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**TURKS UNAWARE OF EVACUATION**  
 British Abandon Two Points on Gallipoli Peninsula. OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE

Official Statement Asserts That by This Contracting of the Front the Campaign at Other Points of the Line Will Be More Effectively Carried Out. London, Dec. 21.—Operations in other sectors of the front on the Gallipoli peninsula than those from which troops were announced to have been withdrawn, are to be continued, it is intimated in an official statement issued.

The withdrawal was effected without knowledge of the movement on the part of the Turks, it is declared. "Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Sulva zones have been received," says the official statement. "Without the Turks being aware of the movement a great army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied on the Gallipoli peninsula, although in the closest of contact with the enemy. "By this contracting of the front operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out. "Sir Charles Monro gives great credit for this skillfully conducted transfer of forces to the generals commanding and the royal navy. The withdrawal of the British troops from Sulva bay and the Anzac zone ends more successfully than most military men thought possible the most unfortunate chapter of the British arms in this war. Thousands of lives were sacrificed in gaining these positions and other thousands in holding them.

**Turks Fully Prepared.**  
 The question has been constantly discussed why the generals commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the center of the peninsula in the beginning and cut off the Turkish troops on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to obtain a foothold higher up on the peninsula the Turks were fully prepared to meet it. Moreover, the British arrangements lacked several essential features, particularly a supply of drinking water. The story has been revealed by soldiers and correspondents returning from the Mediterranean only gradually and by detail. One eyewitness declared that after the first battalion was landed the men were shot down so thickly that the watchers aboard the ships were asking, "Why don't our men advance?" and thought the troops were lying down awaiting orders. The soldiers found barbed wire entanglements stretching clear out under the water when they jumped from their small boats. To add to their suffering the supply of drinking water was very short.

**ASQUITH BALKS PEACE TALK**  
 Tells Questioner Position of British Government is Unchanged.

London, Dec. 21.—Premier Asquith declined to be drawn into any discussion of the subject of peace in the house of commons, when Sir William Pollard Byles, member for North Salford, in a question, suggested that recent debates in the reichstag indicated a disposition to transfer the issues of the war from the battlefield to the council chamber. The premier told his questioner that the latter was quite as competent as the government to draw inferences from reichstag debates, but intimated that the government's position was unchanged on the matter of peace.

**FLEET SEARCHES NORTH SEA**  
 Berlin Says Germans Could Find No Hostile Vessels.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Ridiculing allied claims that the German coast is closely blockaded the admiralty announced that a portion of the German fleet searched the North sea last week without encountering any of the allied naval forces. On Wednesday and Thursday the German warships cruised in the Akerack (the arm of the North sea between Germany and Denmark) to watch shipping, it was said. Fifty-two vessels were examined and one seized, it was said.

**UNITED STATES PROTESTS**  
 Objects to British Stopping Mail Bound for Sweden.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The United States has protested to Great Britain against interference with parcel post shipments between this country and Sweden, Secretary Lansing announced. Mr. Lansing said that the Swedish minister had complained to the state department that parcel post shipments had been held up by British warships on the high seas. Besides filing a protest the state department has asked Great Britain for an explanation, Mr. Lansing said.

**GENERAL VON BISSING.**  
 German Governor General May Retire on Jan. 1.



Rome, Dec. 21.—General von Bissing, German governor general of the occupied portion of Belgium, is to retire from the governorship Jan. 1, on account of ill health, according to a dispatch from Antwerp.

**MUCH DEPENDS ON LABOR**  
 David Lloyd-George Needs Many Skilled Workers.

London, Dec. 21.—David Lloyd-George, minister of munitions, gave an account of his stewardship in the house of commons. Beginning with the oft repeated story of insufficiency of munitions in the early days of the war and the history of the establishment of his department to remedy this situation the minister gradually warmed to his subject and reached the climax with the declaration that the success of the allies in the war depended on the attitude of labor—whether it will allow the government to recruit a sufficient number of skilled men for the factories which the munitions department has brought into being. "We want 80,000 skilled men and from 200,000 to 300,000 unskilled men for these new factories," he said. "We must reduce the proportion of our orders which go abroad and develop our home resources. Upon the supply of labor depends, I think, our success in this war. Upon this depends whether we can reduce the cost of the war by scores of millions of pounds. "Upon this depends whether we can supply our troops with the right sort of guns and enable them to make next year's campaign a success."

**VICTORY MIGHT HAVE TURNED TIDE.**

London, Dec. 21.—The feeling of the man in the street over the announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli was generally one of relief mixed with regret. A popular halfpenny paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows: "Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built and which, if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops from the first to the last were within a few miles of victory."

**VILLA REVOLUTION APPEARS CRUSHED**

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 21.—The Villa revolution, the chief disturbing factor in Mexico since October, 1914, has been reduced to a handful of fugitives. The last of the territory and property of the government which once made a strong bid for control of the Mexican republic was signed over to the Carranza government by Villa lieutenants. General Francisco Villa, surrounded by 400 men of an army which a few days ago numbered 5,000, is believed to be somewhere in the state of Chihuahua. What he plans to do is known to none but himself and followers.

**SEEK TO MAKE DAKOTA WET**  
 Personal Liberty League Will Campaign for Re-submission.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 21.—Referendum of constitutional prohibition to the voters of North Dakota was sponsored by the North Dakota Personal Liberty league at a meeting at Bismarck when J. H. Wishek of Ashley was re-elected president and plans made for active participation in political affairs. Petitions asking that the prohibition clause of the constitution be submitted to the voters in the next general election will be placed in circulation shortly after the first of the year.

**SALOON HOLDUP FATAL TO THREE**

Two St. Paul Detectives Kill Trio of Bandits. ONE OFFICER IS WOUNDED

Triple Shooting is Spectacular Wind-up to Reign of Terror in City's Outlying Districts.

St. Paul, Dec. 19.—Three bandits who tried to rob James McDonough's saloon at 782 Rice street ran into a detail of two police detectives, part of an emergency squad secretly assigned to outlying dramshops since a series of robberies began ten days ago. Within five minutes two of the holdup men were dead. The other died two hours later.

Detective Paul Gottfried is at St. Joseph's hospital with a bullet in his right breast and another in his month. Detective John McKinley escaped unhurt. Six or seven men in the saloon at the time of the shooting managed to hide or escape through the rear door. The bandits are believed to be Charles Carson, Winnipeg; Alexander A. Charlton, St. Louis, and Montana Pete, a train robber.

The shooting of the bandits is the spectacular windup of the reign of terror which the three masked men have carried on in outlying districts for the past week.

**WOULD REOPEN RATE CASE**  
 Eight States Protest Against Increased Passenger Charge.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—In an effort to procure a reconsideration of the interstate commerce commission's ruling, announced Dec. 11, permitting railroads of the Middle West to increase their interstate passenger rates, a meeting of the utilities commissions of eight states affected has been called for Wednesday, Dec. 22, at Omaha. Announcement of this effect was made by the Kansas utilities commission. The formal call for the meeting was issued by Clifford Thorne, chairman of the Iowa utilities commission, following a conference with Minnesota officials.

**SPOKANE BRIDGE COLLAPSES**  
 Five Men Killed and Ten Injured in Accident.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 20.—Five men were killed and ten injured when the north span of the Division street bridge gave way under the weight of two street cars. One of the cars carried fifteen passengers and it was in this that all the casualties occurred, the car plunging into the river and resting on the bottom. The other car had reached the end of the bridge when the structure gave way, but it slid back until the rear end rested on the river bed. The two passengers and crew escaped uninjured.

**CHINA RECEIVES PROTEST**  
 Note From Entente Powers Regarding Return to Monarchy.

Tokio, Dec. 17.—Italy's ratification having arrived Japan has forwarded to China the note from the entente powers relative to the re-establishment of the Chinese monarchy. The note is of a soothing nature, but emphasizes the necessity of the maintenance of peace in China and the determination of the entente nations to protect their rights in the case of outbreaks.

**REPUBLICANS MEET JUNE 7**  
 Chicago Secures G. O. P. National Convention.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Chicago was selected by the Republican national committee as the meeting place of the 1916 Republican national convention, to be held June 7, one week before the Democratic convention in St. Louis. The vote stood: Chicago 31, San Francisco 13, St. Louis 7, Philadelphia 2.

**FLETCHER ENVOY TO MEXICO**  
 Nomination of Ambassador by President Sent to Senate.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Henry Prather Fletcher, ambassador to Chile, was nominated by President Wilson for ambassador to Mexico. Eligio Arredondo already has been appointed Mexican ambassador to the United States and Mr. Fletcher's nomination restores diplomatic relations between the two countries, broken off nearly three years ago.

**FINISH BIG GERMAN CANAL**  
 Last Link in Rhine-Hanover Waterway Finally Completed.

Berlin, Dec. 17.—The Minden-Hanover waterway has been opened. This is the last link in the Rhine-Hanover canal, which has been under construction for several years at a cost of more than \$60,000,000.

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