

SIX BIG WARSHIPS CONCENTRATE FIRE ON A TURKISH FORT

Super - Dreadnought Queen Elizabeth Heads Fleet in the Dardanelles Narrows.

LONDON, March 10.—Six British warships, headed by the super-dreadnought Queen Elizabeth, are concentrating their fire upon the batteries of Fort Namasteh, overlooking the Dardanelles narrows, according to Athens dispatches to-day. A determined effort is being made to silence the guns of Namasteh, which have so far swept the strait for the defense of several miles and blocked the advance of mine sweepers.

The newest monster of the seas, the superdreadnought Warpite, its believed to have joined the allied fleet, Admiralty officials have virtually admitted that another big battleship of the Queen Elizabeth type is in action. The Warpite was laid down five days after the Queen Elizabeth was launched, Nov. 24, 1917.

Nearly thirty French and English warships, the Admiralty admitted to-day, are now shelling the Ottoman defenses. In addition to these, a dozen other powerful fighting craft are unofficially reported to be in action. The aggregate tonnage of the Anglo-French naval force at the Dardanelles is nearly six times that of the entire Spanish Armada of ancient days.

The Russian Black Sea fleet, Petrograd reported to-day, is steaming westward along the coast of Asiatic Turkey toward the Bosphorus. It has sunk several small Turkish steamers and is reported to have captured the Turkish fleet and is now reported less than 100 miles from Constantinople.

It was officially denied to-day that the Queen Elizabeth had suffered any serious damage in the Dardanelles fighting.

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PARIS, March 10.—The astounding report is printed here that Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg, the German Imperial Chancellor, will inform the Reichstag of the terms under which Germany will make peace.

LONDON, March 10.—Evaer Pasha, leader of the young Turks and the man regarded as chiefly responsible for the entry of Turkey into the war, is on his way to Berlin for a conference with the Kaiser and the German Emperor which will be held in a coup to save Constantinople. This information has been given out in Berlin, according to a Daily Chronicle despatch from Copenhagen.

SOCIALIST EDITOR GOES TO PRISON FOR SATIRE ON GERMAN EMPEROR.

GOTHA, March 10.—Herr Gethner, a Socialist member of the Gotha Coburg Diet and editor of the Gotha Volkblatt, has been sentenced to three months' imprisonment for commenting scathingly upon Emperor William's statement that he no longer knew parties but only Germans.

The Volkblatt has been suspended.

Helen Keller Still in Texas.

AUSTIN, Tex., March 10.—Miss Helen Keller is receiving treatment in a hospital here for an attack of bronchitis. Her condition is improved to-day. The famous blind girl's lecture tour has been cancelled.

Aviator's Wife Who Sails Soon To Rejoin Her Husband in England



Mrs. Claude Grahame-White, who is Miss Dorothy Taylor of New York, is planning to give up the war relief fund work she is doing in New York and return to England to rejoin her aviator husband, who as Flight Commander is taking part in the raids by English aviators on German naval bases in Flanders.

Mrs. Grahame-White, who is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand L. Taylor, of No. 640 Park Avenue, said to-day: "My husband wanted me to remain here with my parents while he was at or father of the front, but I have decided to return to him."

HORRORS CHARGED TO GERMANS BY FRENCH CAPTIVES

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GAIN OF SIX MILES MADE IN POLAND, PETROGRAD CLAIM

But an Important Reverse in the Carpathians is Admitted by the Russians.

PETROGRAD, March 10 (United Press).—The German army that attempted to seize the Warsaw-Petrograd Railway at Gradno has been pushed back six miles, according to reports reaching here from Warsaw. It is now battling with the advancing Russian army east of Augustow and less than twelve miles from the Prussian frontier.

In their advance into North Poland, following the retirement of the Russians from the Masurian Lakes, the Germans moved eastward along the railway and road leading from Augustow to Gradno. In their retreat they have been driven from the road. Warsaw reports that progress of the Russian advance has forced the enemy to abandon a number of their heavy guns in the swamps.

It is admitted that the enemy has again taken the offensive at two points north of the Vistula, northeast of Lomas and north of Plock, the Germans have delivered attacks. The enemy appeared in large force around Drebin, east of Sierpe, but was beaten off. The latest dispatches from Warsaw indicated that German bombardment of Oswetsa was continuing.

Austrian forces north of the Luppok pass in the Carpathians have made slight gains, by throwing superior forces against the Russian positions near Bailrod. This important reverse for the Czar's troops has been more than offset in the fighting between the Dniester and the Pruth, around the Austrian region. Nearly an entire Austrian battalion, forming part of the right wing of the enemy retreating from the Dniester, was cut off and forced to lay down their arms.

AMERICAN BARK WITH 6,000 BALES OF COTTON FOR GERMANY IS SEIZED

GALVESTON, Texas, March 10.—The American bark Pass of Balma, from New York to Bremen, carrying 6,000 bales of cotton, has been seized by a British cruiser and taken to Kirkwall, England, according to reports received from B. E. Harris, who chartered the vessel.

AUTO MEN PROTEST BILL. Declares Against Increase of License Fee on Motor Cars.

ALBANY, March 10.—Delegates of the New York State Motor Federation from various cities of the State came here to-day to protest against the Hewitt-Sullivan bill, intended to virtually double the license fee of automobiles.

John M. Ross and John J. McInerney, of Utica, president and counsel, respectively of the organization, were present at the hearing which was held at the Albany Hotel.

The bill was introduced largely because of the increase in the price of gasoline.

ITALIAN FLEET SAILED SAID TO BE HEADED FOR THE DARDANELLES.

GENEVA (via Paris), March 10.—The Tribune says it has learned from Sienna that several Italian warships have put to sea, probably bound for the Dardanelles.

ALL STEAMSHIP LINES FOLLOW THE CUNARD IN REDUCING RATES.

LONDON, March 10.—All British transatlantic steamship companies have followed the lead of the Cunard Line and reduced the rate for second class passage to New York to \$50.

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