

TURKS CLAIM GAIN IS MADE OVER THE ARMIES OF RUSSIA

Victories by Sea and Land Mentioned in Official Statement by War Office at Constantinople.

CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE MADE

Austrians Forced to Retire Little, According to Vienna Reports, But Official Statement is Hopeful—Slav Assaults Fall in Some Places—Other Points Unchanged.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 28.—Turkish victories over the Russians, both by sea and land, are claimed in an official government statement. "The Ottoman fleet, including the battleship Hamidieh, sailed through the Black sea and returned undamaged," said the report. "One of our battleships met a Russian squadron consisting of five battleships, two cruisers, ten torpedo boats and three mine layers on December 24. This meant one Turkish ship against 17 of the enemy. Nevertheless, that one ship attacked the foe, bombarded the battleship Rostislav and sunk the mine layer Oleg and Athos. Two Russian officers and 30 mariners were saved and taken prisoners."

VIENNA, Dec. 28.—The official statement today was hopeful but didn't disguise the fact that the Russians have gained and were holding their ground at certain points against the Austrians.

"The situation in the Carpathians is unchanged," said the statement. "Our troops were compelled to withdraw a little before the Russian attacks between Rymanow and Tuchow in the Galician mountains. The Slav attacks along the lower Donajec and lower Nida rivers failed. Battles in the neighborhood of Homaszow still are progressing. Our territories in the Balkans with the exception of certain unimportant regions on the frontiers of the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina are clear of the invaders."

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—The definite announcement that Enver Pasha, the Turkish war minister, had arrived at Armenia and assumed command of the Ottoman troops the sultan is pushing forward against the Russians in trans-Caucasia, was issued here.

The Slavs, backed by a bombardment from the czar's black sea fleet along the coast, were said to have driven the Turks from the Trans-Tenhovouch district.

GERMAN ATTACK ON WARSAW FROM THE WEST IS FAILURE

News of Another Teutonic Defeat Hourly Expected at Petrograd—Main Assault Has Been Broken.

HEAVY FIGHTING ON PILICA

Both Armies Said to be Using Sledges for Transportation of Supplies—Along the Bzura and Rawa Rivers Big Guns Play Part—Russians Gain Against Austrians.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—Fighting in the north of Russian Poland has reached a highly important and critical stage. The German new offensive, under General Francois, is threatening the Slav's right flank. Advances from Petrograd did not try to conceal the fact the situation is serious.

After three days of desperate conflict on the Bzura and Rawa river banks, Marshal Von Hindenberg's advance on Warsaw directed from the west was practically at a standstill. It was believed Von Hindenberg is awaiting reinforcements.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 28.—News of another crushing defeat of the Germans in Poland was hourly expected today.

The Kaiser's main attack on Warsaw from the west was said to have been decisively checked.

Along the Bzura and Rawa rivers the Germans were reported to be confining their efforts mainly to heavy artillery fire after suffering heavily.

The war office admitted the situation in northern Poland was becoming threatening. The Petrograd government owned officially that the invaders had recaptured Miawa.

Both armies were described as using sledges for transportation supplies.

On the Pilica river, it was stated, hard fighting was in progress. In the recent fighting with the Austrians, the Russians were said to have gained advantages. The opinion was expressed that the former were on the verge of a heavy defeat everywhere. Not only were they declared to be hard pressed in the Nida and Donajec valleys, but they were reported to have been driven from Jaslo toward Sanok and repelled into the Carpathian mountain passes.

Another Russian invasion of Hungary was expected.

Australian Cruiser Long Off Chile. VALPARAISO, Dec. 28.—The Australian battle cruiser Australia, which came into this port, sailed about the Pacific coast of South America for several weeks.

CANADIAN TROOPS FIRE ON HUNTING PARTY, KILLING 1

Another is Fatally Wounded When Soldier Shows Duckhunters With Volley of Bullets.

DETAILS ARE NOT LEARNED

Believed, However, That Order Prohibiting Bringing Arms Into Canada Was Reason for Shooting—Soldiers Declared to Have Made No Attempt to Learn the Facts.

BUFFALO, Dec. 28.—Fired on by Canadian soldiers as several boats containing duckhunters approaching the Canadian shore, Walter Smith was shot and killed and Charles Dorsch was fatally wounded. Both were residents of Buffalo. Details of the shooting are lacking but the recent order prohibiting the transportation of firearms to Canada is believed the cause of the clash.

The soldiers opened fire, it was said, without asking questions.

Smith and Dorsch engaged two boats from Butz brothers here this morning, saying they were going duck hunting. Both were warned at the time it was said, against taking firearms into Canada.

GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION TO PREVENT COMPLICATIONS

GUNPLAY IN TURKISH WATERS WILL BE AVOIDED BY THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A repetition of the Tampico, Mexico, incident will not be permitted in Turkish waters. It was learned today that Daniels has instructed naval commanders in the orient to exercise the utmost discretion. They were informed that only the most serious situation would warrant gunfire except under orders from Washington.

The navy department expected a full report from the commander of the cruiser North Carolina, who, it was reported, threatened to bombard Tripoli. In the meantime officials here were inclined to believe that if such a threat was made it was intended only as a bluff.

Would Starve Out England



Admiral Von Tripitz, head of the German navy, who, in a remarkable interview, declared that it will not be impossible for the German submarines to cut off England's food supply by torpedoing all of her merchant marine.

PLOT DISCOVERED AGAINST THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT

MANY ARRESTS ARE MADE BY AUTHORITIES—MONARCHY AIM OF PLOTTERS.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—Many arrests are being made at Peking in connection with an alleged plot to upset President Yuan Shi Kai's government and reestablish a monarchy on a constitutional basis.

DR. BEST APPLIES FOR CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS

CASE TO COME BEFORE CIRCUIT COURT IN APRIL; PAST RULINGS AGAINST HIM.

Despite the fact the law as it has been construed is against him Dr. J. A. Best is making an effort to perfect his citizenship papers and to that end

FRENCH AND GERMANS BATTLE ALONG VOSGES MOUNTAINS WHERE 2 DAYS FIGHTING HAS BEEN ON

Galic Artillery Reported to be Deadly in its Fire and Losses Among the Teutonic Troops are Said to Have Been Heavy—Aviator Gets Range.

ALLIES CLAIM TO HAVE MADE IMPORTANT GAINS ALONG COAST

Germans Said to Have Established New Line South of Ypres—Saint Dieu is Being Bombarded by Kaiser's Forces—Allies Lose Some Trenches.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A terrific battle between the French and Germans has been raging for two days along the Vosges front, it was admitted at military headquarters.

Just before the engagement a French aviator made a flight and informed himself accurately concerning the positions occupied by the Kaiser's artillery and signaled the range to the Galic gunners, who, it was declared, were dropping shells among the enemy with deadly effect. A Berne dispatch said cannonading had been heard in Switzerland since Friday.

"The allies advance in Belgium," announced the war office, "continues as far north as the sand dunes along the North Sea coast. The Germans have established a new line south of Ypres. Near Hellebeke we lost a section of trenches.

"In the Lens region the French have captured 500 yards of trenches from the Germans. In the Alsace and

Champagne districts there has been terrific artillery firing. About Rheims and Perthes our troops have made little progress along the entire line. The Germans are bombarding Saint Dieu."

* BERLIN, Dec. 28.—Hot fighting in which the Germans held their own is described in an official report on the situation in the western zone. "The enemy," said the statement, "unsuccessfully renewed their attacks on our lines from Nieuport, supported by warship fire, which killed several inhabitants of Westende. The attack by the allies on Saint George failed. South of Ypres we have captured a trench and taken dozens of prisoners. Violent assaults north-west of Arras likewise were repelled."

Referring to the eastern field operations, the communication said: "Our offensive on the left bank of the Vistula is developing. On the right bank and elsewhere the situation is unchanged."

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Turks claim important victories over the Russians. French and Germans battle in the Vosges mountains. German attack on Warsaw reported to have failed. Canadian troops fire on Americans, killing one. Local. Marsh to be County Judge After First of Year. Dr. Best, water commissioner, applies for full citizenship papers. North Pacific grants concessions to purchasers of land on Umatilla project.

GOLD WAVE IN THIS PART OF STATE AT LAST BROKEN

YESTERDAY FIRST DAY THAT MERCURY HAS BEEN ABOVE FREEZING POINT.

Yesterday was the first day since December 11 that the mercury in the thermometer has mounted above the freezing point. For sixteen days the temperature in Pendleton fluctuated from zero to 28 above, but yesterday climbed two degrees above freezing to 34, the same mark registered on Dec. 11. The maximum temperature yesterday was 34 degrees and the minimum temperature last night was 32, a variation of only two degrees within 24 hours.

Today the official thermometer registered 40 at noon with the mercury still climbing. The day started with a strong blow but the wind has subsided and the sun has come out, making the day a very pleasant one and one much appreciated. Most of the ice, which had coated the city Saturday morning, has disappeared. Farmers are feeling much more optimistic as a result of the change in the weather. Much of the moisture from the melted snow and ice has been absorbed by the dry ground. While some of the grain was undoubtedly frozen out, the damage done by the cold snap is not as great as many believed for a time.

WESTERN LAND COMPANY WILL BUILD A RESERVOIR

Mr. W. B. Hinkle has just completed the survey of the reservoir in Alkali Canyon about a mile above the town of Echo, and the feed canal to supply the reservoir. This work was done for the Western Land & Irrigation company, and when built will supply the project with water for summer use. The plans and specifications will be presented to the state engineer for his approval in the near future. The construction of this reservoir and feed canal will entail an investment somewhere in the vicinity of \$250,000. Construction work such as outlined above will put and keep Echo on the map in bold face type.—Echo Enterprise.

\$1.30 IS OFFERED FOR CLUB WHEAT AT PORTLAND

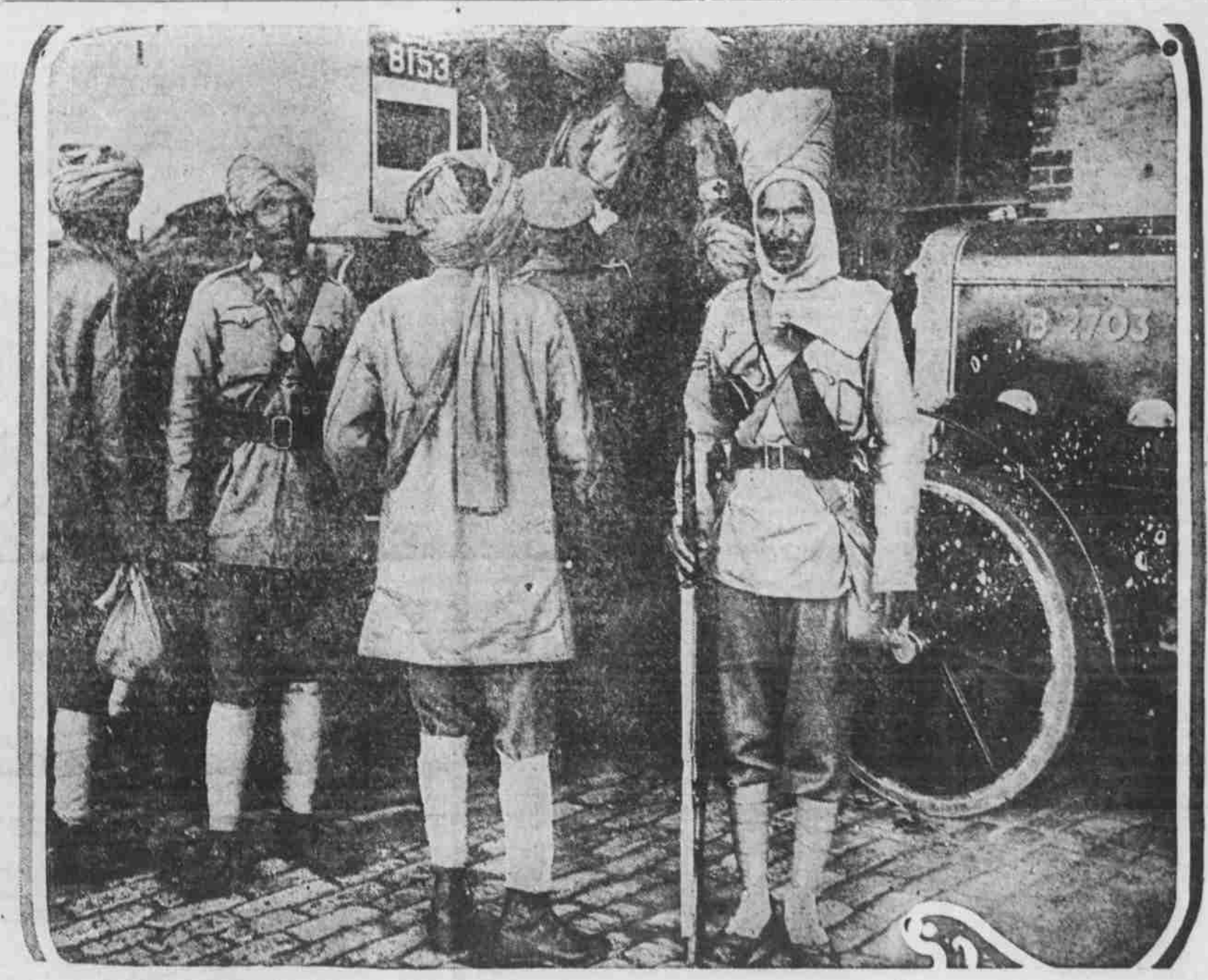
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—Bids for club wheat in the Pacific northwest reached a dollar thirty, a new high record. A holder of 40,000 bushels at Walla Walla was offered this price. Experts estimate but two million bushels of wheat remains in the growers' hands of the northwest.

DECKER OF CRUISER TENNESSEE TAKES REFUGEES ABOARD SHIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Captain Decker of the cruiser Tennessee, called Secretary Daniels that he is transporting 500 refugees of different nationalities from Jaffa to Alexandria. No mention was made by Decker of the report that the American cruiser threatened to bombard Tripoli, Syria. Decker's cablegram was sent from Jaffa last night. It said the Tennessee was en route to Alexandria with refugees. The message said the refugees were unable to get passage from Jaffa any other way. "I acted," said Decker, "in accordance with instructions from Washington and responded to appeals for transportation. All foreign consuls also requested me to take action."

PURCHASERS OF N. P. LAND UNDER UMATILLA PROJECT GET BIG GIFT

Upon the request of H. D. Newell, project engineer at Hermiston, the Northern Pacific Railroad company has made another concession to purchasers of N. P. lands and it will be a great benefit to all who have such lands under the project. In some cases at least the ruling will save the land purchasers from making as many as four payments out of 10 payments upon the land. One such purchaser is J. F. Robinson, proprietor of the Domestic Laundry, who today received the following letter from the N. P. land office at Tacoma: Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15, 1914. Mr. J. F. Robinson, Pendleton, Ore. Dear Sir—Recently Mr. H. D. Newell, manager of the Hermiston project, suggested to us that more rapid development of the lands within the



Transports laden with Indian troopers continue to arrive at regular intervals at Plymouth. The photograph shows native Indian officers preparing to depart by motor bus for the concentration camp at Aldershot.

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