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AMERICANS MADE PRISONERS OF WAR BY GERMAN RAIDER

British Forces in Mesopotamia and Russians in Roumania Score Successes

British Now Hold Four Lines of Enemy Trenches, Together With Many Prisoners

London, Jan. 29.—A British official communication issued this evening concerning the fighting on the Mesopotamia front in Asiatic Turkey says: "As the result of operations Saturday night and Sunday morning we are now in complete possession of Turkish first and second lines southwest of Kut-el-Amara, on the right bank of the Tigris, on a front of 4,300 yards. We also hold the enemy's third and fourth lines on a frontage of 600 yards.

"Turkish dead to the number of 950 already have been counted and collected. More remain to be counted. Prisoners aggregating 127 were taken, together with one gun, one maxim, three trench mortars and a quantity of other material."

Turks Admit a Reverse.

The Turkish official statement for January 27: "On the 24th the enemy heavily shelled our Fellahie front, but did not attack. South of the Tigris, British forces, after violent artillery fire, attacked on the 25th with strong forces and succeeded, with heaviest losses, in conquering some ground.

"Two thousand dead British were before our front on a small extension. On the 26th the enemy repeated the attack, being completely repulsed."

Confident of Success.

Colborne, Jan. 29.—Pte. Arthur Duboy, in writing to Capt. Thomas Padington of this town, from the 34th Welsh General Hospital, Dehla, India, says that he was in Mesopotamia all the summer but that it is no place for a white man. He says that there are only two from his home section in that locality. "Although we were not doing much fighting in the summer," he says, "I think we will get to Bagdad this spring, for we have lots of men."

"I have been in the Garden of Eden. I was near enough to see Kut-el-Amara. We will take it again and Bagdad, too, for they have to be got."

New Cartage Rate Schedule

Montreal, Jan. 30.—Another increase in the cost of the transportation of freight was announced yesterday by the cartage agencies connected with the C.P.R., Grand Trunk and Canadian Northern, to go into effect March 1, unless suspended by the Dominion Railway Commission and to apply to all of Canada, except that the larger centres will be asked to pay higher rates than the smaller places. In Montreal, the increase on cartage rates on less than carload lots is from 4 to 4-1/2 cents per hundred pounds, with an increase in the minimum charge from 20 to 28c. In Toronto the increase for less than carload freight is from 3 1-4 to 4c. per hundred pounds, with a similar increase in the minimum charge.

At other railway cartage points in Ontario and Quebec for less than carload lots the advance is from 3 to 3 1-2c., the minimum charge being raised from 20 to 23c.

In this connection a letter was received by the local Board of Trade early in December last, from the Grand Trunk Railway, announcing the proposed increase in the cartage rates, by the Shelden Forwarding Company. The increase then contemplated was, on smaller lots from twenty to twenty three cents each, and on less than carload lots from three to three and a half cents per hundred pounds. These rates were to come into effect on March 1st. On behalf of the Board, Secretary George Hatley replied that a special meeting of the transportation committee had been called to consider the question, and thought that if more modern methods were employed by the Shelden Company, that it would be unnecessary to increase the price.

Weather Bulletin

Toronto, Jan. 30.—The disturbance which was over the Great Lakes yesterday, has passed to the lower St. Lawrence and the western high pressure is now spreading eastward over Ontario. The weather has become extremely cold again in the western provinces and the cold has also extended over British Columbia, where the temperature is unusually low.

Forecasts.

Fresh to strong northwesterly winds, fair becoming cold. Wednesday—Northerly winds, and much colder.

German Forces Entirely Checked by the Russians

By Courier Leased Wire
 London, Jan. 30.—(New York Times cable)—The Times' correspondent with the Roumanian army, telegraphing January 24, says: "The general situation on this front is a stalemate for the present. All enemy efforts during the last two weeks have been checked with great losses by the Russo-Roumanian armies, which are holding a fixed front on the line of the Trotus and Sereth. The line is at present so strong that the enemy seems unable to strike another blow. The enemy realizes that this is the case and appears to have decided to withdraw part of his forces from this front, where only four or five German divisions remain. The rest of the German forces have been relieved by Turkish and Austrian forces.

On the front south of Galatz and in the Trotus valley, no Bulgarian unit is left except some artillery.

Very rough weather hinders any kind of operations on a considerable scale. I saw some recently captured German prisoners, who appeared absolutely unprepared for a winter campaign, all wearing very thin summer clothes. Some died on the road while marching to internment camps and the deaths among them would certainly be more frequent but for the fact that the Roumanian soldiers, who escort them often lend them their own coats.

CAMPAIGN FOR 215TH BATTALION

Pte. Sam Landers Remains in City for the Week, Speaking on Recruiting

A determined effort is being made by the 215th Battalion to secure the necessary number of men to complete the ranks of that unit. To this end, Pte. Samuel Landers, who addressed a meeting in the Brant Theatre on Sunday night, had been loaned to the Battalion for the balance of the week and will address meetings in the factories throughout the city, in the schools, and in all public places where an opportunity is presented. He spoke in the Apollo Theatre last night, and addressed a meeting on the Market Square. He visited the Collegiate Institute yesterday and made the rounds of the other schools to-day in an effort to stimulate a patriotic sentiment among the rising generation, that may have an indirect effect on recruiting here.

Captain S. E. McKegney is to address the annual meeting of the John Graves Simcoe, Chapter, I.O. O.F. in Simcoe, on Monday, February 5th.

Private M. Lambert, who recently was apprehended in Simcoe, on a charge of desertion from the ranks of the 215th Battalion, was tried yesterday in that place. He was Continued on page two.

TURKEY CHANGES HER CALENDAR

Gregorian Calendar Adopted by the Mussulman to Replace Mohammedan

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 30.—A Constantinople despatch to Reuters says that the Turkish parliament on the recommendation of the government, has formally adopted the Gregorian calendar.

The Mohammedan calendar used up to the present in Turkey was based on the changes of the moon and consisted of a year of twelve lunar months, commencing in the Gregorian July.

SWINDLER ARRESTED

Chicago, Jan. 30.—A man believed to be L. Henry Charlebois, formerly secretary of the government's river commission in Montreal, Canada, is under arrest here to-day. The police said he is wanted in Montreal on charges of passing worthless paper amounting to about \$20,000 on the Bank of Montreal. They asserted also that since leaving Montreal last October, he had been seen in New York, Cleveland and Cincinnati. The man under arrest is penniless.

ATTAINMENT OF COMPLETE UNITY IS ITALY'S AIM IN THE WAR

Once For All Italians Must be Freed From Yoke of Austrian Tyranny, Declares Speaker

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Rome, Jan. 29.—via Paris, Jan. 30.—"Italy wishes once for all to free the Italians who are still living under Austrian tyranny," said Francesco Ruffini, minister of public instruction in a statement to-day in regard to President Wilson's address to the Senate. "Part of the President's message regarding the possibility of seeking guarantees for future peace, is supported in its fundamental ideas by the Entente, which in its note set forth the same aspirations for a stable settlement in Europe.

"Naturally the particular way in which Mr. Wilson proposed to safeguard peace in the future requires discussion. Such a discussion, however, is premature at this time for us, since the President himself admits, an indispensable preliminary to a future understanding is that the present war must first be ended for us—actors, not spectators—this preliminary is of the greatest interest, therefore it is essential to see whether our war aims, which have involved such sacrifices, are in conflict with those essential conditions indicated by President Wilson as necessary to safeguard peace in the future.

"The aims of Italy are independent conditions of peace. Mr. Wilson cited as an example of what was needed the reconstruction of Poland, adding that it was necessary to have 'inviolable security of life, of worship and of industrial and social development' for all peoples who have lived hitherto 'under the power of governments devoted to a faith and purpose hostile to their own.'

"Italy, having laboriously emerged from bondage by driving out the Austrians, has among her war aims, the attainment of complete unity. This is justified historically, and its completion will be a proper act, because Italy does not wish to live by the grace of others. She has already been able to constitute her national solidarity and is working to-day to settle finally the question of her unity.

"President Wilson could not find a better exemplification of these principles than the war in which Italy is fighting beside her allies. Italy's aims can be obtained only by victory, since her enemy never for an instant has hidden or modified the principles of tyranny and oppression which would negate absolutely the principles proclaimed by the President."

BRANTFORD BORN OFFICER WINS D.S.O.

Lt.-Col. Willoughby Montgomery Honored for Valor in East Africa

Pietermaritzburg, Natal, S.A., Dec. 13.—(Special to the Courier).—Lieut.-Col. John Willoughby Verner Montgomery, officer commanding the 10th S. African Infantry, in campaign in German East Africa, has been awarded the D.S.O. Col. Montgomery is the eldest son of the late Capt. A. N. Montgomery of the Royal Fusiliers, and was born at Brantford, Ont., on May 18, 1868. He was educated at Hilton College, Natal and at Brighton College and Repton College, England. He did distinguished service in the Boer War as a captain in the Natal Carbineers, went through the siege of Ladysmith, was afterwards with Pakeney's column in the Natal Composite Regt. and was mentioned in despatches for recovering a gun taken by Gen. Botha from Gough's column. The Colonel served with the Natal Carbineers in the Natal Native Rebellion of 1906, and with the rank of major in the Boer Rebellion, 1914, and German S. W. Africa campaign, 1915. His grandfather was Mr. Hancock Montgomery of Beesmont Park, Co. Monaghan, Ireland. His great-uncle, Sir Wm. Verner, Bart., M.S., was wounded at Waterloo, while serving as a lieutenant in the 7th Hussars.

THREWE CHEESE AND GIN OVERBOARD

Hun Submarine Compelled Dutch Steamer to Destroy Part of Cargo

By Courier Leased Wire.
 New York, Jan. 30.—Thirty tons of merchandise, consisting of Holland gin and Dutch cheese, part of a cargo on the Dutch steamer Vulcanus, were thrown into the sea by orders of a German submarine commander, when the ship was held up by a U-boat December 27, 28 miles off Start Point light, on the English coast, according to officers of the Vulcanus on arrival here to-day.

The vessel was on her way from Rotterdam to Lisbon, Portugal, the officers said, when the submarine appeared. An officer came aboard, made a careful examination of the ship's manifest and carefully checked each item. He passed everything that to his mind would be of use to the enemy, but drew a sharp line on the gin and cheese, declaring them "contraband food stuffs," and ordered them thrown overboard. The submarine stood by three hours while the orders were being carried out.

THREE HUN PLANES BROUGHT DOWN

French Official Reports Repulse of German Attacks Also

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Paris, Jan. 30.—11.45 a.m.—The Germans last night made another offensive movement in the region of Hill 304, northwest of Verdun, attacking a French trench. The attack, says to-day's war office announcement, was stopped by gun fire with considerable losses to the Germans.

A German raid on French trenches north of Badonvillers was attempted, but failed, adds the statement which also reports an intermittent cannonade on the remainder of the front. Three German airplanes were brought down.

WIVES MUST COME BACK TO CANADA

Or Their Allowances May be Stopped by Authorities

London, Jan. 28.—With a view to enforcing the return to Canada of the many wives dependent on Canadian soldiers who have journeyed to England, the Canadian authorities are considering the stopping of allowances of such as are not engaged definitely in war work here, unless they so return.

COMING HOME

Word has been received in the city Pte. R. Radcliffe, 36 Strathcona Avenue is now in Quebec invalided home from the front, and will arrive here on Thursday. Pte. Radcliffe is a member of the 19th Battalion which was wounded in June of 1916 and has since been awarded the Military Medal for valor.

Many Americans Now War Prisoners in Germany

By Courier Leased Wire
 Copenhagen, via London, Jan. 30.—The Ekstrabladet quotes a Swedish seaman as saying that crews from armed ships sunk by the German raider in the South Atlantic held as war prisoners in Germany, include between two hundred and three hundred Americans, four Swedes, three Dutchmen and one Dane. He says the steamer Yarrowdale did not sight a single British vessel throughout her entire voyage after she was captured. The vessel had all her lanterns lighted at night from Cape Lindasnae, off the south coast of Norway until she reached Skagen on the north coast of Denmark. She arrived at Swinemunde, December 31. The men taken to the prison camp at Neustrelitz were given little food, except kohlrabi and small allowance of bread.

Before leaving Germany, according to The Ekstrabladet, the twenty six released were compelled to sign an undertaking to make no claim against Germany.

A despatch from Berlin, January 19, announcing the arrival of the Steamer Yarrowdale in a German harbor said she carried 469 prisoners, men taken from one Norwegian and seven British vessels. The despatch indicated that among these prisoners were 103 subjects of neutral states.

NAVAL BATTLE IN ADRIATIC

Austrian Destroyer Put Out of Action by Italian War Vessels

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Rome, Jan. 29.—Via Paris—The Austrian destroyer Hussar was put out of action in a naval engagement in the Adriatic a few days ago, according to The Tribuna. The paper says that two Italian destroyers engaged an Austrian flotilla and that the Hussar was hit several times and set on fire. She was towed into a neighboring port by torpedo boats. The Italians suffered no loss, the report says. The engagement was fought in the midst of a tempest.

PUGILIST BREAKS DOWN

By Courier Leased Wire.
 New York, Jan. 30.—Peter Maher, once a celebrated heavyweight pugilist, is an inmate of the Bellevue hospital to-day, and the physicians say he is suffering from a complete physical breakdown. Maher is 47 years old. He has not appeared in the ring for several years. In his last important fight he was knocked out by Bob Fitzsimmons.

AVIATOR KILLED

By Courier Leased Wire.
 San Antonio, Tex., Jan. 30.—David E. McQueen, aged 24, was killed late yesterday while making a flight at a school of aviation here. The dead man is a son of Major G. L. McQueen in the Canadian records office London, and was training to join the aviation corps of the Canadian army in France.

ALLIES TO USE ALL MEANS POSSIBLE TO COMBAT SUBMARINE

Extension of Sea Warfare With Germany May Involve New Difficulties For Neutrals

By Courier Leased Wire.
 London, Jan. 30.—(New York Sun cable)—An extension of sea warfare with Germany because of her threat to sink on sight all British ships armed with three guns, promises to bring new difficulties between belligerents and neutrals, including the United States. It is learned from a high diplomatic authority that changes in the neutral attitude toward protective armament for merchantmen will be announced in the near future.

Great Britain has taken drastic steps, such as mining the North Sea coasts and improving the defensive armament of merchant ships, to counteract the present dangerous submarine campaign. The latter point the arming of merchantmen, is thus far shrouded in mystery, but the controversy as to mounting guns both fore and aft, on merchantmen, will be re-opened. It is well known that the allied countries believe that submarine warfare has materially changed the old laws regarding merchant armament, which were designed originally to protect vessels fleeing from enemy craft by using their gun only for defensive purposes.

Before the submarine entered warfare, this was possible, but under the new conditions a submarine might come to the surface ahead of the merchantman, precluding the possibility of her using guns mounted on the stern only.

Both the British and French press have given the widest publicity to the intentions of the allies to combat the submarine with every possible means. Several articles dealing with England's shipping have emphasized the fact that the admiralty was rapidly advancing the construction of tramp steamers of small tonnage, but good speed.

A Denial.

London, Jan. 30.—The Times claims that it is authorized to state that the allegation that Great Britain is preparing to arm merchantmen with guns forward as well as astern is untrue.

Steamer Attacked

Pernambuco, Jan. 26.—Passengers on the British Steamer Amazon, which arrived here from Europe yesterday, report the ship was attacked by a submarine in the neighborhood of Vigo, Spain. The submarine fired a torpedo which passed close under the ship's bow. According to the passengers, several shots were fired at the submarine by both the Amazon and a French steamer, which was in the neighborhood. The submarine disappeared and it was not learned whether she had been hit or not.

The Russians Take More Than 1000 Captives in Fiercely Fought Battle

Petrograd, Jan. 30.—During Saturday's battle north-east of Jacobeni on the northern end of the Roumanian front Russian troops captured 30 officers and more than 1,000 men, the war office announced yesterday.

In their offensive movement in Galicia, south of Brzezany, the Russians captured and blew up a number of trenches held by the Turks afterwards withdrawing to the original Russian lines, where attacks launched by the Turks were twice repulsed.

In the fighting along the northern end of the Russo-Galician front, in the region of the River Aa, the Germans have increased the number of Russian prisoners to 20 officers and 2,700 men. The Overseas News Agency says. They also have captured 21 machine guns and two mine-throwers.

"There was less activity on both sides of the Aa on Wednesday night," says the news agency, "but on Thursday morning the Russians resumed the attack, bringing in fresh troops. The Russians were moved down by the German fire. The gaps in their ranks were filled with new reserves, who were sent to certain death. Their attempts to pierce the German line were futile."

"On the western bank of the river German troops attacked, notwithstanding deep snow, and captured all the main positions. Renewed Russian attacks on Friday were repulsed."

SCULPTOR NOT ILL

By Courier Leased Wire.
 Paris, Jan. 28.—Auguste Rodin, the famous sculptor, instead of being ill as was stated in the Parisian papers yesterday, was married on that day to Mile. Rose Beurre, according to L'Evenement. The marriage took place at Maudon and Etienne Clement, minister of commerce, and M. Peytel, director of the Algerian credit bank were witnesses for the sculptor. Albert Dalimier, under secretary for fine arts, and a few intimate friends were also present. M. Rodin is 76 years old. He was married for the first time when he was 23 and his first wife acted as his model in the early years of his struggle for recognition.

The Annual Meeting of the CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION FOR BRANTFORD RIDING

Will Take Place on—
Saturday, Feb. 3rd
 at Conservative Headquarters corner of Dalhousie and King Streets. Proceedings commence at 8 p.m. and all Conservatives are cordially invited.

There will be election of officers and speeches by W. F. Cockshutt, M. P. and others.

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