

SIGNAL VICTORY WON OVER TURKS IN TIGRIS VALLEY BY BRITISH ARMS

Secur. J Attempt of Expeditionary Force To Break Through Back Door of Ottoman Empire Reported To Be Meeting Success

MUSSELMANS RETREAT WITH IMMENSE LOSS

Object of Campaign Is To Secure Bagdad In Order More Effectually To Protect Suez Canal and Sound Knell of Constantinople

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, January 17.—The second attempt of the British army to force open the back door of the Turkish empire after the front door had been barred by the arrival of German guns and munitions at the Gallipoli front has met with initial success, according to despatches from General Aylmer, commanding the English expedition in the Tigris valley.

This force, numbering approximately twenty-five thousand men, is said in the reports made public by the war office last night, to have won a signal victory over the Turks in the Tigris valley. The despatches announce that the Ottoman armies are in full flight down both banks of the historic river, with the British in close pursuit.

Retreat Is General
The withdrawing of the Turks from their lines along the Tigris, a river where it joins the Euphrates, began last Thursday, and when General Aylmer's despatches were sent they had retreated in a northerly direction from the city of Kutulmaza a distance of more than twenty-five miles and were still falling back as rapidly as possible.

Unofficial despatches to the press announce that the retreat of the Ottoman forces has proved to have been a costly one, many prisoners and much of the spoils of war having fallen into the hands of the pursuing columns.

The determination of the British to force the occupation of Bagdad is based upon the belief that so only can she close effectively the door to her own most cherished possession, the Suez Canal, and the country that lies beyond. The first expedition was a gamble and appeared to have won until at the last moment, when the column was but ten miles from its goal.

Had Bagdad fallen Islam might have been divided, and the Arab induced to attack the Turk. Syria might have been persuaded into revolt and the road between Constantinople and Suez locked tight against the attempts of the sultan and his German allies. Victory would have meant that the German dream of an advance upon India and along the Bagdad railroad to the Gulf of Sinal was to be but a dream.

But the adventure failed completely and for a time destruction threatened the British armies in Mesopotamia at the hands of the Turkish troops rushed to the front over the recently completed links of the Bagdad railroad.

The English campaign in the Persian Gulf country began over a year ago, with the occupation of Oman by a brigade, an English hat along, and the Indian troops. This was made possible by the work of an insurrection, in the Jebel Akhdar (Green Mountains), which catch enough of the monsoons to grow the date and the grape on unknown slopes, and the little sultanate was added to the British Empire.

Turkey joined the Teutonic cause October 27, 1914. Seventeen days later, with Kowloon as a first base—the port on this shore and the only blue-water terminus for the Constantinople-Aleppo-Bagdad-Persian Gulf railroad—Beira was taken. By December 10, Karna, at the confluence of the Tigris and Euphrates, was occupied.

The Viceroy of India visited Basra January 31, held at Darbar and told the Arab sheikhs that the region was annexed to be forever British territory.

REBEL FORCES WIN IMPORTANT BATTLE

Imperial Chinese Troops Said To Have Been Defeated In Szechuen Province

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SAN FRANCISCO, January 17.—Despatches from revolutionary leaders in Shanghai to the head of the King Cheng Tong here last night reported that a general engagement between 60,000 of the rebel forces and the imperialist troops in the Szechuen province had resulted in the complete defeat of the Beishan troops by the revolutionary armies.

The imperialists lost more than one thousand men, say the reports, and in their retreat many prisoners fell into the hands of the pursuing Republicans.

The revolutionaries successfully occupied Teng Chow Pa and are believed to be threatening the capital of the province, Cheng Tu.

This victory is declared to have had great weight among the wavering elements in China, and recruits to the Republican cause are coming in rapidly. There is a general feeling of elation over the triumph of the republican armies, and the prediction is made that the revolutionary generals are preparing to strike a yet harder blow at the imperialist forces.

NORWEGIAN CITY SWEEPED BY FLAMES

For Third Time In Its History, Seaport of Bergen Is Destroyed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
OSLO, January 17.—The beautiful city of Bergen has been destroyed by fire for the third time, and two thousand persons are homeless. The flames broke out in a warehouse yesterday morning and in the sweep of the conflagration the fire department found itself helpless.

Business and commercial districts were wiped out and the flames spread to the residential sections. Here the flames spread forward more slowly, but the damage was large.

Estimates of the total loss inflicted upon the city vary, but conservative authorities have placed it at \$15,000,000. Two persons are reported to have lost their lives in the fire.

This city is sending every possible assistance to the stricken place and supplies and provisions for the homeless of Bergen are being rushed forward as rapidly as possible. The government has ordered troops to the scene of the fire to assist in subduing the flames and in aiding the sufferers.

FAMOUS PORT OF NORWAY

Bergen, the capital of the district of South Berghens, Norway, has a population in excess of ninety thousand. It is a fortified city and walled seaport at the head of Vaagen Bay and is almost entirely surrounded by water. It was a well built and more picturesque city, and its public buildings include a naval academy, a celebrated cathedral and a library with 80,000 volumes. Its chief industry is ship-building, and a large portion of the trade of the country passes through it. Bergen was founded in 1609 by Olaf Kyrre. Later it became one of the chief cities of the Hansatic league.

CAPTAIN VON PAPAN MAY HAVE AIDED HORN

But Merely As German Citizen, Says Germany Embassy

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 17.—The German Embassy came to the defense of its former attaché, Captain von Papan, last night in a formal statement addressed to the American people. In this statement the embassy throws doubt on the claim that the British authorities, who searched Captain von Papan at the request of the American government, discovered damaging papers in the possession of the former attaché.

These papers, it was said, proved that von Papan had paid money to the German agent who attempted to blow up the railroad bridge connecting Vermont and Canada at Vancouver, shortly after the outbreak of the war.

COLOMBIAN BANDITS AGAINST BRITISH

State Department At Washington Assured Formally Cui Murders Will Be Avenged

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, January 17.—General Carranza, through his representative in this city, again has formally assured the state department that every possible effort will be made by his government to apprehend and punish the leaders in the murder of American miners at Cuzi some days ago.

This assurance from General Carranza comes on the heels of a report from Juanes announcing that General Guzman, the Carranza commander at Chihuahua, has carried out the order for the execution of Col. Miguel Valdes and Lieut. Colonel Cisneros, both of the Villista office. Colonel Valdes was the former commander who, while at the head of a band of bandits, terrorized all of the country in the vicinity of Chihuahua just prior to the breaking out of the Madrao insurrection.

Additional reports from Juanes announce that the last of the armies of General Valles, amounting to several thousand men, have surrendered to the Carranza authorities in the border city, and have been sent south to their homes. Under the terms of the amnesty offered by General Carranza all of these men were given ten dollars in gold and their transportation to their homes, on their promising not to take up arms again, and to lead quiet civilian lives in the future.

In his official communication to the state department, General Carranza says that he is on the point of issuing a decree which will grant permission to any Mexican to kill any bandit "without formality" who is held responsible for the murder of any American.

Mexico adopted all necessary measures to capture and destroy these bandits, the message says in closing.

FLOODS AND BEYOND CONTROL

Damage To Property and Loss of Human Life Are On Increase

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, January 17.—The Zuyder Zee continues cropping in upon Holland, despite the desperate efforts on the part of the people to close the gaps in the dykes. Yesterday the floods, which have inundated large sections of the Netherlands, increased still further, in some places the water rising an added three feet and vastly augmenting the damage to property and human life.

The little village of Parnement, ten miles from Amsterdam, is reported to have been completely submerged by the rising tide, and many of the houses swept away. The loss there is reported to have been almost total.

The loss of human life is also reported to be increasing. Yesterday bodies of twelve men and women who had been caught by the rising waters and drowned, were washed ashore by the tide at Volendam.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SUNK BY DESTROYER

Crew of Italian Ship Sees Battle In Mediterranean

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ERZVIGENCE, Rhoda Island, January 17.—The officers and crew of the Italian steamer Roma, which reached this port last night, brought with them a story of having seen a destroyer of one of the Entente Powers sink a submarine belonging to Austria, in a desperate battle in the Mediterranean.

The captain of the Roma said that the destroyer appeared just as the submarine was backing off, after having sent a Greek steamer to the bottom, and that in the fight that followed the submarine attempted to escape, but was unable to do so.

AUSTRIAN CRUISER HAS NOT BEEN SUNK

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, January 17.—The report that an Austrian cruiser of the Novara class had been sunk in the Adriatic by a French submarine, the Foucault, is denied in a despatch from Vienna to the Overseas News Agency here.

ATTACK AGAINST BRITISH

INDIA IS NIPPED BY RUSS FORCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, January 17.—The Edison storage batteries, which were being recharged with sulphuric acid when the explosion on the submarine E-2 killed four men Saturday, are not to blame for the disaster, asserted Mr. Hutchison, chief engineer for Thomas Edison, last night, after an examination of the interior of the wrecked submarine.

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MUSCOVITES CAPTURE MANY MEN IN BATTLE

Battle Believed To Have Exposed Hand of Kaiser Wilhelm In Project To Carry War Into Oriental Domains of King George

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
KOTAH, January 17.—The long threatened German attack against British India began this morning. This question is troubling the military experts here following the official publication of a communique from the war office, announcing that a Turko-German force had been met and defeated by a Slav column southeast of the city of Hamadan, in Northern Persia, and directly in the road between Bagdad and the route followed centuries ago by the men under Alexander the Great.

The communique states that the Slav fought a force engagement with a large Turkish and German force near the little town of Kangaver, southeast of Hamadan, which is southwest of Teheran, the capital of Persia.

The Turks and their Teuton allies are said to have suffered severe losses and to have been compelled to flee, leaving their dead and wounded on the ground behind them. The Russians are said to have captured many prisoners during the pursuit that followed the defeat.

The Russian losses are reported to have been insignificant, but no details are given.

Military men in Petrograd are wondering at the meaning of this despatch. For months there has been more or less talk of a German plan to strike at British India, and the defeat of the British attacking column in Mesopotamia and the advance of a huge force of Ottoman soldiers into Northern Persia, where they outnumbered Russian troops, are believed to have paved the way for such an advance.

If the Kaiser was really determined upon such an attempt, his route would take his soldiers through the very district in which German troops are now reported to have been operating with their Turkish allies.

Such advances also would endanger the great oil fields which just before the war Great Britain arranged with Persia should be thrown open to her naval craft and for military purposes in the Indian Ocean and India. A pipe line runs to Basra and was attacked by the Turks at Ahwas.

KAISER OPERATED UPON FOR MALADY

Berlin Denies Vatican Report and Says Wilhelm Has Returned To Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, January 17.—Contradictory reports continue to reach this city concerning the health of the German Kaiser. The Vatican last night officially announced that it had received from its ambassador at Berlin information to the effect that the Emperor had been operated upon for his malady, and that he is still weak.

The operation was performed last Thursday, says the Vatican report, and it adds that a week must elapse before anything definite regarding the results on the patient can be made public.

The operation, however, is declared to have been successful.

The official statement issued by the Berlin war office flatly contradicts the Vatican announcement. The Berlin report says: "After a complete recovery the Kaiser returned on Sunday to the front, where he will press the plans he has approved."

HILD BOARD OF TRADE TO OFFER DRILL PRIZE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
The national guard committee of the Hilo board of trade has suggested a plan for offering a silver cup for drill competition by the companies of the national guard of the Big Island. The contests are to begin before March 31, and are to be continued at six month intervals. The cup is to be won twice, according to the committee's plan before it becomes the permanent property of the company winning it.

WARSHIP COMPLETES TRIALS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROCKLAND, Maine, January 17.—The warship Oklahoma yesterday completed her standardization trials with success. The tests of the battle ship Pennsylvania will begin on Washington's Birthday.

EXPLOSION BUT NOT TO BLAME

Expert Says Terrible Explosion Aboard Submarine E-2 Had Some Other Origin

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"I have looked into the causes of the explosion, and while I am not as yet able to make any statement, I can assure the public that the Edison batteries were not to blame," said Mr. Hutchison.

It was announced here last night that many witnesses had been called before the naval board of inquiry, or, at liberty to make any statement. It can assure the public that the Edison batteries were not to blame, said Mr. Hutchison.

The victims of the gas fumes generated by the explosion are still in the hospital and surgeons reported last night that they are not improving. Fears were expressed for the life of one of the electricians, who is suffering from internal injuries, caused by being dashed against the machinery of the motor-venter.

FIRE IN NIGHT ON EASTERN FRONT

Conflict in Galicia and Raging Bos-sarabian Frontier Reported To Be Sanguinary

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
VIENNA, January 17.—The war department last night reported its reports of the desperate fighting that has been going on in Eastern Galicia and along the Bosarabian frontier, between the Teutonic allies and the Czar's armies.

According to the report the struggle is growing more and more bloody, the Russians continuing to pour their massed columns against the entrenchments of the Austrians and Germans, despite the murderous fire of the machine guns of their foes.

The official announcement, however, admits that the Slavs have at times managed to reach the trenches, and report says that the Austrians have at times been compelled to resort to the use of the bayonet to drive back the furious charges of the Moscovite masses.

LILLE IS BOMBARDED BY GUNS OF BRITISH

Italian Forces Are Increasing Activities On Tyrolean Front

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, January 17.—British artillery resumed its bombardment of Lille, which is being held by the Germans, but so far with small result.

There has been some lively artillery fire and springing of mines along the French front, and despatches from the Italian front say that the troops of King Victor Emmanuel have been displaying increased activity in the neighborhood of San Michel.

MONTENEGRINS RETREAT AS AUSTRIANS ADVANCE

King Nicholas and His Government Arrive At Scutari

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, January 17.—The Austrian advance into Montenegro is being pushed with all possible speed, according to advices from the front made public by the war office here.

Other despatches to the Overseas News Agency report that the Montenegrin government has arrived at Scutari, and the foreign consulate quartered at Scutari have been moved to Alessio.

"Podgoritz and Nisic both have been evacuated by the Montenegrin forces in their retreat before the advancing Austrians."

STORM ON ISLAND DOES MUCH HARM

Wagon, Pigs and Chickens Are Swept Into Sea and Bridges Wrecked

Advices received here on Saturday, give additional news of the havoc wrought on the island of Maui by the recent storm. The Maui News says: "The incessant and furious down-pour of the last week is responsible for many things, which may sound funny to those not directly interested, but which are anything but a joke to those who got hurt."

"The Iao river, ordinarily a quiet, dried up old stream, got full and flowed over twice. A wagon near the big steel bridge in Wailuku was carried bodily away and out to sea. Several pig pens along the banks of the stream were washed away, and the many little pigs sailed down the dark stream squawking their death song in a diurnal and discordant chorus."

"Ned Krueger, guard at the Wailuku prison, lost some thirty most valuable and industrious chickens, a whole hen coop being carried to sea."

"A number of Japanese vegetable gardens along the border of the stream were flooded and everything growing in them torn away by the mighty waters."

"Up in Iao Valley the avalanche of raging, seething and frothing waters smashed the fine bridge, partly cement and partly wood, which spans the first crossing. Another smaller bridge near Kapanui was also shattered."

"Kahului, the Venice of Maui, was almost entirely inundated at times. The pond back of Kahului, toward Punahoa, took on the proportions of a lake and flooded the fine old road leading to Punahoa."

"Between Wailuku and Lahaina the road was made impassable in several places, and some automobile drivers, who defied the rain and the storm, got stuck on the flats of the Olowalu side of the mountain road. The storm greatly interfered with the mails, and people waited in vain for their usual mail on Sunday. Tremendous waves broke continuously over the Kahului breakwater, but no serious damage was done. Vessels were unable to enter the harbor."

AEROPLANE MAIL SERVICE PLANNED

Hilo Board of Trade Takes Up Postmaster Corbett's Unique Suggestion

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
Hilo, January 17.—The board of trade of the Hawaiian group was suggested by Postmaster Corbett of Hilo at the annual meeting of the board of trade of Hilo last week. Mr. Corbett told the directors of the board that the authorities in Washington are now considering the plan proposed by him at the time of his visit to the national capital.

Experiments are now being made with aeroplane mail carriers on the mainland and upon the outcome of these largely depends the fate of the Corbett plan. The postal authorities in Washington also wanted to have an estimate of the weight of mail carried and particularly the direction and strength of the air currents of the atmosphere between Honolulu and Hilo. The board was asked to aid in securing this data for the department. It was decided by the directors to take the matter up with the army authorities here, where investigations have been made by military aviators.

C. E. Wright, president of the board, in his written report of the work accomplished by the board during the year just closed, touched on many of the more important phases of the activities of the body.

The annual election resulted as follows: William McKay, president; G. H. Vickars, vice president; D. S. Bowman, C. E. Wright, G. A. Cool, C. C. Kennedy, Ted Guard, J. W. Russell, D. Mac H. Forbes and Charles Shimamoto, trustees.

MISS BUCKLAND SECRETARY OF THE FEDERAL COURT

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(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, January 17.—Lieut. Comdr. Owen Oakley, U. S. N., who had been ill in this city for the past week with pneumonia, died last night.

NAVAL OFFICER IS DEAD

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEW YORK, January 17.—Formal announcement was made by the Italian cabinet last night that Italy is now making arrangements to go to the aid of Serbia and Montenegro. Just what these plans are is being kept secret, but it is understood that large bodies of troops are to be rushed to join the Allies at Salonika, and that other steps are to be taken to assist the Montenegrins in their desperate struggle with Austria.

STORM DRIVES SHIP AGROUND ON LEE COAST AT HANAPEPE

Schooner Prosper, Breaks Adrift Under Fieroe Thrust of Raging Gale That Is Sweeping Kona Shores of the Garden Island

(Special By Mutual Wireless.)
LIHUE, January 16.—Breaking adrift in one of the worst gales that has swept the lee shore of Kauai in years, the schooner Prosper, Captain Murchison, was driven ashore this afternoon at the mouth of the Hanapepe river, and the bark British Yeoman is now in a dangerous plight, her anchors dragging and allowing her to drift close to the breakers.

BARK, BRITISH YEOMAN, IN DANGER OF GOING ASHORE

Volunteers Attempt To Aid Schooner, Only To Be Beaten Back and Overturned By Thunderous, Pounding Seas

The Prosper, which left Mukilteo November 13, last, for Port Allen, was the first to feel the effects of the storm, which began raging early this morning. Although efforts were made to hold her, she broke adrift from her anchorage after a desperate fight, and about two o'clock this afternoon began drifting beachward.

Captain Murchison headed his vessel up with the aid of a little sail he managed to hoist, and steered for the opening of the Hanapepe river. For a time the watchers on the beach and on the British Yeoman thought that he was going to make his port and beach his ship behind the protecting land, but at the last moment the Prosper struck off the edge of a rocky ledge that stuck out into her path, with a crash that could be heard ashore over the howling of the wind.

In the meantime Captain Nelson, commander of the British Yeoman, called for volunteers, and five men and an officer manned one of the small boats of the bark and went to the assistance of the drifting Prosper. The little craft battled vainly with the billows, which, by this time, were rolling shoreward in great, creaming mountains, making it impossible for them to get near the endangered schooner.

The men in the boat kept on, however, and at one time it looked as though they were going to be able to get on board. But a huge comber taking them on the quarter tossed their tiny boat over and over and dashed it beachward. The Prosper had already struck and the waves were curling over her in a way that threatened her with speedy destruction. The men of the British Yeoman, after fighting with the breaking surf, were flung out on the beach and dragged to safety by lifesavers, waiting on the beach to aid. Every one got safe to shore.

Bark In Bad Plight
While their fight to reach and aid the Prosper was going on no one paid attention to the plight of the bark, but as soon as the boat's crew landed it was seen that she was in a perilous position. The great combers were pounding her fiercely and the wind, which was blowing with tremendous force, was dragging at her anchors as though determined to snap the hawsers.

Italy To Send Troops For Relief of Balkans
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AMERICANS ARE SLAIN FIGHTING FOR FRANCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, January 17.—An official announcement from the war office last night reported that five American citizens who have been serving with the French Foreign Legion have been killed. These men all died in the recent fierce attack on the German positions at Giverny. Their bodies will be buried with those of their French comrades.