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THE FORTS OF THE DARDANELLES MAKE BUT WEAK REPLY TO ALLIES' BOMBARDMENT

Destroyers Go Beyond Killid Bahr --- Were Fired Upon, But None Were Hit

Turks Send U.S. Envoy to Negotiate Peace—Seven Years for Embezzlement of War Stuffs for M. Desclaux

London, March 26.—According to a cable from Tenedos the Dardanelles forts replied but weakly to the bombardment by the Allied ships, which have restarted a violent cannonading near the gut. Some of the forts which replied to the Allied shells, when the squadron began action, ceased their fire after a few shots.

Bombardment by the Anglo-French continues. Two destroyers passed near the Turkish forts at the entrance of the gut and went a little further than Killid Bahr. These destroy-

ers were conveyors to an Anglo-French squadron which entered the Channel and bombarded the forts at long range.

At their return the Turkish batteries opened fire on them, but none of them were hit. Their observations confirmed those given by aviators, reporting that the forts suffered heavily from last week's bombardment.

Turks requested U.S. Envoy to negotiate for peace.

The Allied fleets silenced the Dardanelles forts on the Asiatic side.

Czernovitz has been evacuated by the Germans and the Russians are pursuing them.

Mr. Desclaux, former Secretary to Mr. Caillaux, accused of embezzlement of warstuffs, has been condemned to seven years imprisonment.

Bulgarian Government Favorable To Allies

Rome, March 27.—Close observers here of the Balkan situation profess to see indications of a gradual tendency on the part of Bulgarian Government to adopt a policy favorable to the Allies. It is believed that Bulgaria hopes to act jointly in that direction with Italy and Roumania.

"A Protracted War" Says Sir John French

The Protraction Depends on the Supply of Men and Munitions—Emphatic need of Guns and Powder

London, March 27th.—In a statement to the "Times" replying to a request for an interpretation of the phrase "A Protracted War" which he used in a recent interview, Sir John French says, the protraction of the war depends entirely upon the supply of men and munitions.

Should these be unsatisfactory the war will be accordingly prolonged. I dwell emphatically on the need for munitions.

Insurgent Albanians Bombard Durazzo

They Threaten to Destroy the Town if Essad Pasha, Turkish President, Does Not Leave the Country

Rome, March 27th.—Situation at Durazzo Albania would again appear to be serious according to despatches coming to Rome, the insurgents are bombarding port and threatening to destroy it if the Consular representatives are not successful in persuading Essad Pasha, Turkish Provisional President to leave the country. Several cannon shots during the bombardment struck residences of Essad Pasha. Docks and public buildings also suffered.

Durazzo is a sort of tumbledown port of Turkish Albania on the Adriatic, 50 miles south of Scutari. It has a population of 1,200.

Attack on Dardanelles Will Be At Long Range

Certain Ships Selected by the Allied Admirals For the Work—Shore Torpedoes Make Close Attack too Dangerous

London, March 27th.—Owing to the damage caused by shore torpedo boats in the Dardanelles, says the "Mail's" Athens correspondent, the Allied Admirals in a council of war have decided to designate certain warships to fire at forts at long range. Officers of the Allied fleet declare to correspondents that the forcing of the Straits at all cost is certain. A despatch to the Mail from Dedeagatch says, there are now 1,000 German gunners in the Dardanelles forts.

United States Submarine Missing

Honolulu, March 26.—U.S. submarine F-4 submerged during target practice early yesterday, has not been heard from since. Tugs dragging believed they have located her at a depth of 35 fathoms. It is believed all the crew are dead.

Turkish Government Broken With German

Athens, March 26.—Athens newspapers publish today what they declare are reliable private advices from Constantinople stating that the Turkish Government has broken with its German advisers and is going to sue for peace.

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Parris Official Reports Progress

Artillery Fighting in Region of Nieuport—Solidly Organized Gains in Lorraine—Aviators Bombard Hangars

Paris, March 26th.—The following is the official communication tonight. In the region of Nieuport there has been artillery fighting, further south we carried and occupied trenches north of St. George's farm in front of our lines.

In Champagne there has been a bombardment but no infantry attack. In Lorraine, to north of Badonville, we have solidly organized the ground we have gained since Monday.

In Alsace, at Reichs Ackerkopf the

Germans sprayed our trenches with a burning liquid, but without achieving any result. Six of our aviators have bombarded hangars at Prescay and the railway station at Metz. They dropped a dozen bombs which caused a panic. Though subjected to violent gun fire the aviators returned safely. We have also bombarded a barracks east of Strossburg.

Holland Asks For Explanation

The Hague, March 26.—Members of the Netherland Government refrain from any comment on the subject of interference with destruction of Dutch shipping by German submarines, beyond saying that requests for explanations have been sent to Germany with a view to eventual protest after Berlin's reply has been received.

The Ministry held an Extraordinary

Sinking of Medea Lamentable Error

A Complete Compensation Must be Demanded of Germany

London, March 26.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent gives outline of statement printed today by Handelsblad of the sinking off Beach Head on Thursday of the Dutch steamer Medea. The article says the steam-

Council this afternoon, following a conference between Foreign Marine Ministers and Marine Minister's chief naval staff. The subjects under discussion were not made public.

Newspapers are taking a serious view of the situation, owing, as they put it, to repeated unpleasant incidents.

er's orange cargo could not have been considered conditional contraband and adds the sinking of the Medea is an act of arbitrary violence which cannot but be considered a lamentable error.

This action as well as attacks on Dutch ships from the air can only be explained an assumption that Germany feels certain that so long as no foreign troops or warships attack our country every act of arbitrary violence against Dutch subjects or property is permissible. We are convinced that complete compensation must be demanded from Germany.

The Steeple Chase

Liverpool, March 26.—The Grand national steeple chase was won by Ally Sloper; Jacobus second and Fatehr Confessor third.

Mine Sweepers Enter Dardanelles

Queen Elizabeth, Agamemnon and Cruiser Cornwall Cover Their Operations

London, March 26.—The British battleships Queen Elizabeth and Agamemnon, and the cruiser Cornwall, entered the Dardanelles Straits Wednesday night, to protect the mine sweepers, according to a despatch to Reuter's Tele-

graph Company from the Island of Tenedos, dated Thursday.

The Turkish artillery at Frenkui, fired five shells, and forts at Killid Bahr also fired. The British vessels replied with twenty rounds. To this the Turks made no reply.

From midnight until morning the sweepers continued their work without disturbance, the correspondent says, with satisfactory results.

Italian Preparation To Take the Field On Side of Allies

Rome, March 27.—Every measure possible has been taken by the Italian Government preparatory to the beginning of hostilities by Italy on the side of the Allies.

Paris Reports Forts Destroyed At Dardanelles

Sailing Ship Mine Sweepers Fired Upon by Turkish Batteries—Transports Anchored in Gulf of Smyrna

Paris, March 27.—It has now been established that the forts at the Dardanelles have been destroyed. Those at Killid Bahr seriously damaged by operations of the Allied fleet.

In the Dardanelles, says a despatch from Athens, dated Friday, sailing ships engaged in mine sweeping were fired upon by Turkish field artillery, posted at Erenkeui, but the batteries are said to have been silenced by the fire from two battleships.

According to a despatch from Mytilene, three British and two French warships have anchored in the Gulf of Smyrna with transports.

Violent Artillery Contest in Champagne

Paris, via St. Pierre, March 26.—In Champagne yesterday the artillery contests were quite violent in the neighbourhood of Hill 196. We repulsed three German attacks.

In Argonne a German attack near Fontaine Madame failed. On the remainder of the front there is nothing to report.

Midnight.—The day passed calmly, only a German attack at Notre Dame de Lorette which was repulsed.

Russian Successes In Carpathians

Emphasized by Newspapers—Big Battle in Progress—Struggle at Ujok and Lupkow Passes Particularity Desperate—8,000 Germans Slain S. W. of Cracow

Geneva, March 27.—Despatches received by Swiss newspapers continue to emphasize the success of the Russians in the battle which is still in progress in the Carpathians. The struggle on Ujok and Lupkow passes on March 23rd are said to have been particularly desperate with heavy losses for the Austrians.

Sanguinary encounters are also reported on the banks of the Biala in Galicia, forty-three miles West Southwest of Cracow, where Austrian attacks are said to have been repulsed, with losses placed at 8,000 killed, wounded and missing.

The Russians are credited with successes all along the line of the Pruts (?) in Galicia and Bukovina where they dislodged the Austrians from their strongest positions.

Russian Success In Carpathian Passes

London, March 26 (Official).—The Admiralty has good reason to believe that the German submarine U-29 has been sunk with all hands.

The Dutch steamer Medea has been sunk by gun fire by a German submarine off Beachy Head. The French Government reports German attacks repulsed at various points.

The Russian Government reports decisive success near Lupkow Pass in the Carpathians, where an important Austrian position on the crest of Beskid mountains was captured, and nearly 6,000 prisoners and several machine guns taken.—HARCOURT.

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