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GERMANS TRIED TO BREAK THROUGH FRENCH LINE NEAR FLANDERS COAST?

ROUT OF TURKS IN BATTLE NEAR ERZERUM MORE DECISIVE THANSHOWNIN FIRST REPORTS

CASUALTIES OF ENEMY ENORMOUS—CZAR'S ARMY CAP-TURED FIFTY OFFICERS AND 4,000 MEN BESIDES SCORES OF MACHINE GUNS AND ENORMOUS QUAN-TITIES OF AMMUNITION.

London, Jan. 25.—Four thousand Turks, including fifty officers were captured by the Russians in the recent battle in the neighborhood of Erzerum, according to a despatch from Petrograd to Reuters. The Russians are also said to have captured scores of machine guns and enormous quantities of tions. The despatch says:

"The rout of the Turks in the battle which resulted in them being driven into Erzerum appears from later accounts to have been even more than decisive than shown in the first reports. Apart from the Ottoman losses in actual battle the ssians captured during the pursuit fifty officers and 4,000 men. They also took scores of machine guns and enormous

"The influx of 120,000 Turks in Erzerum is considered to reduce the defensive power of the fortress.

"In the Pripet marsh region of Volhynia the Russian positions are stated to be only four versts (2 3-4 miles) from Pinsk, so successful have been the Russians in recent ac-

Fetrograd, diel London, Jan. 25—The following official communication was issued from general headquarters to the trip.

"Our artillery successfully bombarded German positions in the region of the Dvina, below Friedrichstadt. On the 24th an enemy aeropiane dropped two bombs on Dvinsk, one woman being killed.

"In Galicia, on the Stripa front, an artillery duel has been in progress. The enemy again has had recourse to throwing proclamations from balloons into our camps.

"We learn that in one German division a great number of men have been frost bitten, many so severely that they must be invalided home.

"In the Caucasus, in the region of Erzerum, we continue to press the Turks closely and take prisoners. In the Melazghert district we fought successful actions against enemy cavalry and infantry detachments."

British Report.

London, Jan. 25—The text of the statement issued today by the German War office follows:

"Western front: In Flanders our artillery subjected positions of the enemy to a lively fire. Patrols, which at certain points penetrated the severely damaged trenches of the enemy, observed that he had suffered excellent observation posts for the enemy, we continue to press the Turks closely and take prisoners. In the Melazghert district we fought successful actions against enemy cavalry and infantry detachments."

British Report.

London, Jan. 25—The text of the statement issued today by the German War office follows:

"East of Neuville our troops attacked one of the foremost trenches of the factories of Secara. A French biplane that an amiserable effort. Only a few stout-hearted men left their trenches, and they were shot down.

"A German Statement issued today by the German war office follows:

"The Tower of Cempto and the Cathedral of Nieuport, which offered excellent observation posts for the enemy, were destroyed.

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OTTAWA FREE PRESS GIVES LIE DIRECT TO FRANK B. CARVELL

Special to The Standard
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 25—The Ottawa Free Press will say tomorrow with reference to Mr. Carvill's remarks about it: "All the stock of the Ottawa Free Press is owned by Messrs. Norman Smith, and William Findiay, editor and manager respectively. It was purchased and paid for by them some years ago. A certain portion of the company's stock is held by Mr. Glynn Osler, barrister, formerly of Ottawa and now of Toronto, but only in the usual way as collateral for a loan.

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Mr. Osier and clients for whom he may be acting have not the slightest voice in the editorial conduct or business management of the paper and only to a very limited extent (sufficient to protect their security) have they any control over the company's minutes. The financial obligation can be liquidated at any time convenient to Messrs. Smith and Findlay. The Free Press has been a consistent supporter of the Liberal party during the ten years it has been edited by Mr. Norman Smith, but at the beginning of the war announcement was made that until peace was declared the policy of the paper would be independent of both political parties. The Free

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The following official communica-tion was assued by the war office to-night
"Two German aeropianes this morn-

Government Means to Change Policy.

MILITARY SERVICE BILL BEFORE LORDS.

Given Second Reading-Archbishop of Canterbury Bestows Benediction on the

Measure.

London, Jan. 25—In anticipation of tomorrow's important debate in the House of Commons on the blockage degree to the construction of the British government to day issued a four-column statement the constitution of the Morning Post concerning what the See newspapers have declared the hugely increased imports into the new permitted.

The statement is confined to minute and detailed figures, covering all the ground dealt with by the Daily Mail and the Morning Post, for the purpose of showing numerous cases in which errors have crept into the figures, or certain circumstances ignored at Milliary scale to the great in flation of the figures, in the matter they may get Conservatives to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up the ranks. That's all they are allowed to fill up any way. Major W. R. Smyth, M. P. for East Algoma showed that to be absolutely false, that the government may decide to declare an actual blockade, nothing official is known, and it is regarded still post ble that the government may decided to declare an actual blockade, nothing official is known, and it is regarded still post ble that the government may decided to declare an actual blockade, nothing official is known, and it is regarded still post ble that the government may decided to declare an actual blockade, nothing the still post ble that the government may still be the still post ble that the government may still the proper still post ble tha

ENEMY BATTERIES SILENCED BY ARTILLERY OF THE ALLIES; BRITISH REVERSE ON TIGRIS

Nothing Definite to Indicate FRANK B. UAT

Carleton County Grit Almost Outclasses Pugsley in Distorting Facts-Gives the House Another Sample of Carvell Patriotism by Threatening Government with Refusal of Young Liberals to Enlist in Empire's Service.

Offices, Ma. 20.—F. R. Carvell, M. P., placed blesself in a serious continuous of the serious of the continuous of the c

Turkish losses in battles with the Russians in the neighborhood of Erzerum are reported as being heavy, according to unofficial despatches from that sector. A news agency despatch from Petrograd asserts that, apart from the casualties in actual battle, the Turks lost fifty officers and four thousand men made prisoner, and also scores of machine guns and quantities of munitions captured.

If reports from Turkish headquarters coming by way of Berlin, are exact, the British forces in Mesopotamia have suffered a reverse in their endeavor to reach the besieged town of Kut-El-Amara, on the Tigris river. Some twenty miles east of Kut-El-Amarar, and cording to these advices, the Turks, in counter-attacks on the British, drove them back several miles, and the British are said to have left on the field about three thousand dead. The Turkish losses are declared to have been comparatively slight.

Aside from the usual bombardments, mining operations and aeroplane raids little fighting is going on in any of the other theatres of war. Vienna asserts that there has been no resumption of hostilities in Montenegro. The King of the Montenegrins, with his family, has arrived at Lyons, France. The disarming of the Montenegrin army, according to Austrian despatches, is progressing without interruption and without resistance.

Allied airmen have again dropped bombs on Monastir and Glevgell and a hundred persons are estimated to have been killed or wounded in the latter town. The Germans, on their part, heve let loose explosives from aircraft on Dunkirk, where five persons were killed; the aerodome at Nancy and factories of Recomments.

Very few men are cowards, but many men act as if they were.