

RUSSIANS PRESS FLEEING TURKS

No Chance Given to the Routed Army to Prepare a Stand.

BRITISH ADVANCE STOPPED NEAR KUT

General Aylmer Unable to Reach Besieged Troops, Seven Miles Away.

London, Jan. 23.—The Russians are following up their victory over the Turks near Erzurum and are still pressing the routed troops, Petrograd agencies tonight. As yet, however, there is no confirmation of the report that the forts of Erzurum have been bombarded.

Artillery ammunition, provisions and engineers continue to be taken in great quantities, while the roads are strewn with broken bodies of Askaris.

The arrival of new Russian detachments from Manchuria and Eastern Asia is also mentioned in the Russian statements, which says that the troops with great bravery charged a superior force of the enemy.

The defeat of the Third Turkish Army, in the Caucasus, resulting in its retreat upon Erzurum, is regarded as Petrograd as a greater victory than that at Sari Kamysh a year ago, when these same troops were so demoralized that they were only recently enabled to retrace their steps.

The eleventh and twelfth corps and parts of the ninth and tenth of the Turkish army were engaged in the battle in the neighborhood of Lake Tortum, according to the military authorities here. Both these were concentrated the reserves from the ninth and the garrison of the Erzurum fortress. In spite of the most skillful handling of the Turkish divisions, however, they were unable to withstand the sudden and unexpected onslaught of the Russians against the center.

The defeat of the Turks, it is asserted, was particularly disastrous in the district of Koprucki, where by artillery attacks, followed by assaults with the bayonet, the Russians actually destroyed three regiments, leaving the key to the Erzurum position open to the Russian forces. It is pointed out that after the Sari Kamysh battle the Turks were able to hold this position.

Official confirmation is also given to the occupation of Samsabad, sixty miles southeast of Hamadan, in Persia, by the Russians.

So far, however, the Russian victories have been without effect on the hard-pressed British troops at Kut, which held out until the arrival of General Aylmer's relief column. This force, despite persistent attacks, has not been able to advance beyond Esin, seven miles from Kut.

The Turks stubbornly held the trenches despite heavy losses, and with the weather making the operation of artillery practically impossible, the British have been unable to renew the assault. No details of the fighting are given, but reports admit that the losses have been heavy.

"The precipitate retreat of the Turks in the region of Erzurum continues," says the Petrograd statement. "In many places we are still capturing artillery ammunition, provisions and telephone material. Our pursuing troops are advancing along roads strewn with broken bodies of Askaris. Large numbers of prisoners have been taken at each inhabited place."

"One of our detachments, which has arrived at the Caucasian front from Manchuria, charged half a squadron of cavalry and three companies of Askaris, who were defending the village, capturing some of the force and capturing others."

"South of the river Charlsenov we completely annihilated a strong Kurd detachment. In the neighborhood of Muzharov our cavalry engaged large forces of Kurds and took from them 600 head of cattle."

"Paris.—Southeast of Hamadan the enemy attempted to advance toward Kandiha Pass, but was repulsed."

"The Russian statement of the front of Samsabad, sixty miles southeast of Hamadan, from which the German (Lafay) and a detachment recruited by him from the Persian population have been driven."

The following British statement on the Mesopotamian campaign was given out today, under yesterday's date:

"Sir Percy Lake, the new commander in Mesopotamia reports that General Aylmer attacked the Turkish position at Esin on Friday. Fierce fighting continued through the day, with varying success. The weather throughout was atrocious, a pouring rain rendering movements of troops extremely difficult."

"Owing to the floods it was impossible to renew the attack on Saturday, and General Aylmer took up a position 12½ miles from the enemy's trenches."

"The weather continues very bad, with incessant rain. No details regarding the casualties have been received, but they are reported to have been very heavy on both sides."

GERMANS TAKE ALLIED TRENCH

Violent Assault Wins 200 Yards of Position Between Arras and Lens.

TEUTONS ADVANCE IN ARGONNE ALSO

Capture Section of Foe's Line—French Fire Flies Havoc in Champagne.

London, Jan. 23.—Heavy fighting has been in progress in France. A French advanced position on the road between Arras and Lens was attacked today by strong German forces. The infantry attack was preceded by mine explosions and a violent bombardment, and the Germans captured a first line trench on a front of several hundred yards.

French counter attacks were immediately inaugurated and a portion of the captured trench was retaken. The Germans, however, at the close of the day occupied about 200 yards of the advanced trench, which formed a salient in the French lines.

Between Soissons and Rheims and in Champagne French artillery seriously damaged the enemy trenches and munitions depots.

London reports successes in the bombardment of hostile works at Monchy and Frelinghien.

"This morning," says the French official communication, "after the explosion of mines and a violent bombardment, the Germans carried out an attack on parts of our front to the west of the road between Arras and Lens, in the region of Neuville St. Vaast. The enemy was able to penetrate on a front of several hundred metres into our first line trenches and as far as the supporting trench. Our counter-attacks, delivered immediately, broke down the effort of the enemy and dislodged him from the ground which he had captured."

"The enemy occupied in the afternoon only about two hundred yards of an advanced trench forming a salient in the line of the French front."

"Between Soissons and Rheims our trench guns seriously damaged the enemy organizations at the Cholera Farm and on the plateau of Vaucourt, exploding a munitions depot to the west of Rheims."

"In Champagne our artillery seriously damaged the enemy trenches in the region of Maizerot in Champagne."

The British official statement says: "There has been some mining activity at Marcourt, Hulluch and Givenchy. We successfully bombarded hostile works and Monchy and Frelinghien."

The German statement follows: "Near Neuville, north of Arras, the Germans, after successful mining operations, occupied an advanced position of the enemy 250 yards long and captured seventy-one Frenchmen."

"In the Argonne the Germans occupied a section of a trench after a short engagement with hand grenades."

"Military establishments east of Belfort were bombarded."

HOUSE OFF FOR SWITZERLAND

Wilson's Envoy Sunday Guest of Ambassador Sharp.

SAYS CAILLAUX WILL BE PREMIER

Paris Observer Predicts Fall of Briand by End of January.

MUNITIONS GRAFT WILL BE LEAVEN

Explosion Has Been Averted in Chamber, but It Is Bound to Come.

GERMAN ARMY TO AID PACHA

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English Labor Expected to Accept the Measure Without Disorder.

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