

# 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 Skrw 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 Miawa 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 their presumptive reaches Tabriz. The Governorship of the Province of Azerbaijan is an appanage of the heir presumptive.

## 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 aiding the peoples 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 the government.

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 their friends at home, Ambassador Page is now approaching the government with a view of ascertaining the best way of directing the relief work in a manner acceptable to the authorities and the people.

K—SYDNEY

## SEARCHING FOR THE DEAD

### DEVASTATED ITALY

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

Marconi left Rome tonight for ADD QUAAKE

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 dead and 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 entrancing tones for those whom they had known to answer them.

Frankly they would appeal to the operators for assistance, then mechanically they would attempt 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 only 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 the arms of one 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 incoherent eyes were cast by unsuccessful searchers for relative or friend upon more fortunate ones who had found theirs.

Rome, Jan. 15.—Automobiles containing members of the Roman aristocracy left Rome late last night through the city carrying relief stores for the earthquake victims, especially clothing, food, milk and chocolate. All the members of the family of the Duke of the Abruzzi, who is the Duke of the district which is closely connected with the traditions of the Ducal house, Prince and Princess Teano, the Duke Gaetano Gaetano, who lately has collected large sums of money for Belgian relief, and the Countess of Spalati, president of the Women's Movement in Italy, were among others who went to the stricken districts.

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## THIRTY EIGHT SHIPS WITH AMERICAN GOODS HELD UP BY FRANCE AND BRITAIN

### 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 the former Hamburg-American Line steamer, the Dacia, which now flies the American flag, making the trip from New Orleans to Bremen with a cargo of cotton, without establishing a precedent 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 not for a prize court on the ground that her sale was not bona fide.

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 Kureki. The dispositions of these cargoes have not been published. In October seventeen vessels were detained: The Kalsina, the John D. Rockefeller, the Waddon, the Platina, 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'Alba has been released and allowed to proceed with her copper. The owners of the Ascot 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. Purdy have been allowed to proceed. The Alfred Nobel, the Bjornstjern and Fram 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, Galliole, Raa and Norheim, the other four, have not been made public.

message from his 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-Marsi are estimated at 1,300 out of a population of 1,600. At Pescina 4,000 persons are reported to have been killed and the number of dead at San Benedetto is given at 3,000.

## STEERING GEAR BROKEN DRIFTS FOR 4 HOURS

### 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 for repairs to her rudder head. The steamer met rough weather south of Cape Sable on Thursday morning and her steering gear falling her, 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.

## BORN

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

## DIED

CAMERON—In this city on January 15, at her 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. and Annie M. Adams, Funeral Service, 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.

By order of President E. R. Hall.

## WRESTLING

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## FOUR NEGROES TAKEN FROM JAIL AND LYNCHED

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 15.—Dan Barber, his son Jesse, and Barber's two married daughters, Eula 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 McCutcheon Bros. Limited, one of the largest real estate firms operating in the Dominion, and with head offices 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 Marshal 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 Trenchou were by far the stars while Richardson and Bellevue were always in the game. The local men also showed up well.

Morrison is goal for New Glasgow and he 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 Trenchou, the former scoring three of the Millionaires' goals.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. and Mrs. E. G. Turner of St. James announce the marriage on January 4th of their daughter Ada Winfield and A. B. McNeil of Ferns, B. C.

## MAWSON DEFENDS EXPLORER WHO WAS COURT-MARTIALED

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 1840, 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 transferred. The operation was performed at the hospital for sick children, where 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. Shading the mile in 3:08, Leadbeater jumped away at the start and led until about the eighth lap, when Belyea by his lung stroke won him down and finally won by about ten feet. Tomorrow night they race again here, and should Leadbeater win the deciding race will be skated in Victoria.

## 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 Sussex, 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., where he died.

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 St. John. He was a member of the 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 that Mrs. Cameron, who with her husband took place yesterday morning at her residence, 172 King street East, Mrs. Cameron as well as her husband, had for many years been engaged in the mercantile business which they conducted in this city. She would have been 90 years of age had she lived till April next. Mrs. Cameron was a sister of 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.

## DESCRIBING THE DAMAGE DONE IN AVEZZANO

"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 the rest. No wall there remains erect. It seemed as though the town had been ground to powder by some gigantic meteor.

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 Messina. This rescue the living who are prisoners in the debris. The catastrophe was of such vast proportions, Mr. Marconi added, that no 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 any assistance.

"During the first day of the disaster," Mr. Marconi continued, "the rescuers were so few that they could not and planted poles here and there at such spots, hoping to return later with the 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, imploring aid. They were not injured. They were protected from injury by a piano which became wedged in the tumbling debris as a screen from the falling masonry. At first choked by dust, and later numbed by cold, they had remained for two days without nourishment, and despite strenuous efforts made to release them, the girls were still prisoners when Mr. Marconi left Avezzano for Rome.

Prior to his departure Mr. Marconi said he endeavored to organize some extinguishers which had broken out at several points among the debris and which, he declared, undoubtedly had burned some of the pinned victims

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True, rifles and cannons are used. The most important military operations, then, are of estimating the money mountains of ammunition been fired away. But, analysis, it is the spade men with the spade which pushed a large share in.

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The main question, fronted at the time was means which would enable trenching spades, and what ground they had rested and prepared to on the next stage of the war, the spade referred to two inches long and one and one-half pound which is used by many armies today to dig trenches. Benham spade, some thanks to improved construction. The modern trenching spade, especially at the Continent, the Japanese, has several models. That in many instances is considered to be efficient, its length only less than twenty blade is eight inches long, and its cutting edge, the other side. When the tool is not in use, it is packed in the soldier's pack, or by light, and does not get the mud.

For a time there was among military experts an intense interest in the employment for use of the cork-screw, axe, saw, and not. But it soon became such combination tools in practical advantages. They were a tool constructed for one use.

The Canadian contingent in the army for a few years in fact, eventually dropped it, and units are now carrying of tools—whatever could be used in the open market.

The Canadian contingent is equipped with a special spade, which can be used as a shield, and is not a bad idea in primary use of the tool, and the spade merely trench the trench hastily through soldier. A large order of trenching spades has been ordered by the Canadian Government. It is said that the British likewise contemplates quantity of them.

For Heavy Intrep

In certain armies it practices for the soldier's trench tools. That is each squad of four would go on a shovel, one would be used for the trenching, and the other for the trenching. The spade is adapted—the spade is of course, in building trenching tools, such as have been with great labor along the heights of the Vosges Mountains, been done with all the engineering could be done under the supervision of officers and with man's hand. The trenching tool, the ground had been with the portable spade. The Belgian army, in such a good account of recent fighting, has been constructed in the art of trenching. The trenching tool, the ground had been with the portable spade. The Belgian army, in such a good account of recent fighting, has been constructed in the art of trenching.