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Turks Hemmed In By Khaki Forces

British Have Established Line Across Tigris Bend Near Kut-El-Amara—News From Other Fronts

London, Feb. 13.—Official announcement was made today that the British forces on the Tigris front have established a line across the Tigris bend, west of Kut-El-Amara, completely hemming in the Turks.

The announcement follows:—"On Saturday the enemy's bridge at Shumran was shelled. A direct hit was scored, and some of the enemy shipping was sunk.

"On Sunday the advance on the right bank of the Tigris was resumed and the enemy was driven back to his last line of trenches in the Dahra bend, west of Kut. By evening our line was established across the bend, from bank to bank, on a frontage of 5,500 yards, and the enemy was completely hemmed in. The distance in the advance varied from 800 yards on our right to 2,000 yards on our left."

Enemy Navy Yard Bombed
Rome, Feb. 13.—Italian seaplanes caused considerable damage in an attack on the San Rocco naval yard, near Ancona, on Sunday night. Bombs were dropped and caused the outbreak of an extensive fire. All the machines, which belonged to the Upper Adriatic squadron, returned safely.

Petrograd, Feb. 13.—Scouting reconnaissance and infantry firing are proceeding on the Roumanian front. British armored motor cars twice advanced toward the enemy's position in the region of the Sereth mouth and bombarded them with artillery.

Western Front.
Paris, Feb. 13.—Last night was comparatively calm on the entire front. A strong German patrol was dispersed with losses by French fire in Alsace.

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Considerable artillery activity together with reconnoitering operations, has occurred along the Franco-Belgian front, army headquarters announced today. The weather was generally foggy.

GERMANS LEAVE NEW YORK FOR CUBA

Intimated That They Are Expected to Make Effort to Cause Trouble There

New York, Feb. 13.—The Tribune this morning says:—"Coinciding with the revolt in Cuba has come an unusual emigration of Germans to that republic from this city. The Tribune learned yesterday that since the situation between the United States and Germany became critical from eighty to 100 Germans have left this port bound for Cuba.

"What makes this exodus the more mysterious is that many of those who left here first took out their first papers as prospective American citizens. They were among the many aliens who visited the naturalization offices last week.

"Why these men went to that trouble was due probably to the fact that they could not obtain passports as German subjects and used, instead, papers showing that they had declared their intention to become American citizens. Officials at Washington have been apprised of the situation and agents in New York are investigating the antecedents of the legion already gone.

Large Loss of Life Reported—Allies Sailors Help to Fight Conflagration
London, Feb. 13.—Fire is sweeping through a large section of Piraeus and has caused a heavy loss of life, according to a Reuters dispatch from the Greek port last night. At the time the fire had been raging for four hours and was uncontrolled in spite of efforts of all the available Greek firemen and soldiers aided by French, British and Italian sailors. The fire started in a munition factory and spread rapidly over a considerable area.

Washington Rejects One; Will Likely Decline the Other
Washington, Feb. 13.—Flat rejection by the United States, of Germany's proposal to discuss international differences without first halting the illegal submarine campaign, left no other suggestion of the Berlin government still pending at the state department today.

It seemed quite probable that this proposal, the same as that submitted to Ambassador Gerard in Berlin after he had asked for his passports and which he declined to consider, will be frowned upon also.

Both offers were submitted to the state department through the Swiss minister acting on behalf of Germany. A report probably will be made soon through the same channel that no German merchant ships have been seized in American ports and no German sailors have been imprisoned. The government

then will look for immediate release of the seventy-two sailors captured from British ships in the Atlantic by a German raider and now held prisoners in Germany. The state department was notified yesterday that they were still held pending receipt of information on the German crews in this country.

President Wilson had under consideration today the question whether the navy department shall furnish guns to arm American merchant ships as it understood the state department has recommended.

NO MORE WILL SEEK TO BLAME STATES
London, Feb. 13.—"President Wilson wishes to make an attempt to break the German blockade! The American government must be responsible for what happens," says the Berlin Vossische Zeitung in commenting on the report that two American merchant vessels had left for the blockaded zone. The correspondent reports that the announcement of the departure of the vessels had caused a pronounced sensation in Berlin.

Few Officers and Sergeants of The Gallant Old 6th C. M. R. Remain



A letter from Major R. A. March, dated Jan. 23, from the Canadian Cavalry Training Brigade headquarters at Sherbrooke enclosed the group photo here given of the sergeants and officers of the old 6th C. M. R. who were left after the third battle of Ypres. The names, beginning at the left, back row, are:
No. 111022, Sgt. E. Barnstead.
No. 111196, Sgt. A. Gillis.
No. 111461, Sgt. H. A. Smith.
No. 111281, Sgt. J. W. Lewis.
No. 111514, Sgt. A. H. Weidon.
Centre Row.
No. 111361, Sgt. Maj. H. McGeary.
Lieutenant G. Rowland Barnes.
Captain H. H. Pines.
No. 111186, Regt. Sgt.-Major G. Gill.
No. 111112, Qr.-Mstr. G. R. Pearson.
Third Row.
No. 111290, Sgt. T. Martin.
No. 111280, Sgt. N. Lowther.
No. 111240, Sgt. W. G. Holmes.
No. 111156, Sgt. L. C. Eaton.
Of this group Captain Pines and Sergeants McGeeary and Holmes have since been killed, and Captain Beckwith, Lieutenant Barnes and Sergeant Lowther have been wounded.

TIME OF WARNING NOW PAST, SAYS GERMANY

Extra Days Were "Allowed" for Neutrals to Make Port—British Arrivals and Departures 1100 in Week

Amsterdam, Feb. 13.—All periods of grace for neutral ships entering the zone announced as prohibited by Germany have now expired, according to a Berlin official statement received here. The statement says that immunity ceased in respect to the Atlantic and English channel zones on the night of February 12, for the North Sea zone on February 6, and for the Mediterranean zone on February 10. It continues:

"From now on, therefore, in all prohibited zones the warning which has been issued is in full force and shipping can no longer expect individual warnings. Vessels which enter the prohibited areas do so with a full knowledge of the dangers threatening them and their crews. It is explicitly stated that all news spread from enemy sources about any torpedoing of neutral ships without previous warning, before the dates mentioned for the various prohibited areas, is incorrect.

"The periods of grace mentioned were also in force for enemy passenger vessels because it was possible that they were carrying neutral passengers, who were perhaps ignorant of the new blockade regulations."

London, Feb. 13.—The Norwegian motor vessel West has been sunk.
"Business as Usual"
According to persons in touch with British Admiralty officials in New York says The Times of that city, it was said that more than 1,100 vessels arrived or sailed unharmed from ports in the United Kingdom during the first nine days of Germany's unrestricted warfare in British waters. Seven hundred vessels entered United Kingdom ports safely, and 410 departed, according to the information.

The Admiralty officials are said to be convinced that Germany's renewed undersea activity is a failure in bringing about the starvation of the British people.

Other figures declared to have been received from Admiralty sources, covering the U-boat operations from Feb. 1 to Feb. 9, inclusive, show that sixteen ships escaped after being attacked.

The total number of vessels destroyed within this period was eighty-one. Of these twenty-one were trawlers and smacks. The summary classified these losses as follows:
Torpedoed—British steamships, twenty-five; Entente steamships other than British, thirteen; neutral steamships, twenty-one; trawlers and smacks, twenty-one.
Sunk by mines—Nine vessels, class and nationality not stated.

GERMANS CALL TO COLORS OFFICERS OF TRADE UNIONS AND SOCIALIST SOCIETIES
London, Feb. 13.—A Reuters' dispatch from Herne says that the German authorities have suddenly called to the colors all officials of trade unions and socialist organizations. These officials, who aggregate 10,000 in number, have previously been exempt.

Wrestling Match
Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 13.—Joe Stecher, of Dodge, Neb., claimant of the world's heavyweight wrestling championship, was from Bill Hoken of Omaha here last night in straight falls, the first in nine minutes, fifty-three seconds, and the second in four minutes, fifty-three seconds.

OVERSEAS MAIL
A British and foreign mail will close on Thursday evening, February 15, before seven o'clock and parcels at six o'clock.

Sea Lane Of British Patrol 300 Miles Long

MORE EVIDENCE OF SUFFERING IN "FATHERLAND"

Americans Bring Stories To Rotterdam
SPEAK OF CONDITIONS

People War Weary But Devoted To Military Leaders—Gerard's Party Glad to Get Where There Is Some Food.

Rotterdam, Feb. 12, via London, Feb. 13.—Two Americans who have reached Rotterdam since the break in diplomatic relations between Germany and the United States—although in both cases their passports had been applied for before the rupture—gave similar accounts of present conditions in Germany to the Associated Press today. One of these men came from Berlin, the other from Frankfurt.

Each had been in Germany a little more than a year, and in that time each man lost thirty pounds in weight.

Theodore Warstin, an engineer of Janesville, N. Y., says his experiences with working men in Berlin showed him that they were tired of the war but nevertheless determined to hold out. Many of them earned good wages, virtually all of which they spent for food.

The other American is a New York business man, who said the food situation was very bad in Frankfurt. He told harrowing stories of the hardships undergone by the people, who, he said, were utterly weary of the war, but entirely devoted to the military leaders.

Berlin, via Paris, Feb. 13.—Americans who arrive here from Germany with Ambassador Gerard are congratulating themselves on having escaped further wrestling with Germany's food problem. Butchers' windows, well stocked with assortment of meats as are seen here, are an unwelcome sight in Berlin. Meat is now so scarce in the German capital that it is never shown in windows, but is speedily distributed without advertising. Customers keep in close touch with the butcher so as to know when the next meagre supply will be on sale.

Practically all meat is sold on a card entitling each person to half a pound weekly, but dishes made of kidney, poultry are exempt from the card system, and command extraordinary prices. The maximum prices of pork and mutton range from fifty to seventy cents.

THE OPPOSITION COVENTION IN CITY WEDNESDAY
The convention of the provincial opposition party for the selection of candidates for the constituency of St. John will be held tomorrow, Wednesday, at eight o'clock in the evening at the corner of Charlotte and North Market streets. The delegates and substitutes, chosen at the primaries in last August, have been notified to attend.

LUKE THIBODEAU OF RICHIBUCTO CAPE IS DEAD IN 104TH YEAR
Moncton, N. B., Feb. 13.—P. R. Richibucto, of St. George street, has received a telephone message from Richibucto informing him of the death of Luke Thibodeau, in the 104th year of his age. Mr. Thibodeau had been remarkably active for one of his years. His memory was good to the last. He lived with his son, Frank, at Richibucto Cape.

Wm. Hudson, Formerly of St. John, Passes Away in English Hospital.
Another family in this city is called upon to mourn the loss of one who left Canada to take his place in the ranks of the imperial army in defense of his motherland. News of the death of William Hudson, which occurred on January 27 in Powick, Worcester, England, has been received at the home of the family here.

Mr. Hudson resided for several years in St. John and was employed with the Maritime Bank. He was a member of Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England. He was a reservist of the Worcestershire regiment and when war was declared he was called home to join the colors. He is survived by his wife and one child, living at 115 Hilyard street, St. John; his mother and one sister, residing in Birmingham, England, and another sister, Mrs. James O'Brien, of Charlottetown, P. E. I.

GETTING BETTER
John Sherrin, in the General Public Hospital, today is reported to be improving steadily. He is able to see out of one eye at the present. It was said at the institution this afternoon that the bullet will be removed as soon as the swelling in the cheek goes down. He has as yet made no statement.

FREDERICTON NEWS
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 13.—The appeal court met this morning with the Chief Justice and Judges White and Grimmer in attendance. There were no common motions, and adjournment was made until tomorrow when the cases of Fish vs. Fish and Long vs. Long will be argued. Cases in the chancery division were stood over until March 13.

Mayor Mitchell has, at request of the good government association, decided to accept a nomination for a third term. The firemen were called out this morning for a slight blizzard at the residence of John C. Allen.

York Municipal council met at twelve-thirty today and adjourned until this afternoon. The report of a special auditor, Mr. Williams, on the accounts of the late secretary-treasurer, Bliss, will be submitted.

MISS M. A. PETERS
Many will learn with regret of the death of Miss Mary Ann Peters, daughter of the late Benjamin L. Peters of this city, which occurred in the General Public Hospital, this morning after a short illness. Miss Peters was closely connected with the Trinity church Sunday school and took a keen interest in the welfare of the school. She is survived by two brothers and one sister. The brothers are A. W. Peters of this city and Robert B. Peters of Australia; the sister is Miss Eliza A. White Peters of this city. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon from Trinity church.

NEARLY ALL OUT
At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon there were only six, of the twenty-five Chinese, taken in the raid on Sunday night by the local police, left in jail. The others have been paroled \$50 each and secured their liberty. The alleged proprietor, Lim King, it is understood, has put up his deposit of \$100. The case will come up tomorrow morning again.

THIS MARRIAGE BRINGS AMERICAN GOLD TO HELP THE WAR LOAN
London, Feb. 13.—The Associated Press carries the following: Two British passenger liners, the Laconia, from Liverpool, February 8, and the Aconia, from London, January 26, reached here today and reported having passed through the war zone without being stopped or sighting anything unusual. On the Laconia were thirty-seven passengers and on the Aconia were twenty. The majority being Canadians returning home from England. The long voyage of the Aconia was not explained by her officers, but passengers said they experienced all kinds of weather, rainy sunbime and blue seas, indicating a semi-tropical zone, to the zero temperature of New York waters.

THE WHEAT MARKET.
Chicago, Feb. 13.—Strength developed in the wheat market today, largely on account of reports of the departure of thirty-eight merchant ships from the Virginia Capes, bound for Europe and conveyed by speedy British cruisers. Opening prices, which ranged from 1 to 2 3/4 cents higher, with May at 176 to 177 and July at 181 to 182 1/2, were followed by something of a reaction and then a fresh uptick.

NEW CANADIAN PEER HAS NOT YET CHOSEN TITLE
Montreal, Feb. 13.—Sir Hugh Graham, whose elevation to the peerage was announced last night, has not chosen his title. It is understood he would prefer to keep his family name, but with an affix to distinguish him from Baron and Earl Graham, already in the peerage. The announcement is accompanied by the statement that Sir Hugh was created a "peer of the United Kingdom 1st January, 1917, for extraordinary initiative and zeal in promoting and supporting measures for safeguarding imperial interests."

OTTAWA, Feb. 13.—The Minister of Militia, newly knighted, announced today he will take his second name. The proper address will be Sir Edward Kemp.

J. Ross Robertson Declines.
Toronto, Feb. 13.—It is understood that Sir Robert Borden offered J. Ross Robertson of the Toronto Evening Telegram knighthood and a seat on the cabinet, but Mr. Robertson gratefully declined both honors.

WEATHER REPORT
Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.
Synopsis—Pressure is high near the Atlantic coast and over the northwest states and Manitoba, while a trough of low extends from northern Ontario to the southwest states. The weather has been fair and very cold from the Great Lakes eastward, while in Manitoba and Saskatchewan the temperature has been somewhat higher.