

## ALLIES TRYING TO BREAK NEW LINE OF GERMANS

## RUSSIANS ROUT TURKS IN GREAT BATTLE IN PERSIA

## TURKS ROLLED UP IN 16-HOUR FIGHT WITH MUSCOVITES

Russians Driving Ottoman Armies Before Them—Reach Point Close to Mesopotamian Border—Breach Made By Germans in Galicia Repaired.

Petrograd, March 23.—Via London.—Russian troops pushing west from Kermanshah, in Persia, have reached a point less than 45 miles from the Mesopotamian border. The war office announced today that after a Turkish army had been beaten in a 16-hour battle outside of Kerind, the Turks had retreated to the vicinity of Kerind and made another stand there.

Another Russian column has attacked the

the Turks along the Shirwan River, a tributary of the Diale, about midway between Kermanshah and Sackie from which last point another Russian army has been pushing southwestward into Mesopotamia.

New Success at Van.

The Russians also have won a new success near Lake Van, in Southern Turkish Armenia, capturing men and material on the southwestern shore of the lake. The official statement reads:

"Caucasus front: During the night of Wednesday, a body of our scouts penetrated unnoticed into the enemy's trenches near Hatvan, on the southwest shore of Lake Van, and by a daring attack captured without firing a shot a machine gun section consisting of three officers, eighteen Askaris, and two machine guns, together with an anemometer, an instrument for measuring altitudes, and a telephone.

"In the direction of the Shirwan, our troops joined in combat with the Turks, occupying the southern shore of the river Shirwan, about 2-3 miles north of Penjdivi.

"In the direction of Kaschnich, our troops on March 16, after a battle lasting 16 hours, dislodged the Turks from their positions near Charezia and occupied Alahad, 3-4 miles from Kirmas, about 40 miles from the Mesopotamian border, and entered into combat with a Turkish division in the vicinity of Kerind. No information has yet been received regarding the results of this battle. The Turkish line of retreat was covered with wagons, cartridges and corpses.

"On the remainder of the front there were scouting reconnaissances and the usual rifle firing."

Russians Repair Breach Made by Teutons.

Petrograd, March 23.—Via London, 2:30 p.m.—By numerous counterattacks, the Russians have repaired the breach made in their lines by the Germans near the Beresina River, east of Lida, on the Russian front, in the direction of the war office announced today. The statement reads:

"Western front: In the direction of the village of Saberezhyn, in the region, after a number of counterattacks with the bayonet, the trenches taken yesterday by the enemy. The position is again restored.

"On the remainder of the front there were scouting reconnaissances and reciprocal firing."

The statement on the Rumanian front operations reads:

"Rumanian front: In the direction of Pukshah, the enemy is displaying lively artillery and aerial activity.

"In the direction of Braila our detachments during last night drove out the enemy from the stations of Vadeti and Helt, south of the village of Vadeti.

"German airplanes dropped bombs on Galatz."

MORE MEN IN JAIL BY RETURN OF THE SOLDIERS, SAYS INSPECTOR DUNLOP

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, March 23.—The percentage of military men who will be in jail after the war will be per cent more than at the time of the war, was the statement made by W. W. Dunlop, inspector of public charities and public institutions, before the public accounts committee of the Legislature today.

"What I mean is that there are many men who are now working and who under ordinary circumstances would be idle and set into jail."

Mr. Dunlop's explanation showed that he did not mean that the jails would be accommodating 100 per cent more military men but that there would be more men in the jails by the return of the soldiers, Dunlop said that the middle of 1913 when it was hardest to secure the most prisoners. There were 1,000 to be accommodated at that time. The accommodation for prisoners at the Gaol farm is limited to 500. At present, there are about 273 there.

\$13,500 FOR INJURIES.

Moose Jaw, Sask., March 23.—A jury in the supreme court yesterday in the case of Walter P. R. R. on an action arising out of an accident on the C. P. R. a year ago, gave a verdict of \$13,500 in favor of the plaintiff.

The jury is suffering from locomotor ataxia, due to injuries he received in the wreck.

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## DEPOSED RULER NOW PRISONER IN OLD PALACE

Nicholas Taken to Tsarskoe By Delegation From Duma.

PLACE IS WELL GUARDED

Ex-Czar Appears Calm and Indifferent to Changed Condition.

Tsarskoe—Selo, Russia, Thursday, March 22.—Via London, March 23, 12:45 p.m.—On his arrival here today in the custody of four members of the Duma, Nicholas Romanoff, the deposed emperor, was turned over immediately to the Tsarskoe-Selo commander and taken to the Alexandrovsky Palace, where the former emperor, Alexander, already is interned. The special train carrying the former ruler arrived at 1:30 o'clock on the branch line outside Alexandrovsky Park. On leaving the train, Nicholas entered an automobile, accompanied by his adjutant, Prince Dolgoroukoff, the only courier of the first rank who accompanied him, and by the four Duma commissioners. They were driven to the palace.

Calm and Indifferent.

Nicholas was met at the door in the left wing of the palace by Count P. Kendorff, who was his marshal of the court, and is now under arrest. The former ruler held himself erect, looking calm and indifferent, although he stepped from the automobile with nervous haste. A battalion of the 1st Rifle Guard Regiment, which is the palace guard, accompanied him to the palace.

The commander at Tsarskoe-Selo is Col. Kobulinsky, formerly commander of the Petrogradsky Regiment, stationed in peace times at Warsaw. To him the Duma commissioners announced the mission of handing over the emperor is finished. We now go to Petrograd to announce this fact to the Duma.

Well Guarded.

The correspondent drove to the old Tsarskoe-Selo Palace, which is entirely deserted and without guards, and then to the new palace, where the former imperial family is interned. The palace lies in a large park, which is surrounded by a plain spiked fence, five feet high, coated with silver paint. From the corner nearest the old palace the new palace is visible through the trees.

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THESE ARE TRUE TO THEIR BLOOD



Corp. James Bryant and Pte. John C. Bryant, with their young brother Archie. Corp. James is now at Beaufort War Hospital. He left with the 42nd, and was the first member of that battalion to be wounded, being hit in the left leg with a machine gun bullet at the end of January. Pte. John left with the 25th and died with the Foresters. Archie is in the 7th Bugle Band, being only 14 years of age. The great-grandfather of these boys was Duncan MacDonald of the 91st Foot, British Army, and a medal was made in the possession of his descendants carries on it the names of the battles of Toulouse, Orthes, Pyrennes and Corunna. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Bryant, parents of the boys, live at 275 Wharfedale road.

## "CHRISTMAS IN CANADA" IS SLOGAN OF CANADIANS AS ALLIES PRESS THE TEUTONS

Batteries From Dominion Pouring Terrific Hail of Shells On Germans, But Latter Show No Signs of Withdrawal in That Sector.

(By Stewart Lyon, Correspondent of the Canadian Press.)

Canadian Headquarters in France, March 22.—Evidence was supplied this morning by the enemy on the Canadian front that the general retirement south of Arras has not yet extended to the region held by the Canadians.

The German guns, which have been firing since the morning, suddenly opened with great violence yesterday. After artillery preparation, a rain of shells was poured on the Canadian positions, who took a number of prisoners in the raid the previous evening. The Canadian positions were ready for the enemy, and a heavy fire was at once directed on the attacking force, which sustained considerable losses.

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## THE FRENCH REPORT

Paris, March 23, 2:03 p.m.—The French statement today is as follows:

"North of St. Simon the enemy made a violent attack last night on our positions near the village of Artemes. Our troops were thrown back slightly at first but immediately counter-attacked with vigor and succeeded in driving the enemy as far as Seracourt-le-Grand.

"There was heavy artillery fighting between the Somme and the Oise. South of the Oise further detachments crossed the Ailette. There was intermittent cannonading in the hill region.

New Progress.

"North of Soissons we made new progress. It is now learned that the attack made by the enemy against the Vregny-Chivres front was extremely violent. The Germans hurled an entire regiment at a single point. Two of our companies of Chasseurs, momentarily isolated, succeeded after violent fighting, in disengaging themselves and returning with prisoners. The losses inflicted on the enemy in the course of these fruitless attacks were very heavy.

Surprise Attacks Fail.

"Several surprise attacks of the enemy, north of Rheims, near the stations de Champagne, in Avocourt wood and in the region of St. Mihiel, were repulsed by our fire. A German pursuit airplane, which was still in position along this part of the front.

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British and French Rushing Attacks On the Germans To Break Hindenburg's New Line Before He Can Get Set.

## FRENCH THROW BACK STRONG ATTACK—ENEMY'S LOSSES BIG

## THE WAR SITUATION ON WESTERN FRONT

The initial phase of the tremendous battle which has opened in Northern France has apparently turned in favor of the French, who are now attacking the Vregny-Chivres front. The Germans have been driven back in several places. Along these waterways the Germans elected to make their first stand in the defense of La Fere, toward which General Nivelle is rushing his advance in a desperate effort to break the Hindenburg line before the German position is consolidated.

A HEAVY DEFENCE.

Further south the French are attempting to batter their way toward the Vregny-Chivres front. The Germans have been driven back in several places. Along these waterways the Germans elected to make their first stand in the defense of La Fere, toward which General Nivelle is rushing his advance in a desperate effort to break the Hindenburg line before the German position is consolidated.

French refugees from the devastated wilderness over which the retreating Germans have passed, add their evidence to the accumulating proof that Field Marshal von Hindenburg's purpose is to give battle to his pursuers on a line running from Lille to Laon. This means that, in the event of the French failing to break through at La Fere, a further withdrawal of the Germans is due to take place on the British front. The sharp salient running from Arras to Cambrai must be evacuated and, in spite of this assumption, London reports explosions and incendiary fires in the district about Arras. This additional retirement would mean evacuation of about 500 more square miles of French territory, including the great coal mines around Lens.

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