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RUSSIANS DRAWING NET AROUND RETREATING TURKS WHILE WARSHIPS HAMMER BLACK SEA COAST DEFENCES

GEN. SERRAIL AT ATHENS TO CONFER WITH CONSTANTINE

Believed Meeting Will Have Important Effect on Relations Between Greece and the Entente Powers—Russian Airmen Drop Bombs on Austrian Headquarters.

London, Feb. 20.—According to a despatch to Reuters Telegram Company, Gen. Serrail, the French commander-in-chief in the east, has gone to Athens, where an audience with King Constantine has been arranged. The greatest importance is attached to the visit, which it is believed will mark important developments in the relations between Greece and the Entente Allies.

Grand Duke Gone to Erzerum. Petrograd, via London, Feb. 20.—Grand Duke Nicholas, commander of the Russian forces in the Caucasus, has left Tiflis for Erzerum.

Bomb Austrian Headquarters. Paris, Feb. 20.—L'Information prints a despatch from Basil, Switzerland, giving Vienna newspapers as authority for the statement that a large Russian aeroplane carrying four aviators yesterday dropped thirty bombs on Austrian staff headquarters.

RECORD FOUNDRY AT MONCTON GUTTED BY FIRE YESTERDAY

Main Building Destroyed With Contents Valued at Nearly \$100,000—Portion where Munitions Being Made Untouched by Flames.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 20.—Fire which broke out about six o'clock this evening destroyed the main Record Foundry and Machine Company building situated on Foundry street, but did not reach the munition factory or buildings being fitted up for barracks for the 145th Battalion situated on the R. F. and M. Co. premises. The fire is believed to have started in the men's wash room and it spread very rapidly in all directions. In the building destroyed were the offices, sales and shipping rooms, fitting and nickle finishing departments. The contents of the buildings, including plant, stock, patterns, etc., were valued at about \$100,000 and the damage is placed at nearly \$100,000. There were forty hands employed in the destroyed building but owing to the company having duplicate plant these employees will go to work as usual tomorrow. All finished goods in warehouses were saved which means that the company will be enabled to continue business and supply trade as usual.

The loss on building and plant which will be between fifty and a hundred thousand dollars is covered by insurance.

Rumors that the fire was of incendiary origin are discredited by the management, but just how the blaze originated is not known.

ESCAPED SPY ARRESTED ON BROADWAY, N.Y.

Lincoln, Believed to Have Sailed for Europe, Rounded up in New York.

U. S. WILL TURN HIM OVER TO BRITISH GOVT.

No Charge Against Him in U. S. and Authorities Not Keen for His Presence.

New York, Feb. 19.—Ignatius T. Lincoln, former member of the British parliament and self-confessed German spy, who escaped on Jan. 15 from the custody of a deputy United States marshal, was re-arrested last night in front of a Broadway restaurant. He was taken to the Raymond street jail in Brooklyn, where he had formerly been a prisoner.

Will be Handed Over to British Govt. Washington, Feb. 20.—Department of Justice officials said tonight that Ignatius T. Lincoln probably would be turned over, as soon as possible, to British agents for removal to England to face charges pending against him there. No charges are pending against him in this country and none are contemplated, but officials have not concealed their concern that he be removed from the country.

An evidence of the deep interest in the case held by officials here was seen in the fact that his escape a month ago resulted in the removal from office of Deputy Marshal Johnson who had him in charge.

ONTARIO GOVT HOSPITAL NOT FOR CANADIAN WOUNDED ONLY

London, Feb. 20.—(Montreal Gazette Cable).—The Ontario government military hospital, which was opened by Bonar Law yesterday at Orpington, Kent, will receive all wounded soldiers, and will be of a Canadian character only as regards administration and staffing.

This point was stressed by both Hon. Dr. Fyfe, minister of education, representing the Ontario government, and Surgeon-General Jones.

The Colonial Secretary, whose reputation as a statesman has been greatly enhanced since he joined the coalition cabinet, was given a warm reception, and accompanied by Sir Geo. Perley, he was played up the carriage drive by the boy's brass band. In a short speech he referred to Germany's mistaken calculation as to the relations of the overseas dominions to Britain and the loyalty of Canada to

TWO MORE OF THEIR TOWNS TAKEN, TURKS PANIC-STRICKEN BEFORE ADVANCING RUSSIANS

Czar's Forces Aim Thrust at Diarbekr and Open Road to Syria—Thirty-Fourth Division of Tenth Corps Captured and Main Turkish Army Threatened With Same Fate—Greeks Drive Back Bulgars Who Crossed Frontier—French Drive Huns Across Yser.

GERMANS GAIN 350 METRES OF TRENCHES FROM THE BRITISH

The Germans have been operating vigorously against the British and French along the Yser Canal in Belgium, to the north of Ypres. From the British 530 metres of a position was captured and held, despite hand grenade attacks to recapture it. After a heavy bombardment the Germans attempted to cross the canal and occupy French positions, and several groups of them did succeed in making their way to a French line trench. The French, however, immediately drove them back. The British, to the south of Loos, in a lively engagement, succeeded in making an advance to the edge of a mine crater held by the Germans.

WHOLE DIVISION OF TURKS FALL INTO RUSSIAN TRAP

Petrograd, Feb. 20, via London, Feb. 21.—The Russians are pressing the advantage gained at Erzerum on both flanks. On the right, along the Black Sea coast, by the co-operation of the sea and land forces, they are driving the Turks from one position after another to the east of Trebizond, and it is expected that active operations against that important seaport will not be long deferred.

In the last two days the Russians have occupied Widje and pressed forward ten or twelve miles westward. The Turks have retreated in succession, several sharp assaults which might have been of assistance to the Turks, and by keeping well in advance of the land forces and by destroying bridges over several streams in the path of the retreating Turks have rendered their retreat more difficult. The fleet has been working so close to the shore that the warships have been reached by rifle fire from the Turkish troops. On the other hand the ships have spread confusion in the ranks of the Turks by dropping shells among them.

On the left flank after the occupation of Koph, the Russians pushed on to Arush and Achlat, the latter on the north shore of Lake Van. From Koph to Mush, sixty miles over mountain roads, they fought several battles, and occupied Mush by storm.

BULGARS CROSS FRONTIER AND CLASH WITH GREEK TROOPS

London, Feb. 20.—Patrols of Greeks and Bulgarians fought a sharp engagement near Doiran Thursday, after the Bulgarian patrol crossed the frontier, according to a Saloniki despatch to Reuters Telegram Company. The Bulgarians were forced to retire, leaving two men killed. One Greek soldier was wounded.

Last Serbian Army Leaves Albania. Paris, Feb. 20.—The last Serbian soldiers remaining in Albania have now been landed in Corfu, says a despatch from Corfu under date of Friday. The despatch adds that the entire Serbian army is now out of danger.

AIR RAIDERS AGAIN VISIT COAST TOWNS OF ENGLAND

Two Men and a Boy Killed, One Marine Wounded—Damage Small—Windows of Church Shattered as Congregation Was Singing the "Te Deum."

London, Feb. 20, 8.35 p. m.—Four German seaplanes today made a raid over the east and southeast coasts of England, according to an official announcement made this evening. The total casualties are given as two men and one boy killed, and one marine wounded. Considerable material damage was done.

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"Two of our aeroplanes which went up from Dover pursued the raiders, but apparently could not overtake him."

Damage Slight at Lowestoft. Lowestoft, Eng., Feb. 20.—The damage done here by the air raiders was not very serious. One bomb demolished the roof of a saw mill; another unroofed a private house; a third smashed the windows of a hotel, while a fourth smashed the windows of a church without injuring any of the worshippers.

Another bomb fell into a bedroom of a workman's house, but injured nobody. Several bombs fell into gardens and vacant lots.

Newbie a Victim. Walmer, Eng., Feb. 21, 3.25 a. m.—The raid was not over the town more than a minute. There was a momentary stoppage of the service in a church near which bombs fell. Many members of the congregation left the building, but the service was resumed and carried through.

One of the victims was a paper boy on his rounds with the Sunday's news. He was instantly killed. Another victim was a man of 29, who has not yet been identified.

Some of the bombs fell in the roadway making large holes. The whole affair was over so quickly that most of the people hardly realized what had happened. Some of the people in the church say that the building was rocked with the concussion. The explosion of the bombs was heard all over Walmer. Deal and the surrounding district but there was no panic.

A dramatic story of the narrow escape of a boat which had just taken a pilot aboard at Walmer was told by the occupants of the boat. Three bombs fell into the sea directly in the wake of the boat, causing a tremendous upheaval of the water.

AMERICAN RED CROSS DRIVEN FROM SERBIA BY GERMANS

London, Feb. 21.—A despatch to the Havas Agency from Bucharest dated Thursday says: "The German authorities are expelling the American Red Cross mission from Serbia.

Bulgarian Ammunition Store Wrecked. London, Feb. 21.—Three Bulgarian officers and forty soldiers have been killed or wounded by the explosion of the chief ammunition store at Nish, says an Odessa despatch to the Daily Mail. Fifty Serbians, residents of the town, have been arrested charged with complicity in the affair.

THE KEY TO SYRIA

The Turks fled southwest towards Diarbekr, the next objective of the Russian army. Once in possession of Diarbekr, it is only a day's march to Bagdad railway, the last remaining communication into Syria.

The rapid Russian offensive, beyond Erzerum, it is believed here makes it probable that the retreat of the Turkish corps operating along the Black Sea coast, and of those troops which were active in the Mush district, before the Russian occupation, will be entirely cut off and that the main Turkish army will be surrounded. This fate has already overtaken the Thirty-Fourth Division of the Tenth Corps, which was ordered from Olt to Erzerum before the fall of the fortress.

As telephonic communication between this group of Turkish forces and the garrison at Erzerum had been entirely destroyed by the Russians the Thirty-Fourth Division marched serenely into Erzerum without suspicion that the fortress was then on the point of surrender. These troops reached Erzerum from the northwest at the very moment that the Dove-Holna line of forts fell into Russian hands, and the army which they had come to assist was in full retreat. The road over which they had passed was occupied by Russian cavalry and as they were completely surrounded there was no alternative but to surrender with arms, equipment and artillery.

It is regarded as almost inevitable that the Turkish corps retiring along the Black Sea coast under the destructive fire of the Russian armies will be caught in the same sort of trap, as the Turkish right flank where the Ninth Corps is operating, the Turks find themselves in the same precarious position, since all the roads of retreat to the north are gradually falling under Russian control. The retreat of the Turkish armies everywhere is impeded by deep snow. They are without food and lack war supplies, and there seems to be little possibility of their offering even temporary resistance of any strength to the Russian advance.

ALLIES OCCUPY ORTHONI

Athens, Feb. 17, via London, Feb. 19 (Delavay).—The ministry of the interior announces that a detachment of allied forces has occupied Orthoni, a village near Corfu. The reason for the occupation is unknown.

British Check in Mesopotamia? Constantinople, Feb. 19, via London, Feb. 20.—An attempt by British forces in Mesopotamia to cross the Tigris below Kut-el-Amara was repulsed after a battle of three hours, the war office announced today. The British in their retreat were pursued to their second line entrenchments.

Announcement also is made that the Russian forces in Persia have been defeated in an encounter near Hamdan, sustaining large losses.

MOBILIZATION OF DOCTORS IN GREAT BRITAIN

All Under 45, Who Can be Spared, May be Called.

NEW BRITISH WAR LOAN IN PROSPECT

Rumored Addition of £800,000,000 to National Debt not Expected to Greatly Disturb Money Market.

PRESIDENT OF BANK OF TORONTO DEAD

Toronto, Feb. 20.—On Saturday afternoon death came to one of Canada's most prominent citizens in the person of Mr. Duncan Coulson, president of the Bank of Toronto. Mr. Coulson was in his 78th year and was born in Toronto.

AUSTRIAN "SUB" SINKS FRENCH STEAMSHIP

E. Asiatic Company Boat Captured by Germans in the Cattegat on Way to Siam from Copenhagen.

Paris, Feb. 20.—The French steamship Memphis has been sunk by an Austrian submarine off Durazzo, according to a Vienna despatch.

The French steamer Memphis was a vessel of 2,382 tons gross, built at Dundee in 1891, and owned by the Messageries Maritimes of Paris. Her port of register was Marseilles.

A German War Prize. London, Feb. 21.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Copenhagen states that the East Asiatic Company's motor steamer Bandon, which left Copenhagen yesterday morning, was seen returning in the afternoon passing Elsinore with a German flag hoisted and escorted by a German trawler. A despatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Copenhagen says the Bandon was bound for Siam, with pier goods when captured in the Cattegat by a German cruiser and was taken to Swinemunde.

The steamer Bergenhus, bound from Copenhagen for Liverpool, has been taken into Stettin by an armed trawler.

Shipping records show the Bandon to be a motor vessel of 3,481 tons. She was built in Glasgow in 1909, and is of Danish registry.

The steamer Bergenhus is a small Danish vessel of 1,017 tons.

ject Monday in the House of Commons he will also make reference to the issue of a new loan which is doubtless in prospect.

It is generally thought that the rumored addition of £800,000,000 to the national debt will not cause much disturbance of the money market. Financiers and statesmen recognize that the payment of the interest, now amounting to approximately £150,000,000 annually, will involve a great strain on the national resources for the next thirty years, even if nothing is later added to the burden.

Discussing the prospects of the coming loan, the Statist asserts that the consensus of opinion among bankers is that it should either be free of the income tax altogether, or that a maximum figure for the tax should be laid down in the terms offered.

Among the general public the view prevails that the nation will unite in making a success of the government's efforts to pay its way and this feeling is strengthened by the apparent national prosperity disclosed by the estimated national revenue returns which amount for the year to about £340,000,000 pounds, or £35,000,000 more than originally expected.

Cambridge, Eng., Feb. 20.—In a speech here last night, the Right Hon. Edwin S. Montague, financial secretary to the treasury, declared that after the war the conditions under which the nation will then have to live might necessitate a complete change in its fiscal system, and a large measure of state ownership or state control of industries. These questions, the speaker said, are bound to assume tremendous importance, and both Liberals and Conservatives should preserve an open mind concerning them.