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GERMANY HAS DECLARED WAR ON PORTUGAL---FINAL COLLAPSE OF TURKEY LOOKED FOR IN EARLY SPRING.

Russians Have Turks Pulverized--Will Drop War in the Spring

Collapse of Turkish Campaign Expected in Early Spring by Petrograd—Remarkable Progress by Russian Forces is Responsible For Turks Plight—Czar's Forces Now Within 25 Miles of Mesopotamian Border—Russians Prepare For Capture of Trebizond—Russian Fleet Render Great Assistance to Land Forces—Evidence of Increasing Demoralization Among Turkish Troops

Petrograd, March 10.—The final collapse of the Turkish campaign in the early Spring is confidently predicted by Russian military critics, who base their assertions upon the remarkable progress the Russian army is making along the Black Sea coast and Persia.

Critics find increasing evidence that demoralization among the Turks and inability to continue organized positions the past week have brought the northern and southern Russian Caucasian armies considerably nearer their immediate objectives. The recent victories in Persia will enable the Russians to push forward over mountain range hitherto considered impassable to point within 25 miles of the Mesopotamian border, while troops moving along the Black Sea coast under the protection of the Russian fleet are within now like distance to Trebizond.

The capture of Riga leaves no important coastal defence on the way to Trebizond, and combined land and sea attacks on Turkey's most important Black Sea port is now being prepared for.

According to all reports the Turks done everything they could to improve the fortifications at Trebizond, but it is believed here that they have not had sufficient time to bring up the necessary reinforcements to withstand the well sustained Russian assault.

British Relief Force Is Now Within Seven Miles of Kut-el-Amara

LONDON, Mar. 10.—The War Office issued to-night the following official statement regarding the campaign in Mesopotamia:

"General Lake, Commander of the British forces, reports that General Aylmer, in command of the relieving forces, advanced on March 6th, and moving by the right bank of the Tigris, reached Esnin, a position about seven miles east of Kut-el-Amara. This position was attacked on March 8, but General Aylmer was unable to dislodge the enemy. General Aylmer stated that the enemy suffered very severely, but beyond strengthening his position, has shown no activity. Our casualties were not heavy and in the majority of cases, very slight.

Mexican Villain Again on Deck

COLUMBUS, New Mexico, Mar. 9.—Five hundred Villa bandits attacked this point this morning. They killed a number of civilians, men and women, but were driven off by cavalry. Five American soldiers were among the killed.

Two More Steamers Are Mined

COPENHAGEN, Mar. 9.—A Christiania despatch to the Politiken, says that the Norwegian steamer Memona and several other vessels bound from England for Norway are missing. It is feared they have been sunk by mines.

LONDON, Mar. 9.—A Reuter's despatch from Malmo says that the steamer Martha struck two mines within Swedish waters off Fastebo. The crew were saved.

Several steamers named Martha are listed in Maritime records, but none of Swedish nationality.

Innocent Victims

BERLIN, Mar. 9.—From Sept. 1915 to date, 1,043 civilians, including many women and children, have been killed or wounded by hostile artillery and bombs dropped by aircraft in Belgium and French districts occupied by Germans, the Overseas News Agency stated to-day. The killed during Feb. included 17 women and 15 children; wounded, 20 male civilians, 36 women, and 21 children, the statement declares.

French Defeat Huns Attempts Near Douaumont

PARIS, Mar. 9.—The Germans have been repulsed between Douaumont and the Village of Vaux, after several heavy attacks, accompanied by intense artillery fire, and violent infantry assaults, according to the French official statement, which says that the attackers were completely defeated after having penetrated to the village of Vaux.

The Germans Declare War On Portugal

Thirteen Powers Now Engaged in Great War—Portuguese Government Refused to Comply With Berlin's Request For Return of Shipping Seized

LONDON, March 10.—Germany has declared war on Portugal, thus thirteen countries are now engaged in a great international struggle. The declaration of war was made by Germany chiefly on account of the recent seizure of German merchantmen interned in Portuguese ports. Portugal's refusal to rescind this action at once and place these ships again under the German flag, a long series of alleged breaches of neutrality by the Portuguese Government such as permitting British troops to pass through Mozambique, the use of Portuguese ports as bases for British warships, and insults to the German nation by members of the Portuguese Parliament, also were contributing factors.

BERLIN (by wireless to Sayville.)—Mar. 9.—Germany has declared war upon Portugal, according to an announcement by the semi-official Overseas News Agency, made to-day.

Leaving Portugal

LISBON, Mar. 10.—Large numbers of German residents are leaving Portugal as a result of notice being given them by German Consuls that they should quit the country as soon as possible.

New Head Gear for Hun Soldiers

Helmet Weighing Seven Pounds Now Worn by German Lookouts in Advanced Posts, so Paris Says.

PARIS, Mar. 10.—German lookouts in advanced posts are now wearing new armour-coated steel helmets, consisting of a head-piece proper, weighing slightly more than two pounds, with heavy detachable steel plating, which is very thick and weighs over four pounds, the total weight of the head-piece being thus nearly seven pounds. The helmet is entirely without ornament and is of a dull gray colour.

COLOGNE IS SCENE OF BIG RIOTS

Amsterdam, March 10.—The Telegram states that it has received reports of serious rioting in Cologne on Tuesday last, in consequence of the heavy losses of German troops in the battle of Verdun.

Reports are further to the effect that artillery had to be placed in the streets to overawe the crowds.

Turks Abandon Their Attack on Suez and Egypt

LONDON, March 10.—A despatch from a British press representative with the Mediterranean Expeditionary Forces in Egypt says: "That the danger of a Turkish attack upon Egypt is now regarded as very remote if not entirely removed. The difficulties for the Turks of removing troops has increased with the approach of the warm season and it is believed in Egypt that the disaster at Erzerum has removed the last hopes on the part of the Turks of carrying out their plans against Suez."

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HUNS SUFFER ENORMOUS LOSSES

Furious Assaults by Germans Against Village of Vaux Smashed by French—Germans Unable to Stand French Fire Are Driven Back

PARIS, March 9.—Further progress for the French in Corbeux Wood was reported in an official statement issued by the War Office to-night as well as a German repulse from Douaumont to Vaux. The text of the communication follows:—

In Champagne we effectively bombarded the defensive organizations of the enemy to the west of Navarin, east of Butte du Mesnil, and the region of Massiges, to the west of the Meuse. Our troops continued to make progress during the course of the day in Bois des Corbeux, almost the whole of which we held. East of the Meuse the Germans directed several attacks against our front, from Douaumont, as far as Vaux. At the outskirts of the village of Douaumont the attack was broken by our infantry and artillery fire. Furious assaults against the village of Vaux were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy. Finally the Germans launched against our trenches bordering the foot of the slopes and ridge dominating the Fort of Vaux, violent attacks in solid formations which were driven back, the Germans suffering from our certain of fire enormous losses. Artillery activity west and east of the Meuse has been very violent on both sides. The bombardment of Woivre has been intermittent. In Upper Alsace we carried after grenade fighting, one section of the enemy's trench in the region of Entrelargues, east of Seppois.

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Regards Drink Evil Nation's Big Enemy

Lloyd George Says Records Show Big Decrease in Drunkenness—Thinks it Would be the Biggest Triumph of all.

LONDON, Mar. 10.—Replying to-day to a deputation from the Temperance Council Christian Churches, Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, said police records showed a reduction of something like forty per cent. in drunkenness throughout the country. He hoped the nation would be convinced by this success, which was largely dependent upon removing the drag upon its efficiency, caused by drink. However successful in war the country might be, he added, he was convinced a victory in this matter would be the greatest triumph of all.

Says Miners Have Rallied Country's Call

President Coal Miners Federation Denies Report That Miners Have Shirked Their Duty—250,000 Miners Have Enlisted to Date Says Smillie

LONDON, Mar. 10.—Robert Smillie, President of the Coal Miners' Federation, rectified to-night a widespread report that many thousands of men were flocking into mine work in order to avoid military service, as underground mining is an exempted trade. Nearly 250,000 skilled miners, said President Smillie, have joined the army since the outbreak of the war, their departure caused a crisis in coal production, which threatened to bring about a coal famine and a partial stoppage of the munitions output. Many thousands of elderly men, formerly trades, have now returned to the pits, simply from a patriotic desire to help the country in the war, while the remainder, 160,000 new hands employed, mainly boys. Should twenty or thirty thousand more skilled miners be taken away for military service, great industrial difficulties may arise from an insufficiency in coal production.

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Villa Crosses U. S. Border and Attacks Town of Columbus

Will Remove Mine Field Off Falstobo

Stockholm, March 10.—The Swedish Government has decided to move the Harman mine fields off Falstobo, which caused the loss of the steamer Martha.

The Press supports the Government in this decision, and several newspapers declare that the German object in laying of these mines is to prevent all traffic between the Baltic and North Sea.

French Liner Louisiane Sunk Crew Saved

Paris, March 10.—A despatch from Havre says the French line steamship Louisiane sank last night; crew are saved. No passengers were on board. It is presumed the vessel was sunk by a submarine, as one had been operating along the coast between Boulogne and Havre and which torpedoed the Hermatrice.

Extensive Damage Caused By Six French Aeroplanes

Amsterdam, March 10.—Six French aeroplanes raided the railway lines over which the Germans have been transporting military supplies in central Belgium on last Monday and Tuesday. They dropped many bombs and caused extensive damage. All returned safely.

BERESFORD SUPPORTS BALFOUR ASKS COUNTRY TO TRUST NAVY

He Depreciated Statements Suggesting Naval Unpreparedness—Navy Has Never Failed Us he Says—Thinks Appointment of Air Minister Was Not Called For—Too Much Money he Says Has Been Wasted in Buying Useless Air Planes From Other Countries

LONDON, Mar. 10.—A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, found a strong supporter in Admiral Lord Beresford, who, speaking to-day in the Lords on the Air Defence debate, said he depreciated the statements suggesting naval unpreparedness. The Navy, declared Lord Beresford, has most complete faith in its Commander-in-Chief and the present Board of Admiralty, and the Navy's honour is safe in Balfour's hands. "I advise the country to trust implicitly in the Navy which has never failed us."

"These remarks were made merely as an addition to a speech in which Beresford expressed opinion that the appointment of an Air Minister was not called for, and he thought too much money had been wasted buying useless machines from other countries. His view was that the British should attack and smash Zeppelins in their sheds, as he did not see how they could attack them after their arrival over England.

The whole debate was rather tame, except for Beresford's speech, and Marquis of Lansdowne's announcement that British output of aeroplanes now totalled twenty times the

Attack Was Led Under Slogan of "Death to Americans"—Villa Bandits Fought With Desperation—Crept Upon Sleeping Town Which They Fired and Looted—American Troops in Pursuit—Follow Villa and His Guerillas Into Mexico—Sixteen Americans Killed—Villa's Band Comprised of 500

COLUMBUS, N. M., March 10.—Francisco Villa, the outlawed Mexican bandit, raided United States territory to-day with 500 men. He attacked Columbus, and killed at least 16 Americans, and fired many buildings before he was driven back across the international border. At least 250 troops of the thirteenth United States Cavalry followed the Villa band into Mexico.

Reports to Col. Slocum, commanding the United States troops at this point late to-day stated that Villa had made a stand five miles south of the border where spirited fighting ensued. The bodies of 18 bandits, including Pablo Lopez, Villa's second in command had been gathered and burned before noon. The U. S. troops reported an undetermined number of dead are still lying in the brush who were led to the attack under slogan of "death to Americans."

Villa's followers fought with desperation. Just before dawn they crept along the ditches skirting the United States cavalry camp and rushed the sleeping town and firing heavily, stores and post office being looted. Oil was poured upon frames of structures and matches applied by still other bandits. Fight in the town ended almost as suddenly as it began, and less than two hours after the first shot was fired Villa's burglars sounded a retreat. Raiders began a disordered flight closely followed by American troops.

Turkey Consents to Help Germans on Western Front

Germany Gives Turkey an Assurance That in Case of Peace She Will Compensate Her Ally.

ODESSA, Mar. 10.—It is reported here that Germany has given formal assurance to Turkey that she will not make peace without compensating Turkey, and that Turkey has consented to assist the Germans on the Western front.

Several engineering regiments have been withdrawn from Asia Minor to Constantinople.

Dead

London, March 10.—Lord Donald Sutherland died last night at his home at Tunbridge Wells.

number produced during peace, and would again double itself during the coming summer. All speakers recognized Zeppelin raids as a real danger. Viscount Haldane, former Secretary for War, however, was optimistic. He doubted whether the British were inferior to enemy countries in aircraft, and if so, he thought it was only temporary.

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