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ITALY AT WAR WITH TURKEY; RUSSIAN SHIPS DRIVE ENEMY FROM RIGA GULF; BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS GERMAN DREADNOUGHT

RIGA BATTLE DISASTROUS TO KAISER'S SEA FIGHTERS; 100 TURKISH BOATS LOST

German Baltic Fleet Loses a Super-Dreadnought, Three Cruisers and Seven Torpedo Boats.

Attempted to Make Descent Near Pernpin on East Shore of Gulf of Riga—Reported Russians Lost 3 Small Ships—Germans Driven from Gulf of Riga—Russians Sunk 100 Turkish Boats in Black Sea—British Submarine Sinks German Cruiser in Baltic.

London, Aug. 22.—A despatch to the Central News from Petrograd says:

"The President of the Duma has announced that the Germans lost the battleship Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats in the Riga battle."

The announcement of the President of the Duma as sent by the correspondent follows:

"In the Riga battle the Germans lost one super-dreadnought, the Moltke, three cruisers and seven torpedo boats.

"The German fleet has withdrawn from Riga Bay.

"The Germans tried to make a descent near Pernpin (Pernigel, on the east shore of the Gulf of Riga, some 35 miles north of Riga.) Four barges crammed with soldiers took part in the descent. They were repulsed by the Russian troops without the co-operation of artillery, the Germans being exterminated and the barges captured."

BRITISH SUBMARINE SINKS A GERMAN CRUISER IN THE BALTIC SEA

Petrograd, Aug. 21.—A British submarine has torpedoed a German cruiser in the Baltic Sea. This announcement is made in an official statement.

The statement follows: "During the fighting in the Gulf of Riga Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the enemy's losses were not less than two torpedo boats.

"A British submarine successfully torpedoed a German cruiser in the Baltic Sea.

"On land, on the front from Riga to the Lower Willja there has been no change. In the direction of Kovno our troops held up the enemy's offensive on the railway line towards Kuchedary.

"Between the Naraw and the Bug on the front Osowetz-Bielsk-Brest-Litovsk there was no important change Thursday or yesterday. Our troops repulsed a series of particularly fierce attacks in the region of Bielsk which cost the enemy enormous losses. On the Bug, in the region of Brest-Litovsk there was no change.

"At Novo Georgievsk there was violent fighting during Thursday night, the Germans making an assault against the citadel on the right bank of the Vistula.

"On the rest of the front there has been no change."

The German battle cruiser Moltke was a vessel of 23,000 tons and carried ordinary times a complement of 3,107 men. She was a sister ship of the Goeben, which became a part of the Turkish navy after the commencement of the war and was re-christened Sultan Selim.

The Moltke was 590 feet long and was armed with ten 11-inch and twelve 8-inch guns and twelve 24-pounders. In addition her armament included four 30-inch torpedo tubes. She was built in 1911, and had a speed of about 28 knots.

The Moltke was in the battle with the British fleet in the North Sea last January, when the German armored

ITALY'S DECLARATION AGAINST TURKEY LIKELY TO BRING BALKANS INTO LINE

Expected indecision which has marked past few weeks will end with entry of Italy against Turkey—Venizelos takes charge of Foreign Affairs in Greece in addition to Premiership—Regarded as significant.

ITALY DECLARES WAR ON TURKEY

London, Aug. 21.—Italy has declared war against Turkey, and the Italian ambassador has left Constantinople. This announcement is made in a Reuter telegram from Constantinople via Berlin and Amsterdam.

London, Aug. 21.—A Steffani News Agency despatch from Rome says Italy has declared war against Turkey.

WAR EXPECTED.

Rome, Aug. 21.—Italy's declaration of war against Turkey has caused no surprise in diplomatic and political circles here. For several days it had been considered inevitable that Italy would take this step.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Turkish Ambassador to Italy and the personnel of the Turkish Embassy in Rome already have received their passports. It is stated in a press despatch from Rome Marquis Di Garroni, Italian Ambassador to Turkey, will leave Constantinople for Rome today, travelling by way of Adrianople. Most of the Italian Embassy's staff already have left.

ITALY'S REASONS.

London, Aug. 21.—Marquis Di Garroni, Italian Ambassador to Turkey, today handed to the Porte a note declaring Italy considered herself in a state of war with Turkey and demanded his passports, according to an official telegram from Constantinople, received at Amsterdam and transmitted to the Central News.

The reasons given in the note for Italy's declaration of war were the support given by Turkey to the revolt in Libya, and the prevention of the departure of Italian residents from Syria.

Amsterdam, via London, Aug. 22.—The Italian Ambassador and the Embassy staff left Constantinople at noon yesterday, according to a telegram from the Turkish capital. The United States Embassy has been entrusted with the task of protecting Italians in Turkey. One secretary and two dogmatrons remained at the Italian Embassy.

London, Aug. 22.—Italy's declaration of war against Turkey is expected to have an almost immediate effect on the Balkan States, which are still debating which side they will take in the conflict. The relations between Italy and Roumania for years have been very intimate, and the opinion is expressed here that it is probable, especially in view of the threatening attitude of the German power toward Roumania because of her refusal to allow ammunition to pass through her territory, that now Italy has broken relations with Turkey, Roumania will join the Quadruple Entente.

Bulgaria is still waiting for the reply of Serbia to the suggestions of the Entente ministers that Serbia cede Macedonia to Bulgaria, while Greece is likely to declare her future policy relations with Turkey. Roumania will join the Quadruple Entente. The opinion is expressed in diplomatic circles here that it is significant that M. Venizelos, who always has been friendly to the Entente Powers, has decided to take charge, in addition to the

GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF BULGARIA'S ARMY AUG. 25; GERMANY HAS SENT AN ULTIMATUM TO ROUMANIAN GOVT

Geneva, via Paris, Aug. 22.—The Bucharest, Roumania, correspondent of the Tribune sends the following:

"News of the Italian declaration of war against Turkey reached here at 8 o'clock last night. There was much enthusiasm throughout the city. The king at once called a meeting of the cabinet, and the Italian Ambassador was present.

"The king today will hold a conference with all the representatives of the Balkan States. Yesterday he signed several decrees of a military nature."

Geneva, Aug. 22.—The Bucharest, Roumanian, correspondent of the Tribune sends the following:

"Between Nish (Serbia) and Bucharest constant telegrams are passing. It is believed that Roumania will begin a general mobilization on Aug. 25. Relations between Bulgaria, Roumania and Serbia at present are excellent."

ULTIMATUM TO ROUMANIA?

London, Aug. 22.—A Reuter despatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, says: "Private advices from Bucharest state it is feared that Germany has sent an ultimatum to Roumania regarding the right to transport munitions of war for Turkey through Roumanian territory. The Roumanian cabinet is firmly resolved to grant this permission. A large number of cars laden with war material has been held up at Erzinjan, near the Taurus Pass, where it is reported Roumanian troops are concentrating. Troops also are massing at Jassy, about 200 miles northeast of Bucharest, and the petroleum regions have been heavily garrisoned."

BIG INCREASE IN INLAND REVENUE FOR MONTH OF JULY

Special to the Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 22.—There is large increase in the inland revenue of the Dominion for July. The official statement issued today shows that the total revenue for the month was \$1,861,765, an increase of \$115,525 over the same month last year. The war tax account for \$2,494,494 of the increase. The excise on tobacco amounted to \$914,467 and on spirits, \$523,961.

GREATER PREMIERSHIP OF THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

With the inclusion of Italy among Turkey's opponents, in the war, and the former's well known desire for expansion in the Near East, the Balkan States may consider that the time is ripe for them to enter the field and secure for themselves a share of what falls to the victorious group. It is for them to decide which side is likely to win.

The continued retirement of the Russian armies seems to have little, if any, influence on the situation, the opinion being expressed by military critics that victory of the Entente Allies in the Dardanelles would more than offset this so far as the Near East is concerned, and the Franco-British forces are increasing their efforts to force the Straits.

There is little change in Poland and the Baltic provinces. A big battle is being fought along the Kovno-Vilna railway and the Niemen river. This, however, is of secondary importance to the movements against Brest-Litovsk. The Austro-German forces are across the rivers and roads both north and south of this fortress, which is invested from three sides and curiosity is evinced as to whether Grand Duke Nicholas intends to defend it or to fall further back. For the moment he is resisting the Austro-German advance, but this may be only with rear guards, which have been detailed to inflict as much loss as possible on the invaders and delay the progress of the Teutons. Liveliness has prevailed at some points along the western front, but the engagements have been of minor importance. The French claim to have repulsed German attacks in Artois and in the Vosges, while both sides are expending ammunition in artillery engagements, bomb throwing and other artifices in many places to annoy their opponents.

The Italians report slight progress on all their fronts.

PETROGRAD INSPIRED WITH NEW CONFIDENCE

Naval Victory in Gulf of Riga Gives People Heart and Disapparent Inaction of Allies in West.

Petrograd, Aug. 22, via London, Aug. 22.—The statement made in the Duma tonight by the President of the Chamber, M. Rodzianko, that the German fleet had been defeated at Riga, with the loss of the battle cruiser Moltke and three other cruisers and seven torpedo boats, elicited unbounded enthusiasm and was accompanied by touching scenes.

The deputies of all of the factions mutually congratulated one another. The people regard the reported victory as the turning of the tide in favor of Russia.

The effect of the destruction of a German vessel of the dreadnought class by a British submarine will, it is expected here, have a beneficial political result, and tend to dissipate largely the cloud of discontent over the apparent inaction of the western allies. While the Russian government and the military and naval authorities have a direct understanding with those in authority in the Allied countries, it had been, and still is, impossible to take the people entirely into their confidence.

The retention of the Bialystok railway and three-fourths of the Niemen river in Russian hands, and the firmness of the whole Russian line under the most recent attacks, inspires confidence in the military authorities that the darkest hour has passed.

Sinking of The Moltke Confirmed

London, Aug. 23.—A despatch to the Times from Petrograd confirms the announcement of M. Rodzianko, the president of the Duma, of a Russian victory in the Gulf of Riga, and the sinking of the German battle cruiser Moltke.

RUSSIAN LINE ALONG KOVNO-VILNA RAILWAY OPPOSING GERMAN ADVANCE ON VILNA

LAST WORD FROM NOVO GEORGIEVSK, RECEIVED AT PETROGRAD FRIDAY, SAYS SITUATION OF THE FORTRESS HAD BECOME DIFFICULT AND NO HOPE OF GARRISON BEING ABLE TO HOLD OUT LONGER.

Petrograd, via London, Aug. 22.—The following official communication has been made public:

"Our land front is firm in the regions of Riga and in the direction of Jacobstadt and Dvinsk. Toward the west there has been fighting on parts of the same front. The situation in the region of Wilkomir also is without essential change.

"On the left bank of the Middle Niemen and the Upper Bobr there is no change. The disposition of our troops near Ossowetz, on the Lower Bobr, the Upper Naraw, along the Bielsk, Wysoka, Brest-Litovsk railway, and along the right bank of the Bug, remains almost stationary.

"Since Friday evening the enemy has continued to exert obstinate pressure in the region of Bielsk, and from Vladova to Potha, but he has been held by our counter-attacks.

"In Galicia there is no change in the situation.

"There has been no direct news from Novo Georgievsk since Friday. The latest information from there, furnished by our aviators, shows that toward nightfall of Friday the situation of the fortress had become so difficult that there was no reason to hope for further resistance on the part of the garrison."

OPPOSING ADVANCE ON VILNA.

London, Aug. 22.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Petrograd says, from the latest information received there, the Russians are along the Kovno-Vilna railway, opposing the advance of the Germans on Vilna.

AWAIT REPORT OF MR. GERARD BEFORE ACTING

Little Doubt at Washington Now that the Arabic was Torpedoed Without Warning

Washington, Aug. 22.—Judgment still is suspended by the United States government on the torpedoing of the liner Arabic, with a loss of two American lives.

Until official information on which to base the course to be pursued arrives there will be no statement of the government's position, and high officials will not discuss the subject.

It is understood that the important report awaited before the United States determines whether Germany has committed a "deliberately unfriendly act" is expected from Ambassador Gerard at Berlin. Cabled statements of American survivors apparently have left no doubt that the Arabic with Americans on board, was torpedoed without warning. The question now is whether Germany will set up a claim that the manoeuvring of the ship just before she was attacked led the submarine commander to believe that she was attempting a hostile act against him.

In addition to such brief information as he has cabled, Ambassador Page is said to have mailed a long report, including affidavits of the American survivors.

RECEIVED PART PAYMENT IN CASH

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 21.—Walter Moore, of Kentville, who sold twenty-five horses to the government last year for military service, was on the stand at the session here this morning of the Davidson Munitions Contract Commission. Moore said that either McKay or Keefer, government buyers, paid him. He was paid in cash for five of the horses at the time of purchase, and he was paid for the other twenty horses in cash after he had endorsed some checks some time following the sale.

G. H. Oakes, secretary of the Conservative Association, who acted as the agent of A. DeWitt Foster, ex-M. P., in the purchase of horses at Kentville, said in his testimony yesterday that eight checks had been issued by him to Walter Moore, for a total of twenty-two horses. Moore said today that he was paid, after endorsing the check, for only twenty horses.

HID BEHIND ONE VICTIM TO GET ANOTHER

Submarine Which Sank Arabic Used Steamer She Had Already Torpedoed as a Shield

Liverpool, Aug. 22.—According to survivors of the steamer Dunsley, torpedoed by a German submarine just before the White Star liner was sunk, the underwater craft hid behind the Dunsley's unsunk hull to lay in waiting for the larger vessel. The survivors declare they had been ordered off their ship and were in lifeboats when the submarine concealed herself from the approaching Arabic.

It is stated that when the liner came close enough to make an attack possible the submarine submerged, went around the Dunsley's stern and launched the fatal torpedo. Survivors say that the German boat, which came up alongside the Dunsley bore no number.

No previous definite statement as to the fate of the Dunsley has come, through from London. It was announced that she had been torpedoed, but it had not been known whether or not she succeeded in reaching port with her passengers.



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