

War News.

Messages Received Previous to 9 A. M.

WAR REVIEW.

The British, French and Italians are still holding firmly against the onslaughts of the Teutonic allies delivered with heavy reinforcements that have been drawn from the Russian front since the cessation of hostilities there under armistice. The latest attack of the Germans, made in the Cambrai region, between Bullecourt and Queant, was a complete failure, when the Teuton losses in men, killed and made prisoners, are put in the balance with their small gain of ground against the British. Another attack by the German Crown Prince in Caurieres Wood on the Verdun sector, which was delivered with large effectives, has met with the customary repulse, while in the highlands of Northern Italy the enemy armies are still being held in check by the Italians. The enemy's most expensive operation was the attack on Wednesday between Bullecourt and Queant. The Berlin war office admits that only a few British shelters and ninety prisoners were taken, while Field Marshal Haig reports that heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy along the front of the offensive, large numbers of his dead being left before the entanglements. When the impossible task of piercing the British lines became apparent a hurried retreat was ordered.

Finding that the efforts of the Austrians to break through the Italian front and debouch upon the plain of Venetia are futile, German troops, under General Von Duclow, have reinforced their allies and with them have delivered another powerful assault between the Brenta and Piave Rivers. At only one point, however, were the combined Teutonic forces able to dent the line of the defenders on Monte Spioncia, where they secured a temporary foothold after sustaining severe casualties. Here the Italians are striving valiantly to retake the lost position. Snow and mist are hampering operations.

The situation in Russia is bedeviled by reason of the various statements of the results of the fighting. One report says Kaledines is besieging Rostov, and that fighting is in progress in the vicinity of that city where men and guns from the Black Sea are raiding the Bolsheviks, and another despatch asserts General Korniloff has routed the Bolsheviks near Bielorod, while still another report says that Korniloff has been wounded and in danger of capture, and that attempts by Kaledines' followers to cut off food supplies to the Bolsheviks in Moscow and Petrograd from Siberia have failed.

The German sub-menace is being held, but has not yet been mastered, according to the First Lord of the British Admiralty. In a statement the First Lord says: The downward trend of the mercantile marine losses, the construction of merchant ships and the number of enemy submarines that are being destroyed, all are satisfactory. Another high naval authority says the Germans have been attempting a submarine offensive of the greatest possible magnitude, but they have signally failed and have had to pay a heavy price in vessels lost at the hands of the Entente and American navies.

Aerial bombs dropped by Germans on a town behind the British front have resulted in the death of a number of American railway engineers.

In another town German aviators attempted to bomb a marching American column, but all the men escaped unscathed, although the missile exploded dangerously near them.

THE SUB-MENACE.

LONDON, Dec. 13. Despite the fairly large number of sinkings reported this week, there is no decrease in optimism among those who know the submarine war situation, and who see no reason for modifying or altering Premier Lloyd George's statement of Nov. 20th that there is no longer any fear of the submarine proving a factor in the war. The events since November 20th in fact have tended to increase rather than decrease the confidence with which the Premier spoke. The month of November was a red letter month in the anti U-boat campaign for three reasons: first, the loss of tonnage during the month was the lowest since the unrestricted submarine campaign began; second, the sinkings of enemy submarines were the greatest ever recorded in a single month; third, the launchings of new merchantmen from the British yards came within measurable distance of equalling the loss of tonnage by submarine attack.

When the Associated Press inquired of high naval authorities to-day if the anti-submarine campaign was going well, and what was the reason for the high rate of sinkings in the past three weeks, the answer was the enemy has had more submarines at work. He has actually been attempting a submarine offensive of the greatest possible magnitude in an effort to reinforce his offensive on land, and is trying to bring off a coup which will incline us to peace. He has failed signally on the sea as on the land, and he has had to pay a heavy price. Our counter measures are meeting with increased success, and the enemy will experience constantly increasing difficulty in maintaining his campaign.

CONFLICTING STORIES.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14. The correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Korniloff was defeated and wounded and that his capture was to be expected. A despatch from the representative of the Post, however, denies the reported Bolshevik victory, saying General Korniloff has routed his opponents and will soon join General Kaledines at Novotekeski.

AUSTRIANS TORPEDOED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14. The torpedoing of two Austrian battleships in the harbor of Trieste by Italian torpedo craft, on the night of December 9th, is reported in a message received here to-day by Commander C. Pfister, of the Italian navy. The information was contained in a telegram received by Commander Pfister from Captain L. Vannutelle, naval attaché to the Italian Embassy at Washington.

JERUSALEM.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 13. An indication that the Turks will not attempt to re-capture Jerusalem was given by General Stergerstein, Austria-Hungarian War Minister, in replying to a question raised in the army committee of an Austrian delegation, as quoted in a despatch received here to-day from Vienna. The General said Jerusalem was occupied without fighting, the Turks retreating eastward through the town when their positions to the west were subject to a surprise attack by the British. Jerusalem suffered no damage, he said, and the supreme command has given assurance that wanton damage is out of the question. Jerusalem will now remain outside the fighting zone, the General said.

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RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14. Representative Lunna, of New York to-day introduced a resolution to congratulate the people of Britain upon the capture of Jerusalem and Palestine, and the British Government on its declaration that it favors the establishment in Palestine of a national home for Jewish people and will use its best endeavors to facilitate the achievement of this object.

THE BRITISH REVERSE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

The British Government will investigate the reasons for the British reverse on the southern end of the Cambrai salient. This was the assurance given by Andrew Bonar Law in answering the criticisms of the military operations in the Commons yesterday. Law said the Government's information was that the rumors concerning the Cambrai operations were exaggerated greatly, and he had been tempted to warn the House that nothing in the shape of a decisive result was expected from the operation. Early in the morning, he said, the Germans made different attacks upon the British Cambrai forces. The smallest of these attacks having regard to the numbers engaged, was on the part of the front where, owing to surprise, the Germans were able to break through. The other two attacks by larger forces were repelled with great loss to the enemy. The moment the Cabinet received the account of the attack, the Chancellor added, they felt there was something needed in explanation, and the first thing the Cabinet did was to send instructions to Field Marshal Haig to give the Cabinet a full report of all that happened. The idea was that the Government, if it was satisfied that a soldier in any position was not capable of fulfilling his duties, they would not keep him in his position. It is not easy for a civilian, with the best of information, to judge the qualifications of a soldier, and the Government must largely be guided by their experts. Law said he was bound to declare that with regard to the rumors a full inquiry would be held, and the Government would be satisfied that proper action would be taken as a result of it. Accidents of this kind, he said, were inevitable in war; even surprises on a misty morning might happen, for which no blame could be attached to anyone. Mr. Bonar Law could only say that the Government and military authorities were determined to discover the whole truth of the matter and to take the necessary action.

BERLIN REPORT.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.

In the bend of the Cerna a number of Italian and French were taken prisoners during minor operations, the army headquarters announced to-day in reporting on the Macedonian front operations.

BOLSHEVIKI TROOPS ACTIVE.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Bolshevik troops have occupied Tamanovka and Kaluga, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd. Tamanovka is near Bielorod, in Kursk province, about 330 miles south of Moscow. There is a railroad town named Kaluga in the province of the same name, which lies about one hundred miles south of Moscow.

TURKS CLAIM VICTORY.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

An official Turkish statement issued Saturday, reports victory in Mesopotamia over the British. Turkish troops were said to be pursuing the opposing forces, which were retreating across the Edkem and Dila Rivers.

KALEDINES FIGHTING.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 14.

General Kaledines has begun hostilities and is besieging the city of Rostov. Within Rostov the Bolshevik troops have clashed with the Cossacks who have destroyed the Bolshevik headquarters. The transport Kolchida, manned by Bolsheviks, is bombarding Kaledines' forces.

TROTSKY'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

LONDON, Dec. 14.

Leon Trotsky, Bolshevik Foreign Minister, according to a Reuter despatch from Petrograd, announces that if an armistice for the eastern front is signed at Brest Litovsk, Russian delegates are empowered to enter peace negotiations.

WINARD'S LINIMENT CURES GADGET IN GOW.



By the incoming express forty-five Naval Reservists and six soldiers are returning on furlough, and on arrival at the station will be given the usual reception by the Acting Prime Minister and the Ladies' Reception Committee. Owing to the wires being down the names of the returning heroes were not received in time for publication in to-day's issue.

In Memoriam.

In Loving Memory of my Nephew Ernest Fisher, Aged 17, Who Died of Wounds in France, Nov. 23, '17. Sweetly he rests while others sigh With care and grief oppressed, Softly his head doth lie Upon his Saviour's breast; We miss him, and how sadly Bleeding hearts alone can tell, Earth has lost him Heaven hath gained him, Jesus doth all things well.

We loved him well, no tongue can How much we loved and oh how well. God loved him too and thought it best To take him to the Heavenly rest. A few short hours of pain he bore, We thought not death lay at the door, So suddenly he from us passed Conscious to the very last. He doeth all things well, we say it in our prayers, And may we sing it with him we loved through the eternal years. —George MacDonald.

Here and There.

TRAIN MOVEMENTS.—The incoming express is due at 3.15 p.m. to-day. The outgoing express reached Port aux Basques late last evening.

SMALL HOPES OF MISSING SCHOONER.—No trace of the missing schooner Phoebe A., which sailed from Rose Blanche some time ago, has been found. While it is not certain what has happened to the little vessel, grave fears are entertained for the safety of her crew, which comprises four married men and one single.

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LOOSENING UP.



We asked old Hunx to come across, with war-time contribution. This tightwad is a total loss, except for elocution. He'll stand around and talk for hours in patriotic manner, and throw all kinds of gaudy flowers at our banner. Our banner pleases every gent, and all the poets sing it; and twaddle doesn't cost a cent, so any man can spring it. "Oh, Hunx," we said, "don't chew the rag; shell coins—the soldiers need 'em." He tried to switch off to the flag, and sundry booms of freedom. He told how he would die and bleed, if he were under thirty. "Old Hunx," we said, "you're cheap, indeed; your soul is pretty dirty. The nation blushes for that son with soul of neuter gender, who hands out language by the ton, when she needs legal tender." "I've given much," old Hunx replied, explaining why he's living; "no worthy cause has been denied—it seems I'm always WINARD'S LINIMENT FOR SALE ANYWHERE."

giving. It really makes me shed a tear, the way I have to squander; I cough up fifteen dollars here, and fifteen dollars yonder." And he has thousands put away, and tens of thousands hidden! And he is groaning all the day of how he's nagged and ridden! Before this war has had an end, before the final flogging, a lot of tightwad souls, my friend, will undergo a skinning.

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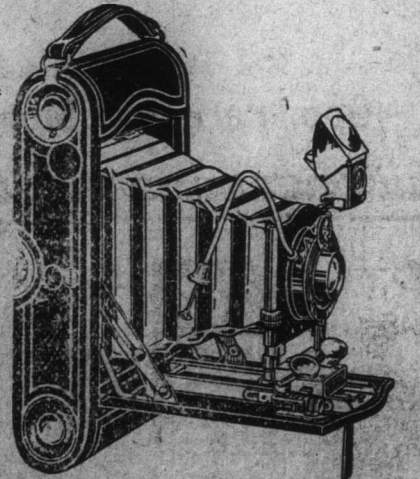
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