

AUSTRIANS ARE IN RED GUARDS

Prisoners Armed and Enlisted, American Red Cross Captain Learns

(By The Associated Press)
 MOSCOW, April 1.—Captain William R. Webster of the American Red Cross and Captain W. L. Hicks of the British military mission, attended a meeting of the Central Siberian soviet at Irkutsk. They were assured that less than 1200 Austrian prisoners throughout Siberia had been armed and enlisted in the red guards, and that all the men were Socialists who had renounced their Austrian citizenship. The soviet gave the assurance that no more prisoners would be armed and also announced its intention to defend Siberia against the German invasion.

The United States and Great Britain were requested by the soviet to permit the free exportation of manufactured articles, especially farm machinery, into Siberia, through Archangel and Vladivostok. The soviet officials also asked the assistance of the allies in checking Cossack raids across the Manchurian border, saying that they were unwilling to follow the marauders into Chinese territory, but were quite able to defeat General Semenov and his followers if they were prevented from escaping to Chinese soil.

A foreign trade and finance commission of nine members, who include Nikolai Lenin and M. Radetski, has been appointed to frame legislation for the establishment of a state monopoly in foreign trade and generally to deal with all matters pertaining to economic relations with the United States, Germany, the Ukraine and other countries.

BIG TURN IS DUE

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north-east of Jericho have successfully carried out their objective, in cutting the Pedjaz railway and now have begun to retire toward Es-Sait. A large number of additional prisoners and guns, machine guns and other war stores have been taken by the British.

Armenian and Georgian inhabitants of the three Caucasus districts turned over to Turkey in accordance with the recent peace treaty between Russia and the central powers have formed an army to defend themselves against the Turks who have begun the military occupation of Batum, Kars and Ardahan.

Enemy Falls, Berlin Claims.
 BERLIN, via London, April 2.—"Enemy counter-attacks near Hebuterne and against the heights captured by us between the Luce and the Avre," says the report from general headquarters today, "broke down with heavy losses."

The text reads: "The position on the battlefield is unchanged. Counter-attacks made by enemy near Hebuterne and with special stubbornness against heights captured by us between the Luce and the Avre broke down with heavy losses. Minor infantry engagements took place between the Avre and the Oise."

"The French have continued to shell Loan, and numerous of the inhabitants have fallen victims. Reconnoitering engagements occurred on the eastern bank of the Meuse near Haudeumont and southeast of Thann; some prisoners were brought in."

"Twenty-two enemy airplanes and five captive balloons were brought down. Lieutenant Kroll won his 23rd aerial victory. By the energetic carrying out of long distance observation from the coast as far as south of the Somme, aerial detachment No. 3 under Lieutenant Fricke rendered extraordinary service."

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German Suffer Heavily.
 According to prisoners the 208th German division has suffered losses of 70 per cent since the beginning of the offensive. The 20th division lost 50 per cent. The 88th division lost 30 per cent, the first day and 40 per cent in attack on Mezieres March 29.

In the first division the average strength of the companies was reduced to 40 men by March 28. The guard Ersatz division suffered 25 per cent loss between March 21 and 28.

The fifth division had 50 per cent casualties at Ham and additional heavy losses in crossing the Somme. In an attack north of the Scarpe river, one regiment of the 26th division lost 24 officers.

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General Diaz desired to conduct Secretary Baker along the Piave river, and mountain fronts, but the weather conditions did not permit it.

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