

Turks Lost Heavily in Fighting About Erzerum

By Special Wire to the Courier. Petrograd, Feb. 21.—Despatch to The London Morning Post.—The Turkish losses at Erzerum were enormous, most of the forts having been taken at the point of the bayonet. In these sanguinary encounters the Turkish trenches, it is reported, were filled up by the mass of bodies which choked them. The town of Erzerum is practically intact, only a few of the government buildings and stores on the southern side having been blown up and fired by the departing Turks.

London, Feb. 22.—The Turks lost heavily in the fighting resulting in the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, according to a Petrograd despatch to-day which estimates their losses as 20,000 killed, wounded and prisoners. Following up their victory energetically, the Russians are pursuing the Turks westward from Erzerum, as well as to the north and south, as the Turkish forces have split and fled in all directions. The different Ottoman groups, according to Petrograd advices, have been cut off from communication with each other, while the Russians are declared to have solidified their own lines, so that their advance is rapidly becoming a forward drive along an unbroken front from the Black Sea to Mush, west of Lake Van.

On the north, Trebizond is threatened, the Russians having pushed close to the Black Sea port in their operations along the coast, while the Russian forces from Erzerum are reported nearing the coast city. Military operations in European territory are continuing relatively unimportant.

no extensive movements being under way on either the western or eastern front, so far as the official bulletins indicate, while conditions in the Balkans are comparatively quiet. Differences between Greece and the Entente Allies over military questions appear in a way to be smoothed out as a result of the visit of Gen. Sarraïl, French commander of the Balkans, to King Constantine.

The Austrians are continuing their air raids over Italian territory. The latest flights were across the province of Brescia and towards Milan. Rome reports four persons killed and five wounded, with only slight material damage.

In Petrograd the Russian Duma meets to-day. It has not been in session since last September when it was prorogued.

The British delegation to the Anglo-French parliamentary committee begins to-day its conferences in Paris with an equal number of French senators and deputies, the object being full discussion of the conduct of the war with a view to the guidance of the parliaments of the two nations.

GERMANS MAKE LIGHT OF IT. Berlin, Feb. 21.—Via London, Feb. 22.—It is stated that no details have been received here regarding the fall of Erzerum, other than those contained in official Russian reports, but that the military authorities of Germany consider that while the loss of the fortress is deeply to be regretted, the incident is without military importance. They assert confidently that it will have no influence on the conduct of the campaigns on the Caucasus and Irak fronts, that the mountain barrier westward of Erzerum presents unsurmountable difficulties for the Russians and that in a word, there is no motive for being disquieted over the recent turn of events.

Constantine and General Sarraïl Have Interview

By Special Wire to the Courier. Athens, Feb. 21.—Paris.—General Sarraïl, the French commander in the Balkans, who yesterday had an audience with King Constantine, which the King afterwards declared had done much toward clearing up the differences between Greece and the Entente powers, is likewise pleased at the result of his visit with the Greek monarch. "He is a fine figure of a man," said

General Sarraïl to the Associated Press, after his audience with the king. "It was a pleasure to compliment him on the general appearance of the Greek soldiers I have seen in Saloniki. Our cooperation will be most useful in the relations between the allies and Greece. The king is a soldier and quick to understand our problems and has a cordial attitude toward them."

ANOTHER NOTE TO GT. BRITAIN

Must Explain Why She Took Huns Off Ship on the High Seas.

Washington, Feb. 22.—American consular representatives in China particularly at Shanghai were yesterday instructed to gather full information of the removal of 38 Germans from the American steamer China on the high seas last week. It was said at the State Department that when full information was at hand, a note probably would be addressed to Great Britain along the lines of the communication sent to France when the cruiser Des Cartes removed Germans and Austrians from American ships near Porto Rico recently. In that case France released the men taken from the ships and instructed her naval commanders not to make any more seizures of that kind.

ZEPPELIN WAS BROUGHT DOWN

Set on Fire and Destroyed by French Anti-Aircraft Gun.

London, Feb. 22.—Another of Germany's big Zeppelin airships has come to grief, and it is probable that some if not all of its crew perished, fell to earth a victim of an incendiary shell fired from a French anti-aircraft gun. The Paris official communication reports that the airship was southward bound from the region of St. Manchois, when the French guns at Revinny began shelling it. At least one of the missiles found its mark and the huge aircraft took fire and fell in the vicinity of Brabant-Roi. The British official report tells of a raid by twenty-six aeroplanes on foe fronts at Don, near Lille, all the machines returning safely.

Emile Vandervelde, leader of the Socialist party, has been named Belgian minister of munitions. An increase of wages aggregating \$250 to the Black-tives in China particularly at Shanghai were yesterday instructed to gather full information of the removal of 38 Germans from the American steamer China on the high seas last week. It was said at the State Department that when full information was at hand, a note probably would be addressed to Great Britain along the lines of the communication sent to France when the cruiser Des Cartes removed Germans and Austrians from American ships near Porto Rico recently. In that case France released the men taken from the ships and instructed her naval commanders not to make any more seizures of that kind.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON



Customer: "But why have rabbits gone up so in price? They're wild ones, aren't they?" So you can't say it's the cost of keeping them! The Shopkeeper: "No, mum; but the truth is, since all best shots have gone to the war, it takes so many cartridges to kill 'em."—London

LINERS MUST NOT CARRY ANY GUNS AT ALL

Germany Still Sticks That Such Will Not be Allowed.

UNARMED ONES WILL BE WARNED Since Most Are Unarmed, This Assurance is Something.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Confidential advices from Berlin to-day indicate that Germany soon will inform the United States that her previous assurances, that unresisting liners will not be attacked without warning, are good for future submarine operations, provided, however, that now characterized as defensive armament, when submarines are concerned, and will propose discussion with the United States of what defensive armament properly may be.

As none of the British and French liners now clearing from America carry any guns whatever, such assurances from Germany will be in the nature of reassurances of the safety for the neutrals they carry even under the terms of the submarine campaign. How far such assurances will go toward meeting the state department's objection that the Lusitania agreement as presently drawn applies only to the past and not to the future, probably only can be determined when they are formally laid before Secretary Lansing. When the assurances are to be expected from Berlin, has not been disclosed, but it is expected that they will arrive here within the next few days.

A CONFERENCE. Last night's conference between President Wilson, Senator Stone and Representative Flood, chairman of the congressional committee dealing with foreign affairs and Senator Kern of the Democrat floor leader, was held in order that the president might inform the congressional leaders on the status of the negotiations with Germany over submarine warfare. Senator Stone, it was said, asked to see the president to learn what facts in the negotiations with Germany he thought Senator Kern and Representative Flood should have the same information, and asked them to be present.

The president told the three leaders that while the foreign situation was grave, it was not critical at the present time. It is understood that the main firm in its position that merchantmen have a right to arm for defensive purposes. Secretary Lansing discussed the situation further with the president this morning, but said he had received no information to-day regarding the German situation. The president does not believe there should be much discussion of the foreign situation in congress, because of the danger of embarrassing negotiations being carried on by the state department.

BERLIN WISHES NAME CHANGED

City Council Will Petition Legislature on the Matter.

Berlin, Ont., Feb. 22.—The City Council, by a vote of thirteen to two, decided to petition the Legislature at the coming session to change the name of the city, which for ninety years has been known as Berlin and has been named after the Prussian capital. A resolution to take the necessary steps to change the name was introduced by Aldermen Cleg-horn and Hallman, and after an interesting and at times lively discussion, it was carried by a standing vote, Aldermen Cross, Jun., and J. Reid alone being opposed.

The request of the citizens' meeting held on the 11th inst, was accompanied by a petition signed by 1,000 ratepayers and residents. A large deputation of prominent citizens filled the auditorium of the chamber and addresses were delivered by S. J. Williams, D. B. Detweiler, A. Eby and Captain J. J. Walters, all of whom urged that the name be changed on patriotic grounds, and in order to bring the British Empire more prominently into the name of the Prussian empire's capital. The selection of a new name was deferred for a week or so, to enable committee representatives from this city and Waterloo to arrive at a decision as to the possibility of an amalgamation under a new name. A committee was appointed to confer with Waterloo respecting union, and to secure suggestions for a new name.

Burgomaster Max of Brussels has not yet been released from his German prison.

RUSS PURSUIT DRIVES ASUNDER TURK ARMIES

Their Own Communications Are Stronger Every Day.

ISLAM RETREAT MOST HURRIED Lake Van Soon Will be in Possession of the Invaders.

Petrograd, Feb. 22 via London.—Both on the center in the Erzerum district, and on the widely extended northern and southern flanks, the Russians are everywhere continuing with energy the pursuit of the routed Turkish armies. The Russian advance is having the effect not only of severing all connections between the now isolated army groups, but of constantly strengthening communications of their own forces from the Black Sea district to the recently occupied town of Mush on the southern Russian wing. Thus the operations of the Russians are assuming the character of a solid and unbroken advance along the entire front. On the Black Sea coast the Russians have now driven the Turks twenty miles west of Vitezue and the occupation of Trebizond is believed to be imminent.

The Turks, evidently impressed with the headway the Russian forces are making appear to be inspired with the sole aim of extricating themselves from their difficult position before they are surrounded and are making an effort to hold endangered points now in their possession. With a minimum resistance, consisting chiefly of perfunctory rear-guard actions, the Turkish retreat is one of the most precipitate of the war.

With Mush and Achet in their possession, the Russian forces on the southern wing, are now proceeding toward Lake Van, which has been the scene of important fighting since the beginning of the Caucasian campaign will rest securely in Russian hands. The successful Russian operations near Knushkala, officially recorded are of importance in respect of the strengthening of communications between the center and the right flank.

DOMINION'S POWER OVER ROAD DOUBTED

Grand Valley Radial Railway Bill is Referred to Justice Department.

ONTARIO TO BE NOTIFIED Brantford Applying For Rights Granted in Act of Incorporation.

Ottawa, Feb. 22.—When the House went into Committee on Private Bills, at its opening yesterday, the question of conflicting provincial and Dominion rights in connection with the consideration of a bill transferring to the City of Brantford the right of the Grand Valley Radial Railway, which has been acquired by the corporation of that municipality. Mr. W. F. Cocksbut explained that the railway, which, besides running over Brantford streets, radiates to the cities of Paris, Radville and Ingersoll, had been acquired by Brantford and had hitherto been operated under license. It was now sought to transfer to the commission, appointed to take it over, the rights granted in the original act of incorporation of the road.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley said the proposition might be advanced that Parliament had no right to legislate in regard to purely local railways, which were not works for the general advantage of Canada, and Sir Robert Bortea agreed that the bill should be kept quiet in this connection, and that notice should be given to the Ontario authorities in regard to it. Messrs. W. T. Henderson, City Solicitor and S. J. Williams, county solicitor, for Brantford, were present. The presence of the Ottawa last evening regarding the above matter.

Torpedo Ships Right at Wharf

London, Feb. 22.—An allied submarine passed through the Dardanelles on Tuesday last, reached the Bosphorus, and torpedoed one tug and six transports laden with munitions, according to an Athens despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company. The presence of the hostile submarine caused a panic at Constantinople. The last Serbian soldiers remaining in Albania have now been landed at Corfu.

E. STEDMAN, SR. KILLED INSTANTLY IN AN ACCIDENT

Was Running Elevator and Was Stricken With Dizzy Spell.

HAD NOT BEEN WELL Complained of Ill-Health for Some Time—Sketch of His Career.

Mr. Edward Stedman, Sr., 73 Chatham street, met instant death this morning on the premises of Stedman Bros., wholesale stationers, on George street. The late Mr. Stedman had for some time been complaining of feeling unwell, and yesterday afternoon was unable to work at all. This morning he was much better, he said, and a little after 8 o'clock went downstairs to the basement of the wholesale establishment and commenced to run the elevator up to the ground floor.

When about half way up, Mr. Stedman was stricken with a dizzy spell, and fell down, his head being caught between the elevator and the side wall. The power was immediately turned off, Mr. Stedman extricated and medical aid hastily summoned. Dr. Bier being called in. He pronounced that death had been instantaneous, the deceased really never knowing what had happened. Dr. Fissette was also summoned and decided an inquest was unnecessary.

Mr. Stedman was a very fine type of citizen, a fond and devoted husband and father, and a man who in all the relations of life earned unbounded respect. He was a native of the Old Country, born in Croydon, England, on June 13, 1850. Thirty-eight years ago he came to Canada and had been a resident of Brantford for twenty-five years, always taking a keen interest in the affairs of the municipality. He was an active member of Zion church and one of the elders of that congregation. His word was always as good as his bond, and he always manifested an honesty of mind and integrity of purpose which won him universal respect. He leaves to mourn his very great loss a sorrowing widow and five children, Miss Lily, Miss Beatrice, Samuel Stedman, Edward Stedman and George Stedman. The sister also survives, Mrs. Glithero, residing at Leicester, England.

M'OUTCHEON BROS. TRIAL

Has Been Resumed Again in Toronto—A Lawyer on Witness Stand.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—After a week's adjournment the trial of the McCutcheon Bros was resumed at noon yesterday. The principal witness examined during the day was Mr. A. K. Goodman, a Toronto solicitor, who was called by the Crown. Since the early stages of the trial the defence has been pressing for the testimony of Mr. Goodman. He told how McCutcheon in October, 1911 by the late Mr. McFarlane, who had business relations with the McCutcheons and who was an old client of Mr. Goodman's in Cayuga, where witness first practised.

Mr. Goodman's business relations with the McCutcheons commenced on October 16. The first proposition he had to do with was in regard to Connaught Park, Athabasca Landing. Mr. McCutcheon had told him that the Calgary office had listed 160 acres for sale for \$64,000. Mr. McCutcheon said if they could get a syndicate the vendors would give McCutcheon Brothers a commission of 5 per cent.

"His suggestion was that \$20,000 should be given to Mr. McFarlane," continued Mr. Goodman. "Mr. McFarlane wanted to divide the \$20,000 among himself and giving \$1,000 to me." AGREED TO SUBSCRIBE \$1,000. The first cash payment was to be \$20,000. Mr. McFarlane and the witness were to put the \$1,000 each into the proposal and subscribe for \$2,000 each in stock. Mr. McCutcheon was to put up \$800 in cash, and the witness was to put up \$2,000 stock in commission, making a total of \$6,000 subscribed. The rest was to be raised among Mr. McFarlane's friends. He had received instructions from Mr. G. S. McCutcheon on October 18 to draw up the subscription list. His company was asked to act as solicitors for the holding company. Mr. Goodman and Galbraith in trust. Eleven thousand five hundred dollars had been paid into the office of Goodman and Galbraith in trust. It was a number of subscribers. The money was paid into the Bank of British North America. Another \$1,500 came in later, while \$2,000 was received by McCutcheon Bros, direct. These amounts completed the \$20,000 referred to above. Following the in-

Total British Officers Lost Since the Beginning of War

By Special Wire to the Courier. London, Feb. 10 (correspondence).—Officer casualty lists for the month of January show that the British army lost 310 officers killed during that month, 647 wounded and 40 missing—a total of 1,024. Taking a number from the missing and wounded totals, which have been since included in the killed, the casualties since the beginning of the war aggregate 23,087 of which 7,157 have been killed or died, 14,158 wounded and 1,772 missing. During January the losses were heavy among the regiments operating in the Persian and Balkan theatres

of war. The Indian contingents lost 56 killed, 133 wounded, 6 missing, 1,024. The British army lost 310 officers killed during that month, 647 wounded and 40 missing—a total of 1,024. Taking a number from the missing and wounded totals, which have been since included in the killed, the casualties since the beginning of the war aggregate 23,087 of which 7,157 have been killed or died, 14,158 wounded and 1,772 missing. During January the losses were heavy among the regiments operating in the Persian and Balkan theatres

NEW WORK FOR THE SUBMARINES

Transported German Airships Close to Shores of England.

ONE REASON THEY WERE NOT SEEN Naval Expert Holds Such a Way of Transportation Possible.

By Special Wire to the Courier. New York, Feb. 22.—A cable to the Tribune from London says: It is reported that the German seaplanes which raided the east coast of England Sunday were transported to within a short distance of the shore by submarines. If the suspicion is correct it accounts for the fact that the invaders were not discovered until they made their appearance over British territory.

A naval correspondent of the Evening News considers such an accomplishment feasible and points to the fact that at the time of the raid by British aviators on Cuxhaven, three powerful seaplanes were taken into the neighborhood of Heligoland by British channel steamers, converted for the service. After the raid, he said, these planes were picked up again by carriers and brought back to England. During the trip the carriers were conveyed by light destroyers under the command of Commodore Tyrwhitt. Several types of aeroplanes now in use among the belligerents, can be folded so as to occupy a small space, and it is entirely reasonable that Sunday's raiders were transported by submarines.

FIVE KILLED IN NEW YORK FIRE

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New York, Feb. 22.—Several people are believed to have lost their lives in a fire which destroyed the Colonial restaurant in the theatre district early to-day. The upper floors of the five story building were occupied by lodgers. According to the police three women and two men are known to have been burned to death. They are believed to have been actors and actresses, but the bodies have not yet been identified. There were several sensational escapes as the flames rushed up through the building from the basement. One man jumped from a window on the second floor, and was seriously injured. There were 20 persons in the house at the time, all actors.

corporation, McCutcheon Bros were appointed selling agents. A dividend of 75 per cent. had been declared in this syndicate, said Mr. Goodman. Personally he had no claim against McCutcheons in regard to this, as Mr. Gordon McCutcheon had refunded all the witness had put into it. Later in the year, Mr. G. D. McCutcheon broached the purchase of the 160 acres adjoining Connaught Park. He had received a wire from his brother Dave in Calgary, he said, and \$5,000 was required to secure the option. The price was to be \$64,000, with cash payment of \$80,000. A commission of 5 per cent. was to be received by Mr. McCutcheon, Mr. Goodman and McCutcheon Bros.

Mr. Goodman said that all moneys paid into the office of Goodman and Galbraith were paid over to McCutcheons. Mr. Goodman and his partner were appointed trustees, and the company was incorporated as the Toronto Alberta Co., McCutcheon Bros. being appointed selling agents, secured by Mr. Gordon McCutcheon and Mr. McFarlane. "How much cash did Goodman and Galbraith subscribe?" "\$1,000." "How much stock did they receive?" "\$3,000." Mr. Goodman also told of his connection with the formation of the Bonivon, Moose Jaw, syndicate, and Full Investors, Ltd., and was proceeding to tell what he knew about East Melford Investors, Ltd., when the court rose.

RESUMPTION OF INQUIRY INTO THE PARLIAMENT FIRE

W. A. Charlton, M.P., Tells How He Escaped From Building.

HE HEARD NO EXPLOSIONS No Looting Done by Soldiers of the 77th Battalion.

By Special Wire to the Courier. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 22.—At the resumption of the parliament building inquiry to-day, W. A. Charlton, M.P., told of his escape via the basement from Room 115, when he heard the infernal nature of the reading room and adjoining corridors, he would have expected the fire to spread as fast as one could run. He had heard no explosion.

A Deputy Speaker E. N. Rhodes said that from seven to ten minutes after the alarm he had heard two or three mild explosions, such as he had heard before at a fire. "I don't think these indicated anything unusual," he testified. "They might have been glass falling into the ceiling of the Commons."

M. C. McCormick, clerk in the library, denied that there had been any large collection of coins was untouched and if there had been any tendency to pilfer, the soldiers could have filled their pockets with them. FIREMEN VS. POLICE. Referring to the department's refusal of Chief Graham's offer to put a staff of firemen in the buildings, Mr. Hunter said it objected to the chief unloading an enlarged brigade of his own at the Government's expense. The government had never objected to the firemen familiarizing themselves with the building. But it was all nonsense to suppose that firemen could detect a fire quicker than 75 policemen. All messengers, watchmen, etc., had been instructed in use of extinguishers. Asked by Commissioner Fringle if the government has ever considered a sprinkler system, he said it had, but it was thought the system might go out of order and give some members a shower bath.

TOO FAR AFIELD. Chief Graham denied that there had been lack of co-operation with the firemen as suggested by the press. This led to a cross fire and Mr. White, examining counsel, remarked: "We are going too far afield, shining skunks we have no business to."

MAYOR MARTIN. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 22.—Mayor Martin of Montreal, member for St. Mary's division, gave a dramatic description of the outbreak of the fire. He had heard of an explosion and he then ran into the Commons to give the alarm. "For myself I believe the fire was put because—oh, well, I cannot explain it," he declared. He had seen no one in the reading room. "One minute I see nothing; the next—poof—the fire is at my back. I drop my coat and save my life," was the way Mayor Martin explained the situation.

AN ENGINEER'S EVIDENCE. E. A. Leaneur, a chemical engineer of 26 years standing, said that a fire such as described by Mayor Martin was not caused in any ordinary manner, but resembled one started with chemicals or an incendiary bomb. He described the action of incendiary chemicals to bear out his opinion. Mr. Frank Glass's description was read verbatim. "That sounds like an ordinary fire," he said. There were diluted chemicals which would start flames, but they could not be accurately timed and all would be detected by their odors. A fire set by chemicals would differ from an ordinary one at the start, but would be the same as the other later on, and the rate of spread would be the same. J. D. Hunter, deputy minister of public works, was out on the stand and had several clashes with Fire Chief Graham during his testimony. There were 74 different kinds of extinguishers and 3,750 feet of hose and 33 hydrants in the building, as well as a fire alarm system. It is said 70,000 naval reservists are assembled at Kiel and Heligoland.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS In THE MATTER OF THE Estate of Charles E. Amy, deceased. NOTICE is hereby given that all persons having claims of any nature against the estate of Charles E. Amy, late of the Township of Burford, in the County of Brant, Yeoman, deceased, are required to send same, together with proof thereof to the undersigned solicitors for Josiah Kestle, Frederick Harrison and Elizabeth Ann Amy the Executors named in the Will of the said deceased not later than the Tenth day of March, 1916, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have received notice. Dated at Brantford this Twelfth day of February, A.D. 1916. BREWSTER AND HEYD, Solicitors for Executors. Harley Gray and Melvin Hubble were shot and killed at Martinville, Ind. by Porter Bond, whom they were escorting to a sanitarium.