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MORE SUCCESSSES FOR RUSSIANS IN CAUCASUS AND GALICIA; ITALAINS REGAIN POSITIONS NEAR GORIZIA

CZAR'S FORCES ROUT HUNS WITH SEVERE LOSSES

Germans Caught off Guard in Galicia and Lose Many Men — Are Now Rushing Artillery of all Kinds in Hopes of Stemming the Russian Advance.

Although considerable fighting has taken place along the various war fronts there have been no notable changes in the positions of any of the combatants.

In the region of Neuville-St. Vaast, the French have attacked, with hand grenades, the positions taken from them by the Germans, but, according to Berlin, they were repulsed with heavy losses, although a mine crater was captured by the French. Paris says two attacks by the Germans on the road between Arras and Lens were put down, and that a German munitions depot was blown up near Puisseleigne by the French artillery.

All along the line, from Riga to Bukovina, there have been artillery bombardments, and here and there infantry attacks by the Russians and the Germans and Austro-Hungarians. Petrograd reports a surprise attack near Buczac, Galicia, by the Russians in which a large party of Teutons was put to flight, after having suffered heavy losses, and also the capture of three mine craters by the Russian forces.

Despatches from Kiev say the Austrians and Germans are making great preparations to stem any attempt at a further advance by the Russians in Galicia. Large quantities of artillery of all calibres are being rushed to this quarter.

The Italians have re-occupied, on the heights to the west of Gorizia, ground they had previously been forced to retire from in the face of an Austrian attack, and also have put down, with heavy casualties, a strong attempt by the Austrians to advance in the Upper Isonzo region.

Occupy Another Town.
In the Caucasus the Russians claim further successes for their arms and the capture of large quantities of arms and ammunition. Between Erzerum and Mush, they have occupied the town of Khynyskala. In addition, south of Lake Urumiah, in Persia, the defeat of large Turk forces is reported by Petrograd, together with the capture of prisoners and supplies.

The United States government, in an identical note to the Powers, is endeavoring to reach a joint agreement for removing guns from merchant vessels and a declaration of principles governing attacks on such vessels. The note says the American government is considering bringing armed merchantmen entering American ports under the rules governing war vessels.

Petrograd, via London, Jan. 28, 11.53 p. m.—The official communication issued by the war office today says: "In the Plakann district our artillery scored a number of successes. Several Zeppelins dropped bombs in the region of Dvinsk. Our artillery in the Lake Svencion region dispersed a large German force.

"The Germans celebrated Emperor William's birthday, but no particular animation was observed in their line.

"On the Caucasus front, in a fight in the region west of Melazghert, we crushed a large Turkish column and took as prisoners 17 officers and 274 men, and captured a large quantity of arms and munitions, including ten of thousands of cartridges and ammunition carts. Our troops, pursuing the fleeing enemy, entered the town of Khynyskala, between Erzerum and Mush, close on his heels. Here they found, besides the troops, whom they took prisoners, large reserves of munitions and supplies for the Turkish army. The Turks are fleeing toward Mush.

"In Persia, south of Lake Urumiah, we defeated large Turkish forces pursuing the enemy, who fled precipitately. We took as prisoners numerous Turkish regulars and Kurdish tribesmen, and captured large quantities of arms, munitions, medical supplies, and some thousands of cattle. Southeast of Hamadan, near Kandehan Pass, we drove the enemy back southwards.

Bulgaria Closes Rumanian Frontier.
Paris, Jan. 28.—Bulgaria stopped all communication across the Rumanian frontier on January 23, according to a despatch to the Temps from Geneva.

WHAT OTTAWA JOURNAL SAYS OF MR. BURRELL'S EXPOSE OF CARVELL

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 28.—"J.M.", writing in the Ottawa Journal, Independent Conservative, has the following to say of the sensational exposure of F. B. Carvell, M. P., by the Minister of Agriculture:

"This has been a week of sensations, but yesterday was the most sensational yet. On Tuesday F. B. Carvell made a number of grave statements and charges, which at the time cast a certain gloom over both sides. They looked so serious that the integrity of Canadian public life generally was in doubt.

"But since then there have been replies from Government circles, and so satisfactory has been the defence, so many bubbles have been burst that Conservative members at least have begun to look quite cheerful.

"Two ministers in particular have broken Mr. Carvell's lance. First, there was General Hughes and yesterday there was Hon. Martin Burrell.

"The Minister of Agriculture has always been regarded as one of the mildest of men. His unqualified success has been due to the value of his work in his department. The speech making has for the most part been left to others, while he has labored morning, noon and night in the interests of the farmer.

"So yesterday, when he filled the chamber with the eloquence born of indignation and anger it was in the nature of a revelation. He denied absolutely Carvell's version of an interview they had over wine and cigars, and in a confidential conversation with the public.

"Then Mr. Burrell produced a document which showed that Mr. Carvell had been a party to a hay purchasing combine in his own county during the Boer war which made it impossible for the farmers to benefit by any rise in prices. They were held down tight to \$8 per ton for hay.

"This caused a sensation, and it was all the more so coming from a minister of the type of Mr. Burrell. The tu quoque argument is not in his line, but in this case he indicated that he had been left no choice by Mr. Carvell."

being heated is believed to have caused the fire. The flames soon ate their way into the basement where a large stock of drugs and chemicals were stored. Great billows of poisonous smoke poured from the building. A theatre across the street was converted into a hospital, and dozens of firemen received temporary treatment there. Seven of the firemen who were not restored to consciousness by oxygen machines, were taken to a hospital.

GRIPPED BY STORM, PUTS INTO ST. JOHN'S

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 28.—Crippled as a result of a storm encountered three hundred miles off Cape Race, the Danish steamer Lexa Maersk put in here today for extensive repairs. She is 14 days out from Savannah, Ga., for Frederikshaven, Denmark, with a cargo of cattle fodder. During the heavy weather she disabled her rudder and sustained other damage. Her chief officer was seriously injured.

"WAR ONLY BEGINNING FOR ALLIES, BUT NO DOUBT OF VICTORY" — LLOYD GEORGE

England and Her Allies Now Taking Counsel and Stronger Because They Are United—Superiority in Men Unquestioned and by Spring Will Have Advantage in Munitions

London, Jan. 28, 10.05 p. m.—"I think that for us the war is only beginning," said David Lloyd George, minister of munitions, in an interview today with the London correspondent of the Milan Secolo, "but I am absolutely confident of victory, because although we all have made mistakes in the past, England and her Allies are now taking counsel together and will be stronger because they are united. By next spring we shall have for the first time more munitions than the enemy, and our superiority in men is unquestioned. Besides this, Germany's financial position is growing worse daily."

An Attempted Fraud.
London, Jan. 28, 9.55 p. m.—The foreign office tonight issued an additional statement concerning the cargo found on the Swedish steamer Stockholm, which has been detained at Kirkwall and Liverpool since January 14, and part of the cargo of which has been ordered into the prize court. The statement says:

"A search of the cargo of the Swedish steamer Stockholm has revealed the fact that it comprises a consignment of meat amounting to 142 tons which although originally entered on the ship's manifest had been subsequently cut out, and for which there was no bill of lading among the ship's papers. Since the loading of the Stockholm at New York, which had been supervised by His Majesty's consul, who sealed the hatches and gave a certificate to that effect, alteration of the manifest cannot but give rise to the suspicion that some fraud was intended."

Five Millions for Patriotic Fund
Montreal, Jan. 28.—Montreal's five day campaign to raise \$1,500,000 for the Patriotic Fund ended tonight, when the reports showed that a total of \$2,379,854 had been contributed. This does not include the City Council's grant of \$250,000.

Toronto's Campaign
Toronto, Jan. 28.—The four days' campaign of the Toronto and York County Patriotic Fund to raise two million dollars was concluded tonight, and the returns show a total subscription of \$2,302,829, with some scattering contributions yet to be heard from.

J. H. PLUMMER RESIGNS FROM HEAD OF THE DOMINION STEEL CO.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation, held here this afternoon, Mark Workman, president of the Mark Workman Company, Limited, clothing manufacturer, was elected president, to succeed J. H. Plummer, who is retiring because of poor health.

Mr. Workman, besides being one of the most active members of the Steel directorate for a number of years, is the largest individual stockholder, and has always been one of the strongest champions of the Steel Company.

Mr. Workman, besides being at the head of the Mark Workman Company, Ltd., is vice-president of the Federal Patuxbury Company, Lexington, Ky., vice-president of the Jacobs Aebestos Company, Theford Mines, N. S., and is also largely interested in the B. Gardner Company.

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HUNDRED AND FIFTY DEAD GERMANS IN ONE CRATER

After Violent Counter Attack by French Near Neuville—British Advance in Egypt Surprise to Turks — Bedouins Lose Nerve and Deserting Other Tribesmen.

Paris, Jan. 28, via London, Jan. 29, (12.55 a. m.)—The war office gave out the following statement tonight:

"In the Artois district artillery fighting has been especially violent. The enemy has directed successive attacks on various points of the front. To the west of Hill 140, south of Givenchy, after a series of mine explosions, the enemy succeeded in gaining a footing in some parts of our advanced trenches. Another attack directed, at the same time, against our positions in the neighborhood of the road from Neuville to La Folle has been completely repulsed.

"A third attack, which was being prepared at the same time against our works to the north of Reclincourt, has been stopped short by our artillery and our rifle fire. The enemy was not able to leave his trenches. Finally a fourth attack on the road of St. Laurent to St. Nicholas to the northeast of Arras was decisively checked.

"To the south of the Neuville to La Folle we repulsed, in the morning, a new crater very violent fight, and repulsed violent counter-attacks of the enemy. It is confirmed that in this section, during the previous fighting, the enemy suffered heavy losses. One hundred and fifty German bodies were counted in one of the craters we recaptured. The enemy bombarded violently our positions at Arras and to the south of that city, the enemy launching a violent infantry attack. Our batteries have counter-shelled energetically the German artillery."

London, Jan. 28, (3.45 p. m.)—The war office today issued further details of the recent fighting on the western front of Egypt. It says the enemy had no intimation of the British advance until the dawn of January 23. It is stated by deserters who have reported that the enemy's losses on one flank alone exceeded the total losses in the engagement on Christmas day, including some Turkish officers. This severe defeat, the war office says, greatly discouraged the local Bedouins, who were with the Senussi, and they are reported to be deserting and returning east.

Italians Abandon Durazzo.
Rome, Jan. 28, via London, Jan. 29, (2.30 a. m.)—The Giornale d'Italia, Athens correspondent says the Italians have decided to abandon Durazzo, Albania, owing to the fact that its defense presents most serious difficulties.

TWO COUNTIES IN N. S. TO VOTE ON REPEAL OF THE SCOTT ACT

Ottawa, Jan. 28, (via leased wire.)—The passing of prohibitory legislation in Nova Scotia, to be operative in all districts in which the old Scott Act is repealed, has been followed by the rapid discarding of the last named act throughout the province. The Canada Gazette announces that the counties of Queens and Shelburne will vote on the repeal of the Scott Act on Feb. 21 and 24. If the votes are favorable this will render the province practically all dry outside of the city of Halifax, where liquor is sold under license.

born in 1837. He was appointed viceroy of the Caucasus in 1905, and ruled there until last September, when he was succeeded by Grand Duke Nicholas. He worked many reforms in the country, brought about a rejuvenation of trade and industry, and put down the outlawry that had been in existence for years.

AN OPEN CHALLENGE TO THE TELEGRAPH AND TIMES

The Daily Telegraph and the Evening Times have charged that the Fleming Foundry Company of this city was compelled to pay a 10 per cent. commission on a shell contract secured from the Cornwall and York Cotton Mill Company and that \$5,000 of this commission has already been paid. If these charges are true they can very easily be verified. The Standard hereby challenges the Telegraph and the Times to send an authorized representative to interview Mr. J. B. Cudlip of the Cornwall and York Cotton Mill Company and the Messrs. Fleming of the Fleming Foundry Company, and to publish accurately and truthfully the questions asked by the newspaper representative and the answers given by the gentlemen interviewed.

ANOTHER GRIT LIE HAS BEEN PROMPTLY NAILED

Pictou Member's Falsehood About Cruiser Rainbow Refuted by Man Who Knows the Facts—Fair Minded Members of Opposition Won't Let Pugsley-Carvell Misstatements Go Undenied.

Special to The Standard
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 28.—Archibald McColg, the Liberal member for East Kent, had the courage to get up in the commons today and express his regret that Liberal members from other constituencies—meaning Mr. Carvell in particular—should assert that militia appointments in their ridings had been political in character. In Kent, he said, the appointments had been the result of merit and not of political influence.

Today the debate on the address was quieter than it has been for a week. The house has been sobered by the outbreaks of Messrs. Pugsley and Carvell and the falsity of their charges when they came to be analysed by the ministers responsible. These members have been shown to be mere political opportunists hunting for political gain without flinching, and ready to sacrifice the interests of their country and its allies for miserable party gain. Appeals to them as patriotic Canadians to let war office interests in Canada alone until the war is over were unheeded. Instead false statements were given the house and the country.

In the words of J. H. Burnham today the situation is well told. He said: "I have been shocked, nay I have been terrified to find this House being turned into a political shambles."

Mr. Burnham condemned in the severest terms the conduct of Pugsley, Carvell and B. D. MacKenzie. They had been trying, he said, to get the house into a seething cauldron of riot and discontent, and this had been doing a serious injury to recruiting. But their purpose the country was beginning to divine, and God help them when the country got hold of them.

Col. D. Taylor of New Westminster, nailed a falsehood of E. M. MacDonald in a rousing speech. The member for Pictou had stated that when war broke out the cruiser Rainbow was in a dismantled condition. Now Mr. Taylor comes from British Columbia and should know more about what is doing there than Mr. MacDonald. Therefore when he declares that the Rainbow was in full commission when war broke out, and that it had been placed immediately at the disposal of the Admiralty most people will believe Mr. Taylor. But whether they believe him or not there is the official fact that the vessel was in commission and was turned over to the British Admiralty.

It was expected that the debate would close today but it will not be over before Tuesday.

Ottawa, Jan. 28, (via leased wire)—Resuming the debate on the address at the opening of the House, Mr. J. H. Burnham, of Peterboro, stated he wished to make an appeal, in the name of the young men of the country and the people generally, against the conduct of members of the House who had been endeavoring to stir up party hatred. "I have been shocked, nay I have been terrified, to find this House being turned into a political shambles," said Mr. Burnham. "I will not incite further contention by saying which side is to blame. I will leave that to an impartial public to judge."

Mr. Burnham thought the country had dropped politics during the war, but he had come to the House to find that a poison which would destroy the very life of Canada was being distilled in that chamber. The words of the leader of the opposition that the opposition would offer no criticism to the government's proposals for Canada's participation in the war, as long as (Continued on page 5)

FORMER VICEROY OF CAUCASUS IS DEAD; WORKED MANY REFORMS

London, Jan. 28; 9.34 p. m.—Reuters' Petrograd correspondent reports the death of Count Von Vorontzoff-Dashkoff, formerly viceroy of the Caucasus, at his castle at Alupka, in the Crimea. Count Von Vorontzoff-Dashkoff was

NO SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO EXTENSION?

Words of A. B. Copp Seem to Indicate Liberals May Not Offer Permanent Opposition to Idea.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 28.—A reference to the extension of the parliamentary term by Mr. A. B. Copp (Westmorland) just before the adjournment of the House tonight, indicated that he would not offer any permanent opposition to the extension. He said that it was a very serious step to take, but he added, he was not opposing it, and when it came before the House "he would be given all the consideration and deliberation that the subject deserved," by members of the opposition.

"It would be given the very best consideration," he added. But it was a serious thing for the members to give themselves an extra year in office by altering the constitution.

SMOKE AND GAS FUMES OVERCOME FIREMEN FIGHTING BLAZE

Explosion of Chemicals in Detroit Drug Store Starts Fire — Billows of Poisonous Gases Drive Back Firemen.

Detroit, Jan. 28.—More than one hundred firemen were overcome by smoke and gas fumes today while fighting the most stubborn blaze Detroit has had in fifteen years. The drug store of E. C. Kinsal, at Griswold street and Michigan Ave., in the heart of the business district, was burned out. Several concerns, including a large dental establishment above the drug store, were reached by fire and water. The total damage was about \$200,000 practically covered by insurance.

Explosion of chemicals which were

Hasn't the time come when employers should refuse to engage any man who is physically fit for military service?