

FRENCH AND GERMANS SUFFER HEAVILY IN DESPERATE BAYONET CHARGES

Basle, Switzerland, Jan. 28.—Emperor Franz Joseph has sent new Austrian foreign minister, Baron Burian Von Rajecz, to Germany to confer with Emperor William with a view to ending war.

Paris.—German losses in last three days of fighting in France and Flanders total at least 20,000, French war office claims.

French artillery destroyed some German trenches in Belgium, along Lys. English gunners were equally successfully, forcing Germans to abandon their attempts to concentrate troops in north for assaults upon allied lines.

Artillery fighting is in progress near Arras, and near Roys and Noyon, northwest of Soissons.

So heavy were German losses yesterday, when infantry attacks were ordered in commemoration of the kaiser's birthday, that hillside in the Craonne region and at several other points on battlefield, were covered with German dead and wounded. There was a consequent lull in the infantry fighting in these regions today while ambulances carried dead from field.

Berlin, via Wireless to London.—Heavy French losses, running into thousands, were claimed by war office to have resulted in the three days' fighting around Craonne, where Germans captured several strong positions.

German attacks on hills held by French near Craonne have been resumed as Germans have made further advances, capturing 500 yards of trenches, commanding other strong French positions.

War office continued to disregard, as insignificant, the Russian movements in East Prussia and Poland. Russian attacks in both regions were repulsed.

Paris.—The general headquarters of the fifteenth German army corps

at Strasburg have been completely destroyed by fire of incendiary origin.

Paris, Jan. 28.—Increased activity by kaiser's airmen, coupled with rumors of Zeppelin raid on Paris, caused war office to announce new aerial defense plans today. Aviators will be stationed by pairs upon outskirts of city, ready to take air to engage invading sky warriors. They will be supported by armed French dirigibles.

Athens.—Fierce fighting between advance guards of Turkish armies now menacing Suez canal and British outposts have occurred at three points in desert east of waterway.

Arabian horsemen, scouting ahead of a Turkish army declared to be operating toward Ismailia, an important British stronghold midway between Port Said and Suez, have encountered outposts of British Indian troops. Arabians were outnumbered and fell back upon main body of Turkish troops after sustaining slight losses.

Savage attack was made by small band of Turkish troops upon British garrison at Bir Helef, southeast of El Kantara, where skirmishing was reported in Cairo dispatches yesterday. This attack, also, was repulsed.

London.—Drastic treatment of German airmen who hurl bombs upon unfortified cities was proposed here today. It was suggested that Germans captured in attempted air raids upon unprotected towns be treated as criminals and formally tried on murder charges, instead of receiving the treatment usually accorded prisoners of war.

Petrograd, Jan. 28.—Stubborn resistance has been encountered by the Russian army advancing toward Königsberg in East Prussia. The Germans have posted heavy artillery on the west bank of the Inster, north of Insterburg and are attempting to