

ability of postponing the effective date of the new submarine campaign to give time for negotiations to clarify the situation. Secretary Lansing, however, was non-committal.

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Harry Layden as "Willie Watt" in Harry Lauder's new comedy, "The Night Before," at the Grand Opera House, Feb. 23.

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## GREAT FORTRESS OF ERZERUM FALLS TO MUSCOVITE FORCES

**Grand Duke Nicholas Adds Another Triumph to His Many Gained in This War and Announces Capture of Great Turkish Stronghold in the Caucasus.**

London, Feb. 17.—Led by Grand Duke Nicholas, the Russian Army of the Caucasus has captured the great Turkish fortress of Erzerum, in eastern Asia Minor.

The following official statement was given out last night in Petrograd: "Grand Duke Nicholas has telegraphed to the Emperor as follows: 'God has granted to the brave troops of the army of the Caucasus such great help that Erzerum has been taken after five days of unprecedented assaults. I am inexpressibly happy to announce this victory to your Imperial Majesty.'"

**RELIEVE BRITISH AT KUT.**  
Thousands of Turks were taken prisoners when the fortress fell, and great stores of munitions and supplies fell into the hands of the victorious troops. It is believed. The blow is the most serious yet struck at Turkey. Early relief of the British forces operating in Mesopotamia, including the beleaguered garrison of Kut-el-Amara, is predicted.

The fall of Erzerum is expected to open the way for a huge advance by the Russians through eastern Armenia in the spring. Constantinople itself might be imperilled. By the contemplated drive the Russians, it is said, hope to bring Turkey to her knees.

More than 80,000 Turkish troops were locked up in Erzerum with the investment of the fortress, according to all dispatches. Two noted German leaders, Field Marshals von der Goltz and Limon von Sanders, have recently been reported at Erzerum. It is not yet known whether they escaped.

**UNPARALLELED CAMPAIGN.**  
The Russian campaign was unparalleled in military history. The advance was pressed across a bleak and rugged country, over mountains and through narrow defiles in great cold. Russian official reports state that at places the soldiers fought their advance through snow fifteen feet deep. The Grand Duke's message was received shortly after a report from his headquarters that nine of the defending forts of Erzerum had been taken with the bayonet. The Russian soldiers swept up the mountain sides and swarmed through gaps made by the heavy guns.

**GRAND DUKE IN COMMAND.**  
Grand Duke Nicholas took command on the Russian southern front less than five months ago. Immediately the Russian forces, which had been inactive, began to develop the offensive which has resulted in the fall of Erzerum.

The Grand Duke is considered by military experts to be one of the greatest strategists developed by the war. From the outbreak of hostilities until early in September last he was Commander-in-Chief of the Russian armies. He directed the masterly retreat of the harassed Russians during the Austro-German offensive of last summer, twice saving his armies from what threatened to be fatal traps.

First he succeeded in defeating the German campaign to encircle and cut off the bulk of the Russian forces around Warsaw. The city was lost but the troops were successfully withdrawn. Again, at Brest-Litovsk, the Grand Duke succeeded in leading his men out of the snare.

**TURK CITY FOR CENTURIES.**  
Early in September Grand Duke Nicholas was removed from command by his Imperial cousin, Czar Nicholas. Official announcement was made on September 8th last that the Russian soil having been invaded by the Czar had decided himself to take direct command of all the military and naval forces, and that the Grand Duke had been appointed Viceroy of the Caucasus and commander of the troops in that district.

Erzerum, a city of 40,000, is about sixty miles west of the Russian frontier. It is surrounded by a stone wall built by the Turks three centuries ago. On the eastern side a high mountain ridge outside the wall protects the city from attack from the Russian Caucasus. All along this ridge were located most of the strongest forts.

**REMOVES SERIOUS OBSTACLE.**  
The capture of Erzerum removes a serious obstacle from the path of the advancing Russians. They are in a position now to move southward along Lake Van to cut the line of communications of the Turkish force in Mesopotamia.

From the Black Sea to Lake Van the southern slopes of the Caucasus form a series of parallel mountain chains, with wide, deep valleys between, all trending to the southwest. The mountains are from 6,000 to 10,000 feet high, and so wild and rugged as to be virtually impassable.

**COMMANDS MANY ROADS.**  
There are only a few valleys with roads practicable for an army of which the principal are the road from Batoum via Ardahan to Tortum and Erzerum, and from Erivan to Melazghert and thence to Musch. Nearly all the fighting in the Caucasus has been along one or another of these three roads. From the beginning the nature of the country has compelled a series of little campaigns, nearly independent of each other. There has been little co-operation between troops on opposite sides of a 10,000-foot mountain range.

The Russian flank movement began in late January, 1915, immediately after the destruction of the Turkish invading army at Ardahan. They pushed south from the lower Arax valley, east of Mount Ararat, and occupied Tabris; then pushed on and

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The Royal College of Science has opened a department in Dublin for specialising in sphagnum moss dressings. It is open two days a week, and between thirty and forty workers assist in the sorting and picking over of the moss, making up of the moss pads, filling with prepared moss and labelling. There is an increasing demand for dressings of all sorts for Allies' hospitals, and as Ireland has a fine natural supply of sphagnum moss, the question of connecting the two is of economic importance, especially as the use of sphagnum will conserve the dwindling supply of cotton wool. The sub-depts. throughout the country are co-operating in collecting and making up the moss, and private individuals have been sending consignments of the moss, dried.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Queen's University of Belfast, in a foreword to a third edition of the Roll of Honor of the University, says: "A glance at its contents will suffice to show how it has grown, from its comparatively small original dimensions of a year ago. A large number of our members are now combining hard and valuable work in the manufacture of the munitions, for the Admiralty and the War Office, with the discharge of their usual University duties. One of our professors has for some time been engaged on important war work at the Board of Trade by request of the authorities in London. Two of our number have left their usual work among us for a time, in order to proceed to the East, that they may bring into use at the seat of war a new and terrific form of great and far-reaching results are anticipated. Medical science is indebted to one of them for its introduction as it is to the other for its extensive attestation already by actual use. Lastly our Red Cross Training Corps which was not mentioned in previous editions of the Roll has, by its increase in numbers and activities, given evidence that the woman students of the University are no less ardent than the men in this great work of our time."

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### Old World Notes

Greenock corporation has adopted a scheme for the building of a number of cottages of three rooms and kitchen. Ten acres of ground have been purchased and there are to be 13 houses to the acre which will give a considerable garden plot to each.

A strange accident is reported from Eastbourne. A cab horse took fright and bolted, and at the cross roads of a parish the cab caught the spring of a perambulator in which was a baby. The child was carried down the road, the perambulator being overturned and drawn along on its side for a distance of 200 yards. The horse was finally brought to a standstill, and strange to say, the boy had escaped serious injury, although his head appeared grazed from contact with the surface of the roadway. The child was medically examined, but no indication of any permanent injury was found.

Unusual interest is being taken in an exhibition which opened recently at the Leicester Galleries, of paintings and etchings by members of the "Last Rites" now at the front. Included in the collection are several items of topical interest. French and Belgian views and studies, many of them executed before the outbreak of war—such as there a good-natured caricature of camp life and personalities. The etchings as a whole are especially attractive, and pathetic contrasts are aroused on comparing the old world serenity of Ypres, April, 1914, with the battered Ypres of to-day.

The fishery board for Scotland has issued the following statement regarding the fishing conducted from Scottish ports. The stormy weather which prevailed during December, 1915, greatly interfered with fishing operations. Herring fishing was conducted with fair regularity on the West coast; but on the East coast, because of the small number of boats in many districts the small herring boats were unable to get to the fishing grounds, only on eleven days during the month, and for two complete weeks they were almost entirely confined to harbor. The price of herring recovered during the month and in the Continental market, it would appear that there is a remunerative market for as great a quantity of herring of fair size, as the reduced fleets kipped or secured. A shortage of crews for manning fishing vessels of all kinds is again beginning to be felt but this, of course, is only in sympathy with the general shortage of labor throughout the country. Suc-

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