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Operations in Caucasus Have Resulted in Favor of Russian Arms

PETROGRAD, Feb. 1.—A War Office communication to-day says:

"On the Middle Stripa our scouts surrounded an Austrian detachment of rural guards. In the hand to hand encounter that ensued most of the Austrians were bayoneted and the others captured.

A great increase in the number of enemy deserters has been observed recently.

In the Caucasus operations during the past fortnight against the Turkish front have justified our expectations. After developing our first coup against the Turk's centre into an important success, General Youdevitch pursued the enem through their advance guards to the fortifications of Erzerum, at the same time the Russian troops, by an impetuous advance against the Turkish right wing com-

pelled the Turks to evacuate the region of Molazghert and Khuysskala, and retreat on Mush Valley. These operations have had the effect of dislodging the enemy from a region of sixty versts (about 40 miles long) which had previously been fortified and organized. We now descend from the mountainous regions with their vigorous climate into regions well populated and easily accessible, favorable for the encampment of our troops for the period of winter.

In the course of these operations we took numerous prisoners, Turkish officers, Askaris, guns, machine guns and great quantities of artillery and engineering material.

On the 29th our scouts pursued the Turks, who are falling back on the region of Tehoruk River. They took many Askaris prisoners and seized a number of cattle.

OFFICIAL

To Governor, Newfoundland:

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Headquarters in France report that the enemy, after heavy bombardment, entered some of our saps at Carnoy, five miles northwest of Frise. They were expelled by a counter-attack, leaving dead and wounded. There has been a heavy artillery duel about Loos. South of the Somme the enemy captured a French position and the village of Frise. They claim thirteen hundred prisoners. There has been severe fighting northeast of Neuville, for possession of the craters. One was retaken by the French. An enemy attack near Liéons was repulsed.

Zeppelins visited Paris on Saturday and Sunday nights. On Saturday about 25 were killed and 25 injured. There was no military damage.

BONAR LAW.

LONDON, Feb. 1st.—A British official (campaign in France) issued tonight reads:

"Last night a party entered the German trenches about Kemmel Wyt-schaete Road. These trenches were found full of men; about forty casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Three prisoners were brought back. Two of their machine guns were destroyed. During the day there has been considerable artillery activity around Fricourt, north of Loos, and north of Wulverghen.

GETTING AHEAD OF THE CENSOR

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The Tribune publishes the following:

A special despatch from London says that eleven deaths are reported in England yesterday, due to lighting restrictions. Five of the tragedies occurred on London streets, three of the victims were soldiers. The above despatch refers undoubtedly to the zeppelin raid on England, its unusual wording is an attempt of the Tribune's correspondent, to get news past the censor. Lightning probably means the order to keep out lights, to save many lives. It is the first hint that the raiders reached London.

A SANE VIEW

THE HAGUE, Feb. 1.—The speech of Sir Edward Grey concerning the blockade question, wherein he acknowledged the rights of neutrals, finds warm appreciation here. The general feeling here is one of regret that the necessities of war override the postal conditions, but it is argued that if Germany had control of the seas, she would not have acted in any way differently than Great Britain.

OFFICIAL

PARIS, Jan. 31. (official)—To the north of Arras the enemy last night at a point southwest of hill No. 140 delivered two attacks with hand grenades, both of which resulted in failure. In the Champagne district, our artillery bombarded the German trenches to the north of Prèsenes. During this action there were observed explosions at four different points of the enemy's front. In the Argonne there has been heavy fighting with mines at Haute Chevancee. We responded to the explosion of a German mine by a counter-mining operation, which destroyed an underground gallery occupied by the enemy. There has been intermittent artillery firing on the other sectors of the front.

Paris, Jan. 31.—Several bombs were dropped by Zeppelins which flew over the outskirts of Paris last night, but they produced no such deadly effect as on the occasion of the raid on Saturday night. The official press bureau gave out the following statement this morning:

A German dirigible set out in the direction of Paris, where it arrived soon after ten p.m. It was bombed by our special batteries and attacked by our aeroplanes. Before returning northwards it dropped a number of bombs which, according to news received so far, did no damage.

ITALIAN.

Rome, Feb. 1 (Official).—There have been small engagements in Lagarina Valley, north of Menof Nora, artillery duels particularly intensity along Isonzo front.

America and Germany and Sub. Warfare

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Manchester Guardian in its editorial column, discussing the negotiations between the United States and Germany regarding submarine warfare, says:—"What Germany will do will depend entirely on what she thinks America's next step will be, if she refuses. As for the Allies, it will be observed that they are asked to make concessions and to send their merchant marine to sea without guns, relying on German promises to observe certain rules. Generally speaking, these rules are in themselves not unreasonable if only there is some guarantee that they will be kept. Will America supply that guarantee? If she will, we have no doubt what the answer of the Allies will be.

80, 000 Turks Locked Up In Erzerum

ROME, Feb. 1.—The Giornale Italia learns from Petrograd that Field-Marshal Von Der Goltz, is now in command of the Turkish forces at Erzerum, and that there are eighty thousand men locked up in the city with provisions for only a fortnight. The Black Sea fleet is supporting the operations of the Russian right wing which is now marching on Trebizond, according to the same information.

JAPAN AND ENGLAND

TOKIO, Jan. 31.—The Foreign Office denies the report from Berlin that Japan and Great Britain have signed a treaty recognizing Japan's superior rights in the Far East.

Missing Liner Appam Reported Arrived at Hampton Roads Flying the German Flag

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 1.—The British steamship Appam, flying the German flag, reached quarantine off Old Point, at 6.30 this morning.

New Port News, Feb. 1.—The British passenger liner Appam, missing for sometime, arrived in Hampton Roads early this morning, flying the German man-of-war flag. It is said that a prize crew from a German submarine is in charge. The Appam's name is painted out on liner herself, but it is plainly visible on small boats carried on her decks.

A large number of passengers are on board of her, including many women. The ship is now at the quarantine station and quarantine officer is on board; until he has completed his investigation no one is allowed to visit the ship and small boats were not allowed to stop alongside.

It is said from Old Point, that there seems to be about a hundred women and children on the Appam which has not yet been boarded. The vessel is reported to leave for New Port News.

The Appam left Dakar, Africa, on January 11, bound to Plymouth, England; she carries 168 passengers and a crew of 133.

White Star Liner Brings News of Loss 2 Steamers

NEW YORK, Feb. 1st.—The White Star freight-steamship "Bovic" reported on her arrival here to-day from Manchester that she picked up a wireless message indicating that two steamships had been recently lost at sea heretofore unreported. One was the Apache, a British oil tanker in the Government service. The other was an unknown steamer, whose crew were rescued by the steamer Finland.

WAS SHOT AS A SPY

Amsterdam, Feb. 1.—Paul Louis Mertons of Lieer, near Antwerp, was court martialed and shot as a spy in Hasole, Belgium, January 25th, according to a despatch to The Telegraph from Maastricht.

Messrs. J. C. Sapp, A. L. Dennison, W. Tucker and S. Cornick went additional passengers by the Stephano this morning.

Zeppelin Raiders Again Visit Britain—No Great Damage is Reported

LONDON, Feb. 1st.—A Raid by six or seven zeppelin airships took place last night over the eastern and north-eastern midland countries of England, according to an announcement of the War Office. A number of bombs were dropped but up to the present no considerable damage has been reported. The resumption of zeppelin raids on London and on the East coast of England is expected by the British authorities on Jan. 25.

A special warning was sent out by the police which after reserving increase offensive for protection against hostile aircraft, recently policed metropolitan district, advised the public on the occasion of air raids to take cover. The last raids on England by the German aircraft occurred on Jan. 23rd-24th, when hostile aeroplanes dropped bombs along the east coast of Kent, killing or wounding a few persons.

An enemy aeroplane attacked the station and barracks and docks at

Dover, only recently the defence of London from air attacks have been placed in charge of the War Office. Prior to Jan. 30 there was an interval of several months, during which England was immune from air attacks. From June 15th until Oct. 13th there were six zeppelin raids on London and on the east coast of England, in which 121 persons were reported to be killed, and 313 injured.

After zeppelin raids on Paris Saturday and Sunday nights the view is expressed by the French authorities that these attacks were doubtless merely a prelude to a more extensive movement by the German aircraft and the fact that six or seven machines have taken part in a new raid on England would indicate a well considered plan by the Germans to increase the activity of their dirigibles and probably bring into play the new Pökker machines, which are reported to be every effective engines of the station and barracks and docks at war.

Turks Claims are Officially Denied

LONDON, Feb. 1.—A British official issued to-night says recent Turkish report, that the British column west of Kurna in Mesopotamia had been compelled to retreat with loss of 100 dead, and the loss of 100 camels and 100 tents is untrue. The only incident which it could refer to was the reconnaissance near Shattara, where attacked by hostile Arabs, the reconnoitering force suffered a few casualties, with inflicted heavy loss on the enemy. A Turkish official statement issued on Sunday at Constantinople reported the capture of 1000 camels from the British in recent Mesopotamia operations.

Assassinated by Angry Patriots

PARIS, Feb. 1st.—A Rome correspondent of the Journal reports that General Becir and another Montenegrin General, have been assassinated by patriots in Montenegro, who opposed the capitulation to Austria. General Becir had been trusted by a provisional Government, in Montenegro, with negotiations for capitulation.

A FRESH DEFEAT FOR THE TURKS IN THE CAUCASUS

PARIS, Jan. 31.—News has been received in diplomatic circles, an Athens Balkan agency correspondent there telegraphs, that the Russians have inflicted a fresh defeat on the Turks in the Caucasus. The correspondent reiterates the report that the Russians have surrounded Erzerum. The Turkish authorities and bankers with bank funds left there at the last moment, barely escaping capture by Cossacks. Russian artillery has begun to bombard the forts of the city. The correspondent adds that the Turks are hastily fortifying the towns of Angera and Sivas, capitals of Vilayets of these names, situated respectively 215 and 425 miles east of Constantinople.

SUICIDED

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Brigadier General Sir Rollo Estouerville, Grimston, Eggerly to the King, was found dead in London on Saturday, hanging to a bed rail, with a handkerchief twisted around his neck.

He had been suffering with neurasthenia recently. Sir Rollo was Inspector General of the Imperial Service Troops in India.

GRANDSON OF TENNYSON REPORTED DEAD

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Tennyson family received news to-day of the death of naval Lieut. Harold O. Tennyson, a grandson of the poet. No details.

Says They Would Hardly Exceed 100,000 Men

LONDON, Feb. 1st.—From the outbreak of the war to January 8th, recruits raised by Ireland number 86,277, according to a report from Baron Wimborne, Lord Lieut. of Ireland, published to-night. He estimates that at the present time there are about four hundred thousand unattached single men of military age in Ireland, but deducting those indispensable for agriculture, commerce and the production of munitions and these mechanically unfit for service, concludes that single men actually available would hardly exceed one hundred thousand.

Fierce Artillery Duels Along Isonzo Front

LONDON, Feb. 1st.—The Italians and Austrians have opened another fierce artillery duel along the Isonzo front on the Austro-Italian line. No reports received from the Balkans, except the semi-official statement from Berlin.

Italians have thrown another infantry division and several batteries of artillery into Avlona, Albania, their intention being to hold this important post against the advance of the Austro-Hungarians.

TAXING AMUSEMENTS

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Weekly Despatch states the next budget will include taxes on theatres, music halls, motion pictures, and other amusements. Railway tickets, while it is probable there will be 33 per cent. duty on imported automobiles and pianos, and that a number of other unnecessary imports will be taxed, regard being paid to the feelings of the Colonies and neutral Powers. The tax on railway tickets, the Despatch explains, is due to the belief on the part of the Government that there is much unnecessary railway travel.

FRENCH AIRMEN DESTROY BULGARIAN CAMP

LONDON, Jan. 31.—An Athens despatch says it is reported from Salonika, that in a raid by French aeroplanes on the Bulgarian lines at Paratzai, Bazearle, near Lake Dolran, two hundred bombs were thrown on a Bulgarian camp, the whole camp being destroyed and many Bulgarians being killed and wounded.

NOT EVEN GRATEFUL

Berlin, Jan. 31.—The morning newspapers to-day discuss extensively Secretary of State Lansing's circular note to the belligerent powers on submarine warfare and arming merchantmen. The general tenor of the comment, especially that in the conservative organs, is unanimously unfavorable.



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