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Kasier's Envoys Planning Peace

London, Feb. 12.—The Daily News this morning publishes the following despatch from its Rome corespondent:

"In additions to Prince von Buelow, Prince von Hohenlohe and Baron von Kraft are now in Switzerland striving toward peace, which the Kasier is determined to hasten—possibly in order to avert Italy's declaration of war, which the German papers now openly hint is imment.

"The Kaiser's representatives in Switzerland, it is reported, are empowered to induce the Swiss Pacifist Committe, of Berne, to assume the initiative in the proposals for an armistice which would be the prelude to negotiations for peace.

"Assurances have been received, it is said, that Germany is disposed to make concessions if they are indispensable to the hastening of peace.

"I have good reason to believe that Germany is seeking peace mainly owing to her failure of the Balkan enterprise, due to complications with Bulgaria and Turkey, as a result of which the attack on Saloniki, and the Turco-German expedition to Egypt have been abandoned. Furthermore, Austria, it is said, is on the verge of exhaustion.

"Confidential information has reached the Vatican confirming the report of Germany's effort to seek peace."

A Reuter Sofia despatch says the Bulgarian Minister of War has declared that at the conclusion of the Saloniki campaign the war will be over for Bulgaria, and that the nation will only fight unless attacked in the Balkans.

Notice of Sale

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of a warrant issued by the Secretary of the Municipality of Carleton County and according to the provisions of Section Eighty five (85) of Chapter twenty one of the Acts Third George V., 1913, of the legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, entitled "An Act to Consolidate and Amend Chapter 170 of the Consolidated Statutes, 1903, relating to Rates and Taxes" the said warrant being dated the Fifteenth day of November A. D. 1915, there will for default in the payment of County, Poor and Road taxes assessed at public auction at the Court House in the Town of Woodstock in the said County of Carleton, on Friday the Twenty fifth day of February A. D. 1916 at the hour of two o'clock in the afternoon of the said day to the highest bidder so much of the Real Estate assessed in the name of the Wiggins Estate lying and being in the Parish of Richmond in the County of Carleton aforessid, as will be sufficient to pay the sum of One Dollar and sixty six cents being the amount assessed for County, Poor and Road taxes against the said Wiggins Estate for the years 1912, 1913 and 1914 together with the further sum of Three Dollars and Fifteen cents costs and expenses to the date of issue of said warrant and the further sum of fifty cents for the said warrant, making in all the sum of Five Dollars and Thirty One cents, now unpaid, and also for costs and charges attending this Notice and Sale hereun or and recovery of said assessment. The said Real Estate assessed in the name of the Wiggins Estate to be sold as aforesaid being described as follows,—All that certain piece of land and premises situate in the Parish of Richmond aforesaid, being same conveyed by John McBride to said George Campbell by deed registered in Book K number 2 Carleton County Records on pages 336 and 337 the 22nd of March A. D. 1872 and therein described as "Commencing on the Road or East line, on the Road leading from Watson Settlement in North Richmond to Houlton, and thence west five rod till it strikes a certain line between Francis Watson and the said John McBride, thence along said line North eight rods, thence east five rods, thence south eight rods to the place of beginning containing one quarter of an acre."

Dated at Woodstock in the said County of Carleton this Twentieth—day of November, A. D. 1915.

John R. Tompkins
Sheriff of the County of Carleton.

Vengeance Says Mercier

Rome, Feb. 8.—Cardinal Mercier is again a central figure of the European conflagration. Despite the closet secrecy, his frequent and almost stormy interviews with the Pope have become known, although their result is still a mystery.

Vatican circles believe that the Pontiff tried to persuade Cardinal Mercier that the latter's position of protest and of opposition to the German authorities in Belgium was injurious both to the cause of religion and to that of the Belgians, but Monsignor Mercier was immovable, saying solemnly that the cruelty, injustice with which Germany had treated his innocent people cried aloud to God for vengeance, and that he would be a traitor to his persecuted flock if he made terms with the enemy or acquiesced in their brutality and inhumanity.

Still, the Pope and Vatican have not lost hope of convincing the Belgian primate of the inexpediency of his resentful attitude of inducing him to be an envoy of conciliation allowing the Holy See to negotiate with Germany for the restoration of Belgium.

Turks Face Famine For Aiding Huns

Rome' Feb. 9.—An English correspondent was informed today from a neutral diplomatic source that Turkey is threatened with a famine and that the Germans are powerless to avert it. The informant pointed out that Turkey herself is to blame for this, since until recently she extensively requisitioned her local products and sent most of them to Germany under the auspices of War Minister Euver Pasha.

Immediately afterTurkey joined the Central Powers a company was formed entitled Societe d'Approvisionnement, with the object to buy up all available foodstuffs, especially in Asia Minor. These foodsuffs were supposed to be resold at cost price to the population The products, however, were instead both profitably exported to Germany and resold to Turkey at prohibitive prices.

In this way Enver Pasha is said to have been benefited to the extent of $800 daily, this being his share of the profits. The new company built a lavishly furnished palace at Constantinople and invited among others the American Ambassador to Turkey Mr Morgenthau, for the house warming event.

Meanwhile the people are practically starving. They have no bread and are forced to forego even vegetables, which are dearest. Potatoes, which are largely exported to Germany, now cost 20 cents a pound.

Turkey is flooded with useless Germany wares which are exchanged for foodstuffs. Ammunition and war material supplied by Germany are likewise exchanged for foodstuffs. The first train on the Berlin Constantinople line served to convey German foodstuffs. The Germans planned regular export tion, but starving inhabitants threatened wreck the train. Hence the service has now been discontinued.

The Germans have depleted Turkey of foodstuffs systematically to such an extent that it is now extremely difficult even to feed the troops, especially since the Russian fleet in the Black sea and the Anglo-French warships in the Aegean have checked the contraband traffic.

The situation is exceedingly alarming and the impending famine is sqt to lead to a separate peace between Turkey and the Allies.

Serious Trouble In Constantinople

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The London Daily Telegraph's Rome correspondent says: According to despatches received here serious trouble has broken out in Constantinople. On Thursday large crowds gathered in the streets and made a demonstration, shouting against the war and the Young Turks. German police attacked the manifestants. The German garrison is guarding the palace of the Sultan and the ministerial offices.

It is also declared that the Turkish troops ordered to proceed to Armenia have refused to comply.

Disorders are reported to have also broken out in Smyrna and Beirut.

Alarming rumors are current in Turkey regarding the situation at Trebzond, where conditions are said to be worse than they were at Erzerum. It is impossible to send assistance to Trebizond.

The London Daily News has the following despatch from its Rome correspondent:

"The sudden departure of King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, from Vienna for Sofia, is due to the news of the fall of Erzerum. This defeat will likely compel the Turks to withdraw all thtir troops, which were destined to cooperate with the Bulgarians in defence of the Danube and the coasts of the Black Sea and the Aegean Sea.

The Austro German troops are not available to replace the Turks withdrawn from Bulgaria, and it is considered likely that it will be deemed unsafe to weaken the forces concentrated opposite Saloniki. Furthermore, owing to Roumania's intervention in the war during the next month, the Austrians have already massed strong forces along the Carpathians and in the Transylvanian Alps, as well as on the Danube."

Bulgaria, therefore, is unable to reply on Austro Germany aid against the threatened Russo Roumanian attack from the north, and the Anglo French offensive from the west.

King Ferdinard, fully realizing the imminent peil, has dettrmined to save his country at any cost, even at that of seeking a separate peace."

Detailed Story of Erzerum's Capture

PETROGRAD Feb 19. (Via London)—The first story, in detail of the capture af Erzerum' by the Russians, reached Petrograd semi officially today It shows complete co operation of Russian troops over a wide area, which made useless resistance on the part of the Turks. Apparently the Turks realized the fall of Erzerum was was inevitable, and withdrew most of their forces before the final onslaught leaving the garrisons of the widely separated forts to their fate.

The campaign began to reach its climax in the last days of January The troops of General P——— from the north, and those of General K——— moved against the first line forts, under most severe weather conditions. The Russians dragged their artillery to the heights surrounding the fortress and when all was ready began to bombard Forts Kara, Gundek, 20 miles and Fort Datan Gez, 15 miles north east of Erzerum, preparatory to the bayonet assault.

On Jan 29, both forts capitulated The taking of Datan Gez made a breach in the outer line defences, along the Devo Boinu range in front of the city. The capture of Kara Gudek opened a direct passage through the Karabagas Pass to the city proper from the northeast.

Fort Tafta lies midway between these two fortresses. In a night attack on Jan. 30, this fort was captured, leaving only Chaban Debe between the two armies operating from this quarter.

On Feb. 2, the Russians began to storm the front line on the Bebo Doin heights. By evening all those positions were in Russian hands, permitting complete junction of the troops on the northeast.

The fall of this first line quickly decided the fate of the inner forts.

Meanwhile the Palan Teken group of forts, seven miles to the south, had been surrounded on three sides. The general assaults on the second line began without giving the men time for a rest.

The five inner forts made only a feeble resistance. Their garrisons beat a hasty retreat into the City, and followed the bulk of the troops which already were on the roads leading westward.

Only the rear guard took part in the fighting of the last day. Signs that the evacuation was underway were observed immediately the fall of the first It is thought possible the Turks will attempt to make a stand at the first favorable point, which is in the hill on the western edge of Erzerum Valley, 11 miles distance, but it is notregarded as Probable that they heve been able to erect any extensive fortfications there.

The Russians are hastily repairing the small damages done to the fortnesses, against a possible attempt of theTurks to retake them.

No news has been received of the fate of Ekved Pevzi Pasha, commander of the Ninth Corps, who was in charge of the defense of Erzerum.

It is reported that reinforcements from Thrace were on the way to Erzerum, but that they were five or six days distance when the city was surrendered, Artillery had been shipped by sea to Trebizond.

A telegram from Sebastopol reports the bombardment of Vitzezu, on the Black Sea, 15 miles east of Trebizond. The Turks are evacueting.

[The reference in the foregoing to Ekvep Pevzi Pasha, as the commander-in charge of Erzerum before its surrender, apparently disposes of unofficial reports of several weeks ago that the Turkish army there was in charge of the German Field marchal von DerGoltz, or his compatriot, Field Marshal Liman von Sanders.

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Inside Knowledge About Germany

London, Feb. 18.—[New York Times Cable.]—A Scandinavian correspondent of the London Times writes:

"I recently had a visit from an old University friend, belonging to a neutral country, who has lived in Germany since the beginning of the war, has associated with well-informed industrial circles, and consequently acquired some inside knowledge.

"According to him, the most striking fact is the change of tone which has taken place in Germany. The Gott strafe England' sentiment is a thing of the past. The pre-arranged declamation in the Reichstag about the Paralong affair do not really count.

"Many university men, who signed the various mad declarations about German innocence and British perfidy at the beginning of the war, now feel positively ashamed They excuse their foolishness in putting their names to them by saying that they did not know the exact wording.

"The Liberals also begin in private to admit that the German version of the diplomatic prelude to the war tragedy will not stand closer examination and they even recognize Germany's responsibility toward Belgium.

The intrigues of the Von Tirpitz party have been and still are a danger cloud threatening the chancellor. Admiral von Tirpitz has been inclined to retire, but his staff has so far persuaded him to remain. His inspired press campaign against the chancellor is not only carried on by Count Reventlow, but numerous foreign newspapers have been furnished insidious articles. It is reported, however, that the Kaiser shares the the views of the diplomatists and disapproves of the Zeppelin raids on England, which in his opinion are senseless, being of no military importance, and only calculated to make friendly relations with Britian more difficult after the war."

LONDON, Feb 18.—The proprietors of the Weekly Journal Bystander were fined £100, the former editor; Mr Vivian Carter £50 and Lieut. Bernard, cartoonist £50 today for publishing a cartoon depicting a British soldier lying intoxicated beneath a tree and clasping a bottle of rum.

Beneath the cartoon were the words: "Reported missing."

The charge was brought under the Defence of the Realms Act, on the ground that publication of the cartoon was prejudicial to discipline and recruiting. An appeal was entered.

A BATH-TUB HINT

Toy Balloon Put to Work—As it Goes up Water Goes Down

Regulating one's bath with a toy balloon has a rather queer sound when put into words, but if put into practice it would prevent the overflowing of the bath tub. There are any number of times when it is not possible to stand by while the bath tub is being filled to watch and turn off the water before it overflows the tub. And there are many times when one stands by when one could be doing something else.

Therefore enter the toy balloon as the bather's little helper. Attach the balloon with a string to the plug in the bottom of the bath, the string being just as long as the depth of water desired. Then when the water reaches the required depth the toy balloon floats on top and by its buoyancy lifts out the plug and lets the water escape.