514 BRITISH OFFICERS WERE TAKEN AT KUT

Four Generals Captured and $5,000,000 in Cash, Declare Turks.

Berlin, May 4.—(By wireless to Sayville.)—A total of 514 British and Indian officers, including four generals, were captured when Townshend's army at Kut-el-Amara surrendered, according to a Constantinople dispatch to the Overseas News agency. From the same source comes an estimate that the number of casualties sustained by the British forces in Mesopotamia during March and April was 20,000.

"The booty captured at Kut-el-Amara has not yet been reckoned," the news agency says. "Among the prisoners are four generals, 240 British officers, and 270 Indian officers. The Turkish commander in chief, Halil Pasha, permitted General Townshend to retain his sword.

"It is reported from Constantinople," the news agency continues, "that the Turks took enormous quantities of various materials at Kut-et-Amara. The British surrendered because they lacked food and sanitary equipment to combat contagious diseases."

The dispatch goes on:

"General Townshend offered to surrender the town of Kut-et-Amara, with all his artillery and more than 1,000,000 pounds in cash, on condition that he receive military honors. The Turks declined, whereupon the British surrendered unconditionally.

"The first news of the surrender was given to Constantinople by officers of the general staff who arrived from headquarters in an automobile. All the city was decorated with flags.

"Enver Pasha (Turkish war minister) rode in an automobile to the sultan's palace and took the news to the monarch. The automobile was surrounded and stopped by a cheering crowd. In the afternoon the pupils of the schools paraded the streets."

The Overseas News agency also says:

"According to the Agence Milli, General Townshend first offered to surrender the town of Kut-el-Amara if granted freedom to retreat. The Turks, however, insisted upon unconditional surrender, which General Townshend finally accepted.

"The agency report dwells upon the difficulties of the campaign from the Ottoman standpoint, describing how the Turkish soldiers fought at times up to their hips in the swampy soil while fighting against the British."

The news agency goes on:

"Discussing the military and political consequences of the fall of Kut-el-Amar, Berlin newspapers recall the announcement of Premier Asquith several months ago that Bagdad would soon be in the hands of the British. They compare this with the announcement of Winston Spencer Churchill, then first lord of the admiralty, that victory at Gallipoli for the British was near.

"The newspapers point out that the capture of the British at Kut-el-Amara will make a deep impression, not only on Mesopotamia, but on Arabia and Persia, to the borders of India."

London, May 4.—The British tried in all possible ways to supply food to the beleaguered force in Kut-el-Amara, according to a Constantinople dispatch received in Amsterdam, says the Reuter correspondent. They first threw down sacks of flour from aeroplanes, but their aircraft were shot down by Turkish battle aeroplanes one after another.

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RUSSIAN SOLDIERS KNEEL AT PRAYER WHILE SHELLS BURST

At the Front with the Russian Army, April 23.—(By Courier to Petrograd and via London, May 4.)—Under a small tent, dimly lighted by candles, a mile from the firing line, a Russian priest conducted midnight Easter service to the accompaniment of occasional cannon shots and the intermittent glare of Austrian rockets.

It rained, and the solemn faced soldiers, who stood with bowed heads before the improvised altar, were drenched.

Around the priest's neck was suspended a crucifix upon a St. George ribbon, awarded for service on the battlefield. Now and then the chanted words in the service were partly drowned by splashing, groaning guns and ammunition carts lumbering past through the heavy mud, but even the teamsters seemed impressed by the solemnity of the hour and urged their struggling beasts in subdued tones.

Six soldiers composed the choir which assisted in the service. All the evening Austrian rockets, greater in number than usual, pierced the darkness.

Outside, in the trenches, each little group of soldiers had a separate celebration of the greatest of all Russian holidays. The lights from their candles evidently aroused the suspicions of the enemy, and the trenches, as far as the eye could reach, fell under the glare of calcium bombs.

Finally, under the dripping tent, the priest turned to the rainsoaked troopers, elevated the crucifix and proclaimed, "Christ has risen."

A murmur of response ran along the line and was echoed by the white-faced sisters: "He has indeed risen."

SWEDEN TO CHECK AIRCRAFT.

London, May 4.—A Central News dispatch from Copenhagen quotes the Dagens Nyheter of Stockholm to the effect that the Swedish government has decided to introduce a bill prohibiting passage of foreign aircraft over Swedish territorial waters.

It is believed that the measure is designed to check reconnoitring excursions of German aircraft to the north over Swedish waters, which have been of frequent occurrence recently.

SAYS KAISER SAVED TURKEY

Foreign Minister Declares the Allies Aimed to Make Empire a Victim.

Berlin, May 4, (by wireless to Sayville.)—This account of a banquet given in Constantinople, by members of the Committee of Union and Progress for a party of deputies from the German Reichstag was issued by the Overseas News Agency:

"The Turkish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Halil Bey, delivered an address of welcome. He stated that the war originated with Russia, which desired to conquer the Dardanelles. Russia was encouraged by Great Britain and thus dared to fight for possession of the strait for a free entrance to the Mediterranean.

"In the duma, M. Sazonoff, the foreign minister, announced that the historic moment for Russia had come, to enable her to obtain free access to the seas. Russia's political leaders and newspapers, Halil Bey continued, seconded this declaration and asserted that possession of the strait was a political necessity for Russia. The British prime minister gave assurance that Russia's desire ought to be accepted.

"Halil Bey continued:

"'This unanimous declaration discloses that the plan was sanctioned by treaty between these nations.

"'England formerly had led the European nations against France, but now she joined her forces with France and others in order to eliminate her young and powerful German rival.

"'The alliance with Japan was for England's protection against Russian expansion in Asia. This enabled England to make concessions to Russia at Turkey's expense.

"'When the war began England and France suggested that Turkey come to an understanding by which the integrity of Turkish territory was to be guaranteed, but Turkey knew that the aim of the Russians was the conquest of the Dardenelles, that France was waiting for Turkey's downfall and that a treaty with the Entente meant nothing but oppression by tutelage.

"'Germany suggested an alliance on the basis of equal rights of both countries and mutual assistance in case of danger. The Sultan and the Turkish nation accepted the German proposition and escaped the tutelage of foreigners.

"'Germany kept her word and drafted a convention with Turkey, giving to Turkey's consular officers in Germany the same rights as those given to Germans in Turkey and regulating the questions of jurisdiction over residence in both countries on the basis of equality.'

"Halil Bey announced that these negotiations had virtually been concluded and that the treaties would be ratified in the near future. He insisted that the treaties were founded on mutual respect of rights and sovereignty.

"Count Wolff-Metternich, the German ambassador, replying to the Turkish foreign minister, said that both countries were desirous of a peace, which guaranteed the existence and future of the nations. Germany's desire, he said, was to see Turkey strong, standing on her own legs and maintaining not only now but also in the future the valuable and faithful alliance.

"Germany, therefore, the ambassador said, asked for no domains in which her interests were to be considered as paramount, nor did she want any position which conflicted with the dignity and independence of Turkey.

"Both speeches were enthusiastically applauded by the Turks and Germans present at the banquet."

The armed rebellion in Ireland seems to be of short duration. A more unfavorable time for it could not have been selected, as Britain now has hundreds of thousands of troops not at the general war front.

AMERICAN TO HELP CANADA CONSERVE NATURAL RESOURCES

Arthur D. Little.

Montreal, Can., May 1.—A Canada-wide organization is to be formed for the scientific research of this country's vast mineral, metal, hydro-electric and chemical resources, which will result in the practical application in industry of many minerals heretofore neglected or exported for manufacture to other countries, of by-products in existing industries and of other natural resources which have been insufficiently exploited or neglected altogether.

Back of this ambitious plan is Lord Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific railway. He and his associates aim to secure the mobilization of the ablest and most scientific brains of this continent and to associate them with a central organization to direct the activities of all the scientists and experts engaged in research work in all parts of the country. The discoveries and information gleaned by the central organization will be disseminated from time to time by bulletins which it is believed will be of great value to merchants and manufacturers as well as to students and prospectors.

At the head of the central organization will be an American—Arthur D. Little of Boston. Mr. Little has been president of the American Chemical society and is a member of the institute of chemical engineers, and a director of the chemical and engineering department of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His fame as a chemist and chemical engineer is world-wide, and as an investigator and organizer he has no superior. His activities have extended to every branch of industrial and chemical work, and he has seventy practical chemists associated with him.

Lord Shaughnessy is confident that Mr. Little will build up an organization in Canada that will confer immense benefits on the Dominion.

LABOR WAR RENEWAL FEARED AT DULUTH

Duluth, May 4.—Business men and contractors of Duluth are convinced that the walkout of the electrical and sheet metal workers is only the forerunner of a general demand for increased pay, shorter hours, and especially a "closed shop," among all building trades unions in the city. It is feared that extensive plans for building this year may receive a severe check.

The builders' exchange is discussing ways and means for heading off such a move, at meetings held daily. The unions have made no concerted action for a closed shop since 1907, at which time a big fight took place between the unions and the employers.

Labor is more strongly entrenched just now in Duluth than ever. More than 1,000 new members have been taken into the building trades unions, and it is believed they are strong enough to tie things up unless their demands are met.

FRENCH VIEW OF REVOLT.

Paris, May 4.—Comment on the Irish rebellion is characterized by the same caution with which the French newspapers have treated allied or neutral subjects since the beginning of the war. Without attaching undue importance to the outbreak—whose chief significance is considered as a part, with the Zeppelins and Lowestoft raid, of the German attempt to distract home attention from the American crisis—there is traceable a note of surprise that the British authorities gave the Sinn Feiners so much rope.

The French are inclined to think the revolt also was fomented by the anti-British element in the United States as a counterblast to President Wilson's note, but are confident it will not influence the general situation.

The concensus of opinion is that it is a regrettable incident, only dangerous in the unlikely event of its harming Anglo-American relations; that it is not serious as compared with the military operations, but is symptomatic of the divided counsels and laxity of control which already have interfered with the British prosecution of the war.

LOADING CHARGE HELD JUST.

Washington, May 4.—The interstate commerce commission has held that railroads entering Philadelphia were justified in charging three-quarters of a cent a bushel for loading export grain from elevators into oceangoing vessels there as compared with half a cent a bushel at New York. The loading at Philadelphia necessitates more labor, the commission held.

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COMPROMISE IS SOUGHT

Negotiations for Settlement Between Chinese Government and Rebels.

Peking, April 2.—(Correspondence of The Associated Press)—Negotiations are being actively carried on for a compromise between the revolutionists and the Peking government with the result that alarm over a general uprising has been somewhat quieted. Communication is very slow between the southern provinces and Peking. However, Yuan Shi-kai's close friends have managed to get in touch with the military governors in the rebelling provinces, and there are evidences that middle ground may be reached in a very short time.

It is already reported that Kwangsi province, since it has learned that the monarchy has been definitely cancelled, has announced its abandonment of the independence movement. This action on the part of Kwangsi is denied by many of the leaders of the revolution, who insist it is based on falsified reports. Nevertheless, the opinion is general in Peking that Kwangsi is negotiating for terms and feels it has accomplished its main purpose in forcing Yuan Shi-kai to abandon the monarchy.

General Chen Yi, the military governor of Szechuen, addressed a message to Tsai Ao, the leader of the Yuannan revolt, urging that the revolutionists should cease hostilities pending a discussion of compromise between the north and south.

Tsai Ao replied that the chief object of the revolution was to check the abandonment of the republic, but that after Yuan Shi-kai had violated his oath to maintain the republic and denounced the republican form of government as wholly unsuitable to China, it would be impossible for him to rule the country satisfactorily and win the co-operation of a public which distrusts him. Furthermore, Tsai Ao asked what guarantee there is that Yuan Shi-kai will not make another attempt to restore the monarchy after having quieted the revolution which has produced so much sorrow and suffering.

In conclusion Tsai Ao pointed out that the constitution makes presidential succession quite clear. If Yuan Shi-kai were to resign as the revolutionists demand, Li Yuan-hung would automatically become president and remain in the presidential chair pending the meeting in the near future of a parliament which would elect a prominent president from the following candidates, each of whom would be acceptable to the nation: General Li Yuan-hung, the vice president; General Tuan Chi-jui, chief of staff; General Feng Kuo-chang, military governor at Nanking; and Hsu Shih-chang, the secretary of state.

All the revolutionary leaders do not hold as radical views as Tsai Ao. Already a number of prominent revolutionists have shown a disposition to accept Yuan Shi-kai as president with a proper safe-guarding of the rights of the public. There are evidences that fighting has been discontinued within many sections of the war zone, and a general armistice is expected in the very near future.

WET AND DRY FIGHT OPENS IN MONTANA

Billings, Mont., May 4.—Montana's wet and dry campaign has opened. The prohibitionists have started a weekly publication in this city, while the wets are patrons of the daily and weekly press. The outcome is difficult to predict. Clarence Darrow is to stump the state for the wets, while G. F. Rinehart and G. B. Pope are at present the leading exponents of the dry element. Women will vote as well as men.

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