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BRITISH WARSHIPS SINK TWO TURKISH CRUISERS

British and Turkish Naval Forces Meet at the Dardanelles --Turk Cruiser Midulla Is Sunk and Cruiser Sultan Lawuz Selim Beached--British Losses Slight

London, Jan. 21.—In a naval action yesterday between British and Turkish forces at the entrance to the Dardanelles, the Turkish cruiser Midulla, formerly the German Breslau, was sunk and the Sultan Lawuz Selim, formerly the German Goeben, was beached. The announcement was made by the admiralty today.

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

"The Goeben now is being attacked by naval aircraft. "Our losses reported are the monitor Haglan and a small monitor, the M-28."

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

The Goeben and Breslau were purchased by Turkish government from Germany, August 14, 1914, for what at the time was said to have been \$20,000,000, after they had fled through a cordon of British and French warships in the Mediterranean Sea, through the Dardanelles and to Constantinople.

ASSEMBLY IS DISSOLVED BY BOLSHEVIKI

DISSOLUTION COMES AFTER BOLSHEVIKI ADHERENTS ARE DEFEATED

LENINE ALLOWS NO OPPOSITION

Troops Take Possession of Hall Where Meeting Was Held and Forbid Reassembling

London, Jan. 21.—The Russian constituent assembly had, been in existence but a few hours before it was dissolved by the executive committee of the congress of workmen's soldiers congress which has been supporting the Lenine government.

The dissolution came after Bolsheviki adherents were defeated in attempts to control the assembly. Bolsheviki troops now guard the deserted assembly meeting place and Lenine will not allow them to reassemble.

Petrograd, Jan. 21.—M. Tchernoff elected chairman of the constituent assembly by the social revolutionists, declares that the constituent assembly should immediately call a conference of all the entente allies to consider war aims.

M. Tchernoff granted an interview to the correspondent during the midnight recess.

"What do you think of the situation?" he was asked.

"Do you think the Bolsheviki will dissolve the constituent assembly?" "No," said the chairman. "I do not think they will do that before the congress of the workmen's and soldiers' deputies assemblies. In the meantime they will try to find a way out of their embarrassment and continue their secession."

"You desire to discuss peace first. What is your program regarding that question?"

"Our party's position on the question of peace is that the constituent assembly should immediately call a conference of all the entente allies to consider the aims of the war. We expect that at such a conference they would state clearly and most explicitly their aims and would try to harmonize them with the democratic principles of the Russian revolution."

"Do you think Russia can continue the war if Germany refuses peace on democratic terms?" Tchernoff was asked. He replied:

"Everybody says that Russia cannot fight because of the extreme state of disorganization. All know that the decision in this war will be on the western front. But Russia can act as a magnet to draw German forces and prevent their being thrown over to the western front. The Russian army may retreat, but in doing so will benefit the allies by diverting the Germans deeper and deeper into Russian territory which would be no gain for them."

KERENSKY'S MEN ARE ASSASSINATED

Petrograd, Jan. 21.—A. I. Shingarov, minister of finance in Kerensky's cabinet and Professor F. F. Kokoshkine, state comptroller under Kerensky, were murdered in their beds at the marine hospital last night.

HILL FOR PACIFIC COAST NATIONAL HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Washington, Jan. 21.—A bill was introduced in the house today by Representative Raker of California, to acquire and maintain a system of national defense and military highways and post roads, in Washington, Oregon and California.

WAR CABINET LEGISLATION IS OPPOSED

MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT WITH CONSENT OF SENATE

BOARD OF THREE MEN PROPOSED

President Wilson Announces His Opposition and Will Fight It To a Finish

Washington, Jan. 21.—Establishment of a war cabinet of three distinguished citizens of demonstrated executive ability, is provided for by a bill introduced in the senate by Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the military committee, the members to be appointed by the president with the consent of the senate. However, the president has served notice on democratic leaders in the senate, that he will use all his influence and power to beat it and will fight to a finish.

GERMAN YACHT TAKEN IN NEW YORK HARBOR

New York, Jan. 21.—The steel pleasure yacht Joyeuse, said to be owned by Emil H. Kleuge, an un-naturalized German of Englewood, N. J., was seized here today by United States Marshal McCarthy.

Federal authorities said the yacht, equipped with wireless, with Kleuge on board and manned by a Swedish crew, had been cruising recently along the Atlantic coast.

The yacht is licensed in the name of Arthur H. Marks, of Akron, Ohio, and it is claimed by the government officials that Kleuge bought it from Marks in November, 1916, but no public record has been made of the transfer. The boat was licensed in June of last year in Marks' name.

It was pointed out by the officials that under the president's proclamation enemy aliens are not allowed to operate boats of any kind in American waters, which would have made it impossible for Kleuge to obtain a license in his own name.

When seized the Joyeuse was at anchor in the Hudson river and coincident with the seizure a libel against the craft was filed in the name of the United States.

The Joyeuse was brought from Florida waters by Kleuge some months ago, it was said.

Kleuge, who is president of the Kleuge Weaving company here, is a reputed millionaire.

PROHIBITION HARD ON POLICE COURT

Portland, Jan. 21.—The number of cases tried in the municipal court during the year just closed shows a big reduction in crime in the two years during which the prohibition law has been in effect. The statistics were compiled Friday by Deputy City Attorney Richard Deleh for City Attorney W. P. LaRoche.

In the fiscal year ending November 30, 1915, the last "wet" year, 15,948 persons were haled into the police court, while in the calendar year 1917 there were only 8,129 cases and 1,724 of these were tried during the month of December, of which 1,046 were for violation of traffic ordinance.

Drunkness, which is bygone days was the most common offense, has now fallen to second place, with traffic violation far in the lead.

100,000 STRIKERS ARE DEMANDING EARLY PEACE

Transport Service Is Paralyzed by Strike That Affects All of Austria-Hungary, and a Permanent Peace Not Made in Germany Is Demanded

London, Jan. 21.—With pan-Germans in political ascendancy in Germany, there are serious strikes in Austria, as a protest against Germanism and favoring peace. One correspondent says, the strikers demand a speedy peace with Russia, and have grown too strong to be stemmed by force.

London, Jan. 21.—The strike movement is moving throughout Austria-Hungary, according to dispatches received from Swiss and Dutch sources. It is associated with a demand for immediate peace. A general strike was declared Friday

at Budapest, when the entire transport system came to a standstill. London, Jan. 21.—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.

GIRL WITH DYNAMITE HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED

Chicago, Jan. 21.—The mystery surrounding the identity of the 16-year-old girl who was arrested Friday on her arrival from Youngstown, Ohio, carrying satchel in which were 36 sticks of dynamite, was solved when she broke down and told federal authorities her name is Josie Lande and that she is from Youngstown.

An intimation was given that search is being made in connection with the case for a secret code used by German propagandists.

The girl told of her arrival in this country, declaring that she was born in San Luca, a town in northern Italy. She came to America with her father four years ago, she said. The dynamite, she declared, was given her by a friend in Youngstown to be delivered to someone in Chicago. She refused to tell the name of the man who gave her the explosive, nor to whom it was to be delivered. A slip of paper bearing a Chicago street address which she tried to swallow when arrested, so far has proved worthless, for the address is a vacant lot.

The explosive was discovered by a negro porter on the train from Youngstown. His suspicions were aroused when she refused to let anyone touch the satchel.

The passengers were placed in another car on the pretext that the heating apparatus temporarily was out of order. The satchel then was examined and police notified of its contents.

TWO MEXICANS KILLED WHEN FIRE IS RETURNED

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 21.—Two armed Mexicans were killed today, when United States cavalry patrols returned a fire from the Mexican side, opposite Fabens. One American's horse was shot from under him.

RED CROSS STAMPS TOTAL \$12,949.84

Portland, Jan. 21.—Returns from the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals throughout Oregon now total \$12,949.84, with a number of towns and agents yet to hear from. It is practically assured that last year's returns of \$6,600.47 will be more than doubled this year. The Woman's Club, of Corvallis, which handled the sale of the seals in that city, sent in their check last week for \$250, and The Dalles Sorosis Club, which handled the sale in that section sent their check for \$205.53.

TO KEEP ROADS FOR PROPER LEGISLATION

Washington, Jan. 21.—Director McAdoo told the senate interstate commerce committee today that he thought the government should retain the operation of railroads for some time after peace comes, and not return them to private owners until law and commerce have been passed to govern them. He denied that he had anything to do with the fuel restriction order, but said he approved it.

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 20

Pacific Coast States—Some probability of rain Sunday in southern California, and occasionally after Monday on north coast; otherwise fair. No decided temperature changes.

A RINGING CALL TO WOMEN OF AMERICA

Washington, Jan. 21.—"Wake up women, it's war!"

This is the rallying call sent out today to the women of America by Florence King, a woman lawyer of Chicago, and president of the Woman's Association of Commerce of the United States of America. Women, she says, might better be driving trucks than pleasure cars. In a statement today she said:

"We women must wake up. We must not wait for broken men to be brought home to us from France before we come to realize and shoulder our part in this war business.

"Women will work if you'll tell them what to do. It's not so much what they can do. They must do what the men have been doing. Lots of women are knitting. Very well, but many of them have got to drop that to attend the wounded, grow food, enter business and keep the factory wheels moving. I have little patience with able-bodied women who are content just to knit. Leave that to the women with children they cannot leave, and to semi-invalids."

PRESIDENT WILSON DENIES CHAMBERLAIN'S SPEECH

Washington, Jan. 21.—President Wilson issued a statement today characterizing as "astonishing and unjustifiable distortion of truth," the assertion made by Senator Chamberlain in New York state, concerning inaction and inefficiency by the government in war preparation.

RUSSIANS RECEIVE RUMANIAN DENIAL

London, Jan. 21.—The Bolsheviki authorities in Petrograd received a reply yesterday from the Rumanian government denying allegations contained in the Bolsheviki note to Rumania, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Petrograd under Friday's date.

Premier Lenine, adds the dispatch, considered the reply unsatisfactory. He sent copies of it to Foreign Minister Trotsky and Ensign Krylenko, the army commander.

ITALIANS REPULSE ENEMY ON WIDE FRONT IN SOUTH

London, Jan. 21.—Fighting of a major character was revived on the lower Plave when the Austrians attempted to dislodge the Italians from Capo Sile bridge head. The attack was carried out by strong forces and on a wide front. The latest report from the Rome war office said the Italians had thrown back the attackers everywhere.

Washington, Jan. 21.—The Dutch government today signed an agreement to charter to the United States about 80 steamers, now held in American ports.

CENTRAL POWERS MAKING PEACE WITH UKRAINIANS

Amsterdam, Jan. 21.—Brest-Litovsk advices say the central powers and the Ukrainian people's republic have agreed on the principles of a peace treaty the war to be terminated.

DRIVE OF KNIGHTS NETS THEM \$50,000

Portland, Jan. 21.—In a whirlwind, go-as-you-please push, workers in the Knights of Columbus war fund drive Saturday charged to the goal toward which they had been moving the past week—\$50,000 from Portland.

Released early in the day from previously imposed territory restrictions, the solicitors exercised their own pleasure and discretion in pushing the campaign among friends or strangers, on the streets or in office buildings, in public place or private homes, anywhere the call for ministerings to the soldier boys might meet response.

TURKS IN PALESTINE ARE LOSING GROUND

London, Jan. 21.—British troops swept forward to a depth of one mile on a four mile front in the neighborhood of the Durah line in Palestine, the official statement said today. Some prisoners were reported. The British forces made their gain Friday morning.

British flyers Friday dropped bombs on a long column of enemy troops behind the German lines on the western front and flew back and forth, firing their machine guns at the massed forces with considerable effect, Field Marshal Haig reported tonight.

In this section five German machines were downed during the day. One British machine failed to return.

Repulse of several German raids during Friday night and this morning in the neighborhood of Neuve Chapelle and southward of Lens was reported by Field Marshal Haig tonight from the west front.

HUN AGENTS INSTRUCTED TO STOP FREIGHT MOVEMENT

New York, Jan. 21.—Definite information that German agents were instructed to use all means to paralyze the effort to move freight, is responsible for doubling guards at shipyards and terminals.

BRITISH GENERAL IS FOUND DEAD IN BED

London, Jan. 21.—General Sir Beauchamp Duff, commander-in-chief of the British forces in India from 1913 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 being commander-in-chief there, was in his 63d year. In August, 1916, he was succeeded in the Indian command by General Monro.

MISS PATTON DENIES SHE IS ENGAGED TO PERSHING

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 21.—Miss Anita Patton today denied reports published in Paris, that she is engaged to General Pershing.