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## RUSSIANS JOIN BRITISH FORCE

**Cavalry Makes Its Appearance in Mesopotamia.**

### DETAILS OF TRIP UNKNOWN

Fighting for Possession of Important Strategic Positions on Verdun Front Continues.

London, May 22.—A force of Russian cavalry suddenly has joined the British army on the Tigris, in Mesopotamia.

Appearance of the Russian troops with the British in Mesopotamia leads to the belief here that the Baghdad railway has been cut at Mosul.

How they made their way to the English army is not known and the details of their trip through a country infested with enemies remains a mystery.

Word of the appearance of the Russians came in the following official communication:

"A force of Russian cavalry has joined General Goringe after a bold and adventurous ride.

"General Sir Percy Lake, in charge of the operations on the Tigris, reports that May 19 the enemy vacated the Deffaalessa advanced position on the right bank of the Tigris. General Goringe, following up the enemy, attacked and carried the DuJallan redoubt.

"The enemy is still holding the Sannayat position on the left bank of the river."

This word from General Lake is the first news of operations on the Tigris since the fall of Kut-el-Amara.

### VERDUN BATTLE CONTINUES

German Take First Line Trench on Dead Man's Hill.

Paris, May 22.—The battle for the possession of important strategic positions on the Verdun front west of the Meuse river continues with unabated severity.

The French war office announced that the Germans, although repulsed in most of their attempts, succeeded in capturing a first line trench on Dead Man's hill and gaining ground on the slopes west of the hill.

### BIRRELL SAYS IRISH HAD SHAM BATTLES

London, May 20.—Augustine Birrell, who resigned his post as chief secretary for Ireland following the Dublin rebellion, was the first witness when the royal commission resumed its investigation into the cause leading to the outbreak.

Mr. Birrell said he did not wish to modify the long statement of Under Secretary Nathan, in which Mr. Nathan admitted the government knew in advance of the plans of the rebels, but did not disarm them, fearing bloodshed.

He did not deny Mr. Nathan's assertions that he (Birrell) was fully informed of the facts that the rebels held sham battles, at which they rehearsed the taking of Dublin castle, before the trouble broke out.

### 13,000 PRISONERS TAKEN

Austrians on Italian Front Continue Their Successes.

London, May 22.—Austrian troops in the Tyrol have followed up their successes by compelling Italian forces to evacuate the Col Santo, southeast of Rovereto and west of Monte Maglio, the extremity of their previous advance.

According to the Austrian official statement Italian prisoners so far captured total more than 13,000 officers and men.

One hundred and seven guns also have been taken.

### U. S. TOO TIMID TO FIGHT

Roosevelt Says That is View of Other Nations.

Detroit, May 20.—Necessity for preparedness was the keynote of the speech of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt in Detroit Opera House.

The colonel plunged into his subject without delay and for an hour or more hurled hot shot, metaphorically speaking, into the camp of the pacifists.

"The nations of the world regard us as too timid to defend ourselves," said the speaker, "and it is necessary that we unite for our common flag and our common country."

The hall was crowded and the colonel was cheered repeatedly.

### EARTHQUAKE SHAKES ITALY

Disturbance of Particular Violence on Adriatic Coast.

Rome, May 19.—An earthquake of particular violence has occurred along the Adriatic coast between Rimini and Cesena. At the latter town a dozen people were injured.

### SIR ROGER CASEMENT.

Leader of Irish Rebellion Faces Trial for Treason.



Sir Roger Casement and Daniel J. Bailey were committed for trial at London on a charge of high treason.

This decision was reached at the conclusion of the preliminary hearing of these men on the charge of participation in the Irish rebellion.

The date of the trial and the court before which it will be held have not yet been announced.

### OKLAHOMA TORNADO IS FATAL TO NINE

Denison, Tex., May 22.—Only three small dwellings remain standing at Kemp City, Okla., following a tornado that swept this section Saturday night, killing nine persons and injuring thirty-eight others.

The storm devastated a path three-quarters of a mile wide and five miles long. It was at Kemp City the storm spent its greatest fury.

Twelve business houses, a two-story hotel and sixty residences were demolished there.

This was the second time in recent years the little town of 800 inhabitants has been visited by a tornado. Merchants said that the town probably would not be rebuilt.

Eight were killed in the town, while the other victim, a child, was killed in the collapse of its father's home just across the Red river in Texas.

Of the thirty-eight persons injured thirty-six are residents of Kemp City.

### PENSION BUDGET IS LESS

Total This Year is \$2,500,000 Under Estimates.

Washington, May 22.—Pensions will cost the American people \$2,000,000 less this year than last, under the annual pension bill, as reported by the appropriations committee.

The total is \$158,065,000, two and one-half millions less than the estimates submitted.

### GRAIN AND PROVISION PRICES

Duluth Wheat and Flax.  
Duluth, May 20.—Wheat—On track and to arrive, No. 1 hard, \$1.18 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.12 1/2 @ 1.14 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.12 1/2 @ 1.14 1/2. Flax—On track and to arrive, \$1.89.

St. Paul Grain.  
St. Paul, May 20.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, \$1.17; No. 2 Northern, \$1.13 @ 1.17 1/2; No. 3 Montana hard, \$1.11 1/2 @ 1.13 1/2; corn, 75 1/2 @ 77c; oats, 41 @ 41 1/2c; barley, 64 @ 74 1/2c; rye, 93 @ 94 1/2c; flax, \$1.94.

Chicago Grain and Provisions.  
Chicago, May 20.—Wheat—May, \$1.11 1/4; July, \$1.12; Sept., \$1.12 1/2. Corn—May, 74 1/2c; July, 73 1/2c; Sept., 72c. Oats—May, 44 1/2c; July, 42c; Sept., 39 1/2c. Pork—July, \$23.55; Sept., \$23.22 1/2. Butter—Creameries, 27 1/2 @ 29c. Eggs—20 @ 21 1/2c. Poultry—Springs, 20c; fowls, 18 @ 19c.

Minneapolis Grain.  
Minneapolis, May 20.—Wheat—May, \$1.16 1/2; July, \$1.16 1/2; Sept., \$1.15. Cash close on track: No. 1 hard, \$1.25 1/2; No. 1 Northern, \$1.17 1/2 @ 1.20 1/2; No. 2 Northern, \$1.16 1/2 @ 1.19 1/2; No. 3 yellow corn, 75 1/2 @ 77c; No. 3 white oats, 41 @ 41 1/2c; flax, \$1.94.

South St. Paul Live Stock.  
South St. Paul, May 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 300; steers, \$5.00 @ 9.25; cows and heifers, \$5.00 @ 8.25; calves, \$5.50 @ 10.50; stockers and feeders, \$4.75 @ 8.50. Hogs—Receipts, 1,800; range, \$9.65 @ 9.90. Sheep—Receipts, 100; lambs, \$5.50 @ 9.99; wethers, \$5.25 @ 8.25; ewes, \$3.00 @ 8.00.

Chicago Live Stock.  
Chicago, May 20.—Cattle—Receipts, 100; steers, \$8.10 @ 10.25; cows and heifers, \$4.40 @ 9.50; calves, \$8.00 @ 11.25. Hogs—Receipts, 9,000; light, \$9.60 @ 10.10; mixed, \$9.75 @ 10.15; heavy, \$9.65 @ 10.20; rough, \$9.60 @ 9.80; pigs, \$7.50 @ 9.60. Sheep—Receipts, 2,000; native, \$7.80 @ 11.10; lambs, \$9.10 @ 12.85.

## ITALIANS YIELD GROUND SLOWLY

**Austrians Pushing Invaders Toward Own Territory.**

### FIGHTING IN VERDUN REGION

Both French and Germans Claim to Have Made Gains at Various Points. British Suffer Severe Losses in Men Trying to Retake Lost Trenches.

London, May 23.—The great offensive of the Austrians against the Italians in Southern Tyrol continues unabated and at several points the Austrians seem gradually to be throwing back the Italians toward their own territory.

To the southeast of Trent, on the Lavarone plateau, Vienna says, the Italians have been dislodged from all their positions, and adds that the Austrians have captured Fima, Mandriolo and the height immediately west of the frontier from the summit as far as the Astach valley.

The Austrians, for their offensive, according to Rome advices, have been heavily reinforced in men and guns. Since the beginning of the offensive, Vienna asserts, more than 24,000 men have been taken prisoners and 172 cannon have been captured by the Austrians.

In the region of Verdun both the French and Germans claim successes for their arms at various points.

An interesting point in the latest French official communication is the statement that the French have penetrated Fort Douaumont, northeast of Verdun, which the Germans stormed and captured Feb. 25, four days after the commencement of the assault on Verdun, and from which all attempts to drive them out proved futile.

The Germans, however, still hold the northern part of Fort Douaumont. A violent attack also has netted the French several German positions on a front of about a mile and a quarter east of the village of Douaumont.

Heavy losses in men were suffered by the British when the Germans took trenches from them over a front of about a mile and a quarter near Givenchy-en-Gohelle and in counter attacks to regain them, according to Berlin.

### FOOD SCARCE IN BRITAIN

Farmers Urged to Use Women for Tilling the Soil.

London, May 23.—Francis Dyke Acland, financial secretary of the treasury, speaking in the house of commons on the agricultural situation, made a somewhat disturbing statement.

It is imperative, Mr. Acland said, that farmers drop their prejudice against the employment of female labor. A breakdown in home supplies is avoidable only if the labor situation does not grow worse.

The danger point of greatly decreased production already has been reached and even as things are going it now is feared that England cannot hope to maintain her production on last year's level.

"If more men are swept into the army from the farms, she can only escape famine by diverting to importation of foodstuffs."

"And," Mr. Acland concluded, "we are unable to say whether there will be ships to divert that way."

### BRITISH FORCE ADVANCING

General Goringe's Army is Nearing Kut-el-Amara.

London, May 23.—A dispatch received from Lieutenant General Sir Percy Lake, commander of the British forces in Mesopotamia, shows that the forces of Lieutenant General Sir George Goringe, operating on the south bank of the Tigris, have virtually reached Kut-el-Amara, this region now being clear of Turks up to the junction of the Shatt-el-Hai river with the Tigris at Kut.

On the north bank of the Tigris to the east of Kut-el-Amara, however, the Turks still occupy Sannayat.

### SENT TO ISLAND IN THE SEA

General Townshend and Staff to Be Turned Loose There.

London, May 23.—General Townshend, in command at Kut-el-Amara when the British force surrendered to the Turks, will, with his staff, be sent to the island of Prinkipo, in the sea of Marmora, by the Turkish authorities.

This information comes from Constantinople and the message adds that the general and his staff will be allowed full liberty.

Others of the command will be sent to Damascus.

### Gold Mine Yields Tungsten.

Billings, Mont., May 23.—An apparent discovery of high grade tungsten ore is reported in the J. J. Crowley mine at Madison Dam, in Madison county. Crowley found bits of dark metal which would not separate from the gold. Local assayers pronounced it tungsten, but samples have been sent to Washington for definite determination. Tungsten has risen rapidly in value. It is used in hardening steel.



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