

TURKS SEND ARMY AGASSI'S REPORT SAID

British Withstand Furious Assaults in Defense of Suez Canal.

NAVY AIDING DEFENDERS

Long-Prepared Assault Made in Orient—Great Force Carries Its Water 10 Miles or More to Field of Battle.

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Water Is Chief Problem. Austrian and German engineers for many months have been digging for water which, close to the Mediterranean Coast, exists in many cases at no considerable depth in the sand.

At Romani, where fighting is in progress, the Turks must bring up every drop of water from Asgharina, some 10 miles away.

It is understood the Turks have with them some 1000 Austro-German infantry, as well as a large number of Bedouin irregular horse.

Their choice of the coast route instead of the desert route, which they took the last time, brings their flank under the fire of warships in the Bay of Tins.

Police to Arrest Rivals to Prevent Bloodshed. Birmingham, Ala., Newspaper Man Alleges Reflection on Business Honor and Is Challenged.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Aug. 5.—Warrants for the arrest of Victor H. Hanson, publisher of the Birmingham News, and E. W. Barrett, editor of the Birmingham Age-Herald, were sworn out before the City Recorder today by Aprie Barber, Commissioner of Public Safety.

The warrants are the outcome of a controversy between the two papers, culminating in the publication of a card in yesterday morning's Age-Herald, signed by W. J. Jeffries, business manager, which Hanson declared reflected on his business honor.

Members of the Birmingham Rotary Club today persuaded Mr. Barrett and Mr. Hanson to submit to arbitration their persons.

YOKOHAMA HAS CHOLERA. Hawaii Maru Bound for Tacoma Quarantined With 15 Cases.

OFFICIAL WAR REPORTS

German. BERLIN, via London, Aug. 5.—Russian detachments which penetrated the German positions across the River Sereth near Ratzyse were forced to retreat, it was officially announced.

Official reports issued here today read: "Army group of Field Marshal von Hindenburg—attempts by the Russians to cross the Dvina near Dvinten were frustrated.

"The number of prisoners captured near Ruzka-Mirnykska has grown to 561 men.

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"Western front—According to supplementary reports these battles north of the Somme which were reported yesterday, took place on an extended front and against strong British forces.

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