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## Russian Ambassador Leaves Constantinople; Odessa Bombarded; Greece Is Likely To War Upon Turkey

### Germans Gave Up Just When Victory Was In Their Grasp

### Belgians About to Retreat When, For Some Reason Unknown, The Enemy Retired

London, Oct. 30.—Telegraphing from northern France, under date of Thursday, the Times correspondent says: "A high officer of the Belgian army is authority for the statement that there was a time during the early part of last week, when the Germans, if they had sustained for a few hours longer their fierce assaults on the Belgian position, would have won a grand and decisive victory on the Yser."

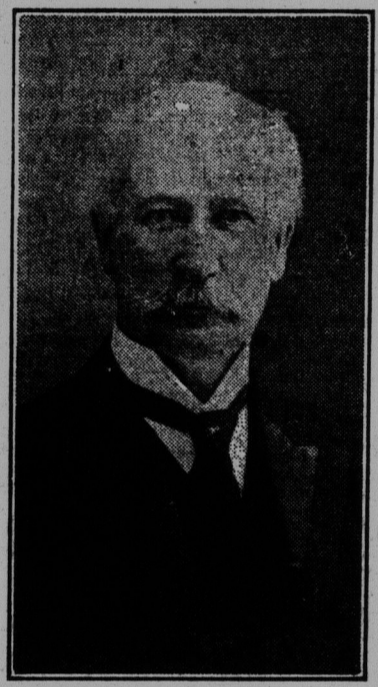
The Belgians were actually on the point of retreat, partly owing to trouble with their supplies of ammunition. They decided, however, to fight as gamely as possible to the last cartridge. To their amazement the Germans, at the critical moment, hastily retreated and took up a position far behind their previous position.

"The reasons which induced the German retreat probably will never be known. They were twice as numerous as the Belgians and tremendously superior in artillery. Their move must have been made under a total misapprehension of the condition of the staying power of the enemy or may have been simply a clumsy invitation to the Belgians to risk annihilation by taking the general offensive."

"It is pleasant to record now, that the allied line achieved new advanced positions on both Monday and Wednesday, compelling the Germans to fall back considerable distance in the neighborhood of Labasse."

### Entry of Turkey Into The War Situation Main Event Of The Day

THE LATE ROBT. THOMSON



Flags at half-mast on the harbor shipping today are a silent token of the sense of loss felt by the people of St. John at the death of Robert Thomson, so long prominently identified with the shipping interests of the port, and all his life a generous hearted, honorable and worthy citizen.

#### BOARD OF TRADE APPRECIATION

The appreciation of the worth of Mr. Thomson, regret in the loss of one of their most valued members, and sympathy with the bereaved family were expressed in a resolution passed at a meeting of the council of the board of trade this morning, the resolution, which was moved by W. E. Foster and seconded by J. A. Lively, read as follows:

"Resolved, that this council has heard with deepest regret of the sudden demise of Mr. Robert Thomson, a prominent member of the board of trade and a merchant of long and honorable standing in the city. It would place on record its deep sense of loss that the city has sustained by the death of one, who for so many years was one of its most active and honorable commercial leaders, and who in all the relations of life played a well and nobly part of a true man and a good citizen. His upright, gentle disposition, kindly brotherliness and broad Christian charity and courtesy endeared him to all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. To his family, which has been so suddenly and sadly bereaved, it would extend its heartfelt sympathy.

Further resolved, that this resolution be entered upon the minutes of council and a copy be forwarded to the widow of the deceased and to his son, Percy W. Thomson."

### Russia and Britain Both View the Situation Calmly --The Turks' Fleet More To Be Figured on Than the Army

London, Oct. 30.—The Russian ambassador at Constantinople has been withdrawn, according to official announcement made here today and, in consequence of the Turkish attacks on Russian ports, instructions have been sent Russian consuls in Turkey to leave the country.

Washington, Oct. 30.—Acting Secretary of State Lansing today announced receipt of a telegram from the American Charge D'Affaires at Petrograd, saying Odessa had been bombarded and some American property destroyed.

London, Oct. 30.—(10 a. m.)—Turkey's sensational entrance into the arena of the European conflict is the most striking incident of the last twelve hours. It seems a fateful coincidence that one of the famous German cruisers the taking over of which by Turkey led to the first friction between the Porte and the entente powers—Great Britain, France and Russia—should have been the instrument of hostility which makes war between Turkey and Russia inevitable.

Petrograd accepts the situation quietly and disclaims any idea of aggressive warfare against the Turks. Russia asserts her intention merely to protect Russian interests around the Black Sea from attack. It is interesting to note that the Russian press expresses the belief that the entry of Turkey into the field is of more interest to Great Britain than to Russia on account of Britain's trade routes to India and other points in the far east.

English newspapers take a generally philosophic view of Turkey's action and express the belief that, while the military situation will not be greatly changed, Turkey's entrance is deemed a calamity. Unless Bulgaria joins the entente of Turkey, an invasion of European Turkey by land is impracticable, according to British observers, and the warfare will be naval. The Turkish navy, assisted by the former German cruisers Goeben and Breslau, is considered here to be far more formidable than her army, which is said to be inefficiently equipped and poorly fed. It is felt in London that Greece will jump at the chance of again measuring swords with her ancient enemy, and with the two battleships recently purchased from the United States, she will be in a position to meet the Turkish ships on equal terms.

#### RUSSIAN CAPITAL EXCITED

Petrograd, Oct. 30.—A clamorous throng surrounded the Turkish embassy here last night, manifesting against Turkey. The people were restrained from violence by mounted gendarmes.

Earlier the same mob paraded the streets with bare heads, singing and shouting. They called the orchestras out of the hotels and demanded that they assist by playing the national anthem.

The excitement in Petrograd is the greatest since the declaration of war against Germany.

#### WHAT OF THE BALKANS

"There is keen interest here as to the attitude of the Balkan States. Bulgaria recently gave assurances that she was bound by no treaty compelling joint action. It is believed that she would join the allies against the Turks if assured of some reward at the end of the conflict. Rumanian feeling is more than ever favorable to the allies.

"Public opinion here while surprised at Turkey's action, welcomes the opportunity presented to settle the eastern question once for all."

#### BRITAIN'S WARNING TO TURKEY

Constantinople, via London, Oct. 30.—In anticipation of the possible invasion of Egyptian territory, British Ambassador Hallet, acting under instructions from his government, has plainly informed the grand vizier that if the Turks crossed the frontier it would mean war with the entente powers.

It is understood that the embassies of the allied powers, fearing a rupture, have already made the necessary arrangements for the departure of the diplomatic representatives.

#### BRITISH DESTROYER HIT; COMMANDER AND FOUR KILLED

London, Oct. 30.—The Daily Mail correspondent in France explains that the British destroyer HMS *Thetis* was hit by a German torpedo off Dunkirk and Calais are to be of any use to the Germans, they must have the coast road unless they build a special road, because the coast road is the only one fit to bear the heavy guns with which they hope to bombard Dover. He adds: "The German naval gunners are doing better than the army gunners, having hit the torpedo boat destroyer *Thetis* and killed her commander and four men."

#### GERMANS DESERT

London, Oct. 30.—A despatch to the Central News Agency from Amsterdam says it is reported that a hundred German soldiers have discarded their uniforms and crossed from Belgium into Dutch territory.

#### Rather Early

London, Oct. 30.—A despatch to the Times from Berlin asserts that preparations are being made in the German capital for the public proclamation of the annexation of Belgium, which is mentioned officially as "the happy German reichland under the illustrious sceptre of Kaiser Wilhelm Von Belgium."

#### The Emperor's Work

Shanghai, Oct. 30.—Reports from Hong Kong give some details of the German cruiser *Emden's* operations at Penang. She entered the south channel there on Wednesday and found the Russian cruiser *Jenichang* anchored in the harbor repairing her machinery.

After torpedoing and sinking the cruiser the *Emden* left by the north channel,

### Outlook Bad For Enemy All Along The Line, Says Military Critic

### Deadlock on Battle Front in France and Belgium Continues—Allies Confident of Checking Germans When They Renew Efforts to Take Channel Ports

Paris, Oct. 30.—The deadlock in the extended battle line in France and Belgium continues today, according to all the information that has been made available here regarding the great battle raging between the Germans and the allies.

The latest French official communication, briefer than ever, declares simply that there is no important news to report.

While the fighting appears to be somewhat more general, it is not so fierce or so continuous as was the case for the better part of two weeks after the battle line in the Northeast extended into Belgium along Yser and to the coast. Evidently both sides are recuperating as much as possible after the strain of these tremendous efforts and are strengthening their lines with the fresh troops brought up by reinforcing forces.

No one here doubts that the Germans will soon renew their efforts to take the channel ports, but there is every confidence that the allies, as heretofore, will check them in this objective.

General Berthaut, a French military critic, in summing up the situation today declares that the outlook for the Germans is bad all along the line.

### RUSSIAN GUNBOAT IS SUNK BY TURK IN THE PORT OF ODESSA

Bordeaux, Oct. 30.—It was announced officially here today that two Turkish torpedo boat destroyers entered the port of Odessa, on the Black Sea, and sank a Russian gunboat. They also inflicted damage on the French liner *Portugal*.

London, Oct. 30.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Petrograd declares that Odessa was also visited by Turkish warships. It says:—

"Two Turkish destroyers fired shells at Odessa harbor, sinking a merchant ship. The Turks also bombarded Novorossk, a seaport of Caucasus."

"Two Turkish officers landed at Theodosia on the southern coast of Crimea to demand the surrender of the port. The governor promptly imprisoned them."

### GERMANS WHO CROSSED YSER ARE COMPELLED TO GO BACK AGAIN

Paris, Oct. 30.—(2.56 p.m.)—The French official announcement given out in Paris this afternoon says that the forces of the enemy which had passed the river Yser have been compelled to withdraw by reason of inundations of the low country, brought about by the Belgian army.

### THE FINAL BLOW Rebel Maritz Beaten in Invasion of Cape Province

London, Oct. 30.—A Cape Town despatch to Reuters says that Colonel Conrad Brits, who has been engaged in suppressing the rebellion started by Lieut.-Col. Maritz in Northwest Cape Province, reports that the invasion of the cape has finally been broken.

### MEMBERS OF QUEBEC CABINET IN HOME GUARDS

Quebec, Oct. 30.—In the ranks of the local Home Guard last night were two members of the Quebec cabinet, Hon. J. A. Taschereau and Hon. P. G. S. MacKenzie, while Hon. George M. Amyot, M. L. C., was also marching with the rank and file. During the course of the exercises Lieutenant Governor Sir Francis Langelle addressed the Guard, speaking both French and English and emphasizing the righteousness of the allies' cause.

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#### WEATHER BULLETIN

#### DEMANDS ARE HEAVY ON THE CANADIAN MILITARY HOSPITAL

London, Oct. 30.—The demands being made upon the Queen's Canadian Military Hospital are so great that the committee are anxious to extend the accommodation, or else to relieve the congestion by drafting the slightly wounded to convalescent homes. Some private homes offered for the latter purposes will be inspected and selections made for early use.

### GERMAN BOMBS KILL WOMEN IN BETHUNE AND DUNKIRK

London, Oct. 30.—Two German aeroplanes on Wednesday dropped two bombs at Bethune, France, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail in Northern France. The first failed to explode, but the second, which fell among market women, killed nineteen of them and injured forty others.

Two bombs were also dropped at Dunkirk on the same day from a Taube machine, 9,000 feet up in the air. A woman and child were killed and all the windows in the neighborhood were smashed. The women of the town are terrified.

### ALL GOES WELL WITH RUSSIANS

#### General Trend of Operations Increasingly Favorable

#### ENEMY, THOUGH, ENERGETIC

#### Reinforcements For Germans Expected—Bulgarian General Has Given a Historic Sentence to War Literature

Petrograd (via London, Oct. 30.—General Maslof, military critic of the Novorossk, in summing the war situation in the east says:—

"Generally speaking the trend of the Russian military operations is becoming increasingly favorable. The battles raging along the front are unprecedented in bravery and stubbornness. Not only the Germans but the Austrians, despite their recent and again attempt to resume the offensive. At present, however, the Russians largely retain the initiative."

The Army Messenger announces that the Russian commander-in-chief has sanctioned the formation of Polish legions under Polish commanders. The legions are furnishing their own uniforms, but the Russian government will provide the arms, ammunition and commissariat. Proclamations have been put in all Polish towns and villages, exhorting the people to join the legions and expel the enemy.

London, Oct. 30.—A Times despatch from Bucharest Rumania dated Wednesday, says that the Russians, after beating the Austrians at Bojona, have re-occupied Cernowits, capital of the province of Bukovina.

London, Oct. 30.—A Petrograd special to Reuters says:—"In the recent fighting near Przemysl two generals reported to their commander, a Bulgarian general, Radko Dimitreff, who is leading the Russian army investing Przemysl, that they were unable to hold out owing to the overwhelming numbers of the enemy. General Dimitreff replied with an aphorism which will doubtless become historic. He said: "Don't count the enemy. Beat him."

#### Director of War Resigns

Washington, Oct. 30.—George E. Roberts, of Fort Dodge, Iowa, director of the mint has resigned.

### GERMAN MINES DESTROY TWO MORE VESSELS

#### Trawler and Fishing Boat Sunk Off English Coast

#### WHALE ALSO IS KILLED

#### North Sea Now Like Great Powder Magazine—Germans in Motor Boats Patrol Part of Coast That They Occupy

Grimsby, England, Oct. 30.—The trawler *Rosella* struck a mine on the east coast yesterday afternoon, and was sunk. Her captain and chief mate are missing. Eight survivors have been landed at Shields.

The Ramage fishing boat *Ourton* struck a mine on Wednesday and went down immediately. A sister boat cruised about in the vicinity for several hours in a vain search for the fishing boat's crew of three men.

A whale killed by a mine drifted ashore at Margate today.

London, Oct. 30.—A despatch from Flushing, Holland, to the Daily News, says:—

"An examination of the map of the North Sea, with known mine areas marked, makes one wonder that any mariner dares sail. The Germans, English and Dutch all have been active in mine laying during the last few weeks and the sea is a veritable powder magazine."

"The Germans are sending out motor boats to patrol the coast which they occupy. These patrol boats are also sowing mines wherever they are likely to be useful. The motor boats were brought overland from the Baltic."

#### Close the North Sea

London, Oct. 30.—The newspapers continue to urge upon the admiralty the desirability of the entire closing of the North Sea to prevent the alleged action of the Germans in sending out mine layers in the guise of peaceful, neutral trading vessels. The Times says:—

"We refer again to the disgusting discovery of mines on the main route between Liverpool and America. There is an increasing conviction that this danger will continue to grow and that the only remedy is the closing of the North Sea to neutral maritime traffic."

"The flags of neutrals have been persistently abused and we can take no risks with the fortunes of the empire and the race at stake."

#### MODIFICATION OF THE DECLARATION OF LONDON

London, Oct. 30.—The Official Gazette today publishes the modifications in the Declaration of London, adopted by the government. The principal changes are that a neutral vessel with papers indicating that she is bound for a neutral destination, and which proceeds to an enemy's port, is liable to capture and condemnation on her return journey. Conditional contraband consigned to a neutral port will, in future, be liable to seizure where the ultimate destination is plainly the enemy.

### Gallant Action By Gurkhas

#### Britain's Indian Troops Blow Up German Ammunition Park

London, Oct. 30.—The Daily Mail correspondent in Paris describes how the Gurkhas (native Indian troops) blew up a German ammunition park, thus causing some of the German coast batteries to move to the rear. He says:—

"All the efforts of the allies' artillery against these batteries had been unavailing and the Germans were causing severe losses when the air scouts located the ammunition stores seven miles behind the German lines."

"At night the Gurkha detachment embarked on gunboats which proceeded to the mouth of the Yser and after a long silent march, the Gurkhas reached the German stores guarded by six sentries."

"Six silent figures moved toward them, each carrying a long knife. Then a sound, like the croaking of a frog was heard, and the six sentries disappeared."

"Soon afterward the general staff of the allies saw a great flash of light on the horizon, and heard a great explosion, followed by countless others, as the shells and shrapnel in their cases, exploded in all directions. The Gurkhas returned safely to the gunboats."