

TURK ARMY IN FULL RETREAT

Most Precipitate Retirement of War Now in Progress in East.

SLIGHT DEFENSE BY REAR GUARDS

Turks Making Little Effort to Save Anything Except Lives—Russians Advancing in Solid Line Along Entire Southern Front—Turkish Losses in Erzurum Now Estimated at 40,000 in Killed, Wounded and Prisoners.

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 22.—Both on the center in the Erzurum district and on the widely-extended southern flanks the Russians are everywhere continuing pursuit of the routed Turkish army.

The Russian advance is having the effect of not only severing all connections between the now isolated Turkish army groups, but of strengthening their own forces from the Black sea district to the recently occupied town of Mush, on the southern Russian wing.

Thus the operations of the Russians are assuming the character of a solid and unbroken advance along the entire front. On the Black sea coast the Russians have now driven the Turks twenty miles west of Vitseuz and the occupation of Trabzon is believed to be imminent.

Meet Slight Resistance.

The Turks, evidently impressed with the headway the Russian forces are making, appear to be inspired with the sole aim of extracting themselves from their position before they are surrounded and are making no effort to hold endangered points now in their possession.

With a minimum of resistance, consisting principally of rear guard actions, the Turkish retreat is one of the most precipitate of the war.

With Mush and Aclat in their possession, the Russian forces on the southern wing are now proceeding toward Bitlis. Once their objective is obtained, Lake Van, which has been the scene of important fighting since the beginning of the campaign, will rest securely in Russian hands.

DOUBTS BERLIN STORY.

Montenegro Premier Discards Stories of Peace Negotiations.

Paris, Feb. 22.—A reported statement by the Austrian ambassador at Madrid that the Montenegro king had remained in the country proposed that King Nicholas should authorize them to make peace with Austria has caused Lazzare Mouchekoff, premier and minister of foreign affairs of Montenegro, to issue a statement. It says: "If the king and chief of his government were obliged to leave Montenegro to escape from the enemy after giving strict orders that no negotiations be undertaken with the enemy under any pretext, it is certainly not likely that they would today accept suggestions from persons now under coercion from the invaders.

"The king and the legal government are in the same position as the kings and governments of Belgium and Serbia. Montenegro has been placed under the protection of the great allies who have given assurance that no separate terms will be made with the enemy."

[An Overseas News Agency dispatch from Berlin, dated Feb. 17, said that according to information from the Spanish office, said that the Spanish ambassador to Vienna, at the request of the Austrian government, had asked if King Alfonso would consent to serve as mediator between the Montenegrins in Montenegro and their king in France, and forward to the latter the request of the former that they be authorized to conclude peace.]

ENTIRE CREW OF ZEPPELIN LOST

German Airship Destroyed While Making Raid Over France.

Paris, Feb. 22.—The entire crew of the Zeppelin airship brought down by the French gunners near Brahanth Le Rot yesterday, twenty-two in number, perished, according to a Havas dispatch from Bar le Duc.

The Zeppelin was brought to earth by the first shot from an automatic mounted cannon at Ravigny, the dispatch adds.

The dispatch adds: "The Zeppelin was one of the latest models, according to the advisers, being of the marine type, and numbered LZ 77. Another Zeppelin was following it fifteen kilometers behind when the French gunners began to fire.

"The crew of the second Zeppelin, witnessing the destruction of the LZ 77, turned their craft sharply and proceeded in another direction.

"The presence of the Zeppelins was announced between 8:30 and 8:45 o'clock. It fought against the wind and advanced slowly. As soon as it was within range the cannonade began. Two shells burst in the rear of the dirigible while an incendiary projectile seemed to tear across the Zeppelin, igniting the right side of the craft.

Radio Message from Iowa Reaches Distant Points in 22 Minutes

Chicago, Feb. 22.—The messages sent by wireless to governors of states and mayors of large cities at 11 o'clock last night from Davenport, Wash., as a demonstration of the effectiveness of the radio service reached the remotest parts of the country thru various relays, according to advices received here today.

On account of the number of relays it required about an hour and a half to send the message to the Pacific coast, more than 2,000 miles.

The message, which was authorized by the United States government and signed by Col. W. J. Nicholas, commander at the Rock Island arsenal, is as follows: "A democracy requires that a people who govern and educate themselves should be so armed and disciplined that they can protect themselves."

Boy Scouts were on hand today to deliver the messages to the various executives thruout the country.

In Record Time.

Davenport, Feb. 22.—Twenty minutes from Davenport to Hoquiam, Wash., was the record established by the radio message on preparedness sent thruout the country last night. The message left the station of W. H. Kerwin, formerly of the United States army at 11:30 central time, and reached Hoquiam twenty minutes afterward and was delivered at the Puget Sound navy yard and received for by the commandant.

pieces of the envelop, which became detached.

"In touching the earth the bombs the Zeppelin carried exploded.

"An enormous crowd of persons gathered while the roads were filled with automobiles directed toward the scene. Nothing was found but the debris of the craft among which lay between twenty and thirty bodies."

French Line Penetrated.

Paris, Feb. 22.—German forces yesterday evening delivered a strong attack against the French positions at the forest of Givency (east of Sochez) according to official announcement made by the French war office today, and were successful in penetrating the first line of the French trenches.

British Ship Sunk.

London, Feb. 22.—Sinking of the British steamer Dingle is reported by Lloyd's. There probably is only one survivor.

The Dingle, of 492 tons gross and 176 feet long, was built in 1914, and was owned by the West Lancashire Steamship Company of Liverpool.

Bulgars Apologize to Greeks.

Athens, via Paris, Feb. 22.—The Bulgarian government has made apologies to the Greek government for the arrest of a diplomatic messenger and the seizure of diplomatic documents while the messenger was on his way from Constantinople to Athens.

Germans Capture French Positions.

Paris, via London, Feb. 22.—The capture of 300 metres of French positions east of Sochez by German troops is announced today by the German war office.

Submarine Attacks Constantinople.

London, Feb. 22.—A new blow from an unexpected quarter has been struck at the Turkish forces.

An allied submarine passed thru the Dardanelles last Tuesday, reached the Bosphorus and torpedoed one tug and six transports laden with munitions, according to an Athens dispatch to Reuters' Telegram Company.

The presence of the hostile submarine caused a panic in Constantinople.

WALSH INTERESTED IN CLUB PURCHASE

Davenport Man Associated With Dunn and Others in Buying Cleveland American League Franchise—Once a Member of Chicago Cubs.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—It was learned today that Thomas Walsh, of the Walsh Construction Company, of Davenport, Iowa, was one of the purchasers of the Cleveland American League baseball club.

Mr. Walsh was for one season a catcher in the Chicago National League team.

PROMISE HOLDS WITH AN "IF"

Germany to Stand By Assurances With One Exception.

NO SHIPS ATTACKED UNLESS ARMED

No British and French Liners Now Clearing From American Ports Carrying Guns—United States Will Insist on Speedy Settlement of Entire Controversy—Foreign Relations Committee Men Confer With Wilson.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Confidential advices from Berlin today indicate that Germany soon will inform the United States that her previous assurances that unresisting liners will not be attacked without warning will hold good for future submarine operations, provided, however, such liners do not carry armament.

The German government will contend that what is now characterized as defensive armament is really offensive armament and will discuss with the United States what defensive armament may properly be.

As none of the British and French liners now clearing from American ports carry arms, the German assurances will be considered assurances for the safety of these vessels even under the terms of the new policy.

Will Insist on Speedy Settlement.

How far such assurances will go toward meeting the state department's objection that the Lusitania agreement as at present drafted applied to the future, can be determined only when they are laid before Secretary Lansing.

It was said today the United States would not permit the negotiations over the general subject of armed ships to be drawn out indefinitely. The administration, it was said, wants the situation clarified without delay.

Last night's conference between the president, Senator Stone and Mr. Flood, chairman of the senate and house foreign affairs committee, and Senator Kern, was held under the president's direction, it was said, to discuss the status of negotiations.

Secretary Lansing discussed the situation further with the president this morning. The president does not believe in much discussion of the situation in congress.

BRYCE SEES U. S. FRIENDLY.

Former British Ambassador Does Not Look For Trouble With America.

Paris, Feb. 22.—Viscount Bryce, who heads the British delegation of twenty-five members of both houses of parliament to the Anglo-French parliamentary committee, which is to hold meetings here today, gave an interview to the Paris Journal.

"The situation in the United States is much too complicated and changes too quickly from day to day," he said, "for me to be able to form any conjectures as to the manner in which the events are likely to develop. There is one thing, however, that should be known, and it is that the sympathies of a great majority of American people goes out to the allies, for it has a fear of difficulty arising between the United States and the allies, for it is hardly necessary for me to say that there are historical reasons why a historical friendship should be felt in the United States for France and the United Kingdom."

Altho he has just got in touch with the French delegates to take part in the conference, Lord Bryce already felt that the meetings and the exchanges of views would be of the greatest benefit both during and after the war.

CONFER AT WHITE HOUSE.

President and Committee Chairman Discuss Foreign Situation.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Discussion of foreign affairs on the floor of the senate by administration senators is awaited with unusual interest today following last night's conference between President Wilson, Chairman Stone and Flood, of the senate and house foreign affairs committees, and Majority Leader Kern, of the senate.

The conference was held at the instance of Senator Stone, who is to address the senate on the admittedly grave situation resulting from the announcement of the central powers that they will sink all armed merchant ships of the enemy.

The leaders admit that the United States changed its position when the Lusitania case apparently was virtually settled.

Legislation Taking Shape.

The army's part in national defense legislation began to take definite form in congressional committees today.

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Federal authorities at Washington, Dr. Hassler said, now are seeking to learn if the physician who sent him here, knew that Neubaumer was to travel without the prescribed precautions in violation of interstate commerce laws.

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The dead are the flagman of No. 79, who had gone back to protect his train, which had been stopped by a broken air pipe; Engineer Curtis and Fireman McGinnis, of the special, and a man and a woman passenger on that train whose bodies were seen under the wreckage.

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The night of the special was thrown down the embankment and was followed by the first two coaches, falling over and over.

The tracks within a moment were piled high with wreckage. It was believed no one was fatally hurt in No. 79. Most of the passengers in the special were from Hartford and New Haven and way points.

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