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The Forcing of the Narrows

The Difficulties of the Land Campaign at the Dardanelles—The Topography of the Gallipoli Peninsula.

Sir Edwin Pears in the Manchester Guardian.

The forcing of the Dardanelles, which has been undertaken by England and France, is a gigantic undertaking. I have nothing to say here as to the great advantages which will accrue to us if it is successful, or the injury that may be done to our prestige if it failed, which, of course, we shall not do. I am concerned simply with giving your readers an idea of the topography of the Dardanelles, and especially of the Gallipoli peninsula. The only portion of the peninsula which need concern us is that which extends from its extreme end at Cape Hall, as far as the lines of Bulair, which is about a distance of forty miles. The width of the peninsula varies greatly from about three miles at Bulair, increasing gradually beyond the town of Gallipoli on the south until nearly ten miles of width is attained about twenty miles from Cape Helles, then again suddenly decreasing until it reaches a place opposite Nagara Point, which is on the Asiatic side of the Straits, until it terminates at Cape Helles, where it is less than two miles across.

The general direction of the peninsula from northeast to southwest. On the north it is bounded as to two-thirds of its length by the Gulf of Nece, on the remaining third by the Aegean. There are three neighboring islands, of which the telegrams have already made mention, and of which we shall hear more. Right at the mouth of the Aegean entrance and about five miles distant are a series of rocks, known as Rabbit Islands. The most important of them belongs to a British subject. The second island is Tenedos, which is three or four miles farther south and about a mile and a half from the shore. It has a high peak, which enables those who climb it to see over the range of low hills, which separate the valley of Troy from the Aegean, and whence we have telegrams recently stating that the inhabitants were watching a bombardment made by the French at Kum Kale and beyond it. The third island worth mentioning is Imbros, which lies a little to the northwest of Cape Helles and is evidently a base for the fleet.

Hills and no Roads.

The Peninsula is traversed by a long series of hills which give travelers by sea the impression that they range from 250 to 600 feet high, but the chart shows that there are one or two points that rise to a thousand or eleven hundred feet. The peculiarity about the range of hills is that they are broken transversely through their entire length, so as to leave an impression that they are often at right angles to the sea. It will be recognized at once that a hilly country of this kind is well suited to the hiding of batteries and ill-suited for the marching of an army. On the side of the Dardanelles the hills throughout the southern portion usually come down abruptly to the sea, practically leaving little or no beach. This is conspicuously the case in the Narrows, by which is meant a range of about six miles between a point immediately opposite Nagara Point southwards past Maidos, the great forts at Kilit Bahr, and the others of a group of forts immediately opposite Chanak.

There is very little plain land throughout the peninsula, and its chief track, hardly worth the name of a road, runs between the great rapid sloping down to the Dardanelles and one of less height on the shore of the Gulf of Xeros. Most of these hills are covered with a low scrub of dwarf oak or arbutus bushes, with other shrubs growing thickly together, and giving thick cover for gull and other birds.

The portion of the peninsula which is clearest of scrub is that near Bulair. At that place there are encampments reaching across the isthmus from the Gulf of Xeros to the entrance of the Straits of Gallipoli from the Marmora. The lines were laid down by French engineers during the Crimean war, and the defence of these lines has never been altogether neglected. We may be certain that during the last six months it has been greatly strengthened by the Germans. We have absolutely no information up to the present time of what has been done in that neighborhood by the Allies. It may be taken for certain that the leaders of the expedition, regarding such lines as the only gate of entrance landwards into the peninsula, have taken measures to secure them. It is to be noted, however, that even though we had absolute possession of the lines of Bulair, this would not prevent the sending of troops and munitions of war into the peninsula from Constantinople. For in the first place, they can pass through the entrance from the Marmora beyond Gallipoli and land at a dozen places, or even if our ships from the Gulf of Xeros were able to attack successfully the transports passing into the Straits, with the aid of aeroplanes, they could land at various points on the south coast of Marmora and make their way overland to Lampasak or even push on to Chanak.

The lineal distance between Cape Helles and the great group of forts on the peninsula at Kilit Bahr, is not more than ten miles. But along the whole distance there are a series of small hills and valleys (the latter called deres) where the attacking is difficult.

Nfld. Women's Gifts for the Troops.

The women of Newfoundland have just sent to the St. John Ambulance the fifth consignment of warm clothes and comforts for the troops. It consists of about 40 cases and barrels filled with socks, shirts, sweaters, and almost every kind of article in use in a hospital.

Working under the direction of the Newfoundland centre of the St. John Ambulance Association, the Hon. Secretary of which is Mrs. Cluny Macpherson, the women of all classes have co-operated in the supply of these articles, which now amount to scores of thousands. Most of the socks are made by quite poor classes, who keep them for their own use, but who since the war have not only given the wool which is usually employed for their own garments, but have themselves made it into socks. One old lady of 82 has made eight pairs in three weeks, while the peasants reckon they can make a pair a day. The features of these consignments are the excellence of the material and work, the cleanliness and finish of all the articles, and the perfection of the packing.—London Times, May 4.

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Man Dead; May Have Received Injuries Which Caused His Death.—Was Cooke Beaten by Colored Men?

The death occurred at Whitney Pier yesterday of Thomas Cooke, a native of Carbonara, Md., after a very short illness. It was learned that Cooke had come to the hotel on Tuesday last after his ship had arrived in port, and taken possession of his room. He was apparently in his usual health and was about as usual.

Wednesday evening, it is alleged, he went out, and after being absent for several hours, returned to the hotel looking as if he had been badly beaten, and with a bad cut on the head. It is said that he told persons that he had been beaten by some colored men at the Coke Ovens.

The undertaker told the Post this morning that the physician in attendance had said that pneumonia had been the cause of death. The man had been with lung trouble for some time.—Sydney Post, May 22.

Nine Days From Harbor Grace.

Nine days coming from Harbor Grace, which ordinarily would be covered in a few hours, was the experience of McRae & Co's schooner, Hilda R., which arrived here yesterday afternoon to load codfish for foreign market. The vessel was twice forced back from Cape St. Francis owing to ice and for the same cause had to harbor at Pouch Cove and Torbay.

Cape Report.

Special to Evening Telegram.

CAPE RACE, To-day.

Wind E.N.E., light, dense fog, scattered ice drifting west. The s.s. Minia passed west at 10 a.m. to-day. Bar 29.30; ther. 36.

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CASUALS WILL FORM UP.—It is the intention of the Casual football club to be represented in the League again this season, and this evening the club will meet and form up their team.

BIG PIT PROP SHIP.—The big ship Neath, which is coming to load pit props, is now fifteen days out from Cardiff to Gambo and should put in an appearance shortly.

DETAINED BY ICE.—The s.s. Newfoundland is now laden with supplies for Notre Dame Bay points, and sails as soon as the ice pack moves off. On her return from the north the Newfoundland will bring back the seals taken by the Indians during the winter and spring.

BIG FLOUR CARGOES.—The steamers Shidhad and Carleton are again coming to the Farness Wharf Co. from Montreal with full cargoes, principally flour. They will both be leaving in a day or two's time.

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