

FORTY-FIFTH YEAR

German Fleet is Cruising in North Sea Turkey Grows Very Tired of the War Windsor Dynamiter Sentenced for Life

TURKEY HAS JUST ABOUT REACHED THE END OF HER ROPE

And Would Like to Drop Out of the European War—Developments in This Regard May Very Soon be Expected.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Washington, March 7 (Montreal Gazette)—Turkey has about reached the end of her rope and would like to drop out of the European war. Definite information of the most trustworthy character to the effect that the backbone of the Ottoman campaign against the Russians has broken, has reached Washington, coupled with the assertion that developments of a startling character may be expected soon in the near eastern situation.

It is intimated that Russia has already been approached on behalf of the Turks for a separate peace. Offers in this direction are not expected to be accepted by the Russians at this time, not so much because it is not believed that the Turks are yet ready to give Russia what she wants, but because the Russian government has entered into a compact with the other Entente allies not to sign a separate peace. The information that Turkey's power for both offense and defense has reached its limit and is now rapidly on the decline is made on information of a definite and reliable semi-official character that has reached Washington.

It is coupled with the statement, also made on the most trustworthy authority, that the Turks are not able to resist the onward advance of the army of Grand Duke Nicholas, flushed with his victories at Asia Minor and Bitlis, across the heart of Asia Minor to the Syrian coast. The victories of the Grand Duke, which, according to information reaching Washington, will shortly be followed by sensational military developments in Asia Minor are expected to cut the Turkish empire in half, have made the capture of Bagdad certain and blocked the Turkish plans for drives against India and Egypt.

According to the Gazette's informant, whose information was obtained through what are known to be trustworthy channels, there can be no doubt that Turkey is sick of the war, and unable to check the Russian advance, or longer in a position to carry on a successful offensive or defensive campaign. Among the many things that have demonstrated the inability of Turkey to successfully cope with her enemies, among the Entente allies, particularly with the Russian ally, is the loss through Asia Minor, of the food situation.

Heavy Loss of Life by the Sinking of Passenger Ship

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Rio Janeiro, March 7—According to the latest information the number of deaths on the Spanish passenger steamship Principe de Asturias which struck a rock and sank off Santos on Sunday, will reach almost 500. Among those saved was the new American consul to Santos, Charles Tredek. The vessel was en route to Buenos Ayres from Barcelona. Over 600 passengers were on board. The catastrophe was caused, it is said, by a thick fog in which the vessel struck a rock and sank in less than five minutes. The newspapers of this city say that

it is reported that the commander of the ship committed suicide at the moment of the accident. The greater part of the officers were lost. The Swedish freight vessel Vecah has arrived at Santos with 143 persons from the Principe de Asturias. The captain says that his vessels were wrecked over the scene of the accident and picked up 126 persons, seventeen persons on board and picked up a lifeboat from the Asturias which had sent steamships to expel the region where the Spanish vessel sunk.

Street Railway Bill Passed Committee This Morning at Ottawa

A Number of Important Amendments Include Right of Taxation by Township—Permission to Extend as Far East as Cainsville.

(Special to Courier) OTTAWA, March 7.—Brantford's Railway Bill passed committee without opposition this morning. Matters Involved.

The bill gives the city of Brantford as a municipality the same powers as the Grand Valley Railway Company enjoyed under their charter. In addition it allows the city to extend the line as far east as Cainsville. This was thought advisable so as to allow in the future of an outlet from Mohawk Park along the roadway on the canal bank granted the Park Commission by the Lovejoy Estate, to the Locks road. This would give a con-

nection to Echo Place and vicinity.

AMENDMENTS The following are the amendments: 1. The title of the Bill to be changed to read "An Act to enable the Corporation of the City of Brantford to own and operate the railway of the Grand Valley Railway Company" or such words as are deemed more suitable. Clause 1 to be amended by adding the following as Sub-Section 2: "Subject to the terms contained in the respective by-laws of said municipalities mentioned in Sub-Section thereof, authorizing the construction of the Grand Valley Railway Company and to any obligation to pay municipal rates to said municipalities as would be payable if said system were operated by the Grand Valley Railway Company."

3. Clause 2 of the Bill be stricken out. 4. Clause 3 amended by striking out the words, "for and as agents of the corporation" at the end of the clause.

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TWENTY GERMAN WARSHIPS OUT

BY SPECIAL WIRE TO THE COURIER.

ROME, March 5—via London, March 5, 2.08 a.m.—(Delayed in transmission)—Twenty German dreadnoughts have left Kiel, according to information received here to-day.

The foregoing despatch was held up by the British censor for two days. Another despatch filed in London at 3.25 o'clock this morning said that a fleet of 25 warships was observed Monday cruising in the North Sea. This message was received in London from Vlieland, North Holland. It was added that the vessels approached from the northeast and later disappeared northward.

ARTILLERY OFFICER OF FRENCH ARMY TELLS OF TERRIFIC STRUGGLE WAGED AT HAUMONT

Germanes Kept Surging on Despite Heavy Losses, and Artillery Used up Its Ammunition in Stopping Them—Finally Enemy Worked Round to the Rear, but the French Batteries Coolly Retreated, Bearing Off With Them a Wounded Sergeant.

13 BIG SHELLS IN ONE MINUTE

One Battery Struggled Valiantly For 48 Hours Against German Fire, But Had to Give in Finally Because Ammunition Could Not be Got Forward to Them.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, March 6—An artillery officer who took part in the battle of Verdun has been authorized to make the following statement of his experiences and observations: "After February, when the Germans began the preparation for the attack with that fury which has already been described, we understood that a decisive struggle was about to be engaged. Our group was then in position to the southeast of Haumont wood. A battery was divided up for flanking purposes on three positions, one to the east of the Haumont wood, one to the south and a third to the north of Samogneux. The two other batteries were to the south of Hill No. 312, which lies to the east of Hill 344. We were supported by a battery of six pieces of 90-millimetre guns.

A CURTAIN FIRE.

"We naturally replied at once to the German attack with a curtain fire to prevent as far as possible the enemy infantry from opening a path into our lines. One of our sections even went forward into the Caures ravine and opened fire at 700 metres. But the Germans, despite enormous losses of men, commenced to overflow on all sides. They arrived at the Caures wood by the tops of the hills which run between the Haumont wood and the Caures wood, and they progressively invaded these positions. The section which was trying to detain them, kept shortening its fire as they advanced, mowing down entire ranks. New waves replaced those of the Germans who died, and the section kept on firing, exhausting its ammunition. It was hard at work when groups of the enemy, who had succeeded in penetrating got behind the guns. Although they had been turned, our artillerymen did not lose their presence of mind. They took off a sergeant who had been wounded.

BRAVE BATTERY "A battery of 80 millimetre guns established at Haumont, although it had been reached by an indirect fire valiantly carried out all instructions valiantly carried out the German heavy guns literally rained around this battery. In less than a minute 13 of them fell. 90s, after having wiped out a large number of the enemy were obliged to cease firing. At this moment, a sergeant major of a battery of field artillery named Pierrard, approached the commander of the group of batteries and said: "Commander, my battery of 80s no longer exists. Please employ me elsewhere."

"Very well," replied the commander, "put yourself at the disposal of the battery of 90s." "Pierrard collected the men who had been working with him and brought them to the battery of 90s and opened the fire again and with admirable vigor. He served the pie-admirable for forty eight hours and kept constantly in communication with the commander, demanding ammunition with the German guns. Unfortunately it was impossible at last to send him supplies. "Use up what you have in your ammunition," ordered the commander, "and then blow up your guns."

"The enemy was approaching. Their first ranks came so near the guns that Pierrard and his companions had to defend themselves with their bayonets. Then they began to fire again and their position became absolutely untenable and they blew up their guns and withdrew. Probably during this and withdrawal, Pierrard was killed, he was not the only one who showed magnificent devotion to his country.

WORKED IN SHIRT SLEEVES "Another instance of the cool bravery which animated our artillerymen was given by a battery which was under a frightful bombardment. One 305-millimetre German shell killed the captain, five gunners. Do you imagine that interrupted the work of the others? Not for a moment. As if with one impulse they pulled off their coats to work better, and in their shirt sleeves they redoubled their efforts to intensify their curtain fire and to urge on their comrades.

NO SUPPLIES "In the course of the day of February 22, we received an incalculable number of 305-millimetre shells from the Germans on the farm of Hamont and its neighborhood. Our situation was very difficult, as it was almost impossible to get munitions. We were very lucky if one out of three arrived. The road of Vacherauville was swept by an infernal hail. The gun which was detached to service at Samogneux underwent a bombardment by shells of all sizes, but carried out without ceasing its work of destruction against the enemy. Four times, the gunners, washed it from their water bottles. When hard pressed finally by the enemy, they removed the breech keys

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WILSON'S FIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH THE SHIP MATTER

A Vote Expected Late in the Day—Only Cause of Anxiety is Failure of Republicans to Back up the President's Demand.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Washington, March 7—The administration's fight to kill congressional agitation for a warning to American citizens against travel on armed merchant ships, reached the decisive stage to-day in the House.

With the prospect that a vote would be reached late to-day on a motion to table and thus defeat the McLemore warning resolution, the House was ready for a day of lively debate. Just what the discussion might bring forth, none of the leaders were prepared to say, though those in charge of the resolution and those in charge of the motion to back- place the House on record as backing the executive in the negotiations with Germany were confident that when the count finally was taken they would have a decisive victory.

Two things which admittedly were causing the president's supporters concern, were the possible failure of the Republicans to line up as had been expected for the tabling of the motion, and the possibility of organized opposition among a group of Democrats who met William Jennings Bryan yesterday at a private luncheon and discussed with him the

fight over warning legislation which he is known to favor. Although realizing the task ahead of them, the president's supporters felt confident that a large majority of the Democrats and many Republicans would stand together to put through the rule under which it would be proposed to table the McLemore resolution. The administration whip had sent out calls to all absent Democrats within reach to hurry to Washington in time for the vote. In addition to the influence of Mr. Bryan, formidable opposition from some Republicans was anticipated. Representative Mann of Illinois, the Republican leader and Representative Leffort of Wisconsin, Republican member of the rules committee, had given notice that they would oppose the rule. Mr. Mann has declared that his opinion is that the question never should have been thrown into the House and that Americans should not take passage on armed ships. On the other hand, Chairman Flood of the foreign affairs committee, has stated that while he personally favors a warning resolution, he believes all patriotic congressmen should stand by the president.

Switzerland Now Faces an Economic Crisis

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Berne, March 7—The political and economic crisis in which Switzerland remains plunged through the war is the chief subject of the consideration of the opening session to-day of the federal chamber in national council. Dr. Spahn of Schaffhausen, council reporter in the German language, recommended the continuation of full powers to the federal council, and declared them to be indispensable under the present circumstances. He deprecates what he characterized as legends arising out of incidents such as the prosecution of the two Swiss colonels for commencing military secrets to representatives of Germany and Austria, and declared that case should now be regarded as judged

and done with. The economic situation he said was most serious, and Switzerland could only obtain supplies through the federal council. M. Scretan, council reporter in the French language, said it was impossible for intelligent men to remain indifferent in the presence of the struggle in which the great European nations were engaged. He regretted that Switzerland had not protested against the violation of Belgium. Later, in his address, M. Scretan criticized the manner in which the trial of the two colonels had been conducted, and said that it increased the agitation which the affair had originally stirred up throughout the country. He, too, recommended a continuance of full powers to the federal council.

EXPLOSION IN JAIL KILLED EIGHTEEN PEOPLE

Forty Prisoners, Mostly Mexicans, in Room When Blow-up Occurred.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

El Paso, Tex., March 7—Eighteen persons are dead to-day and a number of others are not expected to live as a result of the explosion which occurred yesterday in the disinfection bathroom of the city jail. More than 40 prisoners were in the bathroom when the explosion took place, and nearly all of them suffered serious burns, nine dying within a short time. Nine others who were taken to hospitals died during the night.

A lighted match ignited the vapors arising from the mixture of gasoline, kerosene and vinegar, in which the prisoners, mostly Mexicans, were being bathed in conformity with sanitary measures devised by city health authorities to prevent the spread of disease by Mexican arrivals. Sheets of flame flashed through the east wing of the prison, and almost immediately the street fronting the jail was filled with naked shrieking men, enveloped in fire. A fire company located in the jail building extinguished the flames.

THE NAVY AND AIR SERVICE MUCH LARGER

Hon. A. J. Balfour Makes Statement to House of Commons.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, March 7—A. J. Balfour, First Lord of the Admiralty, stated in the House of Commons this afternoon, that the tonnage of the British navy had been increased by 1,000,000 since the outbreak of the war, while the strength of the air division of the navy had grown tenfold.

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Conservative Notice

Brantford, Nov. 6, 1915. Meeting of the Conservative Association for the election of Chairman and Sub-Chairmen in Ward 1, subdivisions 4, 5, 6, Ward 2, and all subdivisions Ward 4, and all subdivisions, is called for Wednesday evening in the rooms of the Association at 8 o'clock sharp. All Conservatives in the above Wards are cordially invited. N. D. NEILL, H. COCKSHUT, Secretary, President.

COURIER'S DAILY CARTOON.



Drawn by Joe Michael. "May I kiss you?" "Isn't that just like a man! Trying to put all the responsibility on me!"

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SPRING ASSIZES
Notice is hereby given that the
Courts of Assize, Nisi, Pruis Oyer and
Terminer and General Gaol Delivery
for the County of Brant will be held
at the Court House, Brantford, on
Tuesday, March 21st, at 1 o'clock
p.m., of which all magistrates, coroners,
constables and others are re-
quested to take notice.
JOHN W. WESTBROOK,
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