

2000 ENGAGE IN HAND-TO-HAND FIGHT

Eleven Thousand Are Killed or Wounded With Rifle Butts in Carpathians.

CZAR GAINS AT PRZASNYSZ

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LONDON, Feb. 26.—Hand-to-hand fighting in which 200,000 men have been engaged has been going on several days in the Carpathian Mountains, according to a dispatch received here from Geneva.

The Russian official communication follows: "According to supplementary information our successes in the Przasnysz region (Northern Russian Poland) during February 25 and the night of February 26 were extremely important."

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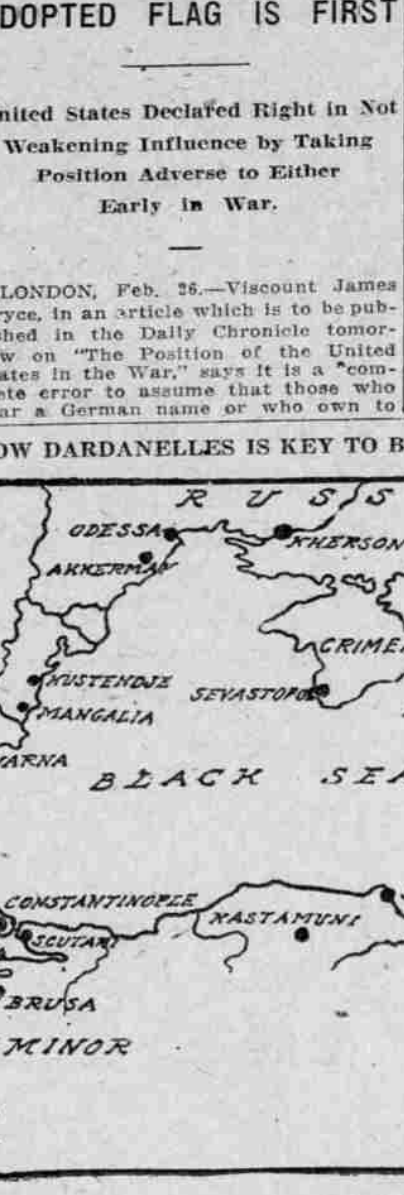
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MAP SHOWING HOW DARDANELLES IS KEY TO BLACK SEA

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work on the trenches captured by the Germans at one point. Observers could see the enemy's shells falling and bursting in the trenches and hurling the defenders into the air.

'HARMLESS' DISEASES KILL

Pennsylvania Records Show Many Children Die From Cough.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Feb. 21.—Pennsylvania's unusual excess of births over deaths, which prevailed during most of the months of 1914, continued during November, according to figures issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the State Department of Health.

The total number of deaths that month was 8856 and the total number of births was 18,812, considerably more than 100 per cent in excess of the deaths. The figures do not include still births, which totaled 778, a low figure. The favorable showing was due to a high number of births rather than to a low number of deaths, for the death total was little, if any, below the usual number.

Parents will be interested to know that the so-called "harmless" diseases of childhood carried away dozens of children. Thirty-six died from measles, 48 from whooping cough. There were also 264 deaths from the more dreaded disease, diphtheria.

JAMES JEFFREYS DEAD

Pioneer of Welser Valley Passes at Nearly 80 Years of Age.

WEISER, Idaho, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—James Jeffreys, one of the best-known pioneers of Southwestern Idaho and Eastern Oregon, died at the Welser General Hospital last night after a brief illness from general debility.

"Uncle Jimmy," as he was more generally known, has resided in this valley since boyhood and was nearly 80 years of age. Mr. Jeffreys was born in Independence, Mo., and is survived by a number of relatives in Idaho and Oregon.

MERCHANTMEN DESTROYED FROM AUGUST 1, 1914, TO DATE IN WAR OPERATIONS.

Table with columns for Gross Tonnage, Sunk by, and various ship names and dates.

CHARGE OF AIDING GERMANS PROBED

Federal Grand Jury Takes Up Cases of Four Steamships Used as Auxiliaries.

AGREEMENT IS PRODUCED

Director of Hamburg-American Said to Have Arranged for Supplies for Cruisers Operating in Atlantic Ocean.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Investigation of alleged violations of customs laws and of American neutrality was begun today by the Federal grand jury in the cases of the steamships Lorenzo, Berwind, Fram and Sommerstad, which is alleged, carried supplies from American ports to German men-of-war in the Atlantic during the war.

It is understood that the grand jury investigation is the outcome of a complaint made by the American consul at Hamburg, American line by Sir Courtney Bennett, British Consul-General and Fram as auxiliaries to the German navy.

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CANADA LETTING GOLD GO. Total of \$8,500,000 Transferred Across Border in Few Weeks. NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—Announcement today of another gold importation from Canada of \$2,250,000—making a total of about \$10,000,000—received from the border in the last few weeks—directed renewed attention to the abnormal conditions now existing in all the markets for foreign exchange. The gold thus far received from Canada has been taken from the vast sum sent to Ottawa by American banks in the early stages of the war and placed to the credit of the Bank of England. That institution showed a loss of \$2,200,000 in its last weekly statement and its holdings of the metal which it had received from Canada since they were three months ago. Virtually all the gold imported from Canada has been taken by one of the leading banks of the Bank of France, close relations with the Bank of France.