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THE ARMY OF JAPAN MAY INTERFERE IN RUSSIA; GERMAN FORCES CAPTURE THE CITY OF REVAL

HUNS TAKE THE PORT OF REVAL

German Forces Capture Great City After Battle with Russians.

TEUTONS ALSO TAKE THE TOWN OF PSKOV

City of Reval Has Population of Nearly One Hundred Thousand.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 25.—The German forces have occupied Reval after an engagement with the Russians.

The Germans have also captured Pskov (about 160 miles southwest of Petrograd). This announcement is made in the official report from German headquarters tonight. The text reads: "The town and fortress of Reval were occupied at 10.30 o'clock this morning after a battle. Pskov (Pskov) south of Lake Peipus, is in our hands."

The city of Reval is one of Russia's most important ports and its harbor is accessible practically all winter. It is the capital of the province of Estonia on the Gulf of Finland. It is a fortified port and situated as it is, opposite Helsinki, is one of the most important defences against the protection of Petrograd, about 225 miles distant, both by rail and water. The city of Reval has a population of a normal times of nearly 100,000 persons, many of whom are Germans. The city is divided into two parts, the old or upper town surrounded by walls and situated on a rocky height, and the lower town on the beach.

Reval was an important seaport of the Hanseatic League and came into the possession of Russia in 1710. It has several notable churches and interesting relics. One of the church spires is 429 feet in height. The Olat and Nikolai churches are both interesting edifices.

The city is not a large manufacturing centre, but is a shipping and distributing centre for a large area. The exports include grain, flax and spirits and the imports cotton, iron and chemicals. Reval is also noted for its sea-bathing. It handled a trade of over \$30,000,000 annually. The old Imperial Palace, built by Peter the Great still stands in the town, which also contains numerous other buildings of historic renown.

The town of Pskov, in German known as Plezkov, is the capital of the government of the same name. It has a Kremlin on a hill and a historic cathedral. The ruins of numerous rich and populous monasteries are still to be seen in or near the town. The business of Pskov is unimportant.

NINETY-TWO PERISH ON THE RED CROSS STEAMER FLORIZEL

A REVOLVER FLOURISHED AT OFFICER

Militia Sergeant Unable to Arrest Draftees in Cogne—Former St. John Woman Alleged to Have Brandished Hatchet.

Moncton, Feb. 25.—Driven from a house at the point of a revolver was the alleged experience of Sergt. M. A. McLeod, who, acting under instructions from Major Frost, went to Cogne Bridge, Kent Co., to round up several young men who had failed to register under the Military Service Act. Sergt. McLeod returned to Moncton tonight without his men and laid information before the civil authorities.

He drove to Cogne this morning from Shediac to apprehend three young men named St. Pierre, but did not count on the kind of reception he received. The St. PIERRES were found at home but stoutly refused to be arrested.

One is alleged by Sergt. McLeod to have drawn a revolver while the militia sergeant was attempting to brandish a hatchet and ordered the officer from the house. As Sergt. McLeod was alone and carried only a pair of handcuffs he concluded not to attempt to make arrests without some assistance.

Tonight he laid information against the St. PIERRES and it is expected that a posse of officers will go to Cogne soon and get the men wanted. It is stated that the father of the boys, Thomas St. Pierre, is a provincial constable and advised the sons not to register. More is likely to be heard of the case in the near future.

The father of Constable St. Pierre was a native of France. The wife of Constable St. Pierre was formerly a St. John woman. She is not French.

BRITISH CAPTURE A TOWN FROM TURKS

London, Feb. 25.—British forces operating along the Euphrates river, in Mesopotamia, have occupied Khana Buayat, meeting with little resistance from the Turks, the war office announced.

The statement follows: "On Wednesday the Euphrates troops occupied Khana Buayat, 14 miles west of Ramadim, and patrols advanced to within 10 miles of Hit (100 miles west of Bagdad). The Turks made little resistance. Thirty were captured."

JAPANESE LIKELY TO ENTER SIBERIA

Situation There Considered Extremely Grave and it is Probable Mikado's Army Will Join with Cossack Leader in Making War on the Bolsheviks—Japanese Appealed to for Aid.

Harbin, Wednesday, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—The Japanese, according to reliable authority, intend to take action in Siberia at an early date and there are evidences that the Japanese have long been preparing to carry out this move.

The situation in Siberia is considered extremely grave, owing to the inability of the Cossack General Semenov, head of the anti-Bolshevik movement in that vast territory, to secure allied support, for which he has appealed to the Japanese.

General Semenov's movement is now officially recognized and a general committee has been formed at Harbin, which will act as a general staff, divided into three departments—financial, military and administrative. The Russian consul, M. Popoff, has been appointed chairman of the committee.

Two thousand Germans have been armed and are drilling at Irkutsk, capital of the government of Irkutsk in Eastern Siberia, and, according to an official report received from a foreign consul, the Germans are making all preparations to bring much larger forces there.

Forty-Four Survivors, Including Seventeen Passengers, Were Saved.

ONLY TWO WOMEN AMONG RESCUED

Boat Crews of Newfoundland Steamer Prospero Displayed Great Bravery.

CAPT. MARTIN OF THE FLORIZEL ESCAPES

Breakers Rapidly Battering to Pieces Wreck of the Vessel.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 25.—Boat crews from the Newfoundland steamer Prospero, braving the breakers which are battering to pieces the wreck of the Red Cross liner Florizel on the ledge north of Cape Race, today took off 44 survivors, all that were left alive of the ship's company of 136. The death list tonight stood at 92. Of the rescued 17 are passengers. Only two of the twelve women on board and some of the four children were saved. Captain William J. Martin, of the Florizel and Major Michael Sullivan, of the Newfoundland Forestry Battalion, who was on his way to rejoin his command in Scotland, were among those rescued. Ralph Buraham, one of the six cadets of the Royal Flying Corps on the lost steamer, was included among the survivors.

The Florizel carried 77 passengers and a crew of 59, according to Bowring & Co., agents of the line.

List of Survivors.

The complete list of survivors follows: Passengers—Alex. Ledingham, Miss Kittle Cantwell, Ralph Burnham, W. N. Dauphinee, J. P. Kely, Major Sullivan, William Parmentier, Arch Gardner, William Dodd, J. C. Sparrow, Thomas Walsh, Davy Griffith, Minnie Donoff, A. G. Fagan, G. Maloney, John Cleary and Jos. Stockley.

Crew—Captain William J. Martin, W. James, E. Jackson, J. Lumsden, Eric Collier, Herbert Taylor, Edwin Timmons, John Davis, Fireman (name unknown), J. Piment, M. F. Power, Thomas Green, James Barry, M. Malloy, W. Dooley, A. Hatchard, George Curtis, Jack Johnson, Charles Reelie, James Dwyer, Alex. Fleet, Henry Dodd, Henry Snow, J. C. Moore, F. R. Roberts, Cecil Carter and Bernard Murphy.

The rescue was performed with great gallantry. The Florizel was impaled on a rock, surrounded by half submerged ledges and lay three ship lengths or nine hundred feet from the shore. Between her half submerged hull and the rocks a height of three or four hundred feet, with no beach to speak of at high tide, the water is white with an almost unbroken swirl of breakers, making it impossible to send out lifeboats. A detachment of naval gunners from this city managed to shoot a line aboard the steamer last night but those on board were powerless to make it fast as the forepart of the steamer was continually buffeted by huge seas, the aftermath of yesterday's blizzard.

In the forecabin, into which the breakers smashed their way and in the fore rigging, the 44 survivors huddled helplessly. Outside the ring of surf lay a fleet of rescue steamers, included the Prospero, which had been sent by the government to the scene with special life saving apparatus.

By virtue of this equipment the Prospero's crew claimed the honor of running the breakers and picking off the hapless survivors.

Although the sea had moderated somewhat as compared with the surf breaking on the ledge during the blizzard yesterday, when the Florizel struck, it looked like a foolhardy attempt at rescue.

Gallant Rescues.

This is just the kind, however, to which Newfoundland sailors are brought up in these waters. Volunteers went over the side of the Prospero in three surf boats and four dories. Shooting the breakers with great danger, the flotilla worked under the lee of the Florizel and helped the two women and the 42 men into the boats. It was a suicidal attempt.

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BOLSHEVIKI ENTER CITY OF ROSTOV

Fighting Proceeding in Big Centre of the Don Cossacks.

THE GERMANS TAKE SEVERAL PLACES

Ostrok, Korsovuk, Sansal and Venden in Hands of the Teutons.

BOLSHEVIKI HOLD TWO TOWNS NEAR MINSK

City of Lodz and Other Polish Places in State of Siege.

Petrograd, Feb. 24.—It is announced by the Bolsheviks that their troops have entered Rostov-on-the-Don and that fighting is proceeding in the streets.

Rostov-on-the-Don is a prosperous city of 130,000 people and is the capital of the province of the Cossacks of the Don and formerly in the government of Ekaterinoslav. It is located on either bank of the River Don twenty miles above its mouth at the Gulf of Yagorik, a branch of the Sea of Azov in South Russia.

A century ago Rostov-on-the-Don was a mere village but it has grown through its vast agricultural trade until it has become a great city. Its exports are grain, wool, oil, tallow, ore, pitch, etc.

Refuse to Attack.

Petrograd, Sunday, Feb. 24.—A report that 20,000 German soldiers refused to attack the Russians in the new campaign was given out today by the Bolshevik telegraph agency. Polish troops in some instances are said to have fled. The issuance of war reports was begun today, the following communication being given out:

Socialist defensive front—in the region of Borisoff (46 miles northeast of Minsk) a detachment was sent to destroy bridges. Borisoff and Plotak are in the hands of the revolutionary forces.

"Sansal and Venden have been taken by the Germans, who fought a battle with a Lithuanian detachment. The station at Korsovuk and the town of Ostrok have been occupied by the Germans. Poles are advancing from Mchilev towards Dobruisk, but often the troops take flight in large bodies.

"According to reports from Arensburg, 30,000 German troops refused to attack."

Lodz in State of Siege.

London, Feb. 25.—Berlin advices received in Amsterdam as forwarded by Central News, report that a state of siege has been proclaimed "in consequence of events in Poland," at Czestochowa, Lodz and Volochavsk, important towns in Western Poland.

Great unrest had been produced in Poland by the peace treaty arranged between the Ukraine and the Central Powers, under which part of Poland was to be annexed to the Ukraine.

FRENCH-CANADIAN FOR THE CABINET

Rumor that Sir Lomer Gouin May Join Union Government and that Dr. Des Laurier Will Resign Seat.

Montreal, Feb. 25.—La Patrie, which Saturday announced that Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, would likely join the Union government, today prints a Quebec despatch which intimates that Dr. Des Laurier, deputy for the St. Marie division of Montreal, will likely vacate his seat to make way for a French-Canadian candidate to be selected by Sir Lomer and who will also be a member of the federal cabinet.

The despatch says that Sir Lomer will take a holiday but that he will first consult Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Ottawa on his final decision.

THE GERMANS TAKE THOUSANDS OF ADDITIONAL SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY FROM RUSSIA

AGREES WITH MR. WILSON

German Chancellor Sees Some Hope of Rapprochement in President's Address.

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.—Speaking before the Reichstag Count Von Hertling, the Imperial German chancellor, made this declaration: "I can fundamentally agree with the four principles, which in President Wilson's view must not only be proposed by the president of the United States, but must actually be recognized by all states and peoples. But this goal has not yet been reached. There still is no court of arbitration established by all the nations for the preservation of peace in the name of justice. When President Wilson incidentally says that the German chancellor is speaking to the tribunal of the entire world, I must decline this tribunal as prejudiced, joyfully as I would greet it, if any impartial court of arbitration existed, and gladly as I would co-operate to realize such ideals."

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J. W. RICHARDSON PASSES AWAY

Was Well Known Attorney and for Some Years Police Magistrate of St. Stephen.

Special to The Standard.

St. Stephen, Feb. 25.—Charlotte Co. has been losing her prominent citizens all too rapidly in recent days and tonight another is added to the list in the death of J. William Richardson, a leading barrister and for some years the police magistrate of St. Stephen.

He had been in failing health for some months and had been confined to his home since last fall, but hope of his recovery was not abandoned until today. Death was due to an affection of the heart that was complicated by other ailments against the inroads of which he made a heroic fight.

The announcement of his death will be heard with sincere sorrow for he was widely known and universally esteemed.

45 Years of Age.

He was about 45 years of age and is survived by his widow, who was Miss Bessie McVay, the eldest daughter of Joseph McVay. Two sisters, the Misses Richardson, of St. Andrews, also survive. His mother passed away only last month.

Mr. Richardson was a member of Sussex Lodge, A. F. and A. M., and the present grand deputy master of the district. He is also a member of Seaside Lodge, K. of P., of St. Andrews, which was his native town. He was a member of St. Andrew's Society of St. Stephen and active in all its works.

His life touched that of the community at many angles and there are many to recall deeds of kindness at his hand. His death occurred at his home at about ten o'clock this evening. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

In politics Mr. Richardson was a leading Conservative and took part in many of the campaigns of that party. He was appointed registrar of probates for Charlotte county by the Murray government about two years ago and held this position at the time of his death. In religion he was a staunch adherent of the Presbyterian church.

RAIDER RETURNS

Berlin, via London, Feb. 25.—An official communication issued today says "The auxiliary cruiser Wolf has returned home after fifteen months in the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific oceans."

Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling Tells Reichstag Bolshevik Government Has Accepted Germany's Peace Terms and That Peace Must En- sue Shortly, But Apparently No Peace for the Russians is Immediately in Sight—On Contrary Teutons Continue to Overrun the Country with Amazing Rapidity.

Besides Reval, Pskov, 160 Miles from Petrograd, Has Been Taken and Germans and Ukrainians United for Attack on Great City of Kiev—Critical Situation in Petrograd—On Battle Fronts of France, Flanders and Italy Fighting by the Infantry Still Confined to Patrol Encounters.

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101,251 SOLDIERS VOTE IN FRANCE SOME SLACKERS MAIM SELVES

Of Ballots Cast There 88,175 Were for the Government Candidates.

Gallant Young Men Afraid to Face Germans Cut Off Fingers and Toes—Others Won't Call for Mail.

REGISTRATION BOARD FOR THE DOMINION

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—Analysis of the military vote in the Dominion elections polled in France shows a total vote of 101,251, including the ballots of soldiers rejected in constituencies where candidates were not endorsed and for other reasons. Of the vote cast 88,175 ballots were for government candidates, 6,744 for opposition candidates, and ballots rejected number 6,332. No less than 92.39 per cent. of the accepted ballots were marked for government candidates.

The order-in-council recites that, in order to give effect to this policy, it will be necessary to have made an accurate and complete inventory of the man and woman power of the country. The personnel of the board will be: Hon. G. D. Robertson, chairman; F. B. McCurdy, M. P., Halifax; Mrs. Adelaide Plumbree, Toronto; G. M. Murray, Toronto; Eug. McE. Quirk, Montreal; Tom Moore, Niagara Falls.

HEAVY FLOODS

London, Ont., Feb. 25.—Heavy damage from floods in London and other districts is reported tonight. In the vicinity of White Oak, Dingman's Creek is reported to have risen nearly six feet, flooding fields and barns and causing heavy damage. Grave fears are entertained for those in that district and in Komoka district.

Twelve Killed!

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—Ten persons were killed outright, two died of injuries and between twenty and twenty-five others were more or less seriously injured in a rear-end collision of two passenger trains today on the Columbia-Greenville branch of the Southern Railway.