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Berlin Claims Also That British Transport Laden With Troops and a Convoy Were Torpedoed

Russians Defeat Germans on Niemen and Check Advance From North

AUSTRIAN TORPEDO BOATS AND AEROPLANES

Victory Won by Russians on Niemen River Holds Up Big Attack.

AUSTRIANS BEATEN TOO

Decisive Battle Won by Russians for Possession of Wyszkow Pass.

By Frederick Rennett, correspondent of The London Daily News and The Toronto World. Special Cable to The Toronto World. PETROGRAD, Feb. 21.—In north-

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east Poland the curtain is now considerably lifted and the scope of Von Hindenburg's last strategic manoeuvre ttempf, directed from southwest Poand in October to press the Russians behind the great river, failed mainly behind the great river, failed mainly because of a successful sortie by a strong Russian cayalry column from Novo Georgievsk, thru Levitch, which undid in three days all the dearly pald for work of the huge German armies which had then been facing Bloni and twangorod. In a fortnight Von Hindenburg, in a determined effort again to the his adversaries to the Vistula, has given his most serious attention to Novo Georgievsk and all the line of fortresses stretching northeast from the right bank of the Vistula and Pultusk, Ostrolenka. Lomza and Ossowetz. East of this last stronghold, where the Germans were defeated last where the Germans were defeated last October, they have apparently two or three corps which came from the south of the Mazurian Lakes, man-oeuvring tentatively without much fighting in the direction of the roal.

They are not attempting now any speedy operations, and have left their flank threatened since the sharp defeat of the German cavalry on the Niemen, where all survivors of the Uhlan regiment which the Russians cut down are prisoners. The Germans have a larger army nearer Ossowett, which, however, they have not invested or even bombarded. Their other chief force in the northeast has moved on the road to Lomza and Beries. In battles here the Russians genpitched battles here the Russians generally are attacking along the marshy flat banks of Narew and Bebr. The Germans are believed to have nine corps in this region. Less is known of the battle area between Serpetz and Plonak. y great forces are now It is plain that despite gathering. It is plain that despite any developments in the campaign in being yet more men into their eastern operations and to keep them here, but the position here is now evidently

strongly covered.

To Fight at Disadvantag

A very great German army will be
needed for the northern campaign.
The present aggressive tactics of the
Russians in the middle disposition ha ssurprised the Germans, who, altho they have been using Przasnysz for most of the last three months as an observation point and base for cavalry naissances, have prepared no reconnaissances, have prepared hotelessances, miles southwest to the Vistula, other spreading eighty miles east into the Augustowo forest. northeast into the Augustowo localing the left wing where their reserves are kept within a dozen miles of the East

Defeated at Wyszkow Pass-It is calculated that the enemy had about twenty corps employed in Carpathians, of which about a orter are Germans. Their deter-ied attacks on the Wyszkow Pass failed decisively, and the Russians are able to develop a strong of-The German strategists in southern campaign are striving their utmost to impose the lines of the San River as the western boundary for the Russians, and have begun vigorous fighting supported by masses
of heavy artillery along the Dunametz,
but the Russians by the prompt seizure of Tarnow, with the control both roads and railways of western, have anticipated and frusrated the bold plan for cutting beits co-operating columns in the Car-pathian passes. Two sorties from zemysl were promptly beaten back, and the blockade is maintained com-

Allies' Nibbling Tactics Achieving Real Results

While Territory Gained Recently is Small, Germans Have Been Prevented From Striking Decisive Blow-French Army Improves in Personnel and Equipment

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 21.—A British military observer stationed with the French army in the field describes the advantages gained in the last few months by the French forces, in a statement given out today by the official information bureau, as follows:

"Since the repulse of the Germans by the allied forces in Flanders, no battle of great importance has been fought. If the gain in the small engagements which have taken place is measured only by the amount of ground won, the results are indeed small. A few hundred yards to the north of Arras, a village or two between Arras and the corner of the line nearest Paris, a belt varying from a mile and a half to two hundred yards in breadth to the east of Rheims, and a few miles of what was German terrifory in Alsace—these acres are all that have been gained, and the enemy's hold on Belgium and northeast, France is as strong as ever."

The British observer, nevertheless, contends that the success of the French army has been very great, and that its work is deserving of the gratitude and admiration of the alied powers. It has kept the German army so-busily engaged, he says, compelling it frequently to fight under unfavorable circumstances, that the Germans have been unable to withdraw troops for a decisive blow elsewhere.

While performing this work, the observer says, the French army has steadily improved in personnel and equipment.

is clearly outlined. His aim from the DARDANELLES FORTS FRENCH TAKE WOOD beginning has been to confine the PUT OUT OF ACTION NORTH OF PERTHES BOOK AND ACTION NORTH ACTION NOT NOT NORTH ACTION NO

Brilliant Coup.

STRONG POSTS SEIZED

in Other Areas.

Special Cable to The Toronto World.

war office tonight. The wood was oc-

cupied after the Germans had been

exhausted by several unavailing at-

from two miles and a half of trenches

taken last, week, Seizing an oppor-

tune moment the Frenchmen made a

brilliant charge in pursuit of a col-

umn of Germans that had been severe-

ly broken up, and entered the bush

which they round had been strongly

organized, with trenches and conceal-

siderable ground, the enemy delivered a further onslaught, with the object

of clearing the French troops out of

their new positions. This was re-

pelled with heavy slaughter, and a rapid charge gave into the hands of the French the whole of the German pesitions north and east of the wood. Success Near Ypres.

Near Ypres the French also drove the Germans from parts of the

trenches which they had recently re-

taken from the French. Attacks else-

where were repulsed and several hun-dred men, including officers, were lef-

dead on the field. The French losses

The French troops also followed up

their recent progress, particularly north of Les Mesnils, in the Champagne

The seventh German counter-at-tack on Les Eparges, near Verdun, made in two days, completely failed, and the French hold fresh ground

that was captured after beating back the sixth bounter-attack, in which

were slight.

Exasperated at losting such con-

tempts to drive the French soldiers

Attack by Anglo-French Fleet Progress in Cham Was Apparently Highly

INFLEXIBLE ENGAGED

Participant in Falkland Islands Battle Effective at Long Range.

Canadian Press Despatch. LONDON, Feb. 21.—The first attack by the British and French Mediterranean fleets, assisted by aeroplane and seaplanes, on the Dardanelles for tifications, which commenced Friday and conainued yesterday, has met with considerable success, according to the British official account and unofficial reports received at Athens from the Island of Tenedos, at the entrance to

Island of Tenedos, at the entrance to the straits.

The Turkish official report, however, stated that no damage had been done to the fortifications, and that the casualties of the defenders consisted of one killed and one wounded, but that three of the warships were damaged by shots from the forts. The British report said that the fortifice. British report said that the fortifica-tions on the European side of the straits were silenced Friday, and that only one of the forts on the Asiatic side was still firing Friday evening while none of the warships had been damaged. The Greek accounts said that the Asiatic forts were silenced but no official report of this bombardment has been issued by the admiralty

Big Warships Engaged.
The bombardment must have been one of the most serious ever undertaken in the opinion of naval experts. for no less than eight battleships and armored cruisers took part, these war-ships having a total of thirty 12-inch and six 10-inch guns which outranged the guns of the forts. Early Friday morning this fleet, including the British returned from the Falkland Islands where with other ships, she took part in the battle in which Admiral Count

Von Spee's German squadron was de-stroyed, opened a long range bombardment on the forts at Cape Helles and at Kum Kalesi at the entrance to the straits. When these forts had been damaged the battleship force closed in and engaged the forts with their 6, 7 and engaged the forts with the engaged and 9-inch guns which, it is believed must have poured an enormous rain o shells on the Turkish positions. Weuld Release Wheat.

Besides desiring to bring Tarkey to they took 200 prisoners, several offi-her knees, the allies in their attempt to force the Dardanelles aim at an trench mortars. wheat which is locked up in Russian warehouses and which the allies wish o get out, both to relieve the market and to provide Russia with necessar: credit to pay for war material bought

DEFEATED AT OSSOWETZ.

PETROGRAD, Feb. 21-The Germa forces have been badly beaten at the fortress of Ossowetz. 29 miles north-east of Lomza, in Russian Poland. the bold plan for cutting be-their western main army and cording to a telegram from the Russian general staff to a high personage here. The Germans are reported to have suffered hoavy losses, and are now retreating to the East Prussian

Flag Attacked by Torpedo Boats.

AVIATORS DROP BOMBS

War With Italy Apparently Regarded by Austria as Inevitable

Canadian Press Despatch.

BARI Italy, via Rome, Feb. 21, 1.15
p.m.—The fishing boat Gesu arrived today from Antivari Montenegro, and

the vessels while the Austrians aero-planes dropped bombs. No one on either vessel was injured, but the Saturno was damaged so badly she was unable to sail for home.

AUSTRIA FOLLOWS BAD.

GENEVA. Feb. 21.—According to an Innebruck despatch, Austria is going to follow Germany's lead in her piratical sea progress. The possessing only a few submarines, Austria now intends to attack neutral shipping in the Adriatic and only awaits orders from Berlin. This attitude shows Austria considers war with Italy inevitable. The same despatch states the kaiser and Austrian emperor together with full Gains Near Ypres Reported With Repulses of Germans PARIS, Feb. 21.-The capture of a Austrian emperor together with full staffs will hold a conference at a very near date in a town close to both wood north of Perthes, in the Champagne district, together with the ocfrontiers. The two emperors have not met since the war opened the their ministers have frequently been in concupation of the entire German positions commanding this post, after an unsuccessful counter-attack of the

enemy, was announced by the French Emperor Franz Joseph, it is stated also wants a personal explanation from the kaised on the conduct of military

ITALY IS PREPARED AND AWAITS EVENTUALITIES

Number of First Line Soldiers Under Colors Totals One Million.

ROME, via Paris, Feb. 21.—The pro-eedings in the Italian chamber of deputies Saturday were comparatively peaceful, owing probably to the general belief among the deputies that the government has done everything in its ower to prepare for eventualities. The first line soldiers now under t colors total about 1,000,000, and thus mobilization has virtually been ac-complished. Should it be necessary Italy can speedily call to arms the ter-ritorial troops for the local garrisons.

FINAL HOCKEY GAME POSTPONED A WEEK

Manager Solman of the Arena anmanager Solman of the Arena an nounces that the Victoria-St. Michaels' cup final has been postponed from tonight until next Monday owing to injuries to S. M. C. players. Rankin and McCamus, who were in the hos-pital owing to injuries from the last game, were joined on Saturday by Murphy. He was practicing in the open on Grenadier Pond and received a puck in the eye that completely closed his right optic. The men will be all right by next Monday.

Furs Will Be Dearer. In view of recent develop Elsewhere in the Argonne region the fighting has been desultory and of little consequence. Is quite obvious that most all furs will be dearer next season. For that reason the opportunities offered by the



ENEMY ACTIVE IN IRISH SEA

Fishing Boats Under National THREE VESSELS FELL PREY TO TORPEDOES AND MINES

British, Irish and American Ships Latest Victims of War of Piracy---Reported Loss of British Transport Not Confirmed.

Berlin reports that a British transport laden with troops and an accom-capying steamer have been sunk, but withholds details. No confirmation is given by the British Admiralty.

The American steamer Evelyn, bound from New York for Bremen, with a cotton cargo, struck a mine near Borkum Island in the North Sca. off the German coast on Saturday, and foundered. The crew of 27 men are reported

day from Antivari. Montenegro, and the members of the crew said that the Gesu and the fishing boat Saturno, when flying Italian flags, had been five minutes to take to the boats the vessel was fired upon by two Austrian torpedo boats. This report has caused great popular excitement in Rome.

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Members of the crew of the Gesu said that the vessel was anchored and another was drowned. Twenty survivors landed at Liverpool.

The American line for the crew said that the manual title in page headlines, together with manual title in the interport in the Irish saturday night. After the crew had been five minutes to take to the boats the vessel was a such page headlines, together with manual title in the interport in the Irish saturday night. After the crew had been five minutes to take to the boats the vessel was a such page headlines, together with manual title in the interport in the Irish saturday night. After the crew had been five minutes to take to the boats th

Norway is deeply angered over the sinking of the tank steamship Bel-ridge, and the government is expected to demand an explanation from Ger-many and a proper indemnity. If demands are not satisfied recourse to an embargo against all German ships is threatened.

AUSTRIANS DELAY BRINGING ON FIGHT

Russian Position on Right Bank of Pruth River Not Assailed.

MUCH SNIPING DONE

Reinforcements Awaited Before General Attack is Begun Across Pruth.

Martin Denohue, Corresponder The London Chronicle and Toronto World.

cial Cable to The Toronto World. MAMORNITZA. Feb. 21.-The Russians are occupying fresh positions on the right bank of the Pruth River, on the side nearest the Roumanian frontier, and they are confronted by weak forces of Austrians, who so far have made no serious attempt at an of-fensive movement. The enemy hesi-tates to attack, and is awaiting the arrival of reinforcements. The frozen
Pruth separates the hostile forces.
There is intermittent sniping thruout
the day along the Pruth Mamornitza line. On the frontier peasants on the summit of the hills pass the time watching the Russians and Austrians potting at each other within 200 yards of Roumanian territory.

potting at each other within 200 yards of Roumanian territory.

Disarmed by Roumanians.
Several Russians yesterday wandered on the wrong side of the frontier and were disarmed by Roumanian soldiers, who are keeping a sharp lookout for belligerent trespassers. Austrian officers without arms visited a local inn last night in search of warmth and good cheer. Amongst them was one whom I had known intimately in Paris. This unexpected meeting in the midst of war between our respective countries was somewhat embarrassing to both of us. We discussed many things and recalled mutual friends of pre-war days, caremutual friends of pre-war days, carefully avoiding the subject of hostili-

SEMLIN DAMAGED BY

little consequence.

In the position captured by the French at Xon the bodies of soldiers from five different regiments were found.

The Germans continue making attacks on the French positions in the Visges. Three attacks were repulsed here Sunday, one being made on the northern bank of the La Fechat River and two on the southern bank. The battle continues in this region.

"The Candy Shop" Tenight.

The sensational musical comedy. "The Candy Shop," in all its splendor and gorgeous pomp, will open a week's engagement tonight at the Princess. The street to really supremely tempting, for they cannot fall to prove a most profitable investment. In the men's department bargains are drawing eager buyers daily, while women keep coming along almost as fast as at the start of regular season. They realize that such values may not be offered in a long, long time. Don't be offered in a long, long time. Don't be one of those with regrets, but visit Dineen's today and decide on your purchase. You can't so wrong.

The stress of the opportunities offered by the Dineen Company.

140 Yonge street, are really supremely tempting.

Ganadian Press Despatch.

PARIS. Feb. 21.—A telegram from the men's department bargains are during the recent fighting near Belling the river from Belgrade, was damaged badly by Servian artillery during an attack on Austrian monitors. The monument erected in Semiliu to Hunyady, the famous Hungarian military leader, which was being used by the Austrians as an observation tower. Burned.

BELRIDGE'S SINKING STIRS NORWEGIANS

Government is Expected to Demand Explanation From Germany.

EMBARGO THREATENED

Neutral Countries Forced to Act if Indemnities Not Given.

Canadian Press Despatch. CHRISTIANIA. via London, Feb. 21, 10..5 p.m.—Indignation at the sinkin of the Norwegian tank steamer Bel of the Norwegian tank steamer Beiridge by a German submarine near
Folkestone is expressed by the morning papers, which discuss possible
means of demanding satisfaction.
"We presume the Norwegian Government will ask Germany to make a
declaration whether the sinking of the declaration whether the sinking of the Belridge was a mistake or a deliberate action," says The Morgenbladet. "Presumably beutral powers in their notes to Germany made ad reservation regarding compensation for life and property which may be lost by the carrying out of the German threat to tornede ships without previous examinapedo ships without previous examination. If legitimate claims of neutral to indemnity are refused, the respective countries will naturally consider the question of placing an embargo on German ships lying in their various ports until a satisfactory arrangemen s made of this economic question."

The Aftenposten considers there is

no longer any reason why neutral countries should not seek means to avert the danger menacing shipping.

Warning to Germany.

The Norwegian Journal of Commerce and Shipping says:
"The torpeduing of the Beiridge is an event which it is unnecessary further to characterize. The ship was bound to characterize. The ship was bound from one neutral port to another. She had heen ordere dto pain the word "Norway" in large letters on her sides, which surely was done. A repetition of the case may easily raise the greatest obstacles in the way of good relations with Germany. Needless to say we shall not abandon the right of thousands of years to sail the open sea as neutrals."

A SPECIAL COMMITTEE WILL SETTLE DISPUTES

Canadian Press Despatch.

LONDON, Feb. 21, 6-45 p.m.—With a view to preventing interruptions of work in the trades which supply war aterials, the government nas appointed a committee to consider all disputes which the parties directly concerned are unable to settle. The committee consists of Sir George Askwith of the board of trade, Sir Francis Hopwood of the admiralty, and Sir George Gibbons of the war office.

Canadian Press Despatch.

"The submarine drew up, fully above the surface of the water, a hundred feet away. Its captain halled us in good English and told us to get into our boats with haste.

Suspected Signal.

"Then the waste steam began to blow out of our exhaust pipe. The German captain got excited at this thinking we were trying to signal for help, and ordered us to shut off the Continued on Page 2.

Sinking of Irish Coasting Vessel Follows Closely on Torpedoing of Cambank Without Warning---Berlin Reports Destruction of **British Troopship But Loss** is Not Admitted in Britain.

Canadian Press Despatch-

LONDON, Feb. 21 .- A report from tion from official sources here. Berlin advices say that all the morning apers featured the report in first of the sinking of other vessels by sub-

Bryan Cabled Page.

Ambassador Page received today a afble from Secretary Bryan at Washngton, asking that he ascertain all facts concerning the occurrence and give every care to the crew if landed within his urisdiction. Secretary Bryan repeated a cablegram received

rom American Consul Fee at Bremen as follows: agents Bull & Co., New York, blown up early Friday at Borkum. Crew saved. Ship and cargo lost."

A similar cablegram was sent by Secretary Bryan to Ambassador Gerard at Berlin.

United States Vessel Destroyed. which sailed from New York on January 29 with a cargo of cotton for Bremen, struck a mine yesterday off Borkum Island, in the North Sea, sava a Bremen despatch. The vessel sank.

Her captain and 27 of her crew were saved. The nationality of the mine which destroyed the Evelyn has not been

The Evelyn is the first American vessel to meet with diseaser as a result of the sea war of the European nations. She did not sink within the zone included in the German admiralty's decree of Feb. 4, which went in the contract of the contr to effect on Thursday. Borkum Island lies directly off the German coast, at the mouth of Ems River, and is Ger-

man territory. Maritime records give the comple-nent of the Evelyn at 25 men, so that it is possible that all on board the yes-

The Evelyn was a single screw steel The Evelyn was a single screw steel steamship and was commanded by Captain Smith. She belonged to A. H. Bull & Co. of New York and was chartered by the Harriss-Irby Cotton Co. to take a cargo of cotton to Bremen. She was 252 feet long and 1,185 tons net. She was built in Southampton. Eng., in 1883. Her home was Philadelphia.

Irish Coaster Sunk.

The small Irish coasting steamer Downshire was sunk last night by a German submarine off Calf of Man, an

German submarine off Calf of Man, an island in the Irish Sea. The Germans gave the crew five minutes in which to leave their ship. The crew landed last night at Dundrum, County Down, Ire-

land.

Pursuer Tee Speedy.

The chief engineer of the Downshire gave the following account of the sinking of the vessel:

"The submarine was sighted two miles away by the outlook and the captain thereupon ordered me to push my engines all it was possible. He steered a zig-zag course, but the pufsuer had superior speed and overhauded us in a short time and fired three shots. The aim was so good that we stopped immediately.

"The submarine drew up, fully above the surface of the water, a hundred."