Roumania, and Takes Twenty-five Thousand Prisoners.

News Spread Rapidly. A telegram from Admiral Sir John Jellicoe, commander of the fleet, giving the bare facts, was received at the admiralty about 11 o'clock in the morning. The first official announcement was issued at about 1.30 in the afternoon.

The English undoubtedly are a stoical people and have taken the good and the bad tidings of the war with an absence of emotion surprising to outsiders. But no one could have walked the London streets today without perceiving that something calamitous had befallen them.

An official statement issued this evening says that Earl Kitchener was to have discussed important military and financial questions with Emperor Nicholas.

By a Staff Reporter. OTTAWA Ont., June 6.—It is now fully believed here that Gen. Mercer is dead. He was the commander of the third Canadian division and was reported missing since last Friday.

CANADIANS ATTACKED BY FOE ABOUT HOOGHE Fighting Marked by Heavy Bombardments and Mine Explosions—General Line Preserved Intact.

PETROGRAD, June 6.—(Via London, 7.50 p.m.)—The sudden blow struck by the Russians along the entire Galician front of 275 miles, from the Pripet to Roumania, is in the unanimous opinion of the military critics here, a brilliant beginning of the long awaited Russian offensive.

"I have to report with deep regret that His Majesty's ship Hampshire, Capt. Herbert J. Savill, R.N., with Lord Kitchener and his staff on board, was sunk last night about 8 p.m., to the west of the Orkneys, either by a mine or a torpedo.

The King came from Windsor and sent for Premier Asquith when he heard the news. The war council held a long session. Naturally, speculation regarding Kitchener's successor began immediately. Among those discussed were David Lloyd George, Lord Derby and the chief of the imperial staff, Sir Wm. Robertson.

Where Disaster Occurred. The Orkney Islands off which the disaster occurred are off the northern coast of Scotland. The commander of the Hampshire was apparently heading for Archangel, intending to take a course around the northern end of the Scandinavian peninsula into the White Sea.

ITALIANS BEAT OFF ENEMY'S ATTACKS Heavy Battle Continues to Rage in Midst of Big Snowstorm.

CZAR WINS ACTION ON KHANIKIN ROAD Russians Fight Battle With Turks Northeast of Bagdad.

Continuing their offensive on the front between the Pripet River and the Roumanian border, the Russians, on the second day of their assaults, added over 12,000 prisoners to those taken on the previous day, bringing the number up to over 25,000 men and 480 officers.

WAR SUMMARY THE DAY'S EVENTS REVIEWED

THE sudden death of Earl Kitchener on board H.M.S. Hampshire, sunk by a torpedo or a mine in the North Sea yesterday, removes one of the greatest military organizers of the time. His work as secretary of state for war in organizing the greatest army which the British Empire has ever seen, in the short space of 20 months, will stand as an enduring monument to his genius.

KING PAYS GREAT TRIBUTE TO K. OF K. His Genius and Energy Created Great Britain's Huge Army.

OFFICERS IN MOURNING Crepe is to Be Worn on Left Sleeve for a Week.

URUGUAY TO SEND SHIP FOR SHACKLETON PARTY MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, June 6.—The Uruguayan Government will dispatch the small steamship Instituto to the rescue of the Shackleton expedition. The steamship will leave on Thursday.

MEN'S STYLISH STRAW HATS. There is great variety and all new style in straw hats for men this season. To appreciate the difference between these and makes, see the Dineen display.

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