

SOUTH AFRICANS ROUT TURKS IN BATTLE AT AGAGIA, EGYPT

Gen. Lukin's Column Attacked Enemy and Gained Complete Success—Cavalry in Hot Pursuit of Scattered Turkish Forces.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—8.23 p.m.—A Turkish column was attacked and routed by South African troops yesterday at Agagia, Egypt, according to a British official statement issued tonight, which adds that the fleeing Turks are being pursued.

The text of the statement follows: "The enemy's column, under Nur and Gasfar, was attacked yesterday morning at Agagia, about 15 miles south of Barrami, by Gen. Lukin's column, consisting of South African troops, yeomanry and territorial artillery. By 3.30 in the afternoon the enemy had been completely routed and was fleeing in scattered columns pursued by our cavalry.

"At 4 o'clock aeroplanes reported them to be eight miles southwest of Agagia and still being pursued."

MORE CANADIANS DECORATED

OTTAWA, Feb. 27.—The Canadian general representative in France cables: In connection with the successful minor operations carried out by our 28th Northwest and 29th Vancouver Battalions on the night of Jan. 30-31, the following officers have been awarded decorations:

Distinguished Service Order—Capt. A. H. Jukes, 9th Gurkha Rifles, staff captain in 6th Canadian Brigade; Capt. D. E. McIntyre, 28th Battalion; Capt. K. C. Taylor, 29th Battalion.

Military Cross—Lieuts. N. E. O'Brien and L. A. Willmot, 29th Battalion. Distinguished Conduct Medal—Lance-Sergeants G. S. Turner and W. Burr, and Pte. J. C. Andrews, 28th Battalion, and Lance-Sergeant Kirkland of the 29th Battalion.

The Military Cross has also been awarded to Lieut. B. O. Hooper, and the Distinguished Conduct Medal to Lance-Sergeant L. Jackson and Lance-Corporal J. Hutchison, all three of our 18th Western Ontario Battalion, for a daring reconnaissance of the enemy trenches on the night of Jan. 25.

MINE SANK MALOJA LOSS OF LIFE HEAVY

P. and O. Steamer, Sister Ship of Persia, Sunk Off Dover.

RESCUE SHIP VICTIM

Empress of Fort William Also Struck Mine While Picking Up Survivors.

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rafts were sent away, but several persons leaped into the water and were picked up by the surrounding craft. It was at first thought that all had been saved, but later it was found that the Persia was sunk, and that the Empress of Fort William was also struck by the mine.

Only one of the crew of the Empress of Fort William was rescued, and the rest of the crew were killed.

Sank in Twenty Minutes. Up to midnight the bodies landed from the Maloja include 18 men, 11 women and four children, in addition to 11 sailors. Among the dead are Mrs. McLeod, wife of General McLeod.

It was about 10.30 in the morning that the disaster occurred. The Maloja was steaming down the channel, children playing on the deck and most of the passengers carrying life belts in their hands. Suddenly a terrific explosion blew in the side of the second section about twenty minutes later the Maloja sank.

Just before she went down the vessel turned turtle and for a few seconds the keel was visible above the surface. According to eye-witnesses there was a second explosion, and then the vessel disappeared.

The captain and officers stuck by the ship to the last, and were saved, but not one of them left the ship in the boats; they were all picked out of the water.

Children Blown to Pieces. The captain from the bridge directed the lowering of the boats and called on everybody to keep calm, and everybody kept calm wonderfully, for the scene immediately after the explosion was one of the most orderly in the history of a shipwreck.

Only a few boats could be lowered and the majority of those that were saved were on rafts, of which the ship carried a large number. Most of the women and children lost their lives owing to the fact that one boat already in the water drifted under another which was being lowered and capsized.

The captain remained on the bridge until thrown into the water by the last lurch of the ship.

Sunk Off Dutch Coast. A despatch from Flushing, Holland, says the mail steamer Mecklenburg, of the Zealand Line, ran on a mine while on a voyage from Tilbury to Flushing. The vessel was lost.

The passengers, crew and mails of the Mecklenburg were taken off by a Belgian steamer, and the vessel was provisionally suspended.

The Mecklenburg was 2585 tons gross and was built at Glasgow in 1909. The vessel was 349 feet long, 42 feet beam and 16 feet deep.

The Wilson liner Dido, 4769 tons, was sunk Saturday morning, according to the Central News. The captain and two of the crew were landed by a Belgian steamer. The Dido carried a crew of 29 men, and it is feared there has been considerable loss of life.

The British steamer Fastnet, 2227 tons, has been sunk. The crew were saved.

The steamship Birgit has been sunk. Seventeen survivors have landed.

There are three small steamers of the name of Birgit, according to shipping records, two Swedish and one Norwegian. The largest of the three is 220 feet long and of 1117 gross tonnage.

The British steamship Suverior, from New York Feb. 11, for Havre, has been abandoned, after a long voyage, according to a despatch to Lloyd's from

Inishmull, Ireland. All the members of the crew are reported to have been taken off by another steamer.

Sister Ship of Persia. The Persia and Oriental Line steamer Maloja was an Australian mail ship at the time of the disaster, which was torpedoed and sunk off the coast of Dover, Dec. 30 last, with the loss of 340 lives.

The Maloja was last reported as having arrived at Marseilles, Jan. 31, bound for London from Sydney, N.S.W. The steamer was 349 feet long, 42 feet beam and 16 feet deep. She was built at Belfast in 1911.

In February, 1915, it was reported that the Maloja was on the English Channel, with 400 passengers on board, was ordered to stop by an unknown submarine. The Maloja was said to have ignored the order and made for Plymouth, whereupon the submarine fired five shells at her, all of which fell short.

Canadian Steamer Sunk. The Empress of Fort William was owned by the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, and was built at Newcastle-on-Tyne by Swan, Hunter and Richardson in 1908 for the Canadian lake trade. She was 250 feet long, 42 feet beam and 25 feet moulded depth, with a cargo capacity of 3400 tons.

The steamer had been continuously employed in the upper lake coal, ore and grain trade, but last summer was engaged in the Gulf of St. Lawrence coastwise trade. At the end of the St. Lawrence season, she was fitted out for the British coastwise trade and left Montreal for Manchester late in November, and has since been employed between the United Kingdom and the continent of Europe.

She was commanded by Capt. W. D. Shepherd of Aberdeen, Scotland, and her chief engineer was J. Undall, of Montreal. There were no other Canadians in the crew.

Under the terms of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage, which will be produced at the sale, there will be offered for sale by Charles M. Webster & Son, Ltd., of 53 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 12 o'clock noon, the following property, namely:

A certain parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Township of York, in the County of York, and being more particularly described as Lots Nos. 1 to 14, inclusive, as shown on the plan of the said Township of York, and being more particularly described as the property of the said Charles M. Webster & Son, Ltd., of 53 Yonge Street, Toronto, on Tuesday, Feb. 28, at 12 o'clock noon, the following property, namely:

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