



BRITISH SINK TWO TURKISH CRUISERS

Ex-German Goeben and Breslau Destroyed.

ENGLISH LOSE TWO MONITORS

Naval Action Takes Place at Dardanelles' Entrance.

BEACHED WARSHIP BOMBED

At Outbreak of War Cruisers Get Fame by Battling With and Eluding Pursuing Fleets—Raids in Black Sea Frequent.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—In a naval action today between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the Turkish cruiser Midilli, formerly the German Breslau, was sunk and the Sultan Yavuz Selim, formerly the German Goeben, was beached. The announcement was made by the Admiralty tonight.

The official statement says: "The Goeben and Breslau, Turkish names Sultan Selim and Midilli, with destroyers were in action with the British forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles this (Sunday) morning. The Breslau was sunk. The Goeben escaped, but has been beached, evidently badly damaged, at Nagara Point in the narrows of the straits.

Aircraft Finish Boat.

"The Goeben now is being attacked by naval aircraft.

"Our losses reported are the monitor Raglan and a small monitor, the M-23. The monitor Raglan, reported lost in the action at the entrance to the Dardanelles was commanded by Viscount Broom, nephew of the late Earl Kitchener. Viscount Broom was chief beneficiary under the will of his uncle and was heir to the title of Earl Kitchener of Khartoum. Nothing has been reported concerning the viscount's fate.

Destruction of the two former German cruisers by the British marks the end of two warships which from the beginning of the war in August, 1914, have been proverbial "thorns in the flesh" of the entente allied nations.

Protect Is Made by British.

The Goeben and Breslau were purchased by the Turkish government from Germany, August 14, 1914, for what at the time was said to have been \$25,000,000, after they had fled through a cordon of British and French warships in the Mediterranean Sea, through the Dardanelles and to Constantinople.

After the cruisers' arrival in Constantinople the British government protested against the German warships' being accorded refuge. Turkey promised that they would be interned and placed out of commission until the end of the war. Later, however, their purchase by Turkey was announced.

Vessels Are Reexamined.

The Turks reexamined the two ships Midilli and Sultan Yavuz Selim, and in response to the demands of the entente allies gave assurances that the German crews of the vessels had been removed and patriated. It was later ascertained, when Turkey formally entered the war on the side of the central powers, that most of the German sailors had in actuality never left the ships, and ever since the two craft have been manned for the most part by German sailors.

At the outbreak of the war the Goeben and Breslau were cruising off the Algerian coast with the German cruiser Panther. On August 4, the three craft were reported to have bombarded the Algerian port of Bona, a French holding. The following day a combined fleet of British and French warships, consisting mostly of torpedo-boats, swept down upon the Teuton craft and in an engagement in which several hundred shots were fired, the Panther was sent to the bottom.

Ships Encourage Turks.

Owing to their great speed—25 and 29 knots, respectively—the Goeben and Breslau eluded the pursuing warships and reached the Dardanelles entrance safely, after stopping briefly at a Grecian port for supplies and information of the enemy warships, which were obtained through aid of spies which Germany at that time had scattered thickly through all countries along the Mediterranean.

That the turning over of the two German warships to Turkey by Germany exerted a powerful influence in swinging the Ottoman empire onto the side of the central powers is now regarded as certain.

Frequent reports have been received of the activity of the warships in the Black Sea, bombarding enemy land positions and engaging or being engaged by ships of the Russian Black Sea fleet. Although the Turkish and German war statements frequently announced victories for the rechristened Germans, the Russian admiralty on numerous occasions told of how Russian warships had sent them scurrying from the Black Sea into the Bosphorus, damaged, on fire and showing the wounds the Russian shells had given them.

Shortly afterwards, however, the Midilli and her sister ship again would appear, and the game of hide

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100,000 AUSTRIANS STRIKE FOR PEACE

WORKERS IN VIENNA AND NEUSTADT WAR PLANTS QUIT.

Protestants Openly Anti-German, and Hostility Is Voiced Toward Berlin for Forcing War.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—A general strike is on throughout Austria, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Paris today, which reports 100,000 men quitting work in Vienna and Neustadt, closing down all the war factories.

The strikers are described as openly anti-German and the movement as both political and economic and especially aimed at obtaining peace.

Public demonstrations, it is added, have been held in many places, at which hostility was voiced toward Berlin for trying to force the Austrians to continue the war.

METHODISTS ARE MAJORITY

Religious Census at Camp Cody Is Taken for Church Guidance.

DEMING, N. M., Jan. 20.—Methodists are in the majority among the soldiers at Camp Cody here, according to religious census just made for the guidance of churches in planning religious work and made public today. Five thousand, five hundred forty-two registered as Methodists. Catholics were second, with 5130. They, with Lutherans, Presbyterians, Baptists and members of the Christian Church make up 82 per cent.

Eighty-one religious denominations are represented.

GERMANY IN FLOOD GRIP

Rivers Overflow and Inundate Villages and Cologne Is Threatened.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 20.—Serious floods are occurring in Germany owing to the heavy snowfall. The river Fulda has overflowed its banks and Cassel is half under water. In Hesse several villages are submerged. The Rhine is threatening Cologne. The cellars of all the houses near the river have been hurriedly emptied in order to save foodstuffs from destruction. Hanover also is seriously threatened.

The Berlin tram service has been stopped by the snow, which has been found impossible to remove owing to the lack of laborers.

MAN IN CLOSET IS SLAIN

Husband Returns and Finds Wife Acting Strangely.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Jan. 20.—Thomas Walter Wade, 28, was shot and instantly killed by Max A. Boyer, son of a wealthy citizen of Hagerstown, late last night in Boyer's house.

Boyer declared he noticed his wife acting strangely upon his return to his home last night. It is alleged he discovered Wade in a closet. Boyer dragged him out and fired two bullets into his body.

Boyer gave himself up and was committed to jail without bail.

COAL DRUG ON MARKET

Montana Coal Mines Producing More Than Can Be Sold.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 20.—A number of Montana coal mines will be forced to shut down this week unless the weather changes from warm to cold because the product is a drug on the market.

This is the information received by State Fuel Administrator Swindhurst in a telegram from the Bear Creek Coal Company agent the slack coal produced there, making a formal offer to sell this coal at any reasonable price.

LABOR WILL BE HONORED

Loyalty Week Will Be Observed February 10 to 16.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Indorsement of National Labor Loyalty week, set for February 10 to 16 by the American alliance for labor and democracy, was announced by the American Defense Society and the executive council for the National Civic Federation.

A resolution adopted by the council urges that loyalty week be made the occasion for all citizens "to attest their appreciation of the splendid record of American labor since the war."

GAS EXPLOSION HURTS 2

American Soldiers in France Injured While Filling Auto Tank.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—A gasoline can exploded this morning as some American soldiers were filling an automobile tank at the famous Moulin De La Gallette, dancing hall, now used as a camouflage school for the American Army.

The tank also exploded and two American soldiers were seriously injured.

30,000 NURSES ARE NEEDED

American Red Cross Appeals for Volunteers for Military Service.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—Enlistment of 30,000 or more women in the military nursing service will be required, if prospective needs of the Government are to be met, the American Red Cross announced tonight in an appeal for volunteers.

In order to meet increasing demands the age limit has been lowered to 21 years, and in special cases nurses over 40 may be accepted.

LINES' BATTLE WITH WEATHER STILL ON

Fuel Is Moved Despite Great Obstacles.

SEVERE COLD CLOGS TRAFFIC

Ice Jams at New York Tie Up Tugboats and Barges.

EMBARGO BRINGS RELIEF

Clearer Understanding of Government's Aim Brightens Outlook. Business Men Are Ready to Observe Regulations.

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Although handicapped by weather conditions even worse than have prevailed for the last fortnight, railroads in the Eastern territory were battling manfully today to untangle the congestion which made necessary the drastic embargo on the use of fuel. Reports received at the office of A. H. Smith, Assistant Director-General of Railroads, told of the desperate efforts that are being made to move trains in spite of great obstacles.

The severe cold has slowed up traffic and hampered unloading and clearing of main lines, yards, tracks and terminals.

Steamships Loaded Slowly.

Work of taking loaded coal barges to steamships waiting for fuel here was slow and difficult, owing to ice jams in the harbor, a high wind and a temperature of five degrees above zero. Fully 60 per cent of the fleet of tugboats has been laid up for repairs because of damage from ice. At the coal pockets frozen coal again caused great delay.

For the 24 hours ending at 6 A. M. today it was announced that 1402 cars of anthracite and bituminous coal had been dumped at tidewater terminals, compared with 1464 the day before. At tidewater yards there were 2919 cars of anthracite and 1459 of bituminous.

New England Gets More Coal.

In transit within 24 hours of tide-water were 1641 cars of anthracite and 236 of bituminous. There were 221 vessels waiting for bunker coal, compared with 371 the previous 24-hour period.

Coal handled for New England showed an increase in the last 24 hours.

As the Fuel Administration's coal embargo gradually relieves the shortage in New York and its suburbs, the city looked forward cheerfully to its first "heatless Monday."

Aim of Embargo Understood.

Clearer understanding of what the Government desires has brightened the outlook and patriotic business men tonight were ready to observe the regulations.

A resolution calling for strict compliance (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

MOTORSHIP OREGON SENDS CALL FOR AID

VESSEL OWNED IN PORTLAND LOSES DECK LOAD.

Craft Taken in Tow Near Honolulu After Distress Signal Is Heard, Recently Commandeered.

HONOLULU, Jan. 20.—The motorship Oregon, in distress and with its deckload gone, is being towed to this port by another ship, according to a wireless message picked up here tonight. The nature of the Oregon's mishap is not known.

The motorship Oregon was built on Puget Sound and is owned by Portland capital, the Alaska-Pacific Navigation Company, of which John Burgard and Charles Burckhardt, of Portland, are the principal stockholders, having built and commissioned the vessel in the fisheries trade. A week ago the vessel was commandeered by the Government.

The vessel sailed from Seattle December 7 for San Francisco and Honolulu. She was commanded by Captain Johansen.

SPANISH RIOTERS ACTIVE

Three Killed and Four Injured by Civil Guard at Alicante.

MADRID, Jan. 20.—Disorders occurred yesterday at Alicante, the chief seaport of Valencia. They are reported in an official telegram from Alicante, which states that a mob forced the factories to cease work and attacked shops and private houses. Women of the middle class, were compelled by the demonstrators to join them, it is declared.

The civil guard fired on the rioters, killing three persons and seriously wounding four others.

ARTILLERY ACTION LIVELY

Brisk Fighting at Monte Asolone and on Plave Line Reported.

ROME, Jan. 20.—Lively artillery fighting in the Monte Asolone sector on the Italian northern front is reported in today's War Office statement. There also was lively artillery activity along the Plave line.

No infantry operations of moment are noted in the official statement.

BLIZZARD FATAL TO TWO

El Paso Swept by Worst Storm in History of Weather Bureau.

EL PASO, Jan. 20.—A blizzard unprecedented in the history of the local weather bureau swept down on El Paso last night, causing the death of two men and much suffering among the Mexican population. Soto Moller was found frozen in his home in the Mexican quarter early today.

ANNA HELD SUDDENLY ILL

Actress Is Taken to Hospital and Daughter Summoned From East.

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 20.—Anna Held, the actress, was taken to a local hospital today.

Physicians refused to discuss her condition. Her daughter is on her way from the East.

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FIXED HOG PRICES BENEFIT PRODUCER

Market Is Stabilized by Packers' Action.

MINIMUM QUOTATION IS MADE

Agreement Reached Through Food Administration.

INCREASED OUTPUT URGENT

Action Taken in San Francisco Intended to Assure Farmers of Profit and Encourage Production in Coast States.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20.—A minimum price for hogs in the Pacific Coast states was fixed today by a voluntary agreement between more than 20 packers representing California, Oregon and Washington, with the United States food administration, according to an announcement here tonight by the Federal Food Commissioner for California.

The new minimum price, fixed at 1 cent under the food administration minimum effective on the Chicago market, which now is \$15.50 per hundred, it was said, was expected to result in a tremendous increase in pork production in the states affected by the agreement.

Act on Benefits Farmers.

This is the first time in the history of the Pacific Coast that packers have agreed to stabilize hog prices in the interest of the farmer, it was said, and to co-operate in an effort to stimulate production in the face of a threatened shortage on this coast.

The agreement was reached at a conference called by Joseph Cotton, chief of the meat division of the food administration, with the packers and Federal Livestock Commission of California, and Ralph P. Merritt, Federal Food Commissioner for California, who returned here today from Washington.

The price from the retailer to the consumer will not be raised, it was announced, the producer alone benefiting and being assured a fair profit for his output from now on, particularly for animals ready for slaughter next fall.

The agreement between the packers and the Food Administration follows: "The Food Administration deems it imperative that steps be taken to increase hog production on the Pacific Coast. In order that producers have meat marketed at a fair price, the administration hereby adopts the following minimum policy for the period during which similar minimums are in force in the Middle West:

"The average price of packing hogs bought by packers at the terminal points of San Francisco, Los Angeles, Portland, Oakland, San Diego, Seattle, South San Francisco, Spokane and Sacramento will be maintained at the following minimums: (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

MISS ANITA PATTON FEATURED IN PARIS

REPORTED ENGAGEMENT OF PERSHING NEWS IN FRANCE.

Rumor Published in California Several Months Ago Said to Have No Tangible Basis.

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Excelsior today prints a photograph of Miss Anita Patton, of San Marino, Cal., and says it is reported that she is engaged to General John J. Pershing, commander of the American forces in France. The newspaper adds that Miss Patton "belongs to an old American family."

Several months ago California newspapers published a rumor that Miss Patton would become the bride of General Pershing, who was described as an old-time friend of the Patton family. There was no tangible basis for the rumors, it was stated, except that General Pershing, while on visits to the home of George S. Patton, father of Miss Patton, showed the young woman marked attentions.

Lieutenant Patton, a brother of Miss Patton, is a member of General Pershing's staff.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Miss Anita Patton departed early today with her father, George S. Patton, for Thomasville, Ga. Friends of the Pattons here reiterated her recent denials of reports of her engagement to General Pershing.

General Pershing has been a visitor at the San Marino ranch home of the Pattons on several occasions.

GENERAL DUFF EXPIRES

Noted Commander Found Dead in Bed at London Club.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—General Sir Beauchamp Duff, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India from 1912 to 1916, was found dead in his bed in a West End club this morning.

General Duff, who had had a long and distinguished army career, winning honors in active campaigning and filling numerous responsible executive positions, including that of assistant military secretary for Indian affairs at the War Office and the posts of Adjutant-General and chief of staff in India before becoming commander-in-chief there, was in his 63d year. In August, 1916, he was succeeded in the Indian command by General Monro.

U. S. OFFICES ARE GUARDED

Bridges and Strategic Points in San Juan Under Military Protection.

SAN JUAN, P. R., Jan. 20.—Military guards today were placed about the Federal building, in which are located virtually all the offices of the United States insular government, after officials had received information considered important.

Guards were also placed on bridges near the city and at other important points.

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BOLSHEVIKI BOLT TO FORM NEW BODY

Constituent Assembly Closed by Guards.

TURBULENT SCENE PRECEDES

Social Revolutionists Join in Opposing Majority.

MOSCOW CITIZENS KILLED

Red Guard Fires Upon Crowd Making Demonstration in Favor of Constituent Assembly, Killing Many; Machine Guns Used.

(By the Associated Press.)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.—The Constituent Assembly has been dissolved. The decree of dissolution was issued last night by the Council of National Commissioners and adopted early this morning by the central executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 20.—Soldiers' guards, acting by orders of the Bolsheviks, closed the assembly at 4 o'clock yesterday morning.

"When the constituent assembly voted against the declaration made by the president of the central executive committee after an hour's deliberation," says the official statement, "the Bolsheviks left the hall and were followed by the Social Revolutionists of the left, on the assembly showing its unwillingness to approve the manner in which the peace proposals were being conducted. At 4 o'clock this morning the constituent assembly was dissolved by soldiers. Today a decree dissolving the assembly will be published."

Break Comes at 3 A. M.

It was 3 o'clock in the morning when M. Askokov, Bolshevik delegate, announced that the Bolsheviks were determined to withdraw permanently from the constituent assembly, which, he said, had proved itself not to represent the actual proletariat.

"Meanwhile," he declared, "the workmen's and soldiers' government will consider what to do with that counter-revolutionary organization."

The hostile attitude of the Maximilians toward their opponents was evidenced in the epithets hurled at M. Tchernoff, the elected chairman of the assembly, and M. Tseretelli, former Minister of the Interior and leader of the moderate Socialists, by Elnegin Krylenko, the Bolshevik commander, and other members of the Bolsheviks, in the course of the sitting. Whistling and cries of "traitor," "scoundrel" and "get out!" greeted M. Tseretelli's appearance on the tribune, and when M. Tchernoff threatened measures against the disturbers Krylenko shouted: "Try it; your day is over."

Tseretelli Denounces Minority.

M. Tseretelli spoke for an hour, depicting in dark colors the conditions surrounding the meeting of the assembly, the delegates faced by threats and bayonets, the country disorganized, the people deprived of liberty of person and of speech and menaced by famine and with peace negotiations being conducted on a basis tending to make revolutionary Russia a vassal of German imperialism and a tool of international capitalists. He called upon the assembly to refuse to submit to the dictatorship of the minority.

Tchernoff Adopts Milder Tone.

M. Tchernoff adopted a milder tone, but to the same effect. He urged the assembly to take the initiative in convoking an international Socialist congress with a view to compelling the government to declare a democratic peace.

Chairman Tchernoff, making himself heard notwithstanding the wild standing and shouting of the soldiers, announced that the assembly would sit until it had passed the land decree. The decree was hurriedly read and adopted with a standing vote.

In response to the plea of M. Steinberg, the Smolny Minister of Justice, and M. Karelin, another Bolshevik member, the left Social Revolutionists who had remained in the hall then withdrew.

New Convention Planned.

It is considered probable that the workmen's and soldiers' delegates and the Bolshevik constituents now will proclaim themselves in a national convention.

Following is a summary of the provisions of the declaration of workmen's rights adopted by the central executive committee of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies, and read to the constituent assembly:

"The constituent assembly resolves that Russia be declared a republic of soviets. The central and provincial power apparatus to these soviets. The republic of soviets is formed on the basis of a free alliance of free nations under the constitution of a confederation of national soviet republics."

Then follows a long series of provisions. Article 2 declares abrogated the right of private proprietorship of land, which is declared to be the property of the state. In the same article the principle of obligatory work for all is laid down, and the arming of the working classes, the disarming of the leisure classes, the organization of the Red Socialists and the arming of workmen and peasants are announced.

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