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KARLSRUHE IS SUNK IN FIGHT OFF GRENADA

Eye Witness Describes Battle in the Dark Off British West Indies—Wreckage From Karlsruhe Drifts Ashore—Corpses Found Floating in the Sea Confirms Tale of Fight.

MONTREAL, Que., Jan. 12.—A detailed description of a naval battle off Grenada, British West Indies, is given in a letter received here today from an eye witness who asserts that in his opinion the German cruiser Karlsruhe took part and was sunk.

The letter was made public by the Montreal Gazette and was received by a member of the Gazette staff from one of his friends at Grenada.

Battle in the Night

"While at my house on a ridge overlooking the sea north of Grenada, I witnessed a naval engagement which was undoubtedly carried on between more than two warships. The action lasted as far as I observed from 7 o'clock p. m. to 11 p. m. As the darkness increased it was quite apparent when broadsides of projectiles exploded within seconds of each other on either side, within a range of four to six miles. I did not hear the explosion of the shells, as the fight was too far away. Nobody in St. Patrick's appeared to have noticed what had happened. Whether the government knew of the engagement or not, they certainly censored all news as regards it.

"Six days afterwards I was confirmed in my opinion by the fact that Santores fishermen fishing in the Carriacou Channel brought in news that they had found dead bodies floating in the water together with numberless candles, marked 'Kaiser Light,' (a sample of which I send you as a Christmas card), also boots with feet in them, helmets, pieces of wreckage, etc.

Life Buoy Ashore

"On my portion of an island called Isle of Rhoder a lifebuoy came ashore marked 'M. S. Karlsruhe' and besides wreckage and barrels of foodstuffs. I am the lucky possessor of an officer's sword, which came ashore wrapped up carefully in oil-cloth.

"All this confirms my conviction that not only did an engagement occur, but that the dreaded Karlsruhe has been sunk."

The letter was dated Grenada, December 3, and the writer asserts that after the battle a life buoy came ashore marked "H. M. S. Karlsruhe," together with wreckage and barrels of foodstuffs. He further writes that fishermen had brought the news that they had seen dead bodies floating in the vicinity of the battle, numbers of candles marked "Kaiser Light," boots with feet in them, helmets and other wreckage.

Last Heard of in October

The Karlsruhe last was definitely heard from October 26, when she captured the Lamport and Holt Liner Vandyck. The Vandyck was the seventeenth vessel that had been caught by the German cruiser. No vessels, so far as is known, have been captured by the Karlsruhe since October 26.

The British admiralty has made no announcement concerning the reported sinking of the Karlsruhe. Heretofore the admiralty has been prompt to announce any disaster to German warships.

SCOTT'S PEACE PACT NEUTRALIZES BORDER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Secretary Garrison received today a telegram from Brig. Gen. Scott announcing that the agreement between General Hill, commanding the Carranza troops at Naco, Sonora, and Governor Maytorena, commanding the Villa forces, was signed by both commanding officers yesterday afternoon.

President Wilson expressed satisfaction today over the success of the efforts of General Scott for neutralizing the Mexican border and he told callers conditions in Mexico seemed to be improving.

TURKEY AGREES TO DEMANDS OF ITALY IN HODEIDA INCIDENT

LONDON, Jan. 12, 6:35 p. m.—Special dispatches from Rome today say that Turkey has agreed to the demands of Italy in connection with the Hodeida incident. According to these dispatches Turkey has ordered the release of British Vice Consul Richard, who was arrested in the Italian consulate at Hodeida, and has promised to punish the soldiers who broke into the consulate as well as to salute the Italian flag when it is again hoisted over the building.

Investigation of the circumstances attending the invasion of the Italian consulate is still in progress and the incident will remain open until this inquiry has been completed. In view of the concessions Turkey is reported to have made, however, satisfactory adjustment is expected.

UNREST SPREADS IN BALKAN NATIONS WAR PROBABLE

LONDON, Jan. 12.—In view of the predicted entrance into the war of Rumania and perhaps Italy, unusual interest attaches to dispatches indicating that dissent in the Balkans is spreading. Italy may be called upon soon to resort to force of arms in Albania. The insurgents are said to be bringing up guns to direct against Durazzo, the port recently occupied by Italian forces. Serbia's aspirations have expanded since her victory over the Austrian army, and according to a Rome dispatch she now insists that in the event of victory for the allies, she must receive Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia. Italy has sent troops to the Italian islands in Aegean archipelago, which she is fortifying. Rumania is to begin the mobilization of her army late this month.

Although the Austro-German forces in Poland apparently have given up for the time a general offensive movement, fighting of a local character continues. Vienna reports that an attempt of the Russians to cross the lower Nida in southern Poland was repulsed. The attack apparently means that the Russians have determined on another move on Cracow, the Galician stronghold.

Army headquarters at Petrograd states that German attacks on the Russian positions along the Vistula were beaten back. A minor victory over the Turkish forces in the Caucasus also is announced.

JAP CRUISERS SEEK GERMANS OFF PERU

LIMA, Peru, Jan. 12.—Japanese cruisers continue active along the coast of Peru, seeking the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Latest reports here say that the Japanese armored cruiser Azuma went into Payta, Peru, yesterday, took on provisions and left the same afternoon. There is reason to believe that the British steamer Orinaa, on her way back to Liverpool from the Pacific coast of South America was being sought by the German boat.

GERMANS PLAN SERBIAN INVASION

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—News reaching here of a proposed expedition in force by the Germans and Austrians against Serbia, it being said that the Teutonic allies are contemplating the dispatch of eleven army corps to that country to avenge the recent Austrian reverses, is looked upon in Russian military circles as a transparent ruse on the part of the Germans to distract Russia's attention from the Polish campaign and to divert this government from further reinforcing the Russian armies in Poland.

From captured prisoners and other sources, the Russians are said to have received reliable information

FOUR BATTLES RAGING ALONG WESTERN FRONT

France and Alsace Scene of Vigorous Fighting Without Marked Advantage for Either Side—Allies Victors Near Soissons and Germans in the Argonne—Alsace Action Diminishes

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Four distinct battles which have developed in France and Alsace are being carried on vigorously, but without marked advantage for either side. Of greatest immediate consequence is the fighting near Perthes, which involves possession of important railroads and probably a considerable section of the fortified belt. In this district the French attempted further attacks but were beaten back with heavy losses, the German official statement today asserts.

Near Soissons in the Alsace country the French statement says German attempts to capture lost positions were repulsed and more trenches were seized by the allies.

In the Argonne where fighting has been more continuous and stubborn since the early weeks of the war than almost anywhere else, the Germans are on the offensive and claim to have captured a French vantage point.

The fourth battle, in Alsace, is less active than was the case before the reinforced Germans checked the French advance. The Berlin war office asserts that a French attack south of Souvigny was defeated and that the attackers suffered severe losses.

Desultory fighting continues in Poland and the German statement tells of slow progress on the part of the army which is attempting to advance on Warsaw from the west.

According to a Petrograd dispatch the small German cruiser Bremen has been damaged badly by striking a mine.

Official denial is made in Petrograd of the report that Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, was killed in the fighting in Persia.

CONGRESS DEBATES AMENDMENT FOR VOTES FOR WOMEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—After an hour and a half of debate the house today adopted 299 to 31, a special rule for considering the proposed constitutional amendment for woman suffrage and then settled down to six hours actual debate before voting on whether to submit the resolution to the states for ratification.

The overwhelming vote in favor of the rule was by no means indicative of the sentiment on the resolution itself. Many who voted for the rule in order to bring the question up for a year and no vote announced their intention of voting against the resolution itself.

Anti-suffragists asserted the suffragists would not muster the necessary two-thirds vote; the suffragists did not predict more than that the house would register a majority in favor of their proposition.

KAISER'S AIRSHIP FLEET COMPLETELY DEMOLISHES DUNKIRK WAR BASE

LONDON, Jan. 12, 7:35 p. m.—A wireless dispatch from Berlin says that the military establishments in and near Dunkirk were completely destroyed by the German airship flotilla which attacked that city on Sunday. The Dunkirk lighting plant also was destroyed. The dispatch says this information is contained in a message from Rotterdam.

Dunkirk on the coast of France, is British continental military base. Troops and supplies arriving from England are landed at this port where extensive military supply stations have been established.

LIVELY INTEREST OVER CHARTER AND CITY TICKET

Interest in the city election today lively but not marked by the keenness of previous years. Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon 812 votes had been cast in the three wards of the city, the noon hour business in a rush of voters. There is in the neighborhood of 2200 registered and non-registered voters in the city. About 40 per cent of the probable vote is out. At 1 o'clock the women voters began to arrive. A large per cent of the morning vote was made up of men.

Conservative street forecasts on the result say that the Business Men's ticket will win by a substantial majority, and that the charter will win by a small vote. The poll will close at 7 o'clock, and the vote should be counted and the result known by 8:30. The registration board is holding forth at the city hall, and swearing in many voters.

The corrupt practice act is being observed, in the flesh, but not the spirit. Some made personal calls to secure votes against the charter. There was no campaigning in the business district.

GERMAN CRUISER STRIKES A MINE

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The German cruiser Bremen has arrived at Wilhelmshaven badly damaged by a mine, according to a dispatch received by the Evening Star from Petrograd.

The Bremen is a small German cruiser built ten years ago. She is 341 feet long, 43 1/2 foot beam and has a normal displacement of 3250 tons. Her complement consists of 286 men.

The Bremen is armed with ten 4.1 inch guns and ten 1-pounders and is equipped with two submerged 17.7 inch torpedo tubes.

At the time of the occupation of Vera Cruz by American marines, the Bremen was stationed in Mexican waters. The Bremen also represented Germany at the Jamestown exposition in 1907, and visited New York in 1909 at the time of the Hudson-Fulton celebration.

CONSTANTINOPLE NEAR STARVATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 12.—The closing of the Dardanelles and the shutting off of Turkey from outside commerce has resulted in the people of Constantinople being reduced to the verge of starvation, according to George Tomanyan of Chicago, for the last eight months in charge of an Armenian orphan asylum at Constantinople, who arrived here today from Piraeus.

"When I left Constantinople less than a month ago," he said, "that city was reduced to sore straits for food, all available supplies having been confiscated by military authorities. Suffering among the people was intense and the struggle for food by the poor pitiful in the extreme."

WITHYCOMBE SUCCEEDS WEST AS GOVERNOR

Message of New Executive Recommends Brevity, Economy and Oppose Leniency to Prisoners—Advocates Anti-Liquor Regulations That Can Be Enforced.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—Dr. James Withycombe, republican, was inaugurated governor of Oregon, succeeding Governor Oswald West, democrat, before a joint session of the state legislature here today. Chief Justice F. A. Moore delivered the oath of office. At the request of the new governor, the ceremonies were simple.

In the address which he delivered following his inauguration, Governor Withycombe recommended that the legislature set a record for brevity, especially in the number of laws passed, and urged a short session with a few good laws to its credit. He advocated anti-liquor regulations that can be enforced, declaring that the governor should be empowered to remove officers who do not enforce the prohibition laws and that a substantial appropriation for investigation by special agents should be allowed.

He declared in favor of making several elective offices appointive and consolidating various commissions and bureaus, suggesting that a committee be appointed to make a survey of the best way to centralize the state government and report in 1917.

Governor Withycombe announced his opposition to showing pronounced leniency to prisoners. He declared that only in exceptional cases will he pardon or set aside or modify.

LEGISLATION TO PREVENT STRIKES

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 12.—Legislation for the prevention of industrial disputes and the enforcement of the constitutional amendment providing statewide prohibition, were the chief tasks placed before the twentieth general assembly of Colorado today by Governor George A. Carlson, republican in his inaugural address. In addition the new executive proposed adequate workmen's compensation, state control of public lands, vigorous prosecution of inter-state irrigation suits, economy in state administration including a state budget and a variety of legislation on state affairs.

Governor Carlson reviewed the history of industrial unrest in Colorado, declaring that responsibility for disastrous strikes belonged in part, to the state, because "our own state government acquiesced in the widening breach" (between employer and employee), "and made but feeble protest for the inestimable damage done the state by these recurring and violent disputes."

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—President Wilson declared today that he was not thinking of announcing his candidacy for 1916 when he made the statement in his Indianapolis speech recently that the people of the United States might have a chance to judge his acts.

80 TERRE HAUTE CITIZENS GUILTY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—Eighty of the 114 Terre Haute men indicted by the federal grand jury in the election fraud cases pleaded guilty today before Judge Anderson in the federal court. Demurrers to the indictments were filed by Mayor Roberts of Terre Haute, Judge Eli Redman and Sheriff Dennis Shea.

Sentence was not passed. The 80 men admitted they had participated in the alleged conspiracy to corrupt the election of November 3, 1914, in Terre Haute.

Besides Mayor Roberts, Judge Redman and Judge Shea several others filed demurrers. The demurrers will be argued January 20.

GERMANY TO FURNISH TURKEY WITH WAR MUNITIONS AND MEN

PARIS, Jan. 12.—A news dispatch from Dedeagatch, Bulgaria, says there has been made public there, a synopsis of a treaty recently concluded between Germany and Turkey.

This treaty provides that Germany shall furnish Turkey during the war with munitions, material and the money necessary for her Turkish army and supply also a sufficient number of German officers and specialists to meet Turkey's requirements.

In case of victory Germany agrees to pay Turkey one-fifth of the war indemnity received; in case of defeat Germany will introduce in the peace treaty a clause guaranteeing the integrity of Ottoman territory.

Each country agree not to conclude peace without the other.

Turkey, under the terms of this agreement, is bound to make war against Great Britain and Russia. France is not mentioned in the document.

JACKSONVILLE GOLD STRIKE AWAKENS GREAT INTEREST

A. R. Enyart's prospect mining in the finding of the lost channel of Jackson creek, was received favorably and with optimism by Medford mining men, and caused people owning land in the vicinity of the Enyart shaft to make sure that their title rights were clear. The lost channel of Jackson creek has been the subject of half century of irregular search by prospectors.

Enyart claims that he has struck blue gravel beyond the stone causing he broke through last week, and blue gravel is always gold bearing. The early day mines and those now in operation in northern California all carry this color.

Enyart is still working on his prospect, and adopting a policy of reticence and reserve towards all.

C. C. Beckman, the pioneer Jacksonville banker, is convinced that Enyart has found the lost channel. Mr. Beckman is the best versed man in southern Oregon on old conditions. He says he always thought the lost channel ran in the locality Enyart is working.

FARNUM CONVICTED OF STATUTORY CRIME

ROSEBURG, Jan. 12.—Convicted on a statutory charge involving Edna Morgan of Glendale, Roy Farnum was given from three to 20 years in the penitentiary by Circuit Judge Hamilton. A motion for a new trial was denied.

Miss Morgan's body was found recently in the debris of a fire-destroyed barn. Farnum is under indictment for murder also.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—The reported death of Grand Duke Alexander Michaelovitch, brother-in-law of Emperor Nicholas, while fighting in Persia, was officially denied in Petrograd today.

those who pleaded guilty. With the exception of Holler and one other, all of the city and county officials who were indicted filed demurrers. All the 114 men were told they could return to their homes and await the summons of the United States district attorney.

BRITAIN SENDING HUGE ARMY TO ASSIST ALLIES

Thousands of Men Sent Into France Weekly—Germany Making Preparations for Counter Movement—Reservists Called to Colors—German Generals for Austria and Turkey.

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The great armies battling in the eastern and western arenas of the war by artillery exchanges, sapping operations and trench attacks continue to be aligned today much as they were on the first of January. Every where the disposition seems to be to await the coming of spring when, with fresh armies thrown into the field, events promise to move more quickly.

Great Britain is now sending thousands of men to France every week and according to today's reports, from Berlin, Germany, aware of this, is making great military preparations for a counter movement, all the reserves are being called to the colors, it is declared here, and the further statement is made that the German generals are gathering up the reins to assume active direction of all the campaigns, that is to say, the Austro-Hungarian fight against Serbia and Russia and the Turkish campaign against Russia and Great Britain.

This briefly is the plan military observers in London believe will be followed subject to any change which the entrance into the war of Rumania or Italy might necessitate.

Germany still claims that she is making slow progress toward Warsaw. There has been published in London, however, reports that these operations are merely masking movements to shield a German retreat to the Silesian frontier.

SERVIA DEMANDS SERBIAN REGIONS OWNED BY AUSTRIA

ROME, Jan. 12.—Contrary to statements that have appeared in the newspapers of London, Paris and Berlin that an understanding has practically been reached about a Serbian official quarters here that this will not now satisfy Serbia.

It is declared that such a concession would have been satisfactory two years ago, when the subject was discussed at the London conference, but that no waffle a war in which her life and independence is risked, Serbia could not accept a part or a strip of coast. What she now claims, it is stated, are the Serbian regions possessed by Austria, including Bosnia, Herzegovina and Dalmatia, which must be assigned to her through the principle of neutrality.

GOVERNOR LISTER PLEADS FOR ECONOMY

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 12.—Governor Ernest Lister's message was read before the legislature in joint session this afternoon. The message calls attention to the enormous increase in the cost of government. Bonds have been issued in the state for county, municipal, school and other purposes amounting to more than one hundred million dollars, the interest charge being five millions. The likelihood of ability to pay off the bonds when they become due is remote. The governor believes the only method of securing reductions in public expenditures are simplification of government machinery by a constitutional convention, which he recommends the legislature to bring about.

Governor Lister recommends enactment of a preferential presidential primary law and a non-partisan election law covering all county and city offices.