

CONSTANTINOPLE IN DANGER ONE TIME

Allies Nearly Through Dardanelles in Memorable Attack of March 19.

BATTERIES ARE DENIED

Return by Enemy Fleet Following Day Expected to End Resistance and Preparation Made by Officials for Evacuation.

VIENNA, Nov. 20.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Had the allied fleet returned to its attack upon the Dardanelles batteries on the day after the great bombardment of March 19 last, the way to Constantinople would have been surely forced, in the opinion of a number of the artillery officers of the defense works near Tchaush-Kio, and expressed thus by the Associated Press correspondent, who had just come from the Dardanelles front to Vienna.

Case Looks Hopeless. During the evening of March 18 the Associated Press correspondent talked to several artillery officers from the battery in question.

"Better pack up and be ready to quit at daybreak," said one of them. "We are sure to get in tomorrow."

"The officer stated his reasons. He was sure that the British and French would return in the morning to finish their task that there was no question in his mind as to the propriety of discussing the ammunition matter."

"We'll hold out well enough to make them think that there is no end to our supply of shells and that we are not to be done if they go about their work in real earnest. With our heavy pieces useless, they can reduce the batteries on the other shore without trouble. The case looks hopeless. You had better take my advice."

Following the instructions thus given, the correspondent early next morning packed his few belongings, keeping meanwhile a watchful eye on the tower of the Sultan's mosque, where the flag showing that the allied fleet was nearby usually hoisted. But the morning hours passed and still the danger signal did not appear.

Eleven Ships Available. The allied fleet evidently was not inclined to risk more such losses as those of the previous day when the Bouvet, Irresistible and Ocean went down and five other ships were badly damaged, and yet even with only the 11 remaining ships it appears from the Turkish admissions that the Dardanelles could have been forced by the allies.

Inuring the day the correspondent visited several of the batteries. The damage done on the day before was slight, indicating that the allies had made large earth displacements from the parapets and traverses. Four guns were temporarily out of commission, but the general shortage of ammunition made the pieces negligible quantities, anyway.

Although the British information system in this field of operations was efficient, it must have failed in this instance, for it seems certain that with 17 shells the battery in question would have been easily disposed of, a channel could then have been made through the mine field and the way to Constantinople would have been open.

This was realized in the Turkish capital. The commandants of the Dardanelles transfer to Eskişehir, Anatolia, and the German and Austro-Hungarian embassies also were ready to go to this ancient seat of the Ottoman government. Many of the families of the German officers in the Turkish service left Constantinople. In short, everybody understood that a calamity was impending. What its exact nature was but a few knew.

Today the Dardanelles forts have all the ammunition they can use and the position generally has been so improved and strengthened that it is considered probable that to force the straits would take more ships than the allies have.

LOSSES IN SERBIA LIGHT

British Casualties Include Only One Officer and 85 Men Killed.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The total of British casualties resulting from the submarine expedition into Serbia was only 127.

These figures were given in the House of Commons this afternoon by the Secretary of War, Mr. Tennant, who said that only one officer and 85 men of other ranks had been killed.

PIPES.

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Socialists Vote to Continue War.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—The Socialists of Paris and of this district met in private session yesterday and, it is reported, voted almost unanimously that France should continue the war as long as the defeat of imperialism in Germany were effective, as the resolution put it, and peace more durable.

Cuban Murderer Fardoned.

HAVANA, Dec. 20.—Eugenio Arias, a former member of the House of Representatives, who was convicted of shooting and killing Chief of Police General Riva in 1912 and sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, has been released on parole by President Menocal.

Rio Grande Names Sweet Manager.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Arthur E. Sweet has been elected vice-president and general manager in charge of operating at a special meeting of the Denver Rio Grande Railroad directors in this city today.

Supreme Court Takes Recess.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Supreme Court recessed today until January 3.

QUEEN OF BELGIUM REVIEWS TROOPS IN WHICH HER SON IS ENLISTED AS A PRIVATE.



Regardless of the German air raids in the vicinity of the hospitals behind the Belgian front, the Queen of Belgium keeps on her work of visiting the wounded. The photograph shows the Queen with Prince Alexander of Teck at a review of the regiment in which Crown Prince Leopold, the son of the Queen, is enlisted as a private.

U. S. SHIP STOPPED

French Remove American Purser From Borinquen.

SHOT FIRED ACROSS BOW

Man Taken From Vessel Is of German Birth, but Has First Papers as Citizen of United States.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—

William Garbe, of Brooklyn, purser of the American steamship Borinquen, was removed from the vessel off the harbor of San Juan, Porto Rico, by officers of the French cruiser Descaartes, according to the Borinquen skipper.

The ship arrived here today. According to Captain Dow, of the Borinquen, the incident took place about 1 A. M. December 19, while his ship was five miles outside San Juan harbor. After officers from the Descaartes had come aboard they sent a boat alongside and directed Purser Garbe to get in. To stop the Borinquen the Descaartes threw her searchlight on her, then fired a blank shot across her bow.

It was said, was a German, but had taken out his first citizenship papers some time ago. He had been employed by the line about three years.

WASHINGTON WILL PROTEST

Removal of Purser From American Ship Regarded as Outrage.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States is awaiting a reply from the French government to the vigorous protest recently lodged against the action of the commander of the cruiser Descaartes in stopping three steamers of the New York, Porto Rican Line and taking off Germans and Austrians.

As soon as the State Department is officially advised of the latest instance of what it holds to be the flagrant violation of the protection of the American flag involved in the removal of Wilhelm Garbe from the Steamer Borinquen by the same French commander, supplementary representations probably will be made to France with the intimation that an immediate cessation of such acts is expected.

Regardless of the fact that Garbe had taken out his preliminary papers of naturalization, which under United States laws entitles him to the same protection as an American citizen, France has been informed that the United States does not concede the right of a belligerent to remove from an American ship on the high seas any passenger or sailor, no matter what his nationality or citizenship.

Monday's War Moves

THE announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news last night. For the British public the abrupt War Office statement marks the end of one of the great chapters of the war's history.

The shock of the news was hardly broken in London by the fact that rumors had been current in the street for some days, and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread pro and con discussion ever since Lord Haldane's famous speech in Parliament in which he declared that withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

A popular halfpenny London paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows: "Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops from the first to the last were within a few miles of victory."

The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some other quarter of the Near East, but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous straits is apparently relinquished.

British troops continue to occupy the tip of the peninsula at Sedid Bahr, commanding the entrance to the straits where many British have declared a new Gibraltar will some day arise. The position there is protected by a double line of ships, and it is assumed this will be held. A fair degree of quiet

ADVANCE IS HALTED

Bulgars Stop on Greek Frontier and Observe Neutrality.

SERBIAN ARMY SCATTERED

King Constantine Said to Realize That Movement by Central Powers to Greek Soil May Yet Be Necessary.

SOFTIA, via London, Dec. 20.—

The Echo de Bulgaria announced that the Bulgarian troops have been halted on the Greek frontier for the present to avoid embarrassing the Greek government, while the allied troops are gradually massing around Saloniki. It declares, however, that it may become necessary for the Germans and Bulgarian armies to invade Greece in pursuit.

The paper says that King Constantine recognizes that the central powers may be forced by military expediency to attempt to expel the allies, and has cautioned the allies that they cannot expect that Bulgaria's respect for Greek neutrality will last forever.

The remainder of the Serbian army is said to consist of 50,000 men, of whom 30,000, in scattered bands, are making their way through Albania, while 20,000 probably have effected a junction with the Montenegrins and are still fighting.

The Serbian troops, in their flight, are reported to have lost everything except six batteries of mountain artillery. Thousands of soldiers and civilian fugitives have starved to death, and the condition of the Montenegrin civil population is said to be desperate, because the people are largely dependent for food on the sea, which is guarded by Austrian submarines.

The conquerors of Serbia captured railroad rolling stock worth millions, which the Serbians did not have time to destroy before retreating.

GREEK TROOPS ARE ACTIVE

Force Takes Strong Position Between Allies and Bulgars.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Athens, coming by way of Messina, reports that the Greek troops have occupied Dorian station and town, thus interposing themselves between the entente allies' line and the Bulgarians.

TURKS KEPT IGNORANT

(Continued From First Page.) "Why don't our men advance?" and thought the troops were lying down awaiting orders. The soldiers found barbed-wire entanglements stretching clear out under the water when they jumped from their small boats. To add to their sufferings the supply of drinking water was very short.

Robert Blatchford, the author, in a newspaper article yesterday asserted: "Many of these men died of thirst. There was no ice for the wounded. There was no place ashore, except in groups under the hillsides, where the men were ever safe from the enemy's shellfire, night or day. Numbers were sent to Malta and England suffering from dysentery or nervous collapse."

General in Charge Removed. John Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, said in a speech in the House of Commons that the suffering of the Irish troops on the Gallipoli were the worst known in the present war.

An official announcement was made recently that the general responsible for the Serbia Bay operations had been removed from his command, but his identity is not yet known to the British public. General Sir Charles C. Munro reported in favor of withdrawing the troops when he took command

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PROTEST SENT BRITAIN

EXPLANATION OF HALTING OF PARCEL POST ASKED.

United States Takes Action on Swedish Complaint—Abuse by German Agents is Charged.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against interference with parcel post shipments between this country and Sweden, Secretary Lansing announced today.

Mr. Lansing said that the Swedish minister had complained to the State Department that parcel post shipments had been held up by British warships on the high seas.

Beside filing a protest, the State Department has asked Great Britain for an explanation.

Postal conventions provide that shipments shall be made by vessels sailing direct from an American port to a German or Austrian port and vice versa. Since the Netherlands government declined to continue the special arrangement by which parcel post to Germany was transported through Holland, the department has endeavored to arrange for forwarding packages through Sweden and Denmark.

The allied governments have charged abuses of foreign mails by German agencies in the United States by sending rubber and other contraband.

MASSACRE IS REPORTED

Armenians Said to Have Been Slaughtered by Bulgarians.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—A dispatch to the Times reports that all Armenians in Adrianople had either been massacred or deported by the Bulgarians, 1500 being deported to Asia-Minor. Women and children were detained two days in prison before their removal, says the dispatch and were subjected to brutal treatment by their captors. Many were placed on sailing vessels bound for Asia Minor. Two of these vessels foundered on Rodosto and a majority of the sailors on board were drowned. Continuing, the dispatch says: "A memorial presented to the Bulgarian government invoking interference on behalf of the persecuted Armenians gives a frightful picture of their sufferings in Asia Minor at the hands of the Turkish authorities. The document furnished a list of 29 districts in which the Armenian population, consisting of between 200,000 and 300,000 persons either were killed, or forcibly converted to the Islam religion."

AGED BRITISH ALLIES DEAD.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—The death is announced of Mrs. E. H. Brooke, 81, an actress long associated with Toole and Irving.

To Cure A Cold in One Day.

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at the Dardanelles, but the popular belief, shared by military men here, was that thousands of soldiers could not be taken aboard the transports and effect complete withdrawal from their trenches without calamitous loss of life. The achievement must have been a difficult one and the country is relieved that it has been done without disaster.

Parliament Extended Eight Months. LONDON, Dec. 20.—The House of Commons today accepted by a vote of 158 to 23 a suggestion from Premier Asquith that as a compromise the present

Parliament be extended eight months instead of a year as previously proposed.

American Decorated in Paris. PARIS, Dec. 20.—Russell Greeley, of Boston, director of the American distributing service of Paris, recently injured in a motorcar accident, and who is now convalescent, was formally presented yesterday with the decoration of the Cross of the Legion of Honor.

Monmouth Vacation Is On. MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Oregon Normal School closed for the Christmas holidays Friday. Many students left for their homes to pass the two weeks' vacation. A special train carrying about 1000 went to Portland. A special train was first chartered for Friday night, but President Ackerman forbade the students leaving at that time, so that arrangements were made for the morning train.

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