

ALLIES ADMIT LOSS AND REPORT GAINS

Local Successes Are Scored by Both Sides on Franco-Belgian Front.

SHARP FIGHTING CONTINUES

Mines Are Used to Clear Ways for Charges by Infantry, While Violent Artillery Duel Is Kept Up at One Point.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Local gains on the Franco-Belgian front by both the Germans and the allies are described in tonight's official communications from Berlin and Paris.

The loss of positions in the Argonne at Bagatel is admitted by the French War Office, which also reports the capture of a wood north of Meantilles-Hurlus.

The report of the French War Office follows: "On the night of February 6-7 the enemy exploded three series of mines at La Boiselle in front of houses in the villages which we occupied. Two companies of the 5th regiment were sent against our positions, but were not able to get beyond the excavations formed by the explosions.

French Counter Attack Wins. A counter attack executed by one of our companies on February 7 drove the enemy from the excavations, which we immediately occupied. The Germans left 200 dead on the ground.

To the north of Meantilles-Hurlus, on the night of February 7-8, we captured a wood where the enemy had been solidly established.

In the Argonne the action of the infantry engaged at Bagatel which continued throughout the night of February 7-8. The Germans, after having made some progress, were able to occupy at daybreak of the 8th only particular parts of our advanced line, around which the struggle continued during the day.

Artillery Duel Is Violent.

An official report issued earlier today by the Paris office says: "From the sea to the Oise—There was an artillery duel yesterday of considerable violence in the vicinity of Cunchy, west of La Bassee.

Southwest of Carency we were successful in a surprise attack on a German trench, which had been blown up by one of our mines. The defenders of this position were either killed or taken prisoners.

On the Aisne front and in Champagne, yesterday saw an intermittent bombardment. The accuracy of our artillery fire was evidenced at several places. West of Hill 191, north of Maastree, our heavy guns checked and attempted attack on the part of the enemy.

The German War Department's official statement this afternoon, wireless here, said: "The fight for our positions south of the canal and southwest of La Bassee continues. The defenders of the trench taken by the enemy has been recaptured.

In the Argonne, we wrested from our opponent a portion of their fortified positions. Otherwise there has been no change of importance in this region."

BULGARIA PROFITS BY WAR

Closing of Dardanelles Sends Vast Trade to Dedeagatch.

DEDEAGATCH, Bulgaria, Jan. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Since the closing of the Dardanelles this port has been almost choked with import and export trade. With Genoa it is sharing the advantage of being a neutral port available for the accommodation of Southern Europe. The docks are loaded constantly, and a dozen or more steamers are usually anchored in the roadstead awaiting docking facilities, which were not planned for a trade like the present unprecedented one. Thousands of passengers have passed through here who never before related it and enormous quantities of merchandise are in transit to and from Russia, Rumania and other Balkan states.

If the port had adequate facilities for handling the traffic that would gladly be dispatched through here the Bulgarian Government would have received a vastly larger revenue than the considerable one now coming to it. In this respect Constantinople's loss is Dedeagatch's gain.

ROUMANIANS STOP INVADER

Austrians Reported to Have Violated Neutrality.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Austrian troops have violated the Roumanian frontier near Turn Severin, the Journal is informed in a dispatch from its Sibiu correspondent. The Austrians are reported to have fired on frontier guards who attempted to oppose their passage and a furious fight followed.

Strong reinforcements came to the help of the Roumanians, and after a three-hour struggle the Austrians are reported to have been driven back across the line, with a large number of wounded.

If the Austrians had captured Turn Severin, the correspondents say, they would have had complete command of the Danube, the only place in Serbia on the Danube permitting communication with Roumania.

The incident, which occurred several days ago, has not been followed up by either side, the Journal reports says.

NEUTRALS ORDERED TO GO

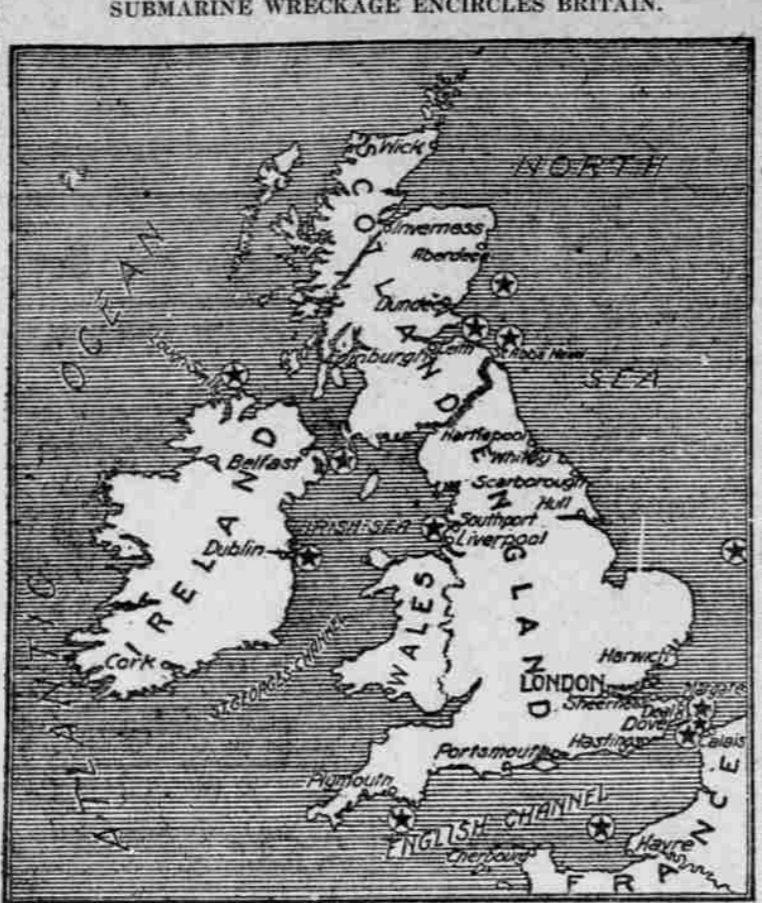
Germans Don't Want Italians and Swiss in Alsace.

BERNE, Switzerland, Feb. 8, via Paris.—The German government has decreed the expulsion of neutrals from the province of Alsace. The order strikes principally at Italians and Swiss, in this region there are only a few Americans, they being for the most part manufacturers.

The number of persons of Swiss nationality in Alsace is estimated at between 400 and 500. The Swiss government, however, has received assurances that many exceptions will be granted.

Lieutenant Governor of Quebec Dies. QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—Sir Francis Langeheine, Lieutenant Governor of Quebec, died today at his official residence, Spencer Wood. He had been ill for several months. Sir Francis was 77 years old. He was ex-Mayor of the City of Quebec and had been a member of the Dominion Parliament.

SUBMARINE WRECKAGE ENCIRCLES BRITAIN.



Germany's undersea "Emdens" have left a trail of wreckage which almost encircles the British Isles. The places where they have sunk British ships are marked with a star and there seem to be few ports which are safe from attack. Pathfinder—Sunk by U-21 off St. Ab's Head, Scotland, September 5. Cressy, Aboukir and Hogue—Sunk by U-3 "in the North Sea," September 22. Hawke—Sunk "in the northern waters of the North Sea," October 16. Reported by two submarines in the Firth of Forth, December 9. Torpedo submarine Neger—Sunk in the Downs, off Deal, two miles off shore, November 11. German submarine reported sunk off Dover, November 13. Audacious—Sunk off the north coast of Ireland, October 27. Reported by two submarines in the Firth of Forth, December 9. Submarine flotilla tried to enter Dover on December 10, driven away by fire. Formidable—Sunk off Plymouth, January 1. Ben Crucachan, in Irish Sea, January 30. Linde, in Irish Sea, January 20. Kilkonan, in Irish Sea, January 30. Tokomaru, off Havre, January 30. Ikaria, off Havre, January 30.

WORLD POLICE AIM

American Pacifist Idea Advocated by Earl Grey.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Earl Grey, Foreign Secretary, presiding at a meeting held today to advocate an agreement among the nations for the enforcement of international law, said that the present conflict probably never would have taken place had the policy of American pacifists, that the signatory nations to the Hague convention should undertake collective responsibility for the enforcement, been adopted.

BELGIAN TAX IS PROTESTED

Complaint to Washington Charges Confiscation by Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Belgian legation issued a statement today denouncing a tax imposed by Germany on Belgian refugees who do not return to the country by March 1 as a confiscation in violation of the Hague convention. The statement was issued by the Belgian minister in Washington, who called at the State Department. It follows: "A great number of Belgians, amounting to nearly 1,000,000, fled from their country, to save their lives and safeguard their honor, after the burning of many houses, the slaughter of many harmless citizens and the devastation of the country committed by the German troops.

"Now the German government imposes a tax equal to 10 times the usual Belgian excise, made on December 1, 1914, the formal promise that no further taxes would be imposed on the country.

"The new taxation laid on the absent Belgians therefore is not only a violation of the Hague convention, but constitutes the breach of a most solemn pledge and amounts to a real confiscation."

ARMY SUPPLIES VARIED

BRITISH ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT EFFICIENCY IS PRAISED.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—An "eye witness" at the British general army headquarters in France pays a tribute in an article given out today by the official press bureau to the excellent work of the army supply departments, mentioning particularly that of the ordnance department which supplies all clothing, equipment, tools and machinery, as well as arms and ammunition.

The ordnance department is a military universal provider, says the writer. "It is difficult to say which is the most striking—the actual mass of material handled or the bewildering variety of articles stocked.

"The vastness of the work of maintaining a modern army may be gauged by the fact that during the past month the supplies furnished included 459 miles of telephons wire, 330,000 hand bags, and 10,000 pounds of shoe blacking, while in ten days the ordnance department supplied 120,000 for waist-coats, and 200,000 flannel belts. The

CHANGES BROUGHT ABOUT BY SIX MONTHS OF WAR TOLD IN FIGURES.

Among the changes that have been brought about by the six months of the war is the condition by virtue of which the allies now occupy 32,554 square miles of German and Austrian territory and the Germans and Austrians occupy 30,261 square miles of territory taken from the nearest approximation of the territory now held by the belligerents, based on lines drawn from the best official report, follows:

Table with columns: Territory Held by the Allies (Miles), Territory Held by Germans and Austrians (Miles). Rows include Country, In Alsace and Lorraine, In East Prussia, In Galicia (Austria), In Bukovina (Austria), Total.

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BAYONETS USED BY RUSSIAN CAVALRY

Germans Are Dislodged in Two Villages in Poland, Reports Petrograd.

ARTILLERY SCATTERS FOE

Successes Over Teuton Forces Are Declared to Have Been Won in East Prussia, Poland and in Carpathian Mountains.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Hard fighting continues in the Carpathians, with successes of considerable importance for the Russian troops, according to an official communication received from Petrograd. A pursuit of the Austrians after their resistance had been broken at three fortified positions near Mezolaboroz is said to have resulted in the capture of more than 200 prisoners. The capture of additional troops after a retreat north of Usok pass also is recorded, while it is stated Austrian attacks were repulsed at other mountain passes.

Minor Russian victories are reported in East Prussia and Northern Poland. The text of the communication follows: "On the right bank of the Vistula some skirmishes favorable to us have taken place.

Our cavalry at 3 o'clock in the morning dislodged by bayonet attacks the Germans from the village of Podganie and Prondystary, capturing a quantity of arms, ammunition and wire. An important encounter took place on the road from Steyer to Ruppel where we delivered a successful night attack in the vicinity of the village of Urzulewo.

On the left bank of the Vistula, on the Bura and Hawka rivers, cannonading continued on February 5, but neither adversary undertook active operations. In the region of the village of Kamitany began an offensive in which we made some little progress, in spite of an obstinate resistance by the enemy.

Our artillery successfully bombarded a column of Germans who were retreating in the direction of Bolnow from Zemlyni. The infantry was compelled to flee, abandoning their artillery on the highway.

TENTIONS IN MOUNTAIN BEATEN.

"In the Carpathians our fighting continues. Our troops broke down the enemy's resistance at three fortified positions near Mezolaboroz, and pursued the retreating enemy several versts. On the 2nd of February our troops captured the commandant of the Third Honved, 47 officers and 2516 men.

"North of Usok Pass, near the Latowisko, the enemy was routed and retreat. Our troops occupied his trenches, taking three machine guns and many prisoners.

The attacks of the enemy who crossed the Toubolka and Beskid Passes on February 5, were repulsed with heavy losses for the enemy, who was forced into a precipitous retreat. Our destroyers have bombarded Choppo. The cruiser Breslau, which has arrived at Return, fired 30 shots without result at our destroyers maneuvering in those waters. After two shots from the fortress the Breslau steamed away."

The Vienna official report said today that the Austrians had captured Poland and Galicia remained unchanged. It follows: "Our heavy artillery has successfully bombarded the retreating enemy and has also made good practice against the Russian troops.

"In the Carpathians yesterday there was a heavy battle between our troops and the enemy. Our troops captured 400 prisoners."

RIGHTS WILL BE DEFENDED

(Continued From First Page.) Representative Cline, of the House foreign affairs committee, also discussed the subject with Mr. Bryan, but declined to talk of their visit afterwards.

It was apparent on all sides here that the German military and the Lusitania incident had introduced a delicate situation, touching more closely perhaps the position of neutrals than any other occurrence of the war. Among naval officials it was pointed out that the threats of the German proclamation against enemy merchantmen foundered in the water, and that by submarines would entail considerable danger to the submarines themselves, especially if they attempted to follow previously recognized rules of war in boarding a merchant ship and taking off its passengers before destroying the vessel.

PARIS GREET'S GARIBALDI

Standing of Italian Volunteers in Allies Armies to Be Discussed.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—General Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian patriot, arrived in Paris yesterday, accompanied by his wife. They were greeted at the station by their four sons and also by General Galopin, the commandant of the military division of Paris, and other officials.

General Garibaldi, who walked with crutches, was deeply touched by the enthusiastic demonstration with the large crowd that gathered. He thanked them for their sympathy and later went to Elysee Palace to confer with President Poincaré.

It is understood that General Garibaldi is to consult with the British authorities regarding the standing of Italian volunteers in the armies of the allies.

SWEDEN SWEEPING MINES.

STOCKHOLM, Jan. 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—A flotilla of Swedish torpedo-boats and mine-sweepers has been sent from Stockholm to clear mines from Swedish waters. All traffic from Stockholm to Gotland has been suspended in consequence of the mine danger.

BRITISH CASUALTIES TOLD 104,000.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—Premier Asquith, speaking in the House of Commons today, said that British casualties in all ranks in the arena of the war, from the beginning of hostilities to February 4, amounted to approximately 104,000 men. This includes killed, wounded and missing.

The State Department issued today a denial of reports that Ambassador Page had telegraphed to the British government, after having secured the owner of the cargo of the Wilhelmine, would seize all cargoes of foodstuffs destined to Germany without making compensation therefor.

The general understanding in executive quarters is that the British government still intends to seize all cargoes of foodstuffs destined to Germany, though whether there will be compensation is not known.

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Advertisement for German Steamer Moves. Vessel Merely Shifts Positions While Britain Awaits Outside New York.

Advertisement for Unions Lose in City Work. California Supreme Court Invalidates Supervisors' Stand.

Advertisement for Germany Admits Individual's Rights. BERLIN, Feb. 8.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—The Supreme Court of the German Empire, in deciding a patent lawsuit against a Frenchman residing in Paris, declared that Germany was at war with states and their armed forces, not with private citizens; therefore, the private rights of foreigners could be abrogated only by a special law. The German law, the court said, did not recognize the doctrine that war must be conducted by damaging private property.

Advertisement for \$10,000 Is Asked for Windbreaks. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Feb. 8.—Senator Chamberlain has been requested by the Oregon Development League to secure an appropriation of \$10,000 for planting trees for windbreaks on the West Umpqua extension. It is claimed by the

Advertisement for Chat No. 7. Every time I have read one of Charles E. Van Loan's baseball stories in the Saturday Evening Post I have said: "Why don't they get that chap writing scenarios for motion pictures?"

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