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GERMANS LOSE HOLD ON COAST

Allied Operations Make the German Hold on the Belgian Coast Line More and More Precarious

ACTIVE AGGRESSIVE BY ALLIED TROOPS

Capture a Strong German Position on the Dunes at Point of the Bayonet—Big Losses in Engagement

London, Feb. 2.—A correspondent telegraphs the Daily Telegraph from a point on the Dutch frontier:

Information from Western Flanders indicates that the German hold on the Belgian coast line is becoming more and more precarious. Not only are the positions always subject to bombardment from warships off shore, but in the last few days the Allies' on land have pursued active aggression, particularly in the neighborhood of Neuport to the district which is the extreme point in Belgium held by Germans.

Good progress by the Allies is reported as the result of severe fighting toward the end of last week.

According to these accounts the principal attacks were concentrated between Neuport and Lombaertzyde where the fighting, of which three separate bayonet charges were the main feature, resulted in the capture by the Allies of a strongly held position on the Dunes. There was desperate fighting on both sides. German casualties in this engagement included four hundred dead and four hundred prisoners.

Germany Wakes Up Just A Bit Late

Going to Prevent the Transportation of British Troops to France

Berlin, Feb. 2.—An official report issued today by the German navy department, calls attention to the extensive transportation of British troops to France, and adds, we shall use every method of war at our disposal against them.

EARTHSHOCKS CAUSE DAMAGE IN YORKSHIRE

London, Feb. 2.—Earthshocks occurred last night in a number of districts in Yorkshire. One miner was killed and many had narrow escapes, owing to the shaking down of coal in pits. In some cases the pits were rendered unworkable by the fall of coal.

Germans Attempt To Sink British Hospital Steamer

Perpetrate Yet Another Violation of the Hague Convention Governing Procedure in War

Paris, Feb. 2.—A German submarine yesterday made an unsuccessful attempt to torpedo the British hospital ship Asturias, according to information given out today by the Ministry of Marine, thus violating the formal clause of the Hague Convention of 1907, regarding attacking of hospital vessels. The Asturias, the Ministry explained, was fifteen miles north-east of Havre lightship when the attack was made.

Mrs. Tasker Cook leaves for England by the Mongolian and will visit her son at Port George.

Rioting Follows An Order Calling For Mobilisation In An Austrian Province

Genoa, via Paris, Jan. 31.—The movement of resistance, which order of the Austro-Hungarian Government, for the mobilization of the last line of reserves, has brought about a serious rising among the Southern Slavs, according to uncensored despatches reaching here from an Austrian source.

The clergy, these advices say, headed the movement of resistance, which began Sunday morning, at Labdach 25 miles north-east of Trieste. After the sermon by a Slavonian priest, the crowd is reported to have left the Cathedral, shouting, "Down with the war"; "Down with the Germans."

Attacked Gendarmes. "The rioters attacked the gendarmes and after shots were fired the cavalry was called out and charged the crowd."

During the disturbance the Prefect's Palace was burned and its furniture and pictures, which were thrown out of the windows, were trampled to pieces.

At Agram, capital of Croatia and Slavonia, bodies of students tore down the mobilization notices and it shot.

Germans Claim To Have Big Gun Which Has A Range Of 25 Miles

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 31.—A German military newspaper announces that a new naval gun, of 16-inch calibre, and with a range of 25 miles, has been created.

Berlin, Jan. 31.—Remarkable figures regarding a new German naval gun are given by a German artillery expert, writing in the "Artileristische Monatshefte."

In discussing an assertion by the London Times that the German navy possessed a gun which carries three miles further than the best British weapon, the writer admits that the Kruppers are manufacturing a gun whose projectile weighs 920 kilograms (about one ton) and which develops a muzzle velocity of 940 metres (about 37,000 feet) in a second.

Tried To Murder Field Marshal Von der Goltz

Was Fired at in Constantinople and It Is Believed That He Was Hit

Cairo, Jan. 31.—An attempt on the life of Field Marshal von der Goltz at Constantinople is reported from Jaffa through the medium of the German Consulate there. The Field Marshal was fired at and is believed to have been hit. Several officers were attacked at the same time.

Strained relations exist between the Germans and Turkish officers. At Damascus recently a captain of the Turkish army was killed and a German colonel wounded, following a quarrel.

Baron von der Goltz was formerly German Governor of Belgium and was transferred to Constantinople when Turkey entered the war.

Admiral Sturdee Arrives In England

Plymouth, Feb. 3.—Vice-Admiral Sturdee, who commanded the British squadron which sank the German ships off the Falkland Islands last December, arrived here today. He was a passenger on the Limer India.

Admiral Sturdee declined to discuss the South Atlantic victory on the plea that the Admiralty regulations forbid his talking.

HONORED THE C. of E. SOLDIERS

Farewell Service at St. Thomas' Church Followed By An Entertainment At Canon Wood Hall

GOOD TIME SPENT; ELOQUENT SPEECHES

Delightful Programme Had Been Provided and Gave Much Pleasure to the Men and Their Friends

The farewell service and entertainment for the C. E. members of the Second Contingent will long be remembered by the soldiers and the members of St. Thomas' Church.

Saturday evening last the idea was suggested and though time was short the successful affair last night proved only once more how anxious citizens are to do all in their power for the soldiers.

The service at St. Thomas' Church was impressive. The spacious building was filled, and the beautiful liturgy never seemed more solemn and grand.

Clergy Present. Canons Smith and Bolt, Revs. C. H. Barton, H. Uphill, A. Clayton, Cracknell and Adams were present in robes.

"Onward Christian Soldiers" was the opening hymn, and the well-known military hymn, "Fight the Good Fight" was also heartily sung by the great congregation.

Revs. Clayton and Cracknell intoned the service. Canon Bolt and Rev. Uphill read the lessons.

The address was delivered by the Rev. C. H. Barton, of Queen's College, and was a masterpiece. Taking as his text the charge to Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage, and the Lord thy God will be with thee," etc.

It was a heart to heart talk to the lads, and the preacher was listened to with the deepest attention.

Was Much Affected. Then the Benediction was pronounced by the venerable Canon Smith, and the aged priest, who is a Newfoundland to the core was visibly affected. It was a scene those present will not soon forget, as the venerable Canon stood in front of the Holy Table and with both hands elevated, imparted God's blessing to the kneeling soldiers.

The National Anthem was then sung.

Canon Wood Hall. The soldiers were then invited to Canon Wood Hall, where the ladies and gentlemen provided supper.

Provision had been made for one hundred and fifty and the tables were quickly filled.

Rev. A. Clayton presided and there were also present Canons Smith and Bolt, Revs. Stamps, Barton, Brinton, Uphill and Cracknell, Sir Joseph Outerbridge, Hon. R. Watson, Mr. A. B. Morine, K.C., Mr. J. A. Cliff, K.C., Lt.-Col. Rendell, Mr. H. W. Le Messurier, W. W. Blackall, J. Weir and others.

Lots of Good Cheer. The tables simply groaned under the good things they contained and the ladies of St. Thomas' Church again demonstrated their ability as entertainers. It seemed hardly possible that such a lavish spread could be provided in such short time.

It was the most beautiful spread we have seen for some time. The soldiers were made feel perfectly at home. A score or more of young ladies saw that they were well looked after.

The Chairman, in opening, regretted the absence of the Rector, Rev. G. R. Godden, who is ill and voiced the hope of all that he would soon be well again.

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Ordeal Of Naval Battle Shattered The Nerves Of The German Sailors

London, Jan. 30.—The Daily Telegraph prints an interesting story of the last moments of the German armoured cruiser Blucher, which was sunk in last Sunday's engagement between the British and German squadrons in the North Sea. The story is prefaced by a record of the return of the British light-cruiser Arethusa and the entire mosquito squadron to its base.

Was Easy Target.

The correspondent adds that when the Arethusa fired two torpedoes at the Blucher that cruiser had no way out and easily was a target. The second torpedo hit her fair amidships and tore such a tremendous hole in her that she sank forthwith.

The last scene on the Blucher gave a touch of heroism of the German sailors, who were lined up along her sides, aware that the ship could endure no longer. The correspondent says the men doffed their hats and joined in a chorus of "Hochs" as she began to disappear beneath the waves.

The cry of "Jump" went up from the decks of the Arethusa and the sea quickly was dotted with life-belted men, many of whom had been badly wounded by shell splinters. All their faces had been blackened by smoke.

The British light cruiser Aurora, according to the correspondent, was in action with the German light cruiser Kolberg. The Aurora's first shot, carried away the Kolberg's midship funnel while her guns raked the German boat. When last seen by the correspondent, the Kolberg was in a sinking condition.

States Airships Were Directed In Raid From A Big Automobile

London, Jan. 31.—Holcombe Ingleby, member of Parliament for King's Lynn, who resides in the area visited by Zeppelins, asserts that the raiders were assisted by persons in an automobile, who signalled to them the location of the town which they bombarded.

The Daily News' correspondent at King's Lynn, as a result of enquiries, has furnished information tending to confirm this statement. C. A. Winlove-Smith, a King's Lynn business man, who lives some miles from this town, declared that an airship passed over his house on its way to town.

"Before it arrived," he said, "an automobile, with two very powerful headlights, but no tail light, passed rapidly in the direction of King's Lynn. After going a little way, however, it turned up a side road and waited. The airship came on and shortly after passing a house its engine stopped, giving one the impression that the pilot had lost his bearings. Directly after that the automobile came rushing from the branch road and went swiftly toward King's Lynn. Instantly the engine of the airship was started again, and I could see the machine making a circular movement."

"When the airship was returning the car also passed in the same direction," said Mr. Winlove-Smith. Another resident states that after dropping the first two bombs at King's Lynn the Zeppelin proceeded to the south of the town and waited there. An automobile, with four powerful headlights, entered the town by the south gates, and the airship immediately returned and resumed the bombing.

AUSTRALIAN REINFORCEMENTS ARRIVE IN EGYPT

London, Feb. 3.—A Second Australian Contingent has arrived in Egypt and joined the First Contingent.

Germans Continue Bombard Furnes

London, Feb. 2.—The Daily Mail's correspondent telegraphs from Northern France that the Germans are continuing to bombard Furnes.

French Aviators Destroy German Staff Headquarters

Berne, Switzerland, Feb. 3.—French aviators today dropped bombs on the famous Homburg Castle in Alsace where a group of important German Staff officers were residing.

The building was set on fire and burned to the ground. Homburg Castle was the summer residence of the French Countess Mautepfer. The damage is estimated at several million francs.

U.S. CARGOES OF FOOD TO BE SEIZED

Britain Will Not Allow Such Shipments to Reach Germany, Austria or Turkey, Official Intimation

TO SEIZE CARGO OF "WILHELMINA"

Food Will be Paid For and Released But in Future Both Ship and Cargo Will Be Confiscated

Washington, Feb. 3.—Ambassador Page in London cabled the State Department today that the British fleet have been ordered to treat cargoes of grain and flour destined for Germany or Austria as conditional contraband, subject to seizure and confiscation.

This step, the Ambassador explained, followed the announcement that the German Government has decreed the confiscation of all grain and flour to conserve the nation's food supply. Since the publication of the German order, their Ambassador here, Count von Bernstorff, has virtually assured the American Government that no foodstuffs imported from the United States, or other neutral countries, would be subject to seizure and press despatches have announced the issuance of a modifying decree making such exemptions by the German Government.

Ambassador Page said the British Government had informed him that, because the steamship Wilhelmina was bound from New York for Bremen with grain and other foodstuffs, had sailed before the issuance of the German order an exception would be made in her case. The vessel will be seized, it was said, but she would be released and her cargo purchased on invoice by the British Government.

Warning was given, however, that other shipments hereafter of a like character, when destined for Germany directly or indirectly, would be seized as well as the vessel carrying them without compensation being paid.

The State Department has not decided what shall be done in the matter. Ambassador Page has been asked for further information on the general subject.

BRITAIN GIVES THE U.S. WARNING

Washington, Feb. 3.—Britain has notified the United States today, although not in an official form, that foodstuffs of any kind destined for Germany, Austria or Turkey will be regarded as conditional contraband.

S.S. Coban sails for Louisburg tomorrow morning.

Tell The Turks That The Kaiser Is Now a Moslem

Yarvis With Which Germans Stuff Moslem Allies—Fortifying Jerusalem

London, Jan. 30.—A despatch to The Daily News from Cairo says on the authority of a missionary who has arrived there that the Turkish military preparations point to apprehension of a British invasion of Palestine. The hills around Nazareth, the correspondent says, the missionary told him, have been fortified and that roads suitable for the transport of heavy guns are being constructed from Acre, Syria to Mount Carmel.

There is a general belief among the natives still according to the missionary, that Emperor William has been converted to Islam and will undertake a pilgrimage to Mecca.

Would Visit Arctic Circle In An Aeroplane

One of the Survivors of the Karluk Would Thus Institute Search For the Missing Men

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 31.—An expedition carrying hydro-aeroplanes, financed by the Canadian government or through private subscriptions to search for eight missing men of the Stefansson expedition, is the plan announced here of Burt M. McConnell, one of the survivors.

McConnell has represented to the Dominion government that an attempt to search with ships would be useless, but that he believed that with hydro-aeroplanes the area in which the missing men were last located could be explored and relief conveyed to them. The Karluk sank about a year ago and no organized relief expedition has been sent. McConnell said to-night he would go to New York if the government did not make a favorable answer to his proposal and endeavor to arrange there for the financing of a rescue party. He estimated the cost at \$110,000.

Mr. C. E. Hunt left for Channel last evening on professional business.