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THE TURKS FLEE IN DISORDER WITH THE RUSSIANS IN PURSUIT

Losses Suffered by Turks in Fighting Around Erzerum Were Terrible—Russians Capture Large Amount of Stores When Fortresses Fell—Also Many Prisoners—Russian Black Sea Fleet Continue Operations West of Trebizond With Good Results—Russians Also Make Progress in Caucasus Coast Region

Petrograd, Feb. 19.—A War Office communication as issued today says:

Completeness of the defeat sustained by the Turks and the terrible losses they suffered at Erzerum fighting is becoming more and more clear. The forts in the fortress itself and in surrounding country are full of Turkish dead. Remnants of Turkish army pressed by our troops are fleeing in disorder, many at points in different directions. A severe snowstorm has failed to cool the ardor of our men in pursuit who are close on the heels of the enemy and who are taking prisoners at the tail ends of the Turkish columns.

We captured at Erzerum the entire fortress artillery and a large part of the enemy's field artillery. Up to the present we have counted two hundred guns. We have taken a huge quantity of artillery, ammunition and arms, several dozen motor cars, wireless apparatus and pontoon park. A number of other troops taken with Turkish soldiers captured in vast regions of Erzerum are being tabulated.

The troops of the Caucasian army are now withstanding the supreme efforts, demanding of them ceaseless fighting over most difficult country and have suffered but slight losses and are ready for fresh exploits when the sovereign orders.

In the Black Sea our warships have continued their operations in the coast region of West Trebizond, permanent bridges have been demolished and 15 sailing ships destroyed.

In the Caucasus coast region our troops have dislodged the enemy from a series of positions and

BRAND'S VISIT TO ITALY

PARIS, Feb. 18.—The Milan Stampa summarizing the results of Premier Briand's recent visit to Rome says besides being in accord upon political and military policies French and Italian governments have reached technical agreements concerning munitions under which expert Italian metal workers will be sent to French munition works. Agreements were also reaching says the newspaper concerning the exchange of products between the two countries and for arranging common facilities for transport. The Stampa adds decisions reached already have been approved by the Italian Cabinet and that they will be put into execution immediately.

Derby Sounds Warning to Newspapers

Thinks Papers Have Alarmed People Over Air Raids—Says Airman May Lose Faith in Their Machines

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 19.—"I have always believed," said Lord Derby, "that sooner or late the Germans will attempt a great sea raid on this country, and that however well organized our navy is it will not be able to stop it, but I believe the army and navy are now so co-ordinated that even if the raid comes it will be practically in-operative, and that those who come will be wiped out."

Discussing the air menace, Lord Derby appealed to newspapers not to unduly agitate the public mind regarding air raids because the effect of such agitation is likely to have on the British airman.

"It is not true British aeroplane commanders have sent up their men under atmospheric or other conditions of greatest danger," Lord Derby declared. "But if newspapers are not careful public opinion will force these commanders for fear that it might be a raid. Moreover if the public was decrying our aeroplanes, airmen will lose confidence in their machines."

Lord Derby made the above remarks at a working men's mass meeting held here to-night.

captured prisoners, arms, munitions and engineering material.

Havana Cigar Makers Are Hard Hit by British Proclamation

All Factories Are Reducing Their Output and Discharging Workers—5000 Cigar Makers Will be Compelled to Seek Government Aid

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—The British proclamation prohibiting after March 1st, except under a Board of Trade license, the importation of manufactured and unmanufactured tobacco, including cigars and cigarettes, is causing much uneasiness in Havana. It is feared it will result in much distress among the cigar makers and great loss to manufacturers and planters. All factories the reducing their output and discharging workers.

Should the appeal of the Cuban Minister in London for the British Government to exempt from operation of decree contracts for cigars already made, result in failure, many factories would be shut down throwing out of employment upwards 5000 cigar makers for whom Government aid would be necessary.

KING GEORGE AND CZAR NICHOLAS

LONDON, Feb. 18.—On receipt of the news of the capture of Erzerum by the Russians, King George despatched the following message to Emperor Nicholas:

"My heartiest congratulations upon the splendid achievement of your gallant troops in capturing Erzerum, after such hard fighting, which I trust will have far-reaching effects."

REPUBLICAN SENATORS THINK WILSON HAS DONE WRONG

Say He Should Not Have Met Germany's Request That All Armed Merchantmen Would be Sunk Without a Vigorous Protest—To Agree to This Policy Makes the States an Ally of Germany

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator Lodge, ranking as minority member of the Foreign Relations Committee, made a speech in the Senate today declaring the abandonment by the States at this time of the principle that its citizens were free to travel upon merchantmen of belligerent nations armed solely for defence purposes, would be an unneutral act and a step toward war. He said it would make the States an ally of the belligerent whose merchant marine had been swept from the seas.

Senator Sterling, of South Dakota, spoke to his resolution to declare the Senate's concern over the recent German naval order to sink all enemy armed merchant ships. He said the issue brought the United States into its gravest national crisis. Instead of yielding to the claims of the German Admiralty, said he, their very mention should meet with vigorous protest. Instead of denying this old right of the seas, we should now, of all times, vie with Britain or any nation seeking to uphold it. It is possible some danger will be incurred, but I do not much fear that the dangers will be increased beyond what they are at present. But I do know that let another sea horror occur, in which American lives are involved, then this administration, and the world will know that real America is not supine, apathetic and hesitating, but strong and militant, and, if need be, ready to respond to those noble impulses of liberty and humanity which have been our heritage from the beginning.

Discussing the right of Britain to arm her merchantmen fleet for defence purposes, Senator Sterling said: "Of all peoples in the wide world, it ill becomes us to deny Britain that right now, or to spend one hour in diplomatic haggling to secure her ratification of it. Our export trade has been growing by leaps and bounds. Each month has been exceeding by many millions the last preceding month. Manufacturers of arms and munitions of war are not only the beneficiaries, but the products of the farm, forest and mine find foreign demand, and the market in the aggregate was never equalled. But with our own poor and inade-

THE KURDS MASSACRE ARMENIANS

Turk Reinforcements Which Were Hastening to Aid of Erzerum Failed to Arrive in Time—Capture of Fortress Has Aroused Great Enthusiasm in Russia

PETROGRAD, Feb. 19.—A semi-official News Agency says, the exact number of Turkish troops captured by the fall of Erzerum is not known, but the greater part of the garrison got away, as the fortress was not invested, but was carried by assault. The number of guns captured reach 1,000. Before the evacuation the Kurds mercilessly massacred thousands of Armenians.

The city's defensive works were organized by German Commander Possel and were spoken of as admirable as embodying all resources of modern artillery engineering.

Latest advices indicated heavy Turkish reinforcements which had been hastening to the aid of Erzerum failed to arrive in time. The capture of Erzerum has aroused great enthusiasm throughout Russia. Towns, large and small, are scenes of demonstration, parades and drum celebrations. A most imposing demonstration took place in Tiflis where Grand Duke Nicholas, in person, announced the news of the fall of Erzerum. The whole town lavishly decorated. The Grand Duke appeared several times in response to acclamations of the crowds.

MABEL D. HINES ABANDONED AT SEA CREW AT NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—The Dutch steamer Alphard arrived here today with captain and crew of the schr. Mabel D. Hines, abandoned in a sinking condition after a losing battle of forty days with continuous gales.

The Mabel D. Hines was owned in St. John's, Nfld., and was returning from Spain with a cargo of salt. The vessel cleared from Gibraltar on Dec. 15th and immediately encountered terrific storms before which they were helpless. January 31st the little craft sprang a leak and for six days Capt. Legger and a crew of five manned the pumps in a desperate fight for their lives. They had practically abandoned hope when they were sighted on Feb. 5th by the Alphard.

DEEP UNREST IN IRELAND

LONDON, Feb. 18.—With a freedom that is regarded as most unusual the censor has allowed the publication of certain facts pointing to deep unrest in Ireland. An anti-Government campaign apparently has its headquarters in Dublin, from which city activities are being directed. The police have raided a number of houses, and have suppressed at least ten newspapers within the last few weeks.

Enlistments in Ireland have fallen off to such an extent that the Times expresses the fear that the famous Irish regiments will have to be recruited in England and Scotland in a short time.

SWEDEN'S DECISION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Sweden has informally advised the State Department that in consequence of the announced intention of Germany and Austria to sink armed merchantmen without warning after Feb. 23rd, she will notify her nationals not to travel on such ships.

WINNIPEG, Feb.—An American battalion, the 212th has been authorized to be raised in Winnipeg. Major Pittman now with the American Legion at Toronto will be in command according to advices received at headquarters this morning.

quate merchant marine, how would it have been if Britain were not Mistress of the Seas?

Fall of Erzerum Has Caused Bulgar King Hurry Home

London, Feb. 19.—The Daily News has the following despatch from its Rome correspondent:

The sudden departure of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria from Vienna for Sofia is due to the news of the fall of Erzerum.

This defeat will likely compel the Turks to withdraw all these troops which were destined to cooperate with the Bulgarians in the defence of Danube and the coasts of Black Sea and Aegean Sea.

Rioting Breaks Out In Stamboul

Crowds Gather in Streets and Make Demonstrations Against War—German Police Guard Sultan's Palace—Alarming Rumors Regarding Turks at Trebizond

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The London Telegraph's correspondent says: According to despatches received here, serious trouble has broken out in Constantinople. On Thursday large crowds gathered in the streets and made demonstration, shouting against the war and the casualties of the young Turks. The German police attacked the manifestation. The German garrison is guarding the palace of the Sultan and Ministerial offices.

It is also declared that the Turkish troops ordered to proceed to Armenia have refused to comply. Disorder is reported to have broken out in Smyrna and Beirut. Alarming rumors are current in Turkey regarding the situation at Trebizond, where conditions are said to be worse than they were at Erzerum. It is impossible to send assistance to Trebizond.

Appeal Made To the Banks In Britain

McKenna, Chancellor of Exchequer, Asks Banks to Urge Customers to Offer Treasury Their American Securities

LONDON, Feb. 18.—It is officially announced that Reginald McKenna, Chancellor of the Exchequer has sent an appeal to the banks throughout Great Britain asking that they urge customers to offer all available American securities to the treasury.

McKenna's statement follows: "You are acquainted with the government's scheme for acquiring American dollar securities in order to maintain a state of exchange with the States—while expressing cordial thanks to those banks which already have urged customers holding suitable securities to offer them to the treasury I invite all the banks to take similar action, and impress upon customers their paramount duty in assisting their country and her allies, by offering to the treasury such securities either for sale or as deposit loans, whether or not they are included in the published lists of the treasury. At an early date opportunity will be afforded for depositing securities on loans upon terms already published. I wish to emphasize the fact that by offering their dollar securities to the government at this juncture they will be performing a patriotic service in helping to pay for munitions and other supplies bought in America, and at the same time obtain full price for securities sold."

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—Premier William Morris Hughes, of Australia, is now a member of Canadian Privy Council. He was sworn in today by H. R. H. Duke of Connaught.

Huns Again Hands Out Peace Feelers

This Time France Approached Through Unofficial Sources—Rumors Are Frequent and Persistent—Germany's Internal Situation Not as Rosy as Painted

New York, Feb. 19.—Arthur Drapen, London correspondent for The Tribune, cables his paper, that unofficially, Germany is exceedingly busy just now sounding the sentiment regarding peace among the Allies, feelers are being sent out practically to all countries except Great Britain.

From a reliable source, he says, I learn that unofficial overtures have been made to France during the last fortnight, but these have led nowhere. It is said France has replied unofficially that she would make no separate peace under any circumstances, and that when the time came for peace, she would insist on Alsace Lorraine being turned over to her. Germany's unofficial offer, included the withdrawal from France and Belgium and the payment of an indemnity sufficient to repair all war damages. These rumors are frequent and persistent.

Rumors are exciting much speculation here, for they are taken to mean that Germany's internal situation is far from being as rosy as her military position would indicate and argues that her small military gains no longer serve to divert the popular mind from the financial and economic pinch; and unless the Government can encourage the people by some spectacular offensive of material advantage, it must openly announce that it wants to discuss the question of peace.

OFFICIAL BRITISH

London, Feb. 19.—A British official to-night says: Our artillery bombarded enemy positions north of Ypres and Comines Canal. Artillery on both sides generally have been active above Ypres front. On the rest of the front there has been minor artillery bombardment at various points.

SWEDEN STILL FIGHTING FOR FREE PASSAGE OF MAIL MATTER

Count Wrangel, Swede Minister, and Col. House Have Conference—Nothing Definite is Known of the Result Except House Will Remain Indefinitely at London

LONDON, Feb. 19.—For some time Count Wrangel, Swedish Minister to Great Britain has been holding a series of conferences with Col. House, President Wilson's personal representative on the subject of the detention of neutral mails by belligerents. Incidentally the whole question of possible joint action by neutrals to protect their rights has been discussed at the first conference during which Count Wrangel and Col. House were closeted for several hours, arranged on the initiative of the Swedish Minister. The controversy between Sweden and Great Britain over the detentions of mail by both countries reached an impasse several weeks ago, neither country since then has made any concession. The question became serious when Sweden in retaliation for the seizure of the steamer Rotterdam, the sailing date of which steamer has been delayed, way to Russia, approximately fifty thousand parcels. This mail is now

Turks Made a Successful Get-a-way

Teutons Now Have Durazzo Surrounded—Essad Pasha Escapes From Town and Puts Out in Adriatic on a Ship

LONDON, Feb. 19.—While full details of the capture of Erzerum, in Turkish Armenia, are still lacking, semi-official advices from Petrograd are to the effect that most of the Turkish garrison made its escape.

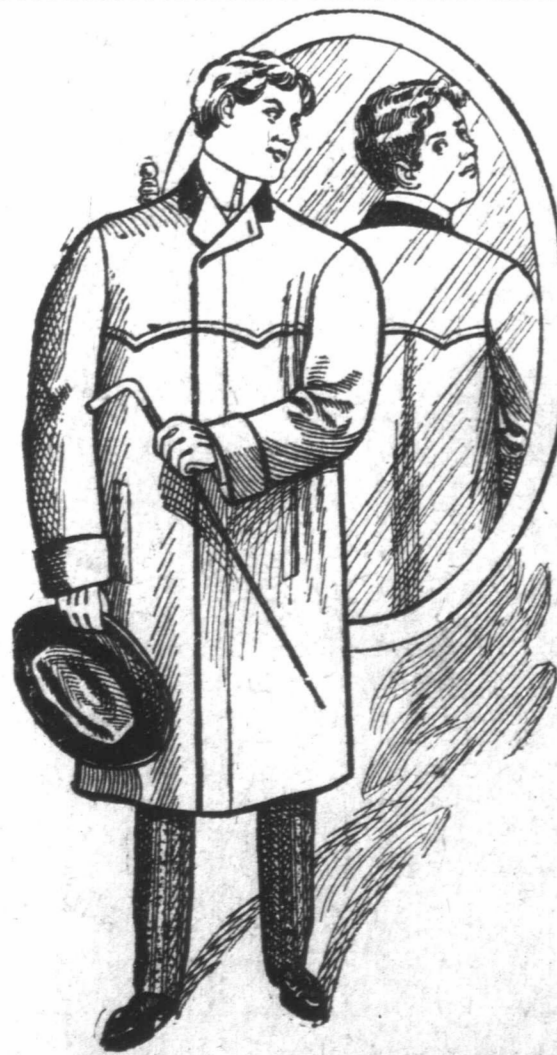
Austrians and Italians, at various points, are still engaged in artillery duels, here and there infantry manoeuvres, but no notable victories have been won by either side. Vienna reports less activity on the part of the Italian guns than usual.

In Albania the Austro-Hungarians are reinforced by the Albanians, presumably irregulars, who occupied Kavaya, which lies eight miles southwest of Durazzo, three miles from the Adriatic sea. By capturing this town it would seem the Teutons nearly have Durazzo surrounded. Gendarmes of Essad Pasha, Provisional President of Albania, who defended Kavaya made their escape from the town and put out into the Adriatic on a ship.

Redmond Again Appeals To Ireland

Says "We Must Not and Will Not Tolerate Idea of Irish Regiments Being Reinforced by Any but Irish Soldiers"

LONDON, Feb. 19.—"We must not and will not tolerate the idea of our Irish Regiments being reinforced by any but Irish soldiers," said John Redmond, Irish leader, in a manifesto to the people of Ireland, in which he appeals to his countrymen, who were still available to join the reserve battalions in training, so that they may be ready, if needed, to fill every gap in the Irish army in the field. Our gallant fellow countrymen at the front have commissioned me to make this appeal in your name. I promised them in France and Flanders, that Ireland would stand by them, will you fulfil that promise? You are under no compulsion, save that of duty. North and South have vied with each other in springing to arms, and please God the sacrifices they have made side by side on the field of battle will form the sweet bond of a united Irish nation in the future.



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