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PSKOV RECAPTURED BY THE BOLSHEVIKS

Street Fighting In Progress; Red Guards Everywhere Resisting Advance of the German Invaders

London, Feb. 26.—Pskov, 175 miles southwest of Petrograd, has been recaptured by the Bolsheviki and street fighting is going on there, according to an Exchange Telegraph Company despatch from Petrograd dated Monday.

The capture of Pskov by the Germans was announced in the official statement issued last night at Berlin.

TO GRANT SELF-GOVERNMENT. Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—The Central Powers intend to give self-government to the provinces of Courland and Lithuania, Imperial Chancellor Von Hertling declared in his address to the Reichstag yesterday.

HAVE CAPTURED KOLENKOWITZ. Berlin, Feb. 26, via London.—General Linsingen's forces operating in Volynia have captured the town of Kolenskowitz after a battle, the German general staff announced today.

VON HERTLING LAYS ALL BLAME ON THE ALLIES

Germany Willing to Discuss Peace Through Proper Representatives; No Alsace-Lorraine Question, He Says

London, Feb. 26.—Chancellor Von Hertling's reference to a statement made by Walter Hunneke, former president of the board of trade, concerned remarks made by Mr. Runciman in a speech in the House of Commons on Feb. 18.

Concerning Mr. Runciman's statement, the chancellor said: "I am thinking especially in this connection of Belgium."

"Our people will hold out further, but the blood of the fallen, the agonies of the mutilated and the distress and suffering of peoples will fall on the heads of those who insistently refuse to hear the voices of reason and humanity."

CASUALTY LIST

Ottawa, Feb. 26.—Casualties: INFANTRY. Died of Wounds—R. H. Thorpe, Danville, Que. R. H. Thorpe, Danville, Que. Wounded—P. C. Hall, Castleton, Que. RAILWAY TROOPS. Died—J. Dumais, Ville Marie, Que. MOUNTED RIFLES. Killed in Action—E. Benoit, Three Rivers, Que.

FREIGHTER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

New York, Feb. 26.—The British freight steamer Philadelphia of 8,120 gross tons, owned by the Leyland Line, has been sunk by a submarine. She left here with cargo for British ports on Feb. 11, and was torpedoed about Feb. 21.

News of the Philadelphia's loss was received today in marine insurance circles and confirmed at the offices of the Leyland Line. No details were received.

DEALINGS DIMINISHED

New York, Feb. 26.—(Wall street, noon).—Dealings diminished perceptibly after the first advance with fractional reactions in leaders due in part to further pressure against St. Paul and General Motors. Later prices ranged higher than at the outset, marked strength being shown by Baldwin Locomotive, Texas Company, Industrial Alcohol, Sumatra Tobacco, Hide and Leather preferred, Beet Sugar and Pittsburgh Coal. Minor specialties and low priced equipments also improved.

SURVIVORS TELL GRAPHIC STORY OF FIGHT FOR LIFE

Passengers From Steamer Florizel Reach St. John's

26 HOURS ON WRECK

Many Are Drowned by Engulfing Waves; Others Killed by Wreckage or Swept Overboard as Vessel Broke Up

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 26.—The Red Cross liner Florizel was slowly being battered to pieces today on the rocks of Broad Cove. Meanwhile forty-four of the passengers and crew bravely held yesterday by rescue ships told of the horror of their twenty-six hour vigil before heroic Newfoundland fishermen were able to get them off in small boats.

Search along the coast near where the Florizel struck Sunday morning on a voyage from this port to Halifax and New York, was prosecuted with vigor to recover bodies of the twenty-two persons who lost their lives in the disaster.

Reports Sunday night told of seven bodies washed ashore, but after it was found some were not the Florizel's, the vessel's bow rose in the crash those who escaped being trapped below decks and drowned by the torrent of water that poured through companionways scrambled forward for refuge.

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THE BAITED PEACE TRAP



KAISER: "He nearly had me once—but I guess I've got him now."

RECORD OF THE GERMAN RAIDER

Believed to Have Sunk Eleven Vessels and Made Their Crews Prisoners—Engaged a Minelayer

London, Feb. 26.—Referring to a German report of the return of the German auxiliary cruiser Wolf after a cruise of fifteen months, a British admiralty communication issued this evening assumes that during that period the Wolf sank in the Indian and Pacific oceans the following eleven ships and made their crews prisoners:

Steamers—Turtitella, Juma, Wardsworth, Walrus, Beluga, Matunga, Hittichina and Igarka Mendel. Sailing vessels—Dee, Winslow and Encore.

The communication adds: "The Turtitella was an unarmed merchantman and not a cruiser. She was captured in the Australian harbor of Poia (Adelaide sea). The despatch adds that the vessel tried repeatedly to return to the open sea, but always was barred by the watchfulness of the British ships."

Reached Austrian Port. Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—A despatch to the Dusseldorf Zeitung from Berlin says the auxiliary cruiser Wolf landed in the Austrian harbor of Poia (Adelaide sea). The despatch adds that the vessel tried repeatedly to return to the open sea, but always was barred by the watchfulness of the British ships.

HURRICANE AT MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 26.—A hurricane, which blew from the east at a velocity of sixty miles an hour, swept over Montreal last night. No very great damage was done, though a few houses were blown down and electric fixtures.

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Sturanton, director of meteorological service

Synopsis.—The disturbance which was moving into the lake region yesterday morning has since developed into a severe storm which is now centered in the St. Lawrence Valley causing heavy gales from Ontario to the maritime provinces. Rain fell heavily during the night in the peninsula of Ontario.

Ottawa and Upper St. Lawrence Valley.—Northwest to west gales, decreasing tonight; local snow flurries, but generally fair and cold; Wednesday, fair and cold at first, then rising temperature; Lower St. Lawrence, Gulf and North Shore.—Gales shifting to westerly, with rain and snow, becoming colder tonight and clearing.

Colder and Clearing. Maritime.—Heavy gales, shifting to westerly, rain today, then turning colder, with local snow flurries, clearing on Wednesday.

New England.—Fair and colder tonight; Wednesday, partly cloudy; strong north winds on the coast, diminishing Wednesday.

Amsterdam, Feb. 26.—The Grand Duke of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, whose death was announced yesterday in a despatch from Neustrelitz, committed suicide, according to the Berlin Lokal Anzeiger. His body was found in a small lake, with a gunshot wound in his breast. The Grand Duke left his castle Saturday for a walk, and as he did not return a search for him was made.

TRENCH RAIDS DEVELOP INTO IMPORTANT BATTLES

Numerous Encounters in Last Month Have Involved Thousands of Men and Hundreds of Prisoners Have Been Taken; Artillery Throwing Unheard of Quantities of Shells

French Grand Headquarters, Monday, Feb. 25.—(By the Associated Press).—Trench raids along the French front have increased in intensity during the last month to such an extent that they have become, in some instances, battles in which thousands of men have been engaged and hundreds of prisoners taken. The artillery is throwing unheard of quantities of shells.

The objects of the raids vary widely. Sometimes a raid is undertaken in order to identify enemy units, and at other times to improve the lines or to capture observation posts. Again a raid may be made to destroy the enemy's work and prevent him from attacking. This was the case in Saturday's raid at Spa, Alsace, where the Germans were in strongly fortified lines which they had held since December, 1914. The enemy positions were bombarded beyond recognition and placed in such condition as to hinder German operations.

BRITISH REPULSE RAID. London, Feb. 26.—"A hostile attempt during the night to raid one of our posts south of the Arras-Cambrai road was driven off by rifle fire," says today's war office report. "Elsewhere there was nothing of special interest to report."

SEES TROUBLE IN RUSSIA FOR THE GERMANS

Bolsheviki Plenipotentiary Says People Will Resist Restoration of Monarchy and Export of Food

London, Feb. 26.—Signing of a Russo-German peace will not be the final solution of the German problems on her eastern frontier and the final settlement will come when the peoples of Courland, Esthonia, Livonia and Poland take matters into their own hands, according to M. Kamenoff, one of the Bolsheviki plenipotentiaries to France.

With the handing over of the land and factories to the peasants and workers, M. Kamenoff said, they had begun to realize, as they could not under the old regime, that a German invasion of Russia would mean the end of their independence. Consequently the consciousness of the necessity of defending the country was growing among the Russians.

M. Kamenoff said he was convinced the Germans would be unable to import food from the Ukraine, because the people there would prevent the Rada from fulfilling the promise given Germany. The Rada, he added, would not be able to raise the necessary money to buy the food which would be needed for the restoration of the monarchy. Any attempt at restoration would entail fighting in every town and village, for the peasants and workers were well aware that a restoration would involve the loss of their land and political rights.

FIFTH DIVISION SUBJECT OF QUERY IN BRITISH HOUSE

London, Feb. 26.—(Via Reuter's Ottawa Agency)—in the House of Commons, Donald McMaster asked "have the war council considered the effect on Canadian recruiting if the proposal to bring up the fifth Canadian division now stationed at Whitley be carried out?"

Hon. James Ian MacPherson, under secretary for war, replied that the proposal to break up the division and use it as reinforcements for Canadian troops in France was made by the Canadian authorities.

BOTH OF THEM GIVE SAME EXPLANATION

New York, Feb. 26.—Alfred L. Breker, deputy attorney-general, who had charge of the Bolo Pasha inquiry, in a statement last night, called attention to the similarity of reasons given by Bolo Pasha and Senator Humbert for maintaining bank deposits in America.

Bolo's early defense was that his credits here were for the purchase of printing paper for use by publishing interests in France. Senator Humbert, Mr. Breker said, now has made the same statement in his newspaper. The deputy attorney-general said Bolo Pasha later was forced to abandon his claim.

ENEMY AIRPLANES BOMB ITALIAN CITIES

Rome, Monday, Feb. 26.—During air raids Sunday night, a semi-official announcement says, enemy airplanes dropped twenty-seven bombs on inhabited places at Venice, thirty on Mestre and five on Castel-Franco. Two persons were killed and nine injured at Venice and three killed at Mestre. All were civilians. The material damage was slight.

GRAND DUKE SAID TO HAVE TAKEN HIS OWN LIFE

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ROYAL ARCANUM IS DECLARED TO BE 99 PER CENT SOLVENT

Boston, Feb. 26.—The Royal Arcanum Society of Massachusetts, which has been a subject of litigation during the past few years, is declared 99 per cent solvent by the insurance commissioners of this state, New York and Connecticut, in a report issued last night by Frank H. Hardison.

STANDINGS IN CITY LEAGUE ON BLACK'S ALLEYS

Sweeps Win First Series and Ramblers Second

WILSON IS HIGH MAN

Had Average of More Than 99.—Archie McDonald A Close Second, With Blake Ferguson Third, Clearly Outdistanced

Statistics of the City Bowling League, conducted on Black's alleys, have been compiled. The figures give the standing of the teams in the first and second series, their total pinfall and the average pinfall for every game; also the individual average of the members of the teams.

The list shows that the Sweeps won the first series and the Ramblers the second. The latter led in total pinfall for both series. Thomas L. Wilson is leading the individual players with an average of 99.32-46, with Archie McDonald a close second, with an average of 99.18-36, and Blake Ferguson a close third, with 99 and a fraction of an average.

The second series was one of the closest and most keenly contested in recent years, and the result was in doubt until the last game was rolled. The average of the players is as good as in former years, and in many instances shows a big improvement.

The complete list follows:

Table with columns: First Series, Won, Lost, P.C. Sweeps, Ramblers, Specials, Tigers, Beavers, Wanderers, Nationals, Maples, Colts.

MAY ESCAPE DRAFT BY JOINING HOME GUARD

That those liable under the military service act and who have not as yet been ordered to report for duty with the New Brunswick Depot Battalion, have one more opportunity in which to serve, other than in the depot battalion, was the information received in the city recently.

The unit which a man can join and probably avoid being drafted, is the 62nd Home Guard, West St. John, under the command of Major Cuthbert Morgan. Major Morgan has been advised to the effect that he can accept volunteers for his regiment. They can be men who have been categorized by the standing medical board as being in classes B, C, and D. Married men not liable will be accepted, as will the younger men who are not liable under the act. While it is not promised that men in classes B, C, and D, under the service act would not be transferred in the event of their class being called to the colors, yet it is considered by the military officials that it is not probable that they would.

The 62nd Home Guard has very fine quarters on the west side of the harbor. Their work is of a fairly light nature. The unit is a very attractive one and affords the opportunity of a man doing his bit and yet being able to enjoy home comforts. The work of the Home Guard is a very important one, just as important as the work of many units overseas.

REAL ESTATE NEWS

Transfers of real estate have been recorded as follows: St. John County. Mary J. Bradshaw, widow, to Chas. Allen, a property in St. Mary's.

Brunswick Realty Ltd. to H. M. The King, property in Simonds street. Hugh Cannell to Annie M., wife of J. S. Gibbon, property in Wright street.

Angus McLeod to William McCavour, property in Lunenburg. C. H. Townsend and Sarah R., his wife, to Helen Y., wife of R. J. Hooper, property in Albert street.

Elis. Wilson, widow, to William McCavour, property in Kings ward. Kings County. Vina Dobson to Sussex Mercantile Co., Ltd., property in Havelock.

IMPORTANT BUSINESS FOR COMMON COUNCIL

It is understood that several matters of importance will be taken up at the meeting of the common council which is to take place this afternoon. Commissioner Fisher intends to recommend that the tender from The Barret Co., Ltd., for asphalt be accepted. He also intends recommending the calling of tenders for pavement in Main street, from Adelaide street to Cedar street, the street car section to be granite blocks and the sides asphalt. A resolution to amend the paving act so that it will include curbing and sidewalks will also be presented.

SOLDIERS AID COMMISSION

Members of the Provincial Returned Soldiers Aid Commission arrived in the city at noon today, to attend the meeting of the commission, which is to be held in the government rooms this afternoon. It is understood that only matters of a routine nature are to be discussed.