

NEW PLAN OF CAMPAIGN BY RUSSIANS IN EAST THREATENS ENEMY'S ARMY IN FRONT OF WARSAW

New Plan of Operations Inaugurated May Have Far Reaching Effects on General Campaign in the East — Grand Duke to Use New Army of 800,000 to 1,000,000 Men — Forward Movement Begun New Year's Brings Czar's Forces Within Forty Miles of German Fortress of Thorn.

London, Jan. 15.—The latest official reports from the Russian general staff disclose a new operation on the part of the Russian army which may have far-reaching results.

Starting on their New Year the Russian cavalry commenced a forward movement in Northern Poland, on the right bank of the Lower Vistula river, and have reached the Skwa river, some forty miles east of the German fortress of Thorn, West Prussia, driving a small force of German cavalry and infantry before them. It is believed that Grand Duke Nicholas, commander-in-chief of the Russian forces, intends to use an entirely new army consisting, according to Petrograd despatches, of from 800,000 to 1,000,000 men, in this region operating in conjunction with an army which is advancing in East Prussia.

This army would place the German troops at Mlaw in a vise, and at the same time threaten the rear of the Germans in front of Warsaw. The latter still are making occasional attacks on the Russian line, and, according to a Berlin report, have taken a Russian vantage point northeast of the Rawka river.

Along the rest of the eastern front nothing of importance has happened.

In the west the German success in regaining, in a few days, from the French the ground near Soissons, which it took the soldiers of General Joffre, commander-in-chief of the French forces, a fortnight to capture, remains the outstanding feature, although it has been somewhat offset by the reported British success near La Bassée and the capture by Zouaves of some German trenches in the region of Arras. There have been attacks and counter-attacks at other points, but generally it has been the artillery which has been kept busy.

The Russians continue to harass the Turks, who made a stand on the borders of Trans-Caucasia after their recent defeat, and claim to be capturing many more prisoners. The Russians also are making new dispositions in the Province of Azerbaijan, Persia, which the Turks have promised to evacuate as soon as the Russians leave the province and the Persian heir presumptive reaches Tabriz. The Governorship of the Province of Azerbaijan is an appanage of the heir presumptive.

FOUR NEGROES TAKEN FROM JAIL AND LYNCHED

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—Dan Barber, his son Jesse, and Barber's two married daughters, Ella and Ella Charles, negroes, were taken from the Jasper county jail at Monticello, Ga., last night by a mob and lynched, according to a telephone message received here late today.

HEAD OF LARGE REAL ESTATE FIRM ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF FRAUD

Three Brothers Also Under Arrest at Calgary for Conspiring to Defraud Public.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—Gordon D. McCutcheon, Lonsdale Road, president of the McCutcheon Bros. Limited, one of the largest real estate firms operating in the Dominion, and with headquarters in this city, was tonight, on instructions from Hon. B. Lucas, Attorney-General of the province, arrested on a charge of conspiring to defraud the public. The arrest at Calgary of his three brothers, Joseph, David, and Charles, and Marshall Cooke, was also requested, and tonight the police were notified that they were in custody. McCutcheon was tonight liberated on \$10,000 bail furnished by his wife.

The complaint on which Gordon McCutcheon was arrested was laid by a Dr. Weaver, of England.

SYDNEY HOCKEY TEAM TRIMS NEW GLASGOW

"Millionaires" Defeat Black Foxes in Opening Game of Series by 10 to 5 Score.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 15.—The Sydney Millionaires won from the New Glasgow Black Foxes by a score of 10 to 5 in the opening game of the schedule here tonight. The game was one of the cleanest ever played here, only two penalties being handed out and these for minor offenses.

For the Millionaires, Randall and Tremouthe were by far the stars while Richardson and Bellevue were always in the game. The local men also showed up well.

Morrison in goal for New Glasgow had the bulk of the work to do, and did it in his usual style. Gregory, Wilkie, Cook and Appleton also played a good game. The feature of the game was the rushes of Randall and Tremouthe the former scoring three of the Millionaires' goals.

Announced Engagement.

Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Turner of Shediac announce the marriage on January 4th of their daughter Ada Winkler and A. B. McNeil of Fennie, B. C.

MAWSON DEFENDS EXPLORER WHO WAS COURTMARTIALED

Says Rear Admiral Wilkie's Mistakes Were Excusable and His Observations Were Honest.

Washington, Jan. 15.—Sir Douglas Mawson, head of the Australian Antarctic Expedition of 1911-14, delivered his first address in America tonight before the National Geographic Society here. The explorer defended the accomplishments of Rear Admiral Wilkie, U. S. N., the Antarctic explorer of 1890, who was court-martialed upon allegations preferred by his fellow explorers.

Sir Douglas said he found that Admiral Wilkie had, with some exceptions, mapped correctly the coast line of the Antarctic. That he made mistakes, the speaker said, was easily understood because of the deception of mirages.

"There can be no doubt that Admiral Wilkie was entirely honest in his observations," Sir Douglas said. Speaking of the personal hardships of Antarctic exploring, he said he lost two of his lieutenants. One fell into a crevasse and the other died of starvation. For thirty-one days, he said, he was compelled to live alone upon the meat of one dog.

MOTHER GIVES HER OWN BLOOD TO SAVE DAUGHTER'S LIFE

Submitted to Transfusion of Seventeen Ounces of Blood — Child's Condition Still Critical.

Toronto, Jan. 15.—In an effort to save the life of seven-year-old Ethel Greenberg, who was seriously injured by a stray bullet fired from the basement of Kent school on Thursday evening, the child's mother today submitted to the transfusion of blood from her own system to that of her daughter.

Seventeen ounces of blood were transfused. The operation was performed after the hospital for sick children after the bullet had been removed. The girl's condition is still critical.

ST. JOHN SKATER WON AT WESTVILLE N.S.

Westville, N. S., Jan. 15.—In the first of the series of three races for the Maritime championship, S. Hilton Belyea, of St. John, defeated Leonard Leadbeater, of this town in one of the closest and most exciting races ever seen in the local rink. Belyea won by about ten feet. Tomorrow night they race again here, and should Leadbeater win the deciding race will be skated in Pictou.

NO FOREIGN AID FOR ITALY

Government Decides, Owing to International Situation to Abstain from Receiving Foreign Countries in Present Calamity.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Thomas Nelson Page, American Ambassador to Italy, today asked Signor Salandra, the Italian Premier and Baron Sonnino, Minister of Foreign Affairs, whether assistance from the United States government, financial or otherwise, in aid of the people stricken by the earthquake, would be acceptable.

Twice before a similar offer has been made, and while the Italian government expressed great appreciation of the offer was declining.

Ambassador Page was told today that owing to the international situation the Italian government had decided, as a question of principle, to abstain from accepting officially any foreign aid.

As this will not prevent private initiative on the part of Americans or other foreigners living in Italy, or in a manner acceptable to the authorities, Page is now approaching the government with a view of ascertaining the best way of directing the relief work in the stricken districts.

K—SYDNEY

OBITUARY.

G. Sydney Moore. The death is announced at Welland, Ont., of G. Sydney Moore, who was known to many citizens of St. John. Mr. Moore, for several years was manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Welland, subsequently entering the service of the Royal Bank of Canada, holding the position of manager of the branch of that bank at Amherst, N. S., for some years.

He was transferred to the branch of the Royal Bank at that point, occupying a like position there, until he retired from the service a year or two ago. Death was due to heart failure, following a very brief illness. Mr. Moore was of a most genial disposition and had numerous friends at Amherst and St. John, who will deeply regret to learn of his passing. Their sympathy will go out to his bereaved widow and daughters.

Mrs. Martha Rutter. Frederick, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Martha Rutter, aged 88, probably the oldest native born resident of Frederick, was found dead in bed at the residence of ex-Mayor W. S. Hooper, with whom she had made her home for the past three years. Mrs. F. S. Shepherd, of Campbellton, is a niece, and Nathaniel Cameron, of this city, is a cousin, while Chief H. C. Rutter, of Frederick fire department, is a nephew by marriage.

Mrs. K. K. Cameron.

Many friends in the city will learn with regret of the death of Mrs. K. K. Cameron which took place yesterday morning at her residence, 172 King street East. Mrs. Cameron as well as her husband, had for many years been widely known in connection with the millinery business which they conducted in this city. She would have been 90 years of age had she lived till April next. Mrs. Cameron was sister of Mrs. James Quinton and an aunt of William A. Quinton. The funeral will take place today with service at the house at half past two o'clock and the interment will be at Cedar Hill.

Walter P. Adams.

The death of Walter P. Adams, employed by the C. P. R. as a freight conductor, took place at his father's residence, Dufferin Row, West St. John, early yesterday morning. He leaves his father and mother, two sisters, Mrs. Fred Appleby, West St. John and Mrs. Charles Thompson, St. John North and one brother, Allan of Boston. The funeral will take place Sunday afternoon from his father's residence, 34 Dufferin Row, at three o'clock.

PRESIDENT WILSON WILL ASK AMERICANS TO HELP SUFFERERS IN ITALY

Washington, Jan. 15.—President Wilson tonight telegraphed King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, expressing sympathy for the Italian people, and asking if the United States could be of any assistance.

The president will take up tomorrow the suggestion that he issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to lend aid to the sufferers.

SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD AMONG RUINS OF TOWN'S DEVASTATED BY EARTHQUAKE

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tunate traveller had no sooner got out of the railroad station than the building collapsed and crushed him.

Rescue Work More Difficult Than at Messina.

The physicians engaged in the work of rescue formed an organization and established two field hospitals. They made arrangements for medical and surgical work of day and night.

The work of rescue is more difficult than was the case at Messina, where the houses, for the most part, were built from large blocks of stone, which in falling often lodged in such a way as to protect those imprisoned, and made it possible for the rescuers to creep between the stones to reach the victims.

The houses of Avezzano, on the other hand, are of less stable construction for the most part, and crumbled almost into dust.

One detachment of firemen from Rome worked in the ruins for twenty hours at a stretch.

Many Senators, deputies and other persons of prominence came to Avezzano today and placed themselves at the disposal of the military authorities, to render whatever assistance was possible. Count Somaglia, president of the Italian Red Cross, supervised the work of rescue.

In digging among the ruins rescuers discovered a woman's hand. A physician was summoned and said that the woman was still alive. The rescuers worked with feverish haste, but it was almost impossible to dislodge the mass of shattered masonry in which the woman was imprisoned. After several hours only one arm was freed. Then the attempt was abandoned, for the physician said that death had made futile the efforts of the rescuers.

Many houses are in ruins at Saratoga, a village perched on the summit of a crag, which has been well known to several generations of American artists on account of the unusual beauty of the young women who have come from that town to serve as artists' models. The remains of the medieval castle there rolled down the face of the mountain.

It developed today that Monsignor Bagnoli, Bishop of Pescara, who was believed to have perished, was not in Avezzano when the earthquake occurred.

Marconi Describes Scenes in Avezzano.

Rome, Jan. 15.—William Marconi, who returned here today from Avezzano, described the scenes of the earthquake which he witnessed. He said that the town had been absolutely levelled, and that those of its populace who had escaped death in the disaster were now destitute.

"King Victor Emmanuel told me," said Marconi, "that he had visited the scenes of all the earthquakes which he had witnessed in Italy since he was a child, but that this one surpassed all others in the magnitude of the disaster."

He said the survivors of Avezzano were only between two and three per cent. of its population, while in Messina one-third of the people escaped.

Not a Wall Standing.

Describing the damage done in Avezzano, Mr. Marconi said: "Avezzano has absolutely ceased to exist. In Messina some buildings, especially the palaces along the sea front, give one the impression that they are still intact, their facades having survived the shock while only their interiors fell in. Not so with Avezzano. No wall there remains erect. It seemed as though the town had been ground to powder by some gigantic monster."

The people of Avezzano, according to Mr. Marconi, have abandoned their efforts to take the bodies of the dead from the wreckage, and are giving their entire attention to trying to rescue the living who are prisoners in the debris. The catastrophe was of such vast proportions, Mr. Marconi added, that the organization of men could possibly have done anything to give immediate relief. The people were in despair at their powerlessness to render to those whose voices cried out from their places of entombment for assistance.

"During the first day of the disaster," Mr. Marconi continued, "the rescuers were so few that they could not from which cries of distress came, and planted poles here and there at such spots, hoping to return later with adequate forces of men to effect the release of the imprisoned persons. When, however, would-be rescuers did arrive, most of the voices had been stilled and the poles were merely markers of spots under which the dead lay."

Mr. Marconi personally heard coming from under the ruins of the girls' school in Avezzano the voices of two of the pupils, imprisoned. He said the girls were uninjured. They were protected from injury by a plane unacted as a screen from the tumbling debris by dust, and later rescued by two without nourishment, and despite strenuous efforts made to release them. Mr. Marconi left Avezzano for Rome. Prior to his departure Mr. Marconi said he endeavored to organize some lighted fires which had broken out at several points among the debris and which, he declared, undoubtedly had burned some of the imprisoned victims

to death. The difficulty of fighting the flames was almost insurmountable because of an insufficiency of pumps.

Mr. Marconi left Rome tonight for London.

ADD QUAKES

The Anxious Hunt for the Missing. Avezzano, via Rome, Jan. 15.—From all parts of the country the are arriving in Avezzano today visitors seeking persons who were living in the town when it was razed by the earthquake Wednesday morning. They had believed that the descriptions of the destruction wrought were exaggerated and when confronted with the mounds of masonry which represent all that is left of the town they were thunder-struck.

Many of the visitors realized at once the utter uselessness in searching for the relatives, but others, more hopeful, climbed aimlessly over the debris for hours, trusting to find some indication of a once well known spot which would aid them in tracing loved ones. Among those searchers many were successful in locating the former homes of relatives or friends.

Numerous were the pathetic scenes enacted. Some of the visitors would throw themselves upon the ruins and call in endeavoring tones for those whom they had known to answer them.

Practically they would appeal to the spectators for assistance, then, near by attempting to remove the stones, indifferent to the pain from their lacerated hands and unheeding the blood that trickled from cuts, caused by the jagged stones and broken glass. Frequently searchers collapsed and it was necessary to remove them to improvised hospitals for treatment.

It was not occasionally that a visitor to the city would find relatives or acquaintances alive. When, however, such an instance occurred a joyful greeting followed. Women and men would clasp each other in the arms of another and exchange kisses and laugh hysterically, or else would embrace and weep silently but joyfully. The few instances of joy seemed incongruous when all about there was so much sorrow, and often almost envious eyes were cast by unsuccessful searchers for relative or friend upon more fortunate ones who had found theirs.

Aristocracy to the Aid of the Stricken. Rome, Jan. 15.—Automobiles containing members of the Roman aristocracy left Rome in intervals for Avezzano today, carrying relief stores to the earthquake victims, especially clothing, food, milk and chocolate. All the members of the family of the Duke of Torlonia have gone to Avezzano, a district which is closely connected with the traditions of the Ducal house.

Prince and Princess Teano, the Duke Gelasio Gaetani, who lately has been lectured on the expense of the City of Rome, and the Countess of Spallati, president of the Women's Movement in Italy, were among others who went to the stricken districts.

Prince Colonna, Mayor of Rome, has arranged to supply all the villages which suffered from the earthquake with food for ill-living purposes at the expense of the City of Rome. This will enable the rescuers to work throughout the night.

A refugee arriving here from Magliano-Di-Mari says that 1,500 persons are dead in that locality, and that barely 200 persons survived the disaster. After the earthquake, he said, he completed the work of destruction in the stricken districts.

Naples, Jan. 15.—Rescuing gangs today brought out numerous victims of the earthquake which had been buried in the ruins of the town of Sora, where hundreds of persons rushed to pray when the first shock occurred. The bodies of the dead were found in the second shock.

Among the victims brought out were twenty nuns, and also the priest who had been celebrating mass. Twenty seven persons, seriously injured, also were rescued.

Three peasants who were found looking for the wreckage in Sora were rescued today.

Many Still Alive Among Ruins. Paris, Jan. 15.—Fine weather is facilitating the rescue work being carried on by soldiers in the earthquake levelled town of Avezzano, Italy, according to the correspondent of the Havas Agency who is at the scene. The night is very cold, but the work continued, many of the soldiers laboring continuously for twenty-four hours.

It is confirmed that the number of survivors in Avezzano represents a tenth part of the population, says the correspondent. Bodies are still being taken from the ruins. Moans are heard at different points amid the fallen buildings, and the rescue work is being concentrated at these places.

Signor Cluffelli, Italian Minister of Public Works, carefully inspected the ruins, particularly the places where the rescue work was being concentrated, and gave instructions to continue.

London, Jan. 15.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has received a

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British Officials Do Not Look With Favor on American Plan to Permit Str Dacia go from New Orleans to Bremen With Goods for Germany.

London, Jan. 15.—Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Secretary, has received a despatch from the State Department at Washington asking if there would be any objection to a proceeding as to the sale of German ships to Americans. The Foreign Office is considering the situation, but as yet has reached no decision on it.

It can be said on high authority, however, that several high British officials at present do not look with favor on the proposition, and still feel that the Dacia should not enter the German trade under any conditions.

A change of the vessel's destination from Bremen to Rotterdam is not regarded as altering the case materially. Should cotton be shipped on the Dacia for the German trade it seems likely that the cargo would be bought by Great Britain, if the Dacia were held for a prize court on the ground that her sale was not bonafide.

The Associated Press has obtained a list of a majority of the ships which have been detained since the beginning of the war by France or Great Britain, while carrying American goods. The list contains 38 ships. Four of them were detained in August, namely: The City of Manchester, the City of Paris, the Spencer and the Kurek. The dispositions of these cargoes have not been published. In October seventeen vessels were detained. The Kurek, the Waddon, the Plutonia, the Knudsen and the San Giovanni have all been allowed to proceed. The copper cargoes from the steamers Francisco, Idaho and Toronto were requisitioned. The Taurus, Antares and Tyr, it is believed, are still being detained. The Regina D'Italia has been released and allowed to proceed with her copper. The owners of the Asot and Tabor desire that their cargoes be returned to the United States. Eight vessels were detained in November. Of these the Prosper, Miramichi, Uller and Joseph W. Fordney have been allowed to proceed. The Alfred Nobel, the Bjornstern and Fran are still held. In December seven vessels were detained, and of them Zamora, Augusta and Canton were permitted to proceed. The dispositions of the Arkansas, Gallileo, Raa and Norheim, the other four, have not been made public.

message from its Rome correspondent which says that the magnitude of the Italian disaster increases as further news from the devastated area is received. The casualties at Magliano-Di-Mari are estimated at 1,300 out of a population of 1,600. At Pescini 4,000 persons are reported to have been killed and the number of dead at San Benedetto is given at 3,000.

BORN.

TAYLOR—On January 14th, to the wife of Harold Grant Taylor—a son.

DIED.

CAMERON—In this city on January 15, at his residence, 172 King street East, Frances E., widow of Charles K. Cameron, in the 90th year of her age.

Funeral this afternoon. Service at 2.30 o'clock. Coaches taken from the house, Interment at Cedar Hill.

TAPLEY—On the 15th inst., at 60 Douglas avenue, Kimball C. Tapley, leaving one sister and two brothers to mourn their loss.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

ADAMS—Suddenly at his father's residence, 34 Dufferin Row, West St. John, Walter P., aged 40 years, son of Thomas H. H., and one M. Adams. Funeral Sunday 17th inst. Service at three o'clock.

FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of E. W. Allingham Lodge No. 854, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, are requested to meet at the lodge room, Odd Fellows' Hall, West St. John, at two o'clock on Sunday afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, Walter P. Adams.

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Manchester Merchant Met Rough Weather Off Cape Sable—At Halifax for Repairs.

Halifax, Jan. 15.—Two steamers damaged by storms in the North Atlantic arrived here today. The Manchester Liner Manchester Merchant, from Portland for Manchester, put into Halifax to have repairs to her rudder head. The steamer met rough weather south of Cape Sable on Thursday morning and her steering gear falling, drifted for four hours in the storm.

The Norwegian steamer Reime, from Christiania via Kirkwall, for Boston, harbored here for bunker coal and temporary repairs. The Reime was 23 days from Kirkwall and suffered considerable damage in a very stormy passage. Part of her bulkheads were carried away and the foundations of her engines were shifted in a gale on January 4th which was so heavy that she was compelled to drift before it. The Reime will sail tomorrow for Boston, where she will complete her repairs.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. H. C. Simmons left last evening for Ottawa to visit her sister Mrs. Harry Fosberry.

F. C. Neill of Chatham was in the city yesterday.

James Robinson, of Miramichi, was at the Royal yesterday.

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