

TURKS ROUT BRITISH FORCES IN ASIA AND MARCH ON BATUM

Success in Two Fields Claimed by Sultan's Arms. Keda, Near Russian Seaport, Seized by Invaders.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 7. Defeat of a British landing force and an advance to within less than 20 miles of Batum are claimed in an official statement issued today.

"A British landing force, between the Tigris and Suwaya, which attempted to take the Turkish position, was repulsed with heavy loss," the statement asserts. "Our troops captured a machine gun and considerable ammunition."

The Tigris River flows into the Euphrates, about 50 miles from the Persian Gulf, but Suwaya is not mentioned on the standard maps of Turkey in Asia. The British would have access to Turkey via the Persian Gulf from their Indian possessions.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 7. The Turks have occupied Keda, an important point east of Batum, according to a message from Constantinople. Capture of the point was made by a bold ruse. The electric light works were put out of action. Three hundred Russians sent forward by the Russian commander to retake the electric light plant were ambushed and annihilated.

PARIS, Dec. 7. A Havas dispatch from Petrograd says it is officially announced that on December 2 the Russian army of the Caucasus occupied the towns of Saral-Kel and Baschkal in the eastern part of Turkey in Asia, near the Persian border, "as the result of battles occurring on the Dilman and Khol routes." Dilman and Khol are towns in that section of Persia lying between Turkey in Asia and Russian territory.

"Although making desperate resistance before these points," the statement says, "the Turks were forced to retire in the direction of Van (a lake in the eastern part of Turkey Asia), abandoning many wounded and prisoners."

BORDEAUX, Dec. 7. A secret arrangement has been made by Great Britain and Italy in authoritative circles here, whereby Italy will throw 500,000 men into Egypt if Turkey's army menaces Cairo. Italy will take this step, it is added, for the protection of its interests in Tripoli. That colony is by no means in a settled condition, and a Mussulman success in Egypt might lead to an uprising in Tripoli which would tempt Enver Pasha to avenge his defeat at the hands of Italy three years ago.

CAPTURE OF LODZ MENACES WARSAW

Continued from Page One. Wielun, from which point the German veterans had come from Flanders, began their advance against the left wing of the main Russian force. It has been estimated that 250,000 Germans were operating on this front as far west as Kalisz.

This latter movement is of great importance, as the Germans, in possession of Piotrkow, would cut the railway which chiefly supplies the Russian army operating in front of Czestochowa and might force its retirement and also compel the Czar's forces to give up their attack on Cracow.

It is said the Germans began this new movement last Thursday. Having failed to pierce the Russian center they have now made a drive at both flanks. Lodz, "the Manchester of Poland," lying 25 miles southwest of Warsaw, has been for the last two weeks the center of the most furious fighting in the eastern zone since the war began. Although the city was occupied by the Germans shortly after the outbreak of hostilities, it has been in the hands of the Russians since the German retreat from before Warsaw.

When the second German offensive was halted two weeks ago, several German corps were surrounded north of Lodz, but in a series of desperate bayonet battles they broke through the Russian ring, and then, reinforced, returned to the attack and reached the suburbs of Lodz. Lodz has grown in recent years from an insignificant place to be one of the most populous cities in the Russian Empire. In 1910 it had 25,000 inhabitants, but in 1914 it had a population of 150,000, and was the second city of Poland. With this important place, situated on a railroad leading direct to Warsaw, in their possession as a base, it is probable the Germans will be encouraged to make resolute efforts to reach the Polish capital.

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RUSSIANS REPULSE GERMANS IN POLAND, PETROGRAD SAYS

Admit Lodz is Aflame, But Not Captured of City. PETROGRAD, Dec. 7. The sanguinary conflict in Poland continues without cessation. Fighting goes on day and night, according to advices received here today direct from the front.

The office stated today that no decision had been reached in the great struggle in Poland, but asserted that all the German attacks made on Sunday had been repulsed. It issued the following statement: "There was no special change in the situation in Poland yesterday. Fighting continues without cessation. Fighting goes on day and night, according to advices received here today direct from the front."

"The first shells fired into the city destroyed the works. The gas caught fire and since that time the flames have been the only light in the city."

ARMY OF MONTENEGRO WRECKED, KING ASKS AID Appeals to Russian for Help to Continue Fighting. PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.—King Nicholas of Montenegro has telegraphed the Bourse Gazette that a third of his army has fallen on the battlefield.

"Nevertheless," King Nicholas adds in his appeal, "Montenegrins will continue to defend their country and deliver attacks on the enemy's territory. Their means are exhausted and they will be most grateful for assistance either in money or supplies."

The war strength of the Montenegrin army is estimated at approximately 50,000 men. A dispatch from Berlin on December 4 stated that, according to an official announcement made there, a number of transports escorted by British and French warships had reached Antivari, the sole seaport of Montenegro.

ALARM IN HUNGARY OVER CZAR'S INVASION Russians Reported Past Carpathians With No Army to Oppose Them. ROME, Dec. 7. Travelers who have arrived at Fiume declare that at Budapest and throughout Hungary there is great alarm on account of the Russian invasion. A Russian army is marching across the southern passes of the Carpathians with the evident intention of occupying the whole of the southern line beyond the Carpathians to render impossible the retreat of the Austrian armies in Hungary.

REVEALS OLD AUSTRIAN PLAN TO STRIKE AT SERVA Dual Monarchy Sought to Precipitate War in 1913, Italian Charges. ROME, Dec. 7.—Revelation that Austria intended to strike at Serbia at the time of the Balkan war in August, 1913, and that Italy then refused to regard the Triple Alliance as binding upon it under the circumstances, was made by Giovanni Giolitti, the former Premier, in a speech in the Italian Chamber of Deputies announcing his approval of the Government's policy of neutrality in the present European conflict.

GERMANS SEIZE DESTROYERS Two War Craft, Building for Norway, Taken. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7.—A dispatch from Norway declares that Germany has seized two torpedoed destroyers, which were being built for Norway in Germany, for the Kaiser's navy, which the dispatch adds, "is greatly in need of reinforcements."

PARIS THEATRES REOPENED PARIS, Dec. 7.—The Comedie Francaise and the Opera Comique gave this afternoon their first performance since the beginning of the war. Each was filled to its capacity and the patriotic programs aroused great enthusiasm. The actors and singers comprised those whose classes have not yet been called to the colors.

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FLEETS OF ALLIES MASS FOR BLOW AGAINST ENEMY

Forty Battleships Reported Ready to Strike Probably at Turks in Dardanelles, Probably at Kiel.

LONDON, Dec. 7.—The Central News correspondent at Copenhagen says the following dispatch has been received in the Danish capital from Berlin: "Forty British and French warships are gathered outside (name deleted by censor), with the evident intention of forcing) their way through. This, however, will be impossible, as the fortifications have been greatly strengthened and the water is thickly strewn with mines."

This dispatch is taken to indicate a plan either to force the Dardanelles or to strike at the German fleet in the Kiel Canal. The Turkish cruiser Hamidieh has struck a mine and returned to Constantinople considerably damaged, according to the Russian official news agency's Constantinople advices which have reached London.

GERMAN SUBMARINE U-16 CRIPPLED; TWO LINERS SUNK Crew of Finnish Steamship Reported Lost. COPENHAGEN, Dec. 7.—The German submarine U-16 has arrived at Esbjerg badly damaged. The cause of the vessel's injury is not known.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 7. The Swedish steamship Luna and the Finnish steamer Everilda were sunk by mines off Bjornebor in the Gulf of Bothnia today. The crew of the Luna was saved, but all on board the Everilda, except one member of the crew, perished. Bjornebor lies at the mouth of the Kumo river in Finland.

AUSTRIANS DEFEAT SERBS SOUTHWEST OF BELGRADE War Office Also Reports Victories in Galicia. VIENNA, Dec. 7. An official statement from the War Office today says: "The battle in Poland continues favorably. We took 200 prisoners and a few trains in western Galicia."

By GRANVILLE FORTESCUE PETROGRAD, Dec. 7.—For three days the Germans have carried on an aggressive offensive. New corps try to break through the Russian front at every point of contact.

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WAR MOVES SHOW FRENCH OFFENSIVE TO GAIN ALSACE

New Methods Characterize Fresh Drive Into "Stolen Province" and That Against Metz—Blunders of August Campaign Won't Be Repeated, Says Expert.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The French are trying to develop new offensives in Alsace and Lorraine. General Joffre has returned from a personal inspection of southern Alsace, where he made reassuring speeches to the inhabitants, suggesting a French advance. At the same time there are recurring references to the Paris official bulletins to a movement on Metz, in Lorraine.

BRITISH RUSH WORK ON 14 BIG WARSHIPS Superdreadnoughts and Battle Cruisers to Be Ready Within 6 Months. NEW YORK, Dec. 7. Within six months the fleet of the British navy will be augmented by six superdreadnoughts and eight battle cruisers from its yards at Devonport and Portsmouth alone, an American visitor just returned to this country from England learned. All these ships will be equipped defensively and offensively more powerfully than any men-of-war of their respective classes now afloat.

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BIG NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED FOUGHT IN SOUTH ATLANTIC

Persistent Rumor Heard in Montevideo—German Supply Ship Said to Have Been Sunk.

MONTEVIDEO, Dec. 7.—Reports of a most insistent character are current here of a naval battle off the Uruguayan coast between the Germans and the British, with possibly the Japanese aiding the latter. While these rumors are given the widest credence in commercial and other conservative and well informed circles, there is no authoritative confirmation and no authentic details.

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