

War News From Last Night's Cables

Vienna, Dec. 7.—The sinking of a French submarine boat, the Fresnel, and six steamers and six large and several small Montenegrin sailing vessels, in the Lower Adriatic Sea, off the coast of Albania, is told in the official communication, issued here today. All the vessels were loaded with war material, which they either were trying to land on the Albanian coast or to convey there.

While the Austrians were engaged in sinking these vessels at San Giovanni Di Medua, twenty guns on shore bombarded them heavily, but the official report says without success.

The Fresnel, built in 1909, was 167 feet long, of 392 tons displacement above water. She had six torpedo tubes. Her normal complement was twenty-four men.

San Giovanni Di Medua is on the Albanian coast, of the Adriatic, well to the south of the Montenegrin border, and thirty-five miles north of Durazzo. The presence of an Austrian warship in these waters may indicate an Austrian naval movement in attempted interference with allied plans for expeditionary or other aid for the Serbians and Montenegrins by way of Montenegro and Albania.

Rome, Dec. 7.—The American oil steamer Communiapaw has been sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean, near Tobruk, Tripoli. No information has been received concerning the crew, or the nationality of the submarine. The Communiapaw was formerly the Deutschland, Her commander, Captain Voldstrom, is a naturalized American. The four engineers are Americans.

London, Dec. 7.—Important battles have begun, or are impending, in Mesopotamia, where the German field marshal, Baron Von Der Goltz, has taken command of the Turkish forces and is about to attack the British at Kut-el-Amara in southeastern Serbia, where the Bulgarians have already attacked the Anglo-French positions and have been repulsed; on Gallipoli, where according to Turkish accounts, the Allies have taken the offensive, and in Belgium, and France, where, reports from Holland state, the Germans have concentrated strong reinforcements and an immense amount of artillery, with the object of striking a blow at the Allied line in Flanders and Artois.

Except in Serbia the battles have not developed beyond the preliminary stages, so far as is known, the artillery alone of the different armies being active. The situation for the Allies is complicated by the attitude of the Greek government. The negotiations at Athens have not yet reached a satisfactory settlement, and although the Greek king has reaffirmed his neutrality and repeated his assurances that Greek troops will never attack the Allies, the situation still causes great anxiety.

The position of the Serbians is rendered even more serious by the success of the Austrian cruiser Nova, and destroyers in sinking steamers which had arrived at San Giovanni Di Medua with supplies and war material for them. In view of the probability of Germany asking Great Britain for safe conduct for her attacks, whose recall from the United States has been asked, considerable interest is taken in the action of the German submarine, in removing from a Greek steamer the British attaché, Colonel Napier, who was on his way to London from Sofia.

Turkish Story of Tigris Fighting. Berlin, via wireless to Sayville, Dec. 7.—The Turkish headquarters report of Dec. 5, received today from Constantinople, and made public by the Overseas News Agency, says: "On the Tigris (Mesopotamia) front the Turkish troops continue to prosecute their offensive against the British troops. On Dec. 2 the British troops covered 25 kilometres (about 15½ miles) in one day. Baghela, west of Kut-el-Amara, was occupied. During one week eight officers and 520 soldiers were made prisoners."

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POPULATION OF IRELAND GROWS

Decrease in Emigration Has Turned Scale in the Emerald Isle—Less "Distressful"

Dublin, Nov. 28.—(Correspondence)—The latest census figures for Ireland show an increasing population. This feature is for Ireland an agreeable novelty. For the quarter ended the 30th of September last the number of births in Ireland was 27,779, a rate of 20.8 per thousand, and the deaths 14,070, a rate of 11.4 per thousand. There were only 8,511 emigrants, so that the net increase in population is 9,259.

It is the decrease in emigration which has turned the scale. The situation might be even more satisfactory were it not for the heavy death rate of children under a year old. About one Irish child in every dozen dies before it has reached the age of twelve months. Linnester and Ulster have the preponderance in this respect. In them one child in every seven or eight dies an infant in the first year of life.

Dublin and Belfast, no doubt account for this by saying that poverty-stricken Connaught has more fresh air than can be found in the cities, especially in Dublin, which has a system of tenement houses where scores of families live in one house, and often more than one family in a single room.

That Ireland is a less distressful country than it used to be, and is now on the mend, is further evident from the statistics of pauperism. Here there has been a very marked decrease. There were nearly eight thousand fewer people in the work-houses in the quarter under review than the average of the same period for the past ten years, and there were 12,232 fewer people in receipt of outdoor relief from the rates.

The most satisfactory feature of the returns is the maintenance of a high death rate from tuberculosis. Enormous work, inspired by Lady Abercrombie, has been devoted in every part of Ireland to the stamping out of this scourge. It has been by no means uniform. But the scourge is still there and yearly takes a great toll of Irish lives.

PRESIDENT WILSON LECTURED BY QUAKER

Washington, Dec. 8.—While many White House callers were kept waiting, James Henderson, a Quaker from Barnstable, O., delivered a sermon to President Wilson opposing military preparedness. He quoted extensively from the Bible to convince the president that the policy of increasing the national defenses was wrong. Henderson told the president that he had been "liberated" by his associates to come to Washington to urge the president to give up the preparation of a war and preparedness should be left to a higher power.

The president and many callers who were crowding into the office listened while Henderson spoke. The president thanked him for his advice and then turned to the callers. Henderson, who was accompanied by William G. Steer of Tacoma, O., turned to shake hands with the president. Henderson was introduced to the president by Congressman Hollingsworth of Ohio. The two Quakers said "President Taft on a similar mission."

WANT BRITAIN TO RETURN \$1,000,000 CAPTURED GOLD

Washington, Dec. 7.—A request for the restitution of \$1,000,000 in gold shipped from New York on the Dutch liner Noordam to the Netherlands Overseas Trust and seized by a British cruiser in the North Sea, was made to the British embassy today by a representative of Goldman, Sachs & Co. of New York. Great Britain holds the gold was contraband, alleging it was intended for use in paying German trade balances. The New York firm maintains it was shipped in the course of regular business with the Holland concern.

Embassy officials said the incident would have to be taken up through the American government. This will be done.

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NO EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVE OUT RECRUITING SCHEME

London, Dec. 8, 2.30 a. m.—Fearing for the success of the Earl of Derby's voluntary enlistment scheme, the Liberal newspapers are advocating an extension of the time limit for the scheme until the end of December, instead of the 11th of December, as had already been fixed. The Earl of Derby, however, announces that there will be no extension of the time, and that "for good or for ill" he will, on Saturday, present to the government his report as a basis for future action.

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USE THE WANT AD WAY

ITALY, TOO, AFTER ARMY GRAFTERS

Severe Punishment is Coming to Them—Premier Has No Doubt of Final Victory

Rome, Dec. 8.—Premier Salandra answered, in the chamber of deputies, members who spoke on the statement of policy made by Baron Sonnino, minister of foreign affairs. The premier said that he had no doubt left of final victory, as the whole Italian people were convinced of the necessity and justice of the war, which, besides giving Italy her natural frontiers and the civil hegemony of the Adriatic, would allow other peoples to have their share on the coast of that sea. By this last the premier was understood to mean Serbia.

Referring to the relief granted by Italy to families of soldiers, the premier said it surprised that given by France, Austria and Germany, being inferior only to that of England.

Discussing the censorship, he admitted its inevitable defects, but assured the deputies that the censors always were inspired by impartiality.

He added that if the day came in which a section of the press should attempt to weaken the combative spirit of the nation, and the resistance of the people, then he would use the censorship to the extreme limits, assuming even this terrible responsibility. The whole chamber applauded this, only the intransigent Socialists protesting.

Premier Salandra concluded his speech with praise for the civic virtues and endurance of the Italian race.

SAY ALLIES LIKELY HAVE RETIRED TO DUMARKAPOU PASS

London, Dec. 8.—The Times says today there should be no surprise if the Italian reports of the retreat of the Entente allies' forces in Serbia from Kriolovo and the fortified camp at Kanadar prove correct.

The newspaper says the German occupation of Monastir evidently may be self felt on the Vardar, and that the Allies have withdrawn to strong positions in the Dumarkapou Pass, a great gorge in the hills through which runs the Saloniki-Uskup railway, twenty miles north of the Greek frontier.

Only a narrow pathway was offered the Entente forces, together with a precarious line of communications, and with the Teutonic allies' overrun the country to the west of the line the need of the retirement of the Entente Allies is obvious.

SIXTH SON ENLISTS.

Cornwall Mother Has Lost Five in the War. Speaking at a recruiting meeting at Reading, England, Lieutenant-General Sir E. Bethune said: "There is a very old woman in Cornwall whose six sons have been serving their king and country. Five of them made the supreme sacrifice, and the old woman, writing to me, said, 'Do give me back the sixth!'"

"I pointed out to her the pressing need of every single man at the present time of trial and anxiety, and the patriotic old woman promptly replied, 'Please keep him, then.'"

"That is the kind of spirit wanted throughout the whole country," added General Bethune.

Backache

The artist sketched this picture from life in a Toronto blacksmith shop, in order to get the correct pose of the smith at the anvil and shoeing a horse. Is it any wonder that the blacksmith's greatest troubles are backache and derangements of the kidneys? The constant strain on the muscles of the back and kidneys interferes with the filtering action of these organs. The uric acid poisons left in the blood cause pains and aches, backache and rheumatism, and such serious diseases as Bright's disease and hardening of the arteries result.

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COMMANDEERS ALL SHIPS IN ROUMANIA

Foreshadows the Adoption by Balkan State of a More Active Role in the War

London, Dec. 8.—Roumania has announced her intention of commandeering all steamships, barges, tugs and other craft, whether belonging to Roumanian or foreign owners, which are in Roumanian ports, according to a Rester despatch from Bucharest. The order goes into effect immediately and the official announcement says that the step is to be taken in the interests of the national defence.

The same correspondent adds that in reply to a question put to the government in the Roumanian Senate, Premier Bratianu said that he was unable to give explanations of the government's policy or information concerning the military supplies of the country, basing his refusal on the same grounds of the national defence.

No explanation of Roumania's decision to take over the shipping in her harbours is contained in the Bucharest despatch received today. The interpretation generally put on the step here is that it foreshadows the adoption by Roumania of a more active role in the war. It is suggested that should Roumania enter the war on the side of the allies it would be natural for her to seize available shipping to transport her troops and those of Russia up the Danube to Bulgarian soil.